



## Speaker

John Plumpton, Director of the Churchill Society

## Topic

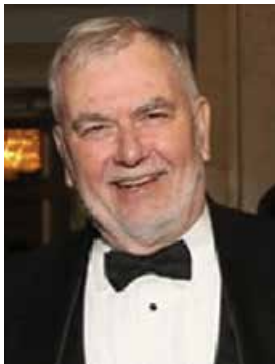
Remembering the Great War: What the War Memorials Tell Us

## Host

Robert O'Brien, who is also a member of the Churchill Society,

## Location

The National Club, 303 Bay St.



Born in Belleville and a resident of Toronto, John Plumpton is an educator, historian, writer and well-respected lecturer. For many years he was a teacher and then assumed a leadership role as Superintendent of Schools in Toronto. After his retirement from the Board of Education John

led and conducted summer programs in Oxford England for high schools and universities for twelve years. John continues to teach history at Ryerson University and at the University of Toronto with their adult learning programs. For many years John served as President of The Churchill Centre in Washington D.C. overseeing an international board of directors of prominent leaders and Churchillians throughout the United Kingdom, the United States and Europe and was the first Canadian to hold that international position. He is a frequent literary contributor and authority in why history is relevant and what it continues to teach us; lessons that must never be forgotten. He currently serves as a director of the Churchill Society for the Advancement of Parliamentary Democracy and is actively involved in the World Remembers program with R.H. Thomson. He is a popular speaker among a variety of groups and most recently spoke at Fort George in Niagara-on-the-Lake to the Niagara Sea Cadets at their annual dinner on the topic of "Remembering the War". In fact he is speaking every day for two weeks to community groups, university alumnae and various other groups about the importance of Remembrance Day.

## Santa Needs Help – by Don Bell



It may seem a little early, but our Disabled Children's Christmas party is fast approaching on December 5th ..... only four weeks away. We are looking for toys and items to fill the children's goody bags. If any of you have **CONTACTS** with companies who could help or friends who might be able to donate these items, could you please get in touch with me ASAP. The club would also be very pleased with any **DONATIONS**, which could be placed on your credit card through the club (call Belli) a cheque made out to the Club with a note to say where it should be used, or simply cold hard cash! The children will appreciate your help. HOHOHO....



If you have some Christmas tree lights that aren't being used (maybe because you went out and bought a new artificial tree with lights already on it), we could use them for the Children's Christmas party Santa room. They will be used to decorate the drapes in the room and help to create a festive look. Please bring them into the office.

## Argos 50-50 for Youth and Children – by Pat Neuman



Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who came out last Friday at our 50/50 Argos Rotary night!

Thank goodness we had great salespeople (12 of us) as we took in \$8975, and that means, after expenses, half will go toward cost of the Children's Christmas party. I know that no one of the small crowd of 14,236 missed out on buying tickets!!! Thanks to Dawn Marie King and Mary Lach for taking charge in the DOG room. Well done everyone!!! And, thank you!!



Don Brooks and Lori Brazier at work

## The United Nations and Rotary International Fighting Against Human Trafficking – by Sylvia Milne



On November 7, a group of Rotarians from six of the U.S. Rotary Clubs will be making a special presentation to the UN about the work that Rotarians are doing to fight Human Trafficking. Our American Rotarians are pleased to hear about the project of our Club to fight this issue and will be mentioning Toronto in making their presentation to the UN. Rotary International has identified Human Trafficking as a high priority cause for them this year. This puts our Club right at the forefront of this fight against Human Trafficking since our partner in this endeavor (Covenant House) has been recognized by the UN as a recipient of UN funds to fight this particular battle.

How wonderful it is to know that we are leading the way in addressing this crime.

