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The Rotary Club of Toronto is donating in excess of \$1,000,000 to local and international agencies during our Centennial Year.



# Please join us at a **Special Friday Centennial Luncheon on October 19, 2012** at Sheraton Centre Toronto

at Sheraton Centre Toron 123 Queen Street West

#### Guest Speaker:

Mary Jo Haddad, President & CEO, The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids), Toronto "The Innovation Incubator: Toronto as a Leader in Child Health"

SickKids is one of Canada's most research-intensive hospitals, teaching and generating discoveries that have helped children globally. Ms. Haddad is recognized for her innovative leadership and commitment to children's health, through a distinguished career in health care in Canada and the US. She has championed collaboration and partnerships to enable health system improvement, building capacity and enabling individual and team success.



#### The \$100,000 Award will be presented to The Philip Aziz Centre "The Rotary Club of Toronto, Emily's House



Perinatal Program"

#### A Unique Centennial Program Initiative

A first in Toronto - Emily's House a ten bed children's hospice, opening January 2013, will offer a unique, specialized and necessary option for families who receive a life-limiting diagnosis for their newborn baby. Whether a life is measured in days, weeks, months or even years, through the generosity of The Rotary Club of Toronto grant, Emily's House Perinatal program, will be a permanent presence that will help families make memories out of minutes and miracle out of days.

Registration 12:00 p.m. | Lunch 12:15 p.m. | Cost \$38.00 per ticket

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#### Today's Speaker

Peter H. Russell, Professor Emeritus, University of Toronto

#### Topic

The Quebec Election: No Mandate for Separation; No Sedative for Canada

#### Location

Upper Canada Room, 18th floor, The Fairmont Royal York Hotel



Peter H. Russell is a Professor Emeritus at the University of Toronto, where he taught political science from 1958 until his retirement in 1996. He is a Past President of the Canadian Political Science Association and of the

Canadian Law and Society Association. He was the founding president of both RALBT (Retired Academics and Librarians of the University of Toronto) and CURAC (College and University Retiree Associations of Canada). He is a Director and a Past Chairman of the Churchill Society for the Advancement of Parliamentary Democracy.

Peter has published widely in the fields of constitutional, judicial and aboriginal politics. Among his best-known books are The Judiciary in Canada: The Third Branch of Government; Constitutional Odyssey: Can Canadians Become a Sovereign People?; Recognizing Aboriginal Title: The Mabo Case and Indigenous Resistance to English Settler Colonialism; and Two Cheers for Minority Government: The Evolution of Canadian Parliamentary Democracy. He is an Officer of the Order of Canada and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. He is the 2012 winner of the Mildred A. Schwartz Award for Lifetime Advancement awarded by the American Political Science Association.



William A. Peace, our first President

# William A. Peace wants YOU to join The Rotary Club of Toronto!

The Rotary Club of Toronto was founded on Thursday October 28th, at The King Edward Hotel 1912 with 15 charter members. On Friday November 23, 2012, we will be returning to The King Edward Hotel to celebrate the Centennial of our Club's birth. This will be a special Founder's Day meeting, celebrating 100 years of service. I'm sure William A. Peace would be proud!

**Note:** This special lunch will cost either 1 lunch ticket plus \$17.00 or \$55.00.

Join Rotary Now! office@rotarytoronto.on.ca

### **Global Luminaries Unite to Issue Urgent Call for a Polio-Free World**

#### New and Existing Donors Underscore Once-in-a-Generation Opportunity to End Polio Forever

In a display of solidarity, leaders from around the world today vowed to capitalize on progress achieved this year and to step up the fight to eradicate polio. Heads of state from Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan stood alongside donor government officials and new donors from the public and private sector including The Islamic Development Bank to outline what is needed to stamp out this disease forever: long-term commitment of resources,



A child receives a drop of polio vaccine at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees supported Jalozai camp on the outskirts of Peshawar, Pakistan on Sept. 25, 2012. (Fayaz Aziz/REUTERS)

applying innovative best practices, and continued leadership and accountability at all levels of government in the endemic countries.

