

ROTARY VOICE



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Today's Programme

The Presidential Address

Topic

Advancing our Tradition

Location

The National Club



David Hetherington joined The Rotary Club of Toronto in 1977. He served as Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms and Sergeant-at-Arms at a time when these were one year appointments. He was responsible for the logistics of Camp Enterprise as

a member of the Youth and Children's Service Committee for a number of years. He served on the Program Committee and has been a long time member of the Investment Committee. He served as a Club Board member from 1988-1990 and served as President of the Rotary Club of Toronto Charitable Foundation from 2011-2013. David has served as Chair of the Executive Committee, the Strategic Planning Committee and the Honours and Awards Committee. David is the President of The Rotary Club of Toronto for the 2015-2016 Rotary year.

David Hetherington is Executive Vice-President, Portfolio Manager and Director of Professional Trading at Mackie Research Capital Corporation (MRCC). David has held several senior positions within MRCC including Managing Director of Professional Trading (current), Regional Sales Manager, Branch Manager and Manager of Syndication. He currently serves on the Executive Committee of the parent company of MRCC. He is a Fellow of the Canadian Securities Institute.

Message from President David

On July 1st, 2015 The Rotary Club of Toronto embarked on its 103rd year of community service. Through the efforts of our members, the Club is dedicated to improving the lives of the most vulnerable people in the Toronto Community. We also seek to help people in difficult living conditions in foreign lands through our International Service Committee. This continues to be accomplished with fervor and fellowship by our dedicated members. We encourage our Philanthropic Committees to seek out new needs in our community that should be addressed by our Club. This is our tradition.

Every institution needs to take time to re-examine its goals and practices and The Rotary Club of Toronto is no exception. To this end, at the urging of Past President Sandy Boucher (yes, the recent father again), the Club established a Strategic Plan. In order to insure that the implementation of this Plan is ongoing, the President-Elect will be the Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee for each future year.

In the Plan, the Committee established priorities. The first two, Engaged Membership and Inspired Communications have been, and continue to be implemented. The third priority is Effective Committees; this is a key part of the plan and arguably the most difficult to implement, since each committee chair brings different skills and experience to the leadership role. Some will find it daunting and challenging while others will find it common to their everyday business lives. Everyone can learn, or be reminded of, the most effective ways to conduct meetings and gather consensus. To this end we are implementing training sessions for our committee leaders. Through this training and review process, we hope to achieve effectiveness in all our committees and gain an enthusiastic and engaged membership, clear action steps and a welcoming team atmosphere. I don't think that we can over-estimate the importance of this initiative. This is where our community service efforts are developed and implemented and this is where leadership shines.

One thing I would like to encourage in our Club is the promotion of Rotary in general and of The Rotary Club of Toronto in particular. Every worthwhile activity or product needs to have its story told, otherwise no one learns of its benefits. I would ask that you enthusiastically communicate to friends, family and colleagues, all of the aspects of Rotary that you enjoy as an individual. This will encourage others to come and enjoy Rotary as well.

We plan to continue the evening gatherings at the National Club during weeks when the Friday meeting is not held due to holiday weekends. This is an excellent time to bring those who may be interested in Rotary, to an informal gathering of Rotarians to have them learn of our activities first hand.

I look forward to working with each of you as we begin a new and exciting Rotary year. And while we are at it, let's enjoy ourselves and our Club activities.

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“Words of Wisdom”

– by Neil Phillips



To departing president Steve:
Things to help you in your retirement. First, be patient. It's a big transition, and will take some getting used to.

- Carol will no longer answer your calls on the first ring. If at all.
- Belli will ignore anything you have to say. Or smile and then ask David if it's okay. Heck, he's already cut your Visa card in half.
- As hard as this may be to believe, the entire room will not rise and clap when you walk in to lunch.
- Even if you take diligent notes, no one at your table will really want to hear your summary of the speaker's presentation.
- Remember, you actually have to listen to Committee Chairs now – and ask them if you can speak.

Once you have those things clear, some things you should – and shouldn't – do. Most importantly, if District calls – and they will–DO NOT answer the phone. Well unless it's me. Or Michele

You might want to forego wearing a watch at the next few meetings. You're not in control. Relax. It's someone else's challenge now. But some fun is ahead. You can safely buy Ace of Club's tickets, secure in the knowledge no punter will shout “fix” from the audience. You can ignore whatever advice Harvey tries to give you. On the other hand, he'll ignore you now too.

You've worked hard. Take a well-deserved break. You've earned it.

Club Builder Award - Valerie Clarke

– by Bill Morari

Valerie joined our Club in June 2000 and was our Executive Director for 10 years. When she received the Rotary Centennial Service award in 2005, they mentioned how she had been steering The RCT ship, by providing direction and support for all members of the Club.

They also mentioned that her energy, passion and dedication to the Club is inexhaustible. After she retired as our Executive Director, she maintained her membership instead of running off into the sunset with her husband Michael. She has been active on the Foundation Board, Membership Development, Program, Fundraising, Women's Initiative, 100th Anniversary Planning Committee, not to mention the Research & Appeals Committee and is currently the Chair. She also has been a regular attendee at our fellowship weekends, whether it was Blue Mountain, Huronda or Camp Scugog. In addition she volunteered at the Children's and Seniors Christmas parties. The list could go on and on and on, because of all she has been involved with in our club.

