

Today's Programme

Pre-Lake Scugog Camp Fellowship

Location

Fairmont Royal York, Tudor 7 & 8, MM Level

Our Condolances

Dolores Naylor, wife of long time Club member Peter Naylor, passed away on Saturday, May 17, 2014. Dolores had been a member of The Rotary Club of Toronto Inner Wheel. Our thoughts go out to Peter and his family at this difficult time.



Trump AIDS Poker Walk



Here Past President Neil C. Phillips (left) and a few Rotaract members show off their stuff!

Maureen Bird announced that on Saturday, April 26, our club generated \$11,000 at the Trump AIDS Poker Walk. The Rotaract Club of Toronto fundraised over \$1760, of which \$1320 will be donated to Casey House. All together, all teams in the event raised over \$40,800!

Research and Appeals Committee Grants

- by Valerie Clark, Chair R&A



The Rotary Club of Toronto Charitable Foundation approved recommendations by the Research and Appeals Committee to provide funding to the following agencies for their projects as outlined below:

Toronto Youth Development – (Youth) - \$15,000

A grant was given to provide funding to help pay for the Regent Park Soccer League. Major programs are provided to youth and children in Regent Park, including character and leadership development, sports fitness and nutrition skills. A grant of \$15,000 was made to fund equipment and uniforms for soccer. Shirts and uniforms will have The Rotary Club of Toronto and the Rotary logo.

Eastview Neighbour Community Centre – (Community) - \$5,000

ENCC serves community members who face barriers including poverty, single parent families, immigration and language. They typically arrange 10 holiday celebrations in December and receive some aid from other agencies. Rotary provided partial funding for ten holiday parties in December 2014. For 40 years, ENCC has served the area bounded by Greenwood, Broadview, Danforth and Queen streets. The programs served are: family resources, healthy beginnings, children, youth, seniors and newcomers.

Distress Centres Suicide Prevention – (Youth) - \$2,500

These funds go to the purchase of customized software designed for online suicide crisis intervention targeted at youth 19-24 years. This software automates the service delivery process through instant messaging, live chats or text messaging with crisis counsellors. The software also allows crisis counsellors to quickly retrieve critical information on community services and support networks. It also allows data tracking by creating caller profiles that help establish ongoing relationships with vulnerable youth.

Theatre Francais de Toronto – (Youth) - \$5,000

Grant to fund French theatre workshops for financially disadvantaged children in Toronto. Skills imparted in the theatre workshops improve self-confidence and impact personal lives for the better. Funding covers the cost for kids who would not otherwise be able to afford attending a theatre workshop session.

Lake Camp Scugog – (Youth) - \$10,000

Funding of Phase Two for the Camp's dining hall renovations.

Working Women Community Centre - The Women's Meeting Place

1. Purpose of the project

The Women's Meeting Place grew from the need to provide a place where immigrant women could come together to build their skills and support each other throughout their settlement process. The need for this space was readily apparent by the lack of affordable, accessible public spaces for immigrant women and their families in the area of Bloor and Dufferin. The Women's Meeting Place provides a bright welcoming space for immigrant women and their families to come together for a variety of programs and services that promote self-development, community action or group support.

2. Benefits to the end users

A meeting space: The space makes it possible for immigrant women and their families to come together for social initiatives where they can make friends, thereby breaking the isolation that often plagues newcomers and immigrants.

A training space The space also makes it possible for clients to learn new skills, which can lead to employment or giving back to the community in a practical way. By learning leadership skills or taking part in a community art project they increase their self-sufficiency and independence enabling them to contribute meaningfully to society.

An activity space With a fully equipped kitchen, the Women's Meeting Place permits cooking for both social gatherings and for meal and snack programs associated with certain classes. It also allows mothers to provide food and milk for their babies and young children during mother-child programs. The washroom facilities are outfitted for diaper changing and seniors and pregnant women to use. The adjacent playroom means mothers can enjoy time with their children while other community groups take advantage of the Women's Meeting Place at the same time. Lastly, the added shelving allows for the storage and safe-keeping of art materials, laptops, stereo, books, and other resources which are essential for many courses to take place.

WWCC staff-led program space WWCC staff are able to offer professional training for staff and programming supports that result from WWCC's core work, such as the Women's support groups, and the Walk and Talk program.

The following are only a few examples of the programs and community groups benefitting from the space:

Portuguese and Spanish Counseling Groups Part of WWCC's "Violence Against Women" prevention programming cover information topics that range from financial self-sufficiency to promoting self-esteem that will help them live violence-free lives.

Girls Club Group of young teens, meeting to discuss the influence of mass media, the female image, self-esteem, as well as work on leadership development.

Community Ambassadors Group Training Leadership training for community members who are interested in becoming leaders and advocates in their communities.

Walk and Talk Immigrants are matched with English-speaking volunteers who meet regularly to walk and talk with the objective of helping immigrants integrate into the community and improve their English-speaking skills.

3. Fulfillment of Recognition

With the funds provided by the Rotary Club of Toronto's Centennial Project Initiative, WWCC is now able to provide a clean, safe and service-oriented community space for immigrant women and their families. The Rotary's logo on the outdoor sign above the space recognizes the Rotary Club of Toronto as the benefactor responsible for making the Women's Meeting Place a reality.



