



Today's Program

New Members Take Command

Location

The Upper Canada Room, Fairmont
Royal York

The club is reviving an old tradition designed to help new members get to know each other and get involved. On Friday February 14th, the new members have been given carte blanche to take over and run the meeting as they wish. Those of you who can remember back to 1999 may recall now past presidents Neil Phillips and Sandy Boucher turfing then President Robert O'Brien from the podium with an ill-timed cell phone call—if you want to see what this crop of new members have planned you will have to attend the lunch.

Friday being Valentine's day offers them plenty of scope and I have no doubt that they have some tricks up their collective sleeves to change things up and keep us "old members" guessing. Speaking as the only "old member" who is in the know I can promise that it will be lots of fun and watching this talented and innovative group make their plans has reminded me that change can be a good thing too!

Happy
Valentine's
Day!

Global Grant Scholarship Applications for 2014 - 2015

— by Gene Burns, District 7070 Global Grant Co-Chair

The District 7070 Global Grant Scholarship Committee is now ready to receive applications for the academic university or post graduate year 2014/15. Please review our District website and the Rotary.org website for eligibility requirements. Now is your time! Please pass this note on to all of your university contacts in Ontario.



<http://www.clubrunner.ca/portal/SitePages/SitePage.aspx?accountid=50157&pid=76480>

Rotarians For Mine Action

Landmines may be off the front page in Canada but they are still big news in Afghanistan, Cambodia, Bosnia, Syria and Mozambique. They maim people every day, stop children from going to school and prevent many from earning a living. There are over 100 million landmines left either in stockpiles or in the ground—down from 200 million. Accidents are also down. However, the need for support and removal is still there.

Since the Ottawa Treaty banning landmines in 1997, The Rotary Club of Toronto has been a very big player in the landmine movement. We have contributed a lot of money and bought a demining dog named "Sapper." Sandy Boucher is the Past Chair of Rotarians For Mine Action and Chris Snyder is the current Chair of The Canadian Landmine Foundation.

To celebrate, club members and friends are invited to a gathering at: **The National Club, Thursday, February 27th from 5 p.m – 7 p.m.**

You will receive:

- An opportunity to listen to John English, the head of Bill Graham Centre for Contemporary International History, author and official biographer of Pierre Trudeau and a Director of the Canadian Landmines Foundation
- An update on the progress being made on landmines
- Enjoy the company of your friends
- Refreshments (but not a full dinner)
- Cash bar

The Catch?

We ask you to make a voluntary, tax receiptable donation to the Canadian Landmine Foundation. The money will be used to remove landmines in Mozambique. Mozambique will be another success story as it is expected they will be landmine free by 2015!

If you are unable to attend but would like to help make Mozambique landmine free, please make cheque payable to **The Canadian Landmine Foundation** and mail to: Julie Dunaiskis, c/o ECC Group, 100 Simcoe St., Suite 100, Toronto, ON M5H 3G2. **All donations up to \$4,000 will be matched by the International Service Committee.**

Please reply to **Julie Dunaiskis at 416-364-0181 Ext. 2500 or julie@eccgroup.ca no later than Friday, February 21, 2014** if you are able to attend.

Thank you for your continued support.
Chris Snyder, Sandy Boucher



What You Missed February 7th, 2014

– by Luzita Kennedy



The lunch room was certainly lively. My table was engaged in a boisterous discussion about the LCBO.

Richard had to ring the bell 3 times before getting everyone's attention. "Settle down," said Richard. And the room quietened down. We had 8 guests visit us this week, and there were no visiting Rotarians.

We were given a number of friendly reminders about upcoming Rotary events: Scotch tasting on February 12, Poker night on March 27, the Trump Aids Poker Walk to be held in the Beach on April 26, and Ribfest the

weekend of June 27. Other than at the Scotch tasting event, volunteers are needed.

Barbara Thomson introduced the guest speaker, Susan Eng – Vice President of CARP. This national, not-for-profit organization is committed to advocating for social change for Canadians as we age. Susan is a formidable advocate for this organization. CARP engages their members by educating them on social issues, and by polling them on advocacy issues such as: should one have a defined benefit or defined contribution plan? The polling results are shared with government in order to influence public policy for the benefit of seniors. Since this group of seniors is more engaged in socio-political matters than the younger generation,

and are active voters at election time, they have the ability to bring about real social change. As Susan said about this group, "We have a perfect storm of people who pay attention to issues and can make an impact. As a politician, would you want to turn off this group?" Public policy for seniors is at a cross-roads, and this group cannot be ignored.

Jack Robertson, past president, won the bottle of wine. So the big jackpot of \$2,448 is still up for grabs. Richard then rounded today's lunch by asking whether "amen" should be said after the invocation. He kept us amused by defining "amen" and "invocation," and I think at the end of that entertaining discussion, we will continue to say "amen" after the invocation.

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Upcoming Speakers & Events

February 2014

- 21 Greg Reed CEO, e Health Ontario- Imperial Room
How Electronic Health Records Are Improving Health Care
- 27 Rotarians for Mine Action
- 28 Colleen Johnson, CFO, TD Bank-Imperial Room

March 2014

- 7 David Crombie, former Mayor of Toronto and Federal Cabinet Minister
- 14 To be announced
- 28 D. J. Schneeweiss, Consul General of Israel

April 2014

- 2 Major General Richard Rohmer
- 11 Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

Events

- Feb. 27 – Rotarians for Mine Action
- Mar. 27 - Annual Fundraiser, Steam Whistle Brewery

Propose a Speaker

Peter Simmie, Chair

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Editor of the Week

Massood Mashadi

Editor February 21st, 2014

John Andras

Rotary Voice Needs You!

– by John Suk



Rotary is many things—our Friday meetings, for example. Through our foundation we also offer support to many local and international charitable causes. There are social events. And, of course, the four-way test guides what we think, say or do even when we're not with Rotary friends.

Oh, and there are Rotary Committees that get the work done. They're all interesting, but right now the *Voice* Committee is need of a few new members (we'll even take older ones!) willing to help publish our beloved weekly newsletter. We meet monthly, on the first Friday of the month, after our lunch meeting. Committee members take turns—once every six to eight weeks—compiling the articles we've received, making sure everything we need is there, and then passing them off to one of our editors. If writing or editing is your thing, we could use your help too!

Contact *Voice* co-editor John Suk at johndsuk@mac.com if you would like to explore this committee opportunity!



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