"This decisive moment is a matter of health and justice. Every child should have the right to start life with equal protection from this disease. That's why I have made eradicating polio a top priority for my second term as Secretary-General," said UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

"The evidence is clear: if we all do our part, we can and will end this disease. But we must act quickly and give ourselves the very best chance to succeed," said Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, one of the leading donors to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI). "When we defeat polio, it will motivate us to aim for other great health and development milestones."

"Governments need to step up and honor their commitments to polio eradication if we are to achieve a polio-free world," said Wilfrid J. Wilkinson, Chair of Rotary Foundation Trustees. "We must seize the advantage by acting immediately, or risk breaking our pledge to the world's children." Rotary International, which already has contributed an astonishing US\$1.2 billion to polio eradication, announced additional funding of \$75 million over three years to GPEI.

Mr. Wilkinson said he was excited by the new approach and the implication of Mr. Gates in particular and confident that the 2018 target date for eradication will be met.

"You can really see the influence of the Gates Foundation in the six-year plan. It's much more business-like," he said in an interview. "I really think this is the beginning of the end. I'm keeping my fingers crossed."

Prime Minister Stephen Harper opted not to attend the high-profile event at the UN even though Canada has been a key donor. It was the first country to make a donation when the polio eradication project was launched in 1988 and has contributed \$387-million since then.

Sources: Global Polio Eradication Initiative September 27, 2012; Globe & Mail September 28, 2012

# Rotaract Club of Toronto, Rotaract Club of the University of Toronto & The Rotary Club of Toronto Contribute \$13,500 to Eradicate Polio

by Faridah Saadat, for Rotaract Club of Toronto



It all began in 1979 when Rotary clubs decided to take a project to deliver the polio vaccine to more than six million children in the Philippines. This turned into PolioPlus, Rotary's most ambitious program to eradicate polio and later known as the largest public-private cooperation of a public health initiative in the world. Since 1985, when the drive to eradicate polio began, Rotary has contributed more than US\$1 billion; 2 billion children have been given the oral vaccine; and more than 200

countries are now polio free. Today there are only three countries (Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan) that have small pockets of infection with a total of only 140 cases that have been reported.

This is the update that Dr. Bob Scott, Chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee gave to a group of keen Rotaractors from the Rotaract Club of Toronto, during their October 1, 2012 meeting. In February 2012, the Rotaract Club of Toronto and the Rotaract Club of the University of Toronto, in true partnership with the Rotary Club of Toronto organized Purple Pinkies for Polio – a fundraiser screening of Benda Bilili. The event raised \$4500 and this past Monday Dr. Scott was presented with the cheque. Due to the current "Pennies and More for Polio Initiative" that the Canadian government just launched, this amount will be matched dollar for dollar by CIDA and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, tripling the amount to a total of \$13,500! Keeping in perspective that just 0.60 cents is needed to protect a child for life, the continuous contributions of Rotarians and Rotaractors to this campaign will soon actualize our dream of a world without polio. For more information, please go to http://www.endpolio.org/.



For a few hours on Monday, October 8 (3:00pm - 6:30pm) we need you to stretch your legs and lungs at Rogers Centre while enjoying Rotary fellowship and a great afternoon of Canadian football! You can bring your friends and family and cheer on our team (headed to the playoffs for the first time in years) against Saskatchewan! Two of our Youth and Children's charities

(Children's Peace Theatre and Youth Boatworks) will be out selling and they need our support! Whether you sell tickets, run to the Day-of-Game room, count money, or provide central support, there is a job for everyone! Please consider an afternoon of light sweat equity and contact Shannon at shannon. lundquist@accenture.com to sign on for the fun today!