Staff and children at the Women's Meeting Place



Beautiful art by an engaged child at the Women's Meeting Place



Rotary Club of Toronto Makes Donation to Yonge Street Mission

Jocelyn Greaves gave thanks, recently, on behalf of the Lively Seniors program at Yonge Street Mission when the program received a new van. “I must thank the Tippet Foundation and the Rotary Club of Toronto for their very welcome and beautiful gift of the van [for the Lively Seniors program at Yonge Street Mission].”

“I was truly touched because all too often, when people are no longer able to keep up with the fast pace that our society demands – whether through illness, disability – they are kicked aside as useless or unimportant. But they are individuals who have feelings. They too were once contributing members of our society. So when I see people and organizations . . . show care and concern for others it touches me to the core. I want to promise you that your gift is truly appreciated by the seniors. It will be well used, taking us on retreats and group trips to get a break from the hustle and bustle of the city life.”

“I want to thank God that there are still organizations like YSM and the Tippet Foundation and the Rotary Club Foundation that touch people’s lives in such a tangible way.”



Jocelyn Greaves on behalf of the Lively Seniors Program at YSM



Safely transporting seniors from Regent Park, Moss Park and St. James Town to the Mission’s weekly Lively Seniors program was a growing concern for participants with mobility issues. The Rotary Club Foundation of Toronto and the Tippet Foundation realized the importance of helping isolated seniors connect with each other and YSM, and provided funds to buy a new van. Shown here during the dedication of the van are (l-r), Angie Draskovic, YSM President and CEO; Bob Smith, President of the Rotary Club of Toronto Charitable Foundation; Richard White, President of the Rotary Club of Toronto and the Tippet Foundation; and Walter Thompson, past President of the Tippet Foundation.

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3. Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships?
4. Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

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Upcoming Speakers & Events

May 2014

30 Argos/Rotary Scholarship Meeting

June 2014

- 6 J. P. Gladu, CEO, Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business
- 13 John Tory, Candidate for Mayor
- 20 Youth Day
- 27 Canada Day, no meeting

July 2014

- 4 Changeover Day
- 11 Steve Smith, Throne Speech

Events

May 23-25 - Camp Scugog
 June 28 - July 1 RibFest

Propose a Speaker

Peter Simmie, Chair

Program Committee

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Welcome New Member Rong-chuan Wu



Mr. Rong-chuan Wu was born in Central Taiwan. His father served with the Japanese armed forces while Taiwan was under Japanese rule before 1945. Mr. Wu graduated from the Central Police University in 1977 and served as a police officer for five years. He received a Master of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University, Washington D.C. He then joined the Taiwan Foreign Service. As a Taiwanese diplomat, Mr. Wu has served in Jordan in the Middle East, Poland in Central Europe, Dominica in the Caribbean, and Atlanta in the United States.

Mr. Wu's last post was as Taiwanese Ambassador to the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis. Ambassador Wu was then appointed Director General of the Department of NGO Affairs in the Foreign Ministry of Taiwan. Ambassador Wu has been an active member of Rotary Clubs of Atlanta, St. Kitts, and Taipei. Ambassador Wu is married to Rachel and they have two sons, both of them are software engineers working in San Francisco. Rong-chuan and Rachel play golf and bridge.

What you Missed on Friday May 9, 2014

– by Don Bell



The Upper Canada room at the Royal York Hotel was buzzing with fellowship discussions on the location of Mayor Rob Ford, whether the Montréal Canadiens could hold out against Boston, and about who was planning to go to Camp Scugog (you, we hope), as president Richard called the meeting to order. Monitor Bill Morari introduced three visiting Rotarians including one from Bristol, England and one from Mannheim, Germany, as well as four guests. We learned that the Club's Annual Report is now ready and can be picked up at the office or it can be downloaded. The office requested that all committee chairs please clear their mailboxes. Geoffrey Johnson announced the first annual "Tour de Scugog" bike rally challenge to raise \$20,000 for Lake Scugog Camp. Please call Geoffrey or Bill Morari if you are interested in participating in the 60 km ride or if you would like to make a donation. President-elect Susan Hunter announced that a "Rendezvous with Richard" would be held on Wednesday June 18, to thank our president for a stellar year. It will be held at Jack Astor's restaurant on Front Street. President Richard then introduced a new member, R.C. Wu, the new Canadian Ambassador from Taipei. Mr. Wu has been a Rotarian in previous postings including Atlanta and St. Kitts.

Lloyd Barbara introduced our speaker, Dr. Glen Bandiera, chief of emergency medicine at St. Michael's Hospital. Dr. Bandiera spoke glowingly about our Rotary Transition Centre which is now 15 years old and is about to be completely rebuilt as part of a major hospital renovation and construction

program. Our club will donate \$550,000 toward the construction of this new centre. The Rotary Transition center is open 24 hours a day and serves between 80 and 100 patients per month. One in five patients at St. Michael's Hospital is either homeless or under-housed. The hospital's new addition will include five operating rooms, inpatient units, a new entrance with a new lobby and a new emergency area twice the size of the present unit. Three of the top 10 critical care specialists in the world are at this hospital! President Richard thanked Dr. Bandiera. To learn more about St. Michael's Hospital, check out: <http://tinyurl.com/p5sx34y>

Corporate Warrior Award!

Richard then presented the Rotary Club of Toronto award for Corporate Warrior to Lloyd Barbara representing Burgundy Asset Management. The ace of clubs draw had \$3585 in the pot. Susanne Boggild had a chance to win the money but took home the wine instead.



Mat Harrison and Lloyd Barbara, Burgundy Asset Management employees, with their Corporate Warrior Award.

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