



Today's Program

Dr. Danielle Martin, Women's College Hospital

Topic

Innovating for Sustainability: Unlocking the Potential of Public Health Canada

Host

Dauna Jones-Simmonds

Location

Fairmont Royal York, Imperial Room



Danielle Martin is Vice-President, Medical Affairs and Health System Solutions at Women's College Hospital (WCH). She is a family physician in the Family Practice Health Centre at WCH and an Assistant Professor in the Departments of Family and Community Medicine and Health Policy, Management and Evaluation at the University of Toronto. She helped launch Canadian Doctors for Medicare in 2006 and chaired the board of CDM until May 2013.

Dr. Martin will discuss promising innovations underway in Canadian health care and explore how deep cultural change is needed to deliver on Medicare's promise of equitable access to quality health care for all. Learn more about innovations being developed to improve access and quality while improving value for dollars spent. Explore how we can provide better care more efficiently by choosing wisely. Hear how the medical profession is embracing challenges and learning from failure to shift the culture of healthcare.

Sunday Brunch Buffet!

The Fellowship & Entertainment committee is delighted to invite you to a traditional Sunday Brunch Buffet in the heart of downtown Toronto.

Let's welcome spring and enjoy this award winning Sunday Brunch Buffet with fellow Rotarians. At The Hot House you will discover the traditional breakfast selection as well as chef's carving station and a few special entrees, a remarkable dessert buffet and a variety of other exceptional offerings. The Sunday Brunch Buffet will be featuring live jazz and is a very popular venue so please make sure you reserve your spot in advance.

When: Sunday March 15 from 10.30am to 12.30pm

Where: The Hot House- 35 Church St., Toronto (at Front St)

Price: \$21.95 +tax +15% gratuity and beverages are extra

RSVP: Please send your reservation to Anna Koneva at anna.y.koneva@gmail.com by March 7

Upcoming Speakers & Events

March 2015

- 6 Chief Bill Blair
- 13 Sheldon Levy, President and CEO Ryerson University
- 20 Dr. Ron Denham, *Water for the World*
- 26 Annual Fund Raiser at the Steam Whistle Brewery
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The Rotary Club of Toronto's Annual Fundraiser will be held on
Thursday, March 26th @ 6:30 PM
The Steam Whistle Brewery
256 Bloor St. W. (South East of Rogers Centre)

What You Missed February 20, 2015

– by Robert O'Brien



Rio di Janeiro, New Orleans, Mobile, Belgium, Panama and now Toronto! This past week Mardi Gras has been celebrated around the world but today the event was imported to The Rotary Club of Toronto by our Club's amazing and imaginative new members. The temperature on this frigid Friday may have been a subhuman minus twenty-degrees Celsius, but today's Mardi Gras meeting set the National Club ablaze with revelry and raised the temperature for all of us in attendance .

The chairman for today's meeting, Brian Porter, led a parade of thirteen merry new members on the organizing committee for today's festivities, each of them in disguise under sparkling masks, brilliant necklaces and colorful hats. Brian invited each of us to put on our own individual masks and blow the roof off the National Club with our noisemakers. Brian then introduced Vice President Susan Hunter to express her sheer joy and pleasure to be part of this special event. While President Steve is soaking in the sun in Antigua, today's meeting demonstrated that when the cat is away the mice will play and what play we had today.

After a Cajun lunch of hot spicy steak pilaf topped off with a tropical banana daiquiri ice cream for dessert, Dawn-Marie King introduced June Waters, a professional clown, who led us in the fine art of balloon sculpture. This exercise was great fun but it is clear that the older club members need lessons from the new members on this craft.



Mardis Gras Merriment at the Podium with June Watkins

New member Karl Kremer introduced our guest speaker Dan Trommater, a professional magician who helps other professionals unleash their potential, challenge assumptions, expand thinking and spark innovation. Dan challenged us with the message that reality is only an illusion and one person's subjective reality may be different from others' perspectives. To demonstrate this idea Dan asked us all to identify an image on the screen. Members visualized entirely different images from the same photograph, including turtles, penguins, geese, satellite pictures and cows. Dan explained that although different people may see things differently it is still possible to move forward with vision. Dan proved this point by calling upon John Andras to lead the group in a demonstration of an imaginary purse containing invisible cards and Carol Hutcheson took the stage to assist in a series of clever rope tricks to show how people may have different perspectives. Dan's final illusion involved moving spots on a white card with the message that we can share commonality and bridge realities. One particular tool to use when we confront people who have a different viewpoints arising the same set of facts is to ask "Tell me more" and "Why?" Karl thanked our speaker who is "Not-Your-Ordinary Magician" for entertaining and educating us. Brian closed the meeting by asking us to don our masks and continue the merry spirit of today's meeting as we re-enter the record cold winter temperatures outside.

As much fun and merriment as we had at today's Mardi Gras meeting, Rotary continues to have a serious side, particularly as we enter the Lenten season. The gift to our speaker today was a donation in his name to Eva's Place, a long-standing Club project. Eva's Place is a 32-bed emergency shelter



Our New Puppies!

for homeless youth in Toronto. Among the three visiting Rotarians and guests today was Macon Dunnagon from North Carolina who is Honourary Tanzanian Ambassador of Tourism and has guided 36 expeditions to Mount Kilimanjaro to raise money for Rotary's End Polio Now. It was also good to see Andree Cazabon at our table. She told us about her newest project for First Nations people. In northern First Nations communities high school ends at Grade 10, which deprives youth of opportunities for post-secondary education and careers. K.I. is number 60 on a list of communities where federal funding is promised for high schools beyond Grade 10 but the federal government allocates funds to build only one high school to Grade 12 every 1 ½ years in First Nations Communities. At this rate K.I. youth will have a high school going up to Grade 12 in seventy-five years. These guests and these moments remind us that Rotary has much work to do as we move ahead in a spirit of fellowship with our mission of trying to help those in need in Canada and abroad.

A special thank you goes to Brian Porter, Dawn-Marie King, Karl Kremer, Andrea Vabalis, Luba Rascheff, Marcy Berg, Shelly McIntyre, Khrystina McMillan, Elizabeth Tremblay, Anny-Sandra Hamel, Brigitte Bogar and Kurt Kroesen, all of whom have been busy for the past six weeks organizing today's extraordinary new members meeting.

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