#### The Kaleidoscope of Rotary: District 7070 Conference 2012, October 19-21, 2012



#### Something for everyone

- Rotary Collaboration for International Development (CRCID)
- Rotary Working with the Aboriginal Community
- Screening of Andree Cazabon's documentary 3rd World Canada
- Women's Initiatives Hot Topics, Challenging Solutions
- Beyond Rainbows The Many Faces of AIDS
- Microfinance 101
- Fundraising 101 and Rotary Foundation
- And...The Rotary Club of Toronto Centennial Presentation

Sheraton Parkway, Hwy 7 & 404

Register early and don't miss this exciting opportunity to explore our town, our culture, and our diversity. We're waiting to welcome you! Register by **Clicking here!** 

#### Rotary Club Of Toronto Charitable Foundation Approvals Friday September 21, 2012

Elizabeth Fry Society (\$5,000). The funds will be used to provide educational and therapeutic support for at-risk children and support for their mothers (many of whom are single) who have been in, or are at, risk of conflict with the law. Basically, this counselling program involves helping disadvantaged women develop parenting skills.

Fred Victor Mission (\$10,000). The funds will pay for a day program for senior women with health issues. These women have a history of poverty and homelessness. The average age of women who use the Fred Victor mission has increased from 40 to 55+ over the past ten years. The program will be staffed by volunteers. The funds will be used for volunteer honoraria, metro passes, essential supplies ( toiletries, underwear, shoes, eyeglasses etc ), subway tokens and lunch snacks for the seniors in the program.

## **Off to Join the Navy**

by Don Brooks



HMCS Ville de Québec Guests: Don and Jackie Davies, Vicki Russell, Caroline Sneath, Maria Maggiore, Susan and Don Brooks, and Garrick Ngai.

beautiful Saturday morning On September 1st, eight lucky Rotary Club of Toronto members and guests were hosted by the captain and crew of HMCS Ville de Québec. The day sail included good Navy grub, a harbour cruise, a tour of this Halifax-class frigate, and a fantastic view of the CNE Air Show from the ship's flight deck. Tickets were obtained and made available on a first-come basis by Rotarian Garrick Ngai. He is marketing manager for L3 Communications, which provides electronic systems for the aerospace and defence industry.

HMCS Ville de Québec has served in the Canadian Forces since 1993 and is Canada's only fully bilingual warship. The ship conducts missions protecting Canada's sovereignty in the Atlantic Ocean, but has been deployed on missions throughout the Atlantic, the Indian Ocean and the Persian Gulf and Arabian Sea on anti-terrorism operations. In 2008 the warship supported World Food Program efforts in Somalia, providing relief for Somalia from pirates. And in 2005 Ville de Québec was deployed to assist the United States with disaster relief efforts in Louisiana and Mississippi following Hurricane Katrina. During the summer of 2012, she is conducting an extensive tour of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway as part of the War of 1812 Commemoration activities.

Our thanks for a great naval experience go to Garrick Ngai and Commander Steven Thornton, who was celebrating his first day as commanding officer of the Ville de Québec.

## The Rotary Club of Toronto Club 55 — 1912

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Rotary Club of Toronto Charitable Foundation: David Hetherington, President

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- 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?

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## **Upcoming Speakers & Events**

#### **October 2012**

2	Frank Hasenfratz, Chair, Linamar Corporation
19	Centennial Speaker, Mary Jo Haddad, CEO, Sick Kids Hospital Presentation by Healthy Beginnings to Philip Aziz Centre for
	Hospice Care
19-21	District 7070/7080 Rotary Conference, Richmond Hill

- 24 World Polio Day
- 26 The Hon. Roy McMurtry

#### November 2012

- 2 Centennial Speaker, James Fleck, OC Presentation by Past Presidents Committee to Newcomer Clinic, Sherbourne Health Centre
- 3 Club Assembly, The National Club
- 23 Founder's Day Luncheon, The King Edward Hotel

Propose a Speaker Peter Simmie, Chair

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#### Welcome New Member Lucy Rasmussen!



