

Toronto East Rotary Club

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District Governor Lynda Ryder

A.G. Al Schaafsma introduced District Governor Lynda Ryder. Lynda is married to Paul who owns a driving school, but his real passion is for his stable of thoroughbred race horses. Lynda & Paul have two adult children, Karen and Gregory and their pride and joy, grandson Jackson.



Lynda attended both York University and the University of Windsor studying social sciences and pension administration. In her working life, Lynda is the Corporate Secretary and Director of National Silicates a corporation with plants in Canada and Europe.

In Lynda's extensive biography, community involvement has always been an important part. She is the music director for the Beaver Bible Show, chair of the Human Resources Training Counsel and board member of the South Etobicoke Industrial Association. For many years Lynda was a Girl Guide leader, eventually becoming a District Commissioner and it was in this capacity that she was invited to attend the Rotary Club of Etobicoke in 1989. Soon after, she was invited to join the club and in 1991/92, became the first woman president in District 7070.

During her speech, Lynda advised of the goals established by RI President Wilf Wilkinson. First and foremost is literacy. President Wilf is encouraging every Rotary club in the world to become involved in a literacy project this year. The chair of the District 7070 literacy committee is PDG Joan Hayward and she has a number of ready-made projects available for clubs. They will be presented at a seminar to be held on August 15.

Wilf's second goal for this year is clean water and once again he is encouraging every club to become involved in a water project somewhere in the world. Again our district committee under the direction of Saleem Kassum, has a number of projects available in which clubs can partner. As a reminder of the importance of this particular project and as a fundraiser for the Rotary Foundation, Lynda provided each member with a bottle of water. Each member is encouraged to contribute to the Rotary Foundation to make clean water projects possible. We were also re-

"Rotary has the ability to organize campaigns to mobilize support for some of the worthiest causes that exist, and that makes Rotary a precious resource."

**Kofi Annan,
Former Secretary-General
United Nations**

"I would be proud and enthusiastic to be associated with Rotary in any way."

**Ted Turner
Turner Broadcasting**

District Governor's Visit

mindful of the Foundation Walk that will take place on September 30 in Port Hope Ontario. All members of the club are encouraged to attend that day and to collect contributions for our Foundation. If you are not able to attend, please feel free to sponsor our president Rod Roblin. The Northumberland Sunrise Rotary Club has planned an interesting day of activity for us and our RI President Wilf will be in attendance that day.

The family of Rotary is also very important to President Wilf and to DG Lynda. Promoting fellowship among the members of our club and fellowship between clubs is one way to make this happen. Attendance at the upcoming Argo game is a great way to start. Members are also encouraged to look after each other and ensure that all members of the Rotary family are meant to feel welcome at all functions all the time.

District Governor Lynda encouraged our club to send a cheque to RADAR (Rotary: Aids Development Action & Resources) in the amount of \$139. Radar is a District 7070 initiative and was begun a few years ago to assist Rotary clubs in working to fight AIDS. The \$139 cheque is the amount required to provide AIDS medication for one person for one year. It seems like such a small amount to save someone's life. Clubs throughout the District have been providing cheques as did TERC last year. I hope we will do so again.

Lastly District Governor Lynda invited each of us to attend the district conference this year to be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Etobicoke. The conference dates are October 19-21 and it will be a marvelous time for Rotarians to share. Friday evening festivities start with an optional trip to Woodbine racetrack. Most of Saturday will be devoted to Rotary programs and there will be a dinner/dance on Saturday evening with the Toronto All-Star Big Band performing. The conference keynote speaker is Justin Trudeau, who will speak about a federally funded program called Katimavik. Katimavik offers young Canadians an exciting experience that incorporates learning and volunteer involvement. During their 9 months on the program, participants ages 17 to 21 live in three regions of Canada. They are involved in exciting volunteer projects in each community.

