

Today's Program

Fellowship Buffet

Topic

Lake Scugog

Location

The National Club



Vice-president Susan Hunter, president-elect David Hetherington, president Steve Smith, and incoming vice-president Pat Neuman

Rotary Flame Reaches Toronto

On January 13, 2011, India confirmed its last case of polio. After three years the message is very clearly "A Polio-Free India." To celebrate this milestone, the Rotary Club of Jalalabad launched the journey of the Polio Flame in December 2014. It has travelled through many countries, including the three that are not polio-free: Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria. The flame is on its way to the Rotary International Conference in Sao Paulo Brazil this June. Because of Cobourg Rotarian Bob Scott's long involvement with Polio Plus the flame is here in District 7070 for a month. We celebrated at our cocktail party at the National Club on May 14th. We are this close.

John and Walter Celebrate 60 Years of Rotary Service!



Walter Thompson and John Austin

Walter Thompson

Walter Thompson joined The Rotary Club of Toronto Club on May 12, 1955 at the age of 28 with the classification of Lithographing. The year that Walter joined the Club, the Club President was Kenneth B. Andras and the District Governor was C. F. Basil Tippet. Walter joined the Rotary Club of Toronto Foundation Board in 1977 and served on the Board for the next 37 years. He was Vice-President of the Foundation from 1982 to 1989 and President from 1990 to 1992. He received his Paul Harris Fellow in 1990 and William Peace Award in 1998.

John Austin

John Austin joined The Rotary Club of Toronto on September 15, 1955. He held the classification of Electric Signs Manufacturer, until 1970 when he joined the Vancouver Club. He re-joined our Club in 1976. The year John joined, the President was Frank W. Black. John was club President in 1983-4 and was also a member of the Foundation Board. He received his Paul Harris Fellow in 1988 and William Peace Award in 1998. He was a member of many different committees and, to date, is a long-standing member of our attendance committee.



Walter Thompson receives The William Coutts Award

The Rotary Club of Toronto Charitable Foundation has established The William Coutts Award of The Rotary Club of Toronto Charitable Foundation which will be granted by the Foundation from time to time to a member of the Rotary Club of Toronto who has demonstrated long and exemplary service to the philanthropic activities of The Rotary Club of Toronto and the Rotary Club of Toronto Charitable Foundation. The first recipient of this award is Walter Thompson. Hereafter the award will be granted on the recommendation of the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Toronto Charitable Foundation. The President of the Rotary Club of Toronto Charitable Foundation, Bob Smith, presented the award to Walter on Friday May 8.

Youth Leadership Expo 2015 Is a Huge Success! Come See for Yourself at Our Youth Day Lunch on May 29

– by Don Brooks



The noise level was exceeded only by the collective enthusiasm of 570 grades 7 to 10 fully engaged Toronto students involved in challenging themselves. The event was the Third Annual Youth Leadership Expo, held May 5, 2015 at the Daniels Spectrum community cultural hub in Toronto's Regent Park neighbourhood. The dynamic duo of the Rotaract Club of Toronto and our own Rotary Club of Toronto partnered to make this very successful learning event meaningful for all of the participants.

The interactive day was all about inspiring and empowering young people to make a difference. They were given the opportunity to learn, explore and reflect on what it means to be a leader and active community member.

The morning and afternoon sessions featured two keynote speakers:

- Michael Prosserman, founder of Unity Charity, who demonstrated how breakdancing and other art forms can positively handle stressors in life and empower people to make better choices.

- Brandon Love, a professional magician, who helped the students understand the power they have to use their influence and creativity to impact on others and create change.

Our guests experienced seventeen booths in the Marketplace for Social Change. A diverse group of community partners challenged the students to set their own leadership objectives and develop their own action plans to get involved in helping others.

The Marketplace featured a wide range of organizations that work every day to help those that need help most. They focus on enriching lives through sports, arts, having a voice in their communities, handling stress, standing up against homophobia, using videos, conflict resolution, social participation, entrepreneurship, provision of afterschool food and medical programs, qualifying for achievement awards, providing emergency supplies and shelters (Shelterbox Canada), and finding a job or starting a business (YES). Whew!

