



***Next meeting:***

Thurs. Sept 17, 2015  
Montgomery's Inn 7:30 a.m.

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**The Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do:**

***First – Is it the truth?***

***Second – Is it FAIR to all concerned?***

***Third – Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?***

***Fourth – Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?***

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**September 17, 2015** – Preethu Kaduppil RYLA and trip to D.C.

**September 20, 2015** – Rotary Foundation Walk, Pan Am Sports Centre

**September 24, 2015** – Club Golf Tournament

**September 29, 2015** – Microskills Grand Opening @ 1 p.m.

**October 23-25, 2015** – District 7070 Conference, Westin Harbour Castle

***Samuel Tim is inducted!***



## *Meet Sam Tim, new member!*



We welcomed Samuel Tim to the club on September 3, 2015. Sam is a Lieutenant in the Salvation Army, working out of Lakeshore Community Church as pastor, as did his predecessor, Lori Mitchell. Patti Wright introduced Sam:

"Sam was born in Lagos, Nigeria and is thoroughly Nigerian in that he loves enthusiastic and upbeat music and spicy food. While in Nigeria, he owned a printing company. Sam came to Canada in 2003 to attend a school focussing on ministering to homeless people in Vancouver. In 2005, he and Mary met and, after a whirlwind courtship, married. For the first six years of their marriage, they lived in Vancouver, but in 2012, they moved Winnipeg where a year later, Sam entered seminary college. Sam has spent many years working in the social services sector and is excited about being able to reach out to the individuals and families of Long Branch. He fancies himself a bit of a 'Louis Armstrong' and loves being able to belt out some jazz on his trumpet.

Sam and his wife, Mary, have two children, Bethany, who is 8 and loves ballet and is a voracious reader, and Benjamin, who is 6 and adores hockey and cars. Their children will be going into grades 3 and 2 respectively and are thoroughly enjoying the new trampoline that Sam and Mary recently purchased. (as are all the neighbourhood children!)."

Brian Spencer congratulated Samuel and gave him a package of materials for new members. Samuel gave a short rousing speech of appreciation.

Welcome Samuel!

## *Kelly Ku returns from Siberia!*

There used to be a time when going to Siberia was not a good thing. Times have changed!

We were delighted to hear from Kelly Ku, Rotoractor and world traveller, at our September 3 meeting.



### *Some background...*

Kelly is a Past President of the Rotaract Club of Toronto. In this Rotaract year, she served on the planning committee for Interota and participated in a Rotaract Roundtrip to Siberia. The trip

has inspired her to begin working on organizing a Toronto Rotaract Roundtrip in the next year. Kelly loves to travel with Rotaract. She will be attending REM (Rotaract Europe Meeting) in Poznan, Poland this fall.

### *Into the Russian deep freeze...*

Kelly landed in Russia in -27° January weather. Even for a Canadian this was cold! She was stranded in Moscow for a day because of Visa problems, but found it a welcome stop as she got to see some famous sights. Then off to [Stolby National Park](#), famous for its rock formations, a restaurant where they ate borsht, and sledding down hills through the trees!

The group stayed 3 days in [Kemerovo](#), where they toured a coal mine and went on a “city quest” to find Russian dolls. In [Novosibirsk](#), capital of Siberia, they saw the second largest ballet in Russia. An 8 hour ride on the [Trans Siberian Railway](#) took them to [Omsk](#), where they were met by local Rotaractors, who showed them around this very European city. They volunteered for a day at an orphanage, went ice fishing (Kelly caught a fish!), got some locally-made vodka and gave their Rotaractor hosts a Canadian flag as a memento before leaving for home.

In answer to questions, there was some general discussion about transitioning from being a Rotaractor to being a member of a Rotary club. She advised that transitioning can be difficult as there are barriers such as the relative high cost, age differences, and time of day, as most young people would need to meet after work in a nearby location. She thought clubs like Toronto Twilight or Toronto Skyline might be good places to transition to in Toronto, given their demographics and after-work hours;

also, some clubs like Rotary Toronto have lower fees for new members.

Well done Kelly!

### *John Liu's Personal Journey*

Robert Frost's poem *The Road Not Taken*, was the backdrop for John Liu's presentation on September 10 about his own personal journey.



John was a self-described “high school nerd”, studying hard and working at part-time jobs to get into the Schulich School of Business and prepare for a life as an investment banker. But by second year, he began to consider taking a less-travelled road, and took four months off to travel through Europe and find out what he really wanted in life. In the process he visited 9 countries and 27 cities and spoke to hundreds of young people.

His transformative experience lead him to consider entrepreneurship and starting his own business. He came back with a file of 40 new business ideas to explore. But the one he landed upon with a business partner is an alternative to

unhealthy energy drinks, called BUFF. This drink is healthy, with low sugar and caffeine, and will hopefully appeal to the gamer community, big consumers of energy drinks. His new company, [Lumin Strategic](#), was created to find and promote new ventures.

John now speaks to former middle and high schools to inspire and support them in their dreams.

## *Rotarians Cook up a Storm at Monty's Inn Corn Roast!*

Six of your intrepid club members cooked and served hot dogs for over 400 people at Montgomery's Inn 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Corn Roast on September 10<sup>th</sup>.



The cooks were so good at it, they ran out of hot dogs and buns, sending Monty's Inn staff off hunting for more at local stores. Susan McCoy had to use her police skills to control the long lineup of hungry and potentially riotous attendees until new supplies arrived! And ingenuity was required as the charcoal embers began to fade after 7 p.m.; a pot of boiling water from the kitchen was fetched in the nick of time and put on the grill. Everyone got fed! This was so successful, we may do next year – but maybe with more charcoal and hot dogs!

## *Rotary celebrates Taste of the Kingsway*

Enthusiastic Rotarians set up tent on Bloor Street on a somewhat wet September 12, and proceeded to promote the Rotary message. Guided by the idea of "Service Above Self", over a dozen Rotarians sang, chatted, and interacted with the general public about the benefits of Rotary to our community here in Etobicoke and around the world.

