

Today's Program

Honourable Lloyd Axworthy

Topic

Landmines, and the Impact of the Ottawa Treaty

Location

Upper Canada Room,
Fairmont Royal York Hotel



Lloyd Axworthy, President and Vice-Chancellor of The University of Winnipeg, graduated in 1961 with a BA from United College (now The University of Winnipeg), and received an MA and PhD from Princeton in 1963 and 1972 respectively. He is working to renew the campus and its

downtown community with the view to making post-secondary education more accessible to inner-city, Aboriginal, new immigrant and refugee students.

Dr. Axworthy enjoyed an extended political career, spanning 27 years, 6 of which he served in the Manitoba Legislative Assembly and 21 in the Federal Parliament. He held several Cabinet positions, most notably Minister of Foreign Affairs from 1996-2000. Dr. Axworthy became internationally known for his advancement of the human security concept, in particular, the Ottawa Treaty - a landmark global treaty banning anti-personnel landmines. For his leadership on landmines, he was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. For this and his efforts in establishing the International Criminal Court and the Protocol on child soldiers, he received the North-South Prize of the Council of Europe and the Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation's Senator Patrick J. Leahy Award. He has also received CARE's International Humanitarian Award.

In 2010, he was made an honorary member of the Sagueeng First Nation in Manitoba and was given an Ojibwe name - Waapshki Pinaysee Inini, White Thunderbird Man.

Lloyd Axworthy remains involved in international matters and lectures widely in Canada, the US and abroad. His book *Navigating a New World - Canada's Global Future*, Knopf Canada, was published in the fall of 2003.

Hunt To End Polio Rally



On Saturday, October 19th, the Rotaract Club of Toronto hosted a scavenger hunt around the University of Toronto in recognition of World Polio Day. The Rotaractors were joined by Neil Phillips, our Rotaract liaison and DG Valarie Wafer.

Eight teams participated in this fun event. Activities that the teams had to complete included: getting their feet wet in the Queen's Park Fountain, spelling the word "Rotaract" using their bodies, purchasing the cheapest item from Honest Ed's, answering trivia questions

and completing a random act of kindness for a stranger. Two teams tied for first place: Twilight Sparkle (Neil Phillips, Eric Muller, Netila Demneri and Kelly Ku) and Mini Jako (Fatima Ahmed, Belle Song, Mikhail Goussev and Nikolay Grisha).

Through matching grants from the Rotary Club of Toronto, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and the Canadian government, this event raised over \$2,600 for polio!!

Annual Golf Tournament Raises \$14,000 for Cancer

The Rotary Club of Toronto's Annual Golf Tournament has raised over \$14,000 for Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation designated to John Fortney's Foundation for Cancer. At the October 18th Rotary luncheon meeting, Mathew Harrison, presented the cheque to Keith Clarke from the Princess Margaret Hospital who thanked the Club for the support on behalf of all the patients, families and staff. The positive impact our support has on individuals was demonstrated by John Fortney, who spoke about his own harrowing experience with cancer and his motivation to create this very worthy foundation to help those afflicted with this terrible disease.



John Fortney, Keith Clarke and Mathew Harrison

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Octoberfest at Bier Markt

Thanks to the Fellowship and Entertainment Committee and the convivial atmosphere, we enjoyed a memorable night of food, drinks and education on October 16th. A fun night – thanks in no small part to several glasses of fine beer. Location - the Bier Markt on The Esplanade. We had rounds of Czech, Belgian and Quebec beer, enabling us to appreciate the differences between a pilsner, pale ale, wheat beer and double ale. The beer pairing included delicious chicken schnitzel sliders, wurst sliders, Yukon potato samosas and beef skewers.

Knud Westergaard gave us pointers on how to make beer, and the servers discussed each type of beer and why the food pairing was selected. We came to appreciate that

beer has a very different taste depending on the type of food that is eaten with it. The evening was Rotary fellowship at its best. Other Bier Markt patrons passing by were undoubtedly jealous that they were not part of the happy family called The Rotary Club of Toronto. Rotarians who attended this beerfest were overheard planning their attendance at future fellowship happenings, including the Japanese Dinner in November.

Beerologist: – a connoisseur in the ways and general awesome nature of consuming and reaping the advantages of beer!



What You Missed October 18, 2013

– by Vermeulen



The Concert Hall at the Fairmont was filled with Rotarians as Bob Smith introduced 6 Guests, and 6 Visiting Rotarians, including District 7070 Governor Valarie Wafer. It was a busy week. Rotaractors participated in R2R at the National Club and the Seniors Committee conducted the Thanksgiving Meals on Wheels initiative bringing 150 warm meals and offering company to elderly shut-ins. Steen Elgaard, a new member, was introduced and pinned-in by Knud Westergaard.

Neil Phillips introduced the meeting's Whitby Rotarian speakers, Joe Dale and Mark Wafer who spoke on 'Employment Opportunities for the Disabled'. Joe and Mark presented several case studies of remarkable individuals, who have not let a disability prevent them from gainful employment. They also shared many interesting statistics. Did you know that disabled persons represent 16% of the population; that's the population of Manitoba and Saskatchewan combined? In Ontario alone, there are 1.9 million people living with disabilities, facing a staggeringly high unemployment rate of 49%. Many disabled people are marginalized from the workforce and are living on government assistance in conditions of poverty.

They made a forceful argument that hiring disabled persons provides a significant business opportunity and shared the important impact that 'Rotary At Work' is having on changing perceptions of disabled people in the workforce. Joe and Mark maintained that turnover amongst disabled persons is much lower, and their productivity rates are very high, which combine to make a very compelling business case for hiring. They also indicated that workplaces that are inclusive and accommodate the disabled are actually safer. They proposed that hiring disabled persons would be helpful to combat the expected worker shortfall of over 1 million skilled workers. All these factors, plus many more, positively affect a company's bottom line. Joe and Mark encouraged Rotarians to think outside the box to create opportunities for disabled persons when hiring.

In appreciation of their talk, President Richard presented Joe and Mark with a donation to a water project in Mubutu, Mozambique.

The Ace of Clubs draw is at \$1158. George Richardson won the wine.

DOMESTIC HUMAN TRAFFICKING ALIVE AND WELL IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Don't forget this presentation next week (Nov. 1) on this little known topic. You will want to bring friends that are interested in this issue to learn about what your Club is planning to do.

Upcoming Speakers & Events

October 2013

25-27 District Conference at Deerhurst
30 Club Assembly, National Club

November 2013

1 Detective Wendy Weaver, Human Trafficking, National Club
7 Wine & Dinner Evening, National Club
8 Brigadier General Fred Lewis, Remembrance Day, Fairmount Royal York
15 Corey Keeble, Retired Curator, ROM
30 Children's Christmas Party

Propose a Speaker

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