The extremely interactive debrief breakout sessions were led by grade 12 facilitators specially selected for this event by TDSB,

and trained by Rotaractor Heidi Ludwick, whose day job includes curriculum development. Through questions, quizzes and games, students provided feedback and reflected (enthusiastically) on how they can apply what they learned to their everyday lives.

Volunteerism was the order of the day, with about 25 Rotaractors, Rotarians and friends, and 20 high school volunteers in attendance. A special thank you and congratulations to Rotaractors Veronica May, Heidi Ludwick and Joelle Ferreira, past Rotarian Khrystina McMillan, Rotarian Jayson Phelps, our Youth and Children's Service Committee chair Prince Kumar and our fearless leader Rotarian Jeff Dobson. They were involved in planning all aspects of the Youth Leadership Expo and seeing it through to fruition. By so doing, they created a challenge for next year by raising the bar to a whole different level! Are you interested in helping make an impact? Speak to Rotarian Binoy Luckoo!

Please attend our Club's annual Youth Day Lunch on May 29, to hear more about our very successful Youth Leadership Expo, meet some of our presenters and community partners and see a video on the day.



Global Grants at Work

– by Maureen Bird



When I was on the club board in 2008, we approved a \$25,000 Global Grant to The Rotary Club of Limbe, Malawi to buy Dignitas International an ambulance. Several of us were fortunate to be at the Rotary Club of Limbe in April 2009 when the vehicle was delivered. Now, six years later I was delighted to ride in it for two weeks in our most recent Sweat Equity trip last month. It has travelled over some of the most unbelievable "roads" in the country into the smallest of villages, many of which would receive medical care in no other way. With well over 200,000 km. on it, it is still providing great service. We can be proud of our contribution.

New Member Graeme Imrie



Graeme Imrie is Director of Human Resources/Corporate Communications at the Sherbourne Health Centre, an accredited health care facility in downtown Toronto. The Centre offers population-based primary care, a 24/7 in-patient respite centre, at-risk youth development programs and a provincial research/knowledge transfer program. As a member of the executive team, he oversees Human Resources, communications and fund development teams, and is active in strategic planning and general management.

He is also principal consultant at Graeme C. Imrie & Associates, a boutique consultancy, providing recruitment, human resources, change management, career counselling and stakeholder relations services. He has also been the Director of Human Resources at the Canadian Diabetes Association, a major non-profit health organization.

Graeme holds a Bachelors in Business with joint specialty in Human Resources and Public Relations and is a Certified Human Resources Leader. In 2014, he was honoured to receive the Ross A. Hennigar Award from the Human Resources Professionals Association. Graeme's past speaking engagements include events for PAVRO and the Association of Fundraising Professionals. He has also guest lectured at the York University School of Human Resource Management.

He serves on the Board of Directors of ALS Canada, and is active in the ALS community. He is a keen runner and avid traveller, who has visited 40 countries so far, not including annual trips to the South West coast of Scotland, where he was born and raised.

New Member Jon Wu



Jon Wu is an only-child first-generation Canadian, born and raised in London, Ontario. His parents were from Taiwan and immigrated to the best country in the world in the early 70's. From a young age, Jon had dreams of playing a professional sport and would frequently share these dreams with his parents. Unfortunately, given the typical hopes of many immigrant parents, Jon was pushed heavily to be academically great and to go to medical school. Jon ultimately decided he couldn't handle the sight of blood so he settled on pursuing a career in business,

obtaining his degree from the Richard Ivey School of Business. Upon graduation, Jon moved to the big city and started his career at Grant Thornton as an accountant. Four years and one professional designation later, Jon decided that his creativity was stagnating so he decided to make a drastic change—into the exciting world of international tax, specifically transfer pricing where he currently advises multinational companies on their intercompany transactions.

In 30 years, Jon has picked up a few interests along the way. In addition to playing the flute in high school band and frequently tuning the orchestra with his perfect pitch, Jon has his associate piano performer's diploma from the Royal Conservatory of Music. Jon's keen interest in sports has not diminished. He plays three or four organized sports every week and can be found attending or watching many sporting events. Unfortunately he cheers for Toronto teams. His favourite moments include attending the 100th anniversary games at Fenway Park and Wrigley Field. To relax, Jon is a self-proclaimed nerd—his PVR is full of Jeopardy and 60 Minute episodes. Jon also loves to spend his vacations travelling. His next big trip is to hike up the Incan Trail in Peru.