Raised in Lancashire, England, Lucy Rasmussen won the National Rotary "Youth Speaks" public speaking competition in high school; she then joined a local Interact group, and later Rotaract, becoming the President of

the Ramsbottom Rotaract Club in 2008. Lucy received her M.A. in Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Edinburgh. In 2007 Lucy met her now husband Tom Rasmussen while skiing in Banff and they married in 2009. She continued to work as a Barrister in England, but started to study to convert her license to one that would be recognized in Canada. In 2008, she won the Inner Temple Pegasus scholarship to work as a lawyer for three months in Washington D.C, in The White House, working in the counsel's office. In 2011 Lucy also did a six month contract in the European Parliament, in Brussels. Lucy and Tom now live in Oakville with

their son Charles John, born in 2011. In June 2012 Lucy sat the Ontario bar exams; she was recently called to the bar.

Lucy's philanthropic work in Interact and later in Rotaract has been closely linked with the Ugandan charity, Bury African Outreach (B.A.O.). Her mother founded B.A.O. in 1992. Lucy has been on the board of B.A.O. since 2002. Lucy climbed Mount Kilimanjaro raising funds for both Rotaract and B.A.O.

**Inner Wheel News** – October birthdays

Our best wishes to Kay Marini for a Happy Birthday on October 4th.



#### What You Missed September 28, 2012 – by Mathew Harrison



It was a busy day from the podium once again. After President Neil's usual inspiring introduction, Don Bell took the podium to introduce the seven guests and one visiting Rotarian all the way from Peru! Don also took the time to remind Rotarians to continue to bring guests out to the Club to help out in reaching our goal of 100 new members in the Club's centennial year. A big thanks was delivered to all sponsors of the Foundation Walk where \$2,500 was raised for the Foundation. Members were also

reminded of the Rotary Says YES launch event and fundraiser on Tuesday, October 2nd. Shannon Lundquist encouraged all members to volunteer their time and support the scholarship fund and the 2nd place Toronto Argos on October the 8th – John Andras then belted out "GET YOUR 50/50 TICKETS HERE..." from the crowd of otherwise civilized Rotarians. Next, Sandy Boucher encouraged members to buy their tickets for the November 23rd Founder's Day Lunch at The King Edward Hotel. Lisa Salapatek, Executive Director of Shelterbox, gave us a brief glimpse into the difficult work they are doing to support people in Niger after recent flooding. President Neil presented Shelterbox with a cheque for \$10,000.00 to help out with the effort. In a final announcement, President Neil introduced the newest member of the Club: Lucy Rasmussen.

Alex Brown introduced guest speaker, Lisa de Wilde, a film and television executive who has been CEO of TV Ontario since 2005. She had previously worked for Astral Media and with the CRTC. Lisa spoke about the importance of public television and the passion she has in the power of media to engage, to inform, and to serve the public good. She informed Rotarian's about the evolution of TVO from a broadcaster to an interactive media company with a mission to make the world a better place through education. TVO's award winning children's programming has been built with the Ontario public school curriculum in mind and there is evidence that this programming helps kids with their achievements. In closing, Mrs. De Wilde exclaims that "everything we do is about making kids smarter." Finally, in the Ace of Clubs draw, Johanne Larouche took home the wine.

The What you Missed Reporter for next week will be Jay Littlejohn.

# John Joseph Mastandrea to receive Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal



On Tuesday October 16, at Artscape's new Regent Park Arts and Cultural Centre, Club member John Joseph Mastrendrea will receive the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal. According to J.J., he is receiving the honour for his work with, among many other causes, Rotary, Metropolitan United Church, Voices of Hope, Casey House, Camp Scugog, and 51 Division as Police Chaplin. As Rotarians, fellow citizens and friends, we thank you for everything you do to make our community better. We are all proud of you!

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