We all knew she was the boss, but she had a special way and managed to make us feel like we were in charge, even though we knew different. When I asked her how things were going, she would always say Marvelous, no matter what was going on!

During Valerie's 15 years with our great club, her contributions have been immeasurable and she has made a real positive, lasting impact on The Rotary Club of Toronto.



A surprised Valerie Clarke with Bill Morari

The Rotary Club of Toronto Club 55 – 1912

Officers:

President: David Hetherington
President-Elect: Susan Hunter
Vice President: Pat Neuman
Treasurer: James McAuley

Executive Director:

Carol Hutchinson

Rotary Club of Toronto Charitable Foundation:

Bob Smith, President

Editor of the Week:

John Andras

The July 24th, Voice Editor:

Brian Porter

What You Missed Reporter for July 24th:

Dina Rashid

The Four-way test of the things we think, say, or do

1. Is it the Truth?
2. Is it Fair to all concerned?
3. Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships?
4. Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

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Upcoming Speakers & Events

July 2015

- 24 Michael Bell, District Governor
- 31 No meeting - enjoy Civic Holiday

August 2015

- 7 Allan McInnis, Young People's Theatre
- 14 TBD

Events

August 22 – Annual Golf Day
Register at www.rotarytoronto.com

Propose a Speaker – Contact

Alex Brown, Chair

Program Committee

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What You Missed, July 10, 2015

— by Lorna Johnson



What did you miss at the Changeover luncheon on July 10th? A very special meeting indeed. After President Steve's welcome Brigitte Bogar, accompanied by Glenn Davis on piano, serenaded the soon-to-be Past President with a song from the movie Frozen especially selected in honour of Steve's wife, Deb, who was in attendance: "So he's a bit of a fixer upper, but this we're certain of; You can fix this fixer upper with a little bit of love".

After the laughter died down, President Steve responded, "This is the second time this year that Brigitte has made me blush." He introduced the head table, "some of whom are on their way out," referring to the 2014-2015 outgoing Board members: Rohit Tamhane, Mario Voltolina, Susan Hunter, moving to President Elect and David Hetherington also moving up the "chain of command". Outgoing Directors Fabio Ventolini and Greg Vermeulen were not in attendance, but were thanked for their contributions to the Club.

Monitor, Past President Neil Phillips reported "several" Rotarians and Guests and "many" Rotaractors in attendance. President Steve thanked Pat Neuman, who led the RibFest contingent and the many Rotarians and Rotaractors who volunteered during rain and shine.

Paul Westlake reminded everyone to sign-up for the Annual Golf Tournament. This year's proceeds will go to the Unity Charity. Unity engages youth from 10 to 18 years of age by implementing school and community programs helping youth positively express stress and develop skills for success. President Steve drew the name of the winner of the Early Bird draw. Jack Robertson won lunch and a round of golf at the Mississauga Golf Club, kindly donated by Ross Amos.

The Red Stripe ceremony signals that a new member has completed a minimum number of activities and qualifies to have the red New Member stripe removed from their name badge. President Steve congratulated Gloria Lee and highlighted her participation in club activities including Healthy Beginnings and Women's Initiatives.

Past President Bill Morari, presented the Club Builder Award to a very surprised Valerie Clarke.

Sylvia Geist presented President Steve with a bound book containing the 2014-2015 Voice newsletters, saying, "Your Presidential year has been highlighted by many successes, many events, and many jokes. It's a blessing that we have not included the jokes!"

Past President, Neil Phillips, provided some words of wisdom as to how Steve can successfully transition to Esteemed Past President. In particular, "Be patient – this is a BIG transition for a Type A "Fixer Upper" like Steve." Neil counselled President Steve to take some time to rest and get to know his wife Deb and family again. He should cherish Fridays, as it will take Past President Steve's clients some time to realize he is now in the office on Fridays. Above all, Past President Steve should find his own way to continue to contribute to the Club. With these words of wisdom, Neil handed the podium back to President Steve for his farewell address.

President Steve thanked Neil Phillips for being his consigliere, thanked the membership for continuous, even sometimes positive feedback on his stories, and thanked Carol Hutchinson and Belli for exceptional support. President Steve then invoked his special authority and gave a Special Presidential Pardon to Harvey Sullivan, forgiving Harvey for his griping about Rotary Club Presidents, "They are

never properly trained until they are going out the door. Then they are just a picture on the wall and a bad memory." President Steve brought Susan Howson to tears when he thanked his wife and 3 children for their love and support during the past year, "I love you so much, Deb." While the crowd sprang to its feet and gave President Steve a standing ovation, Glenn Davis played "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." By administering David Hetherington's recitation of the Rotary Oath of Presidential Office, Steve Smith became Past President Steve. For his last duty as Immediate Past President, Richard White presented Steve with a travel voucher and his Presidential gavel. 2015-2016 President, David Hetherington invited everyone to attend the July 17th meeting and President's Throne Speech. The Ace of Clubs Draw was \$2573. Rohit Tamhane had the lucky number but not the lucky card and went home with a bottle of wine



David Hetherington takes the Oath of Office and becomes President



Brigitte sings to the "Real Fixer Upper" while Pres. Elect David looks on



Gloria Lee unstriped

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