



Speaker

Antoni Cimolino, Artistic Director

Topic

Stratford Festival

Host

Lloyd Barbara,
Rotarian since 1995, Classification Asset Management. Lloyd is Vice Chairman of Burgundy Asset Management

Location

Fairmont Royal York, Upper Canada Room



Antoni Cimolino is Artistic Director of the Stratford Festival and director of the 2015 productions of *Hamlet* and *The Alchemist*.

He graduated in 1984 from the University of Windsor's School of Dramatic Art. He began his Stratford career in 1988 as an actor, playing many roles to 1994. He began to direct in the mid-1990s, winning acclaim for such productions as *The Night of the Iguana* (1998), *Twelfth Night* (2001), *Love's Labour's Lost* (2003), *King John* (2004), *As You Like It* (2005), *Coriolanus* (2006), *Bartholomew Fair* (2009), *The Grapes of Wrath* (2011), and *Cymbeline* (2012).

In 2013, his first season as Artistic Director, Mr. Cimolino introduced the Stratford Festival Forum, a series of about 150 events designed to enhance the play-going experience. That same season he directed Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*, and Friedrich Schiller's *Mary Stuart*, a production that was extended an unprecedented four times. His 2014 productions were George Farquhar's *The Beaux' Stratagem* and Shakespeare's *King Lear*, which became one of the top-selling Shakespeare's in the Festival's history.

Among many other accomplishments Mr. Cimolino oversaw the successful launch of a stability fund and a \$50-million endowment foundation, and also significantly improved the Festival's infrastructure

by leading the design, consultation and funding process for four major construction projects between 2002 and 2008, including the extensive renovation of the Avon Theatre and the creation of the Studio Theatre.

In 2014, he and current Executive Director Anita Gaffney announced an ambitious 10-year project to film Festival productions of all Shakespeare's plays, with the first three – *King Lear*, *King John* and *Antony and Cleopatra* – to be released in early 2015.

Mr. Cimolino is passionate about enriching the lives of others. This led him to spearhead the Festival's involvement in a joint project with CUSO, Canada's international volunteer co-operation agency, to establish a performing arts and educational centre in the city of Suchitoto, El Salvador.

Now in his 28th season at the Festival, Mr. Cimolino is an influential leader in the global theatrical community.

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

Lest we forget

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

John McCrae

Our Rotary Veterans
John Gregory, Jim Bell, Frank Strickland,
George Richardson, John Austin



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Notice From Nominating Committee

As per our Club Bylaws, The Nominating Committee selection for Directors and the Vice President for the Year 2016-2017 consists of:

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- Susan Hunter- President Elect
- James Hunter - Director Selected by President
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- Winz Casagrande
- Jay Littlejohn
- Harvey Sullivan
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What You Missed November 6, 2015

– by Bob Carlidge



Jim Bell, a Korean War veteran, provided an eloquent grace, accompanied by trumpeter Paul Taylor playing *The Last Post* and *The Reveille*. A period of silence was observed for those who made the supreme sacrifice. Our distinguished Rotary veterans were honoured at the head table. Afterwards we read their personal stories in the booklet *Memories*, compiled and given to the club by Peter Naylor in 2005. In it he stated how “it is amazing to realize the total dedication of so many people to help preserve a lifestyle that we enjoy today”. That freedom was recently demonstrated when one majority government was toppled and another elected by Canadians with relative ease, without conflict.

Esteemed Past President, Robert O’Brien, introduced our guest speaker, John Plumpton, former President of The Churchill Centre in Washington, and the first Canadian to hold that post. He currently teaches history at the University of Toronto and Ryerson University and is a director of the Churchill Society for the Advancement of Parliamentary Democracy. John spoke of the Great War (only later called World War I) as an event that determined every other event in the 20th century. 60,000 Canadians gave their lives from a population of seven million. Authors, artists, poets and historians have attempted to analyze the reasons for and outcomes of this conflict, its psychological impact and other repercussions. With peace came the construction of cenotaphs and war memorials in the larger cities and at the sites of some of the greatest battles, such as Vimy, France and St. Julien, Belgium. Fallen troops were buried near the battle sites and many were not identified.

Losses from small Canadian communities were commemorated by the memorials built by stonemasons. They asked youngsters to collect stones from farms, gardens and construction sites that had some connection to the service men and women they were honouring and these were incorporated into modest cairns. Names were engraved on a metal plaque. This area became the site for today’s Remembrance Day services. The construction of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Ottawa in May, 2000 helped families come to terms with those long ago losses, especially when they saw many people place their poppies on this memorial after the national Remembrance Day Service. When we wear a poppy on November 11, let’s think of all those who left Canada to fight for freedom and never returned home.

Susan Hunter had the winning 50/50 draw ticket, but left the cash to accumulate.



MARK THE DATE Monday December 21

Sleigh Bells Ring...Snow is glistening

Rain, snow, or warm weather, The Fellowship and Entertainment Committee invites all Rotarians and friends to our annual Caroling. Song sheets will be provided. Details to follow in next week’s Voice.

Upcoming Speakers & Events

November

- 20 Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lt-Gov. of Ontario
- 27 Perry Bellegarde, National Chief, Assembly of First Nations

December

- 4 Ian McBride, AURA, Refugee Sponsorship
- 11 Seniors Christmas Party
- 18 Club Christmas Lunch, Fairmont
- 25 No Meeting due to the Holiday Season

Events

- November
- 19 Interactive Cooking
 - 28 Remembrance Walk

December

- 5 Children’s Christmas Party, Fairmont
- 21 FnE Caroling, Café de M./ Dundas Square

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First Nations National Chief
Perry Bellegarde

The Rotary Club of Toronto



is honoured to host Assembly of
First Nations National Chief Perry Bellegarde

November 27, 2015 @ 12:00-1:30 p.m.

Fairmont Royal York Hotel, Ballroom, 100 Front Street West

The relationship between First Nations and the Governments of Canada is evolving. Our future as a country requires that we address the history of a fractured relationship and the Treaty obligations that impact all development in traditional territories.

A member of Little Black Bear First Nation in Saskatchewan, National Chief Bellegarde is a strong advocate for self-determination and the implementation of inherent Aboriginal and Treaty Rights.



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