## District Conference, October 23-25, 2015

– by Maureen Bird

Our Club was well represented at this year's annual conference held at the Westin Harbour Castle. District Governor Michael Bell from Etobicoke gave us a warm welcome and his entire club team did an outstanding job. Our Aboriginal Service Committee, led by chair John Andras and past-chair Chris Snyder, introduced the lead-off plenary session featuring speakers from the Aboriginal community with their very special stories. Considering the recent government report on the abuses suffered for so many years through the Residential Schools Program, this presentation was so very timely. Let us hope that our new government will follow up well and quickly to address the abuses and the fallout within the reserves. The refugee crisis needs to be dealt with and quickly. Lorna Pitcher and Maureen Bird had a table for Refugee Sponsorship information. Our club will be working to sponsor a family and we are going to try to share information across the District. The number of refugees around the world has grown to over 17 million and the situation is only worsening.



*Chris Snyder, John Andras, David Hetherington, Maureen Bird, Lorna Pitcher and David Libby.*

For the second year we packed food bags of nutritional ingredients for Kids Against Hunger. This is the same program that our Club undertook as an event last year. The Conference was delighted to announce that we had packed 15,120 bags, which will be distributed to Ontario Aboriginal Reserves.



*Our Global Scholar Eri Ikeda, Pat Neuman, Michele Guy and Kevin Power*

WE ARE THIS CLOSE! And we are getting even closer in our fight to end Polio. Nigeria has not had a case in over a year. Pakistan and Afghanistan have experienced a total of 51 cases year-to-date. We celebrated with some fun fundraising and then raised The Rotary Sail, a 45-foot sail from a Rotarian who took his sailboat around the world to spread our theme message. It was erected by a crane and flew for hours on Queens Quay for all to see. Then some Rotarians climbed 34 floors to get in shape for the Kilimanjaro Climb to End Polio, led by Super Girl, Jennifer Boyd, our district polio chair.



*Jennifer Boyd as Supergirl knocking out Polio!*

Sunday's plenary session centered on the presentation by Bugiri chair Joe Clarke and Ron Denham of the Toronto Eglinton Club. They have taken on the task of raising US\$250,000 for a global grant in Bugiri, Uganda, for a WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene project) which will provide water supplies, model improved latrines, wash stations and menstrual and hygiene training in 10 schools, benefiting 7200 students. David Libby and Maureen Bird are working with their four-club committee. Joe's jaw dropped when, while thanking them, President Lisa Brooks of Uxbridge, presented him with their club's cheque for \$3,000.



*Ron Denham, Joe Clarke and Lisa Brooks with cheque.*

There was fun too, with hospitality suites both Friday and Saturday. At dinner on Saturday, we were entertained by Second City who did a marvelous job on researching who Rotarians really are. A special thank you to the hotel staff who, despite a flood on Tuesday which left the north tower drenched and 200 rooms ruined, still managed to make us feel at home.



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## Join Our Rotaractors

– by Dina Rashid

Come support our Rotaractors at their Rotaract Inaugural Career Panel



**When** Wednesday November 11, 2015- 06:00 PM to 10:00 PM (EST)  
**Location** First Canadian Place (BMO Tower) First Floor Gallery  
 100 King St W Ontario  
**Cost** \$20.00.

Please visit this website for more information and to purchase your tickets.  
<http://www.ticketbase.com/events/rotaract-inaugural-career-panel>

## Speakers

### Clark Ferguson: Chief Security Officer, Marketwired

Clark oversees all information management and security governance across Market wired as Chief Security Officer, protecting customer data and ensuring that the company's systems and processes exceed industry standards. Clark previously had positions with the University of Lethbridge, BC Hydro and Bell. The first to hold this position within the company, his appointment underscores Marketwired's ongoing investment in infrastructure and commitment to best-in-class systems and information security.

### Randy Narine: National Account Executive, BNSF Logistics | Scotiabank

Randy is a Logistics account executive with over 6 years of experience in supply chain management and finances. Prior to his logistics experience, Randy was in Scotiabank for 8 years. Randy graduated from the University of Toronto in 1999 with a Bachelor's of Commerce degree.

