



Today's Program

Sandy Boucher

Topic

Foreign Corruption-Ignorance is No Longer Bliss

Location

Imperial Room, Fairmont Royal York



Sandy Boucher is a seasoned investigator who has 30 years of experience in both the public and private sectors. Since 2009, he was worked in the forensic group of Grant Thornton LLP where he heads the national investigative research and anti-corruption practices. Starting his career with the Royal Hong Kong Police, where he worked for 12 ½ years, attaining the rank of Superintendent, Sandy specialized in Asian organized crime, narcotics and money laundering investigations. During his time with the force, Sandy received Commissioner's and Commanding Officer's commendations for his work, as well as commendations from eight overseas police forces. Sandy came to Canada and began working in the private sector in 1995. Sandy is a specialist in fraud and corruption investigations, background due diligence enquiries, asset-tracing and recovery, managing major investigations, and security. He has led and conducted a wide range of investigations including a number of high level corruption probes and has testified around the globe in both civil & criminal courts.

Where Your Money Went

– by Jeff Dobson



Last Spring the Youth and Children's Service Committee heard from an interesting youth organization called Soy. It has nothing to do with the bean. "S.O.Y" is the acronym for Supporting Our Youth. After some initial funding from the Trillium Foundation, S.O.Y became an official program of the Sherbourne Health Centre in 2004. It was designed to create opportunities for lesbian, gay and bisexual youth in areas such as sports and recreation, arts and culture, employment, mentoring and housing.

More recently, SOY formed a group called H.E.A.T (Human Rights, Equity, Access, Team) to assist educators in delivering a positive message to LGBT youth in schools. The program trains youth to become skilled presenters and then arranges for presentations at various schools and universities. According to their recent newsletter, "The group talks directly to school and college classes and faculty about their own experiences of being marginalized and handling oppression. They also highlight for service providers, employers and the wider community the challenges facing LGBTQ youth and what needs to change – starting with them. The group has developed a strong identity. Their talks are so popular at Ryerson that they have been added to the curriculum."



This popularity convinced them to expand the program, which required further funding. The Youth committee was so impressed by the leadership opportunities and the success of the program to date we agreed to provide \$2,000 to help the program expand last March.

In November, SOY contacted us to advise us that the SOY program was to be awarded the Access Equity and Human Rights Award by the City of Toronto. We were invited to attend the special awards ceremony in the council chambers at City Hall on December 5, 2013.

We were confident that we were providing funding to a good cause. It is especially gratifying when our support contributes to project success that is then recognized by an award such as this. This is your Rotary Club "supporting our youth."



The National Club



The Fellowship Committee invites you to join your fellow Rotarians and Single Malt aficionados at The National Club from 6.00 PM on February 12th for a Libations Tour of Scotland. The National Club's Master Bartender will select a representative drop from each of the five Single Malt Regions of Scotland. An appetizer will be paired to reveal the character of each selection.

Space is limited so register your attendance now with Cliff Johnson at cliff.johnson@me.com. The cost of this tour will be only \$70 per person inclusive of HST and Gratuity and may be paid by cash or credit card at The National Club. To ensure your seat at the table, book now.



After the Children's Christmas party on November 30, we had several bags of gifts leftover because our donors were so generous this year.

The Youth and Children's Service Committee chose to give the extra gifts to The Redwood Shelter. The Redwood helps woman and children escape domestic abuse.

The YCS Chair, Pat Neuman, received this note after the gifts were delivered.

Dear Pat,

December 2013

Thank you for making the long trip to The Redwood to deliver wonderful gift bags filled with toys and love!

Some of the presents have already been delivered to our community families (Moms and children who have found new homes) and the remainder will be at our house party this week.

I wish you could see their beautiful smiles as they discover their presents. :)

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and Merry Christmas!

Wendy & The Redwood Team

Rotaract Club of Toronto invites you to

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Friday, Feb 7th @ 8pm

Vodka Tasting Night

Proof Vodka Bar (220 Bloor St. W)

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Rotaract Newsletter

The Toronto Rotaract Club has produced an amazing newsletter highlighting their activities the first six months of their year. If you want to see what this energetic and active Club has been up to, click on the link below or copy & paste it into your browser. It opens into an online "flipbook" magazine. If you'd prefer to view or print a PDF, simply click the downward arrow at the top of the newsletter. (Note the file is 25MB.) Enjoy! [CLICKHERE](#)

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Upcoming Speakers & Events

January 2014

31 Douglas Gibson, publisher

February 2014

- 7 Susan Eng, Vice President CARP
- 14 New Members Lunch
- 21 Greg Reed, CEO e-Health Ontario
- 28 Coleen Johnson, Chief Financial Officer TD Bank

March 2014

- 7 David Crombie, Former Mayor of Toronto
- 14 to be announced

Propose a Speaker

Peter Simmie, Chair

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Next Meeting

Friday, January 31, 2014

Speaker

Douglas Gibson, Publisher

Topic

Alice Munro and the Nobel Prize



Doug Gibson has been Alice Munro's editor and publisher for almost forty years. Here he recounts exciting stories from these years, culminating in his visit to Stockholm in December to see the awarding of Alice's Nobel Prize -- a proud moment for all Canadians.

What You Missed -January 17, 2014

– by Maureen Bird



We gathered in the Ontario Room this week – higher ceilings allowed our pianist Glenn to create clearer music and our sergeants-at-arms to raise our flags higher. Esteemed past president Sylvia Milne introduced visiting Rotarians from Sarnia and Madison Wisconsin along with 8 guests.

Foundation Chair Bob White discussed our largest project, the Laughlen Centre, describing how the funds which returned to us on the sale of the property have created a fund that generates \$120,000 a year specifically for the needs of Seniors. Rick Goldsmith announced that the Senior Citizens Committee has invited groups serving Seniors to a forum on February 28 to help develop priorities for these funds. In addition, our guest speaker on February 7 will be Susan Eng, Vice-President, CARP. Later we will have the president of the Toronto Community Foundation as a speaker on this topic.

Paul Westlake introduced our guest speaker, Andrew Cumming. He has been called to the bar in many jurisdictions and met Paul in a bar.

With so many of us planning to get away from this cold winter in the near future his topic covered many points of interest for us, especially those of us with property in the States. Wills – Canadian wills would cover this well, but keep American property in a separate section. Powers of Attorney – yes they are legal but there could be delays in getting them recognized. Getting one for the local jurisdiction would be better.

Tax returns for Canadians are a tough topic and really need legal consultations. Those with dual citizenship must really take care. For the rest of us, we are better off as non-resident aliens. But be aware of how America calculates substantial presence, using three years of information. Selling or renting your property does require a U.S. return. And remember, if NSA is spying on us trust that the IRS is too.

He also impressed on us to tell the truth while crossing the border. They spy too and what may have been a discharged offense in Canada could still be considered an offence in the US.

He covered other issues on taxation but these are too complex for short notes. Our Program Committee continues to provide us with such great speakers and Chair Peter Simmie was the lucky winner of the wine in the Ace of Clubs draw, with the pot at \$2,136.



BASEBALL TICKETS

Anyone that is interested in purchasing some tickets for regular season Blue Jays games, please give me a call or send me an email.

We have 2 seats in Section 120, Row 11.
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