Jon is looking forward to meeting as many people as possible, making new and lasting friendships, and contributing further to the community.

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Upcoming Speakers & Events

May 2015

22-4 Camp Scugog Weekend
29 Rotary Youth Day Lunch

June 2015

05 Rotary/Argos Community Scholarship Luncheon
12 Kevin McGurgan, British Consul General.
British Priorities After the Election
19 Thomas King, award winning author and screenwriter
26 No Meeting, Canada Day

July 2015

3 Summer Buffet – National Club
10 Changeover Day – National Club

Propose a Speaker – Contact

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What You Missed, May 8, 2015

— by Brigitte Bogar



On beautiful warm Friday May 8 at the National Club we were welcomed to the meeting, not by president Steve, who apparently was in Edmonton searching for new joke material, but by the club president-elect, David Hetherington. He announced that our foundation had made a \$15,000 donation to Shelterbox for the Nepal disaster, and was prepared to match donations to Shelterbox from club members up to another \$15,000. At the head table apart from David Hetherington we had Shannon Lundquist, Graeme Imrie, John Austin, Walter Thompson, John Lloyd, Harvey Sullivan, Jonathan Wu, Lloyd Barbara and our guest speaker Steve Cornish. There were 10 visitors and 3 visiting Rotarians. David Hetherington recognized two of our senior members, John Austin and Walter Thompson, for their 60 years of longstanding membership and service. Walter Thompson then received The William Coutts Award of The Rotary Club of Toronto Charitable Foundation for demonstrating long and exemplary service to the philanthropic activities of The Rotary Club of Toronto and the Rotary Club of Toronto Charitable Foundation.

Our busy meeting continued by welcoming two new members, Graeme Imrie and Jonathan Wu, to the club. Their stories can be found elsewhere in this edition of Voice. Lloyd Barbara hosted our guest speaker, Steve Cornish, the Executive Director of Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders (MSF) in Canada. He mentioned how happy he was being among friends and Rotarians, so he could speak openly and without dumbing-down the issues. The main focus of his talk was on MSF's mandate to save lives by providing medical aid where it is needed most—in armed conflicts, epidemics,

famines and natural disasters, but he also mentioned how important it is for them to document what is happening in order to get the UN and the governments to face their responsibilities.

He took a brief detour from his original topic and spoke about the humanitarian crisis in Nepal, and the problems they are facing right now. He went on to mention some of MFS's many longer-term projects, tackling health crises and supporting people where the need is greatest over the last years in places such as Syria, Iraq, Yemen and The Central African Republic. The severity of the problem in all these places has created a significant challenge in finding and recruiting enough talent to respond to everything, while trying to keep the focus on "one patient at a time" and staying neutral, independent and impartial in the conflicts. They are currently running projects in nearly 70 countries. In order to respond to these immediately they have a number of standby locations so that with 24 hours they can dispatch specialized medical and logistical help. In warzones, MSF does not take sides, they provide medical care based on needs alone, and work hard to reach the people who need help most. If warring parties see them as being on one side of a conflict, they are less likely to gain access to those in need

and more likely to be attacked. One of the ways they are able to demonstrate their independence to warring parties is to ensure that most of their funding for work in conflicts comes from private individuals, not from governments.

After this moving presentation the Ace of Club draw was for the pot of \$2060. The winner of a bottle of wine was Jeff Dobson. Paul Westlake made a brief announcement about the Annual Golf Tournament and Dinner on Thursday August 20th at Richmond Hill Golf Club promising glorious weather.



Steve Cornish from Doctors Without Borders was the May 8 speaker.

What you've all been waiting for . . . details on the next installment in our **Wine Series**, to be held **Thursday, June 11th** at The National Club.

"WINES I DIDN'T KNOW I LOVED"

- aka "grapes you possibly cannot pronounce."

Be sure to join us for this fun evening of wine and food.
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