### Darryl Patterson: Technical Director, Terpac Corporation | Senior Interaction Designer, TD Canada Trust

Darryl is a software engineer and technical leader with over 20 years of experience in web and app development. Darryl started his career in the early 90's, designing and building user-centered business solutions from digital portfolios to custom B2B search tools. Since then, he has worked with gamified educational systems, social campaigns, large online retailers and interaction design. Darryl has also taught programming and application design for 1- years and has been published in PHP architect and O'Reilly online.



## Remembrance Day Run/Walk

Join together to remember a loved one in this month of Remembrance on November 28, 2015, Lobby of 393 University Avenue, for a 2km walk or 5km run around Queen's Park. Participants are encouraged to bring a board with pictures and details of those to be remembered. Medals will be handed out prior to the run so the name(s) of those to be remembered will run and walk with us. Please RSVP to Shelley McIntyre at [shellmac.law@rogers.com](mailto:shellmac.law@rogers.com)

### RI President

Ravi Ravindran

### District Governor

Michael Bell

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### What You Missed Reporter for November 6th:

Bob Cartlidge

## 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?

## Upcoming Speakers & Events

### November

- 13 Antoni Cimolina, Artistic Director, Stratford Festival
- 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

### Events

- Nov 19 Interactive Cooking
- Nov 28 Remembrance Walk
- Dec 5 Children's Christmas Party

### Propose a Speaker – Contact

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## Rotary to Sponsor a Refugee Family – by Maureen Bird



Our club through ISC will be coordinating the sponsorship of a refugee family. I am delighted to be leading this effort with the help of a great team. Rather than re-invent the wheel we will be working with groups with long term experience. AURA (Anglican United Refugee Alliance) will be our Sponsorship Agreement Holder (SAH) with Citizenship and Immigration Canada and Rosedale United Church has agreed to hold our bank account. Our guest speaker on December 4 will be Ian McBride from AURA. Please plan to attend. Our goal is to raise \$40,000 in the next two months, the amount required to support a family of 6 in Toronto. We will need to cover rent, transportation and a living allowance for one year. We will need to work with them for this one-year period. Canada is the only country in the world that has created this private sponsorship route. We can be proud to be Canadians. We would welcome all ideas for fundraising and will keep you updated. We are just getting started! Please join our team!



## What You Missed September 11th, 2015

– by Brent Thomas



On a pleasantly cool fall day, club members collected in the Upper Canada Room at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel. The music, as always, was enjoyable. Club president, David Hetherington, introduced the head table and Past-President Sylvia Milne introduced the guests and visiting Rotarian, Ron Denham. There were announcements from Maureen Bird about the new international sponsorship subcommittee for sponsoring refugee families to Canada. There was also a reminder from John Andras about the upcoming First Nations' lunch on November 27th and getting tickets in advance before things are sold out.

Ross Amos next introduced the guest speaker, Bruce Bell. Bruce was a wonderful speaker and very knowledgeable about Toronto's history. He's even written two books about our wondrous city. He opened up with a bit of humour about Canada vs. the US and the early history of Canada. Some of the highlights included: the history of Front St. and its evolution; the history of the Fairmont Royal York Hotel and how 200 buildings used to be where it now gloriously stands; the US revolution and its effects on Canada; the involvement of John Graves Simcoe in our City's history; and, the emancipation of slavery. Bruce went on to describe the early days of railway in Ontario and the history of the Union Stations, the war of 1812 and the fires not only of Toronto (Fort York, the Sir Isaac Brock warship, the libraries, etc.) but the fire at the White House in the US. He even gave us the history of the Upper Canada Room, when it used to be a rooftop ballroom of twice the height. After being thanked and asked to come back at a later date, a donation was made on his behalf to 416 Community Support for Women.



Bruce Bell in uniform

There were two draws held, one for event tickets for a Forest Hill club event which Doug Hughes initially won, but, which after a redraw, Karl Kremer won. Then, from a subsequent draw for the 50/50 Ace of Clubs, with a total pot of \$4,082, Karl won again but ended up drawing a two of Hearts. By default, he took the bottle of wine. President David then closed with some quotes and humour and he also reminded us for what we should be thankful.

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