As Lynda is a singer of some note (never met a microphone she didn't like), it was natural for her to engage our Toronto East song meister W.T. in some sort of a musical interlude. Those who were present seem somewhat reticent to advise about these proceedings, but I have discovered that Jingle Bells was played ... in the middle of August. As the photos will attest, Art and Matt were somehow involved in this and as we all know...**that is never good!**



Lynda was thanked by Jack Embrey a man who never turns down a second dessert and never misses a chance to kiss the women guest speakers.



Club News

Aug 19 **Doug & Marilyn Budden** celebrate a wedding anniversary

Chie Onizawa our Ambassadorial Scholar is hosting her parents who have traveled from Japan to visit. **Jim Hawtin** is acting as chauffeur and says he even vacuumed the dog hair from the car, in honour of our guests

Toronto East Golf Tournament

Five Weeks To Go...

1. Sell a Foursome:

We must sell 36 foursomes (144 golfers). To date: 20 sold - Doug (4), Art (1), Oona (1), Carol (1), Steve (1), Mike P (2), Matt (2), Elmar (1), Virginia (2), Alex (2), John Ryall (1), Sabu (1), Neville Jones (1).

2. Sell a Sponsorship:

Over **50%** of our net profit comes from sponsorship income. Sponsorships make the tournament a success! Split sponsorships are available. Only one has been confirmed to date

Dinner Sponsor - \$5,000

(sold by Doug Budden to Bell Canada & Sympatico)

includes four complimentary green fees, recognition at the dinner reception, & signage in the banquet area

Luncheon Sponsor - \$2,500

includes two complimentary green fees, signage in the luncheon area, certificate of appreciation

Bag Tag Sponsor - \$2,000

includes two complimentary greens fees, corporate recognition on all bag tags, certificate of appreciation

Cart Sponsor - \$1,600 **(sold by Bill Phelan to RBC)**

includes two complimentary greens fees, corporate recognition on all carts, certificate of appreciation

Hole / Tee Sponsor - \$300 each

Mike P (1), Rod (1), Jeff (1)

3. Obtain Prize and Auction Items:

Approximately **30%** of our net profit comes from the live and silent auctions. The only way we can increase our income is to obtain additional items, items that sell for bigger dollars.

Elmar Moser has agreed to collect and co-ordinate the auction items this year. To date: Carol Ryan (\$100 gift certificates), Art (BBQ tool sets), Al Schaafsma has pledged a TV, District Governor Lynda Ryder (rainsuit), Tony Matthews (Bushnell range finders).



August is Membership Month

“Rotary is not ours till we have shared it with someone else”

Decide now to invite someone to Rotary.



Group Study Exchange

The Group Study Exchange (GSE) program of The Rotary Foundation is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women between the ages of 25 and 40 and in the early years of their professional lives. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits between paired areas in different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's institutions and ways of life, observe their own vocations as practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

For each team member, The Rotary Foundation provides the most economical round-trip air ticket between the home and host countries. Local Rotarians in the host area provide for meals, lodging, and group travel within their district.

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The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty.

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Toronto East President:
 Rod Roblin

Past Presidents:

1964 Bill Phelan (PHF)	1965 Bill Phelan (PHF)
1966 John Lytle (d)	1967 Walter Kohlmeier (d)
1968 Geo. McCracken (d)	1969 Harold Black
1970 Bob Russell	1971 Ed Hearn (PHF) (d)
1972 Archie Allen (d)	1973 Kevin McCullagh
1974 Ken Steele (d)	1975 Jack Webb
1976 Herb Smith (d)	1977 Herb Bond
1978 Dave Huehn (d) (PHF)	1979 Alex Findlay (PHF)
1980 Keith Hutchinson	1981 John Carrie (PHF)
1982 Jack Embrey (PHF)	1983 Stan Bradshaw (d)
1984 Ken Hutchinson	1985 Chuck Noguchi (PHF) (d)
1986 Wes Lytle/Sam Campbell (d)	1987 Michael Mead (PHF)
1988 Tom Andrews	1989 Bill Phelan (PHF)
1990 Mike Phelan (PHF)	1991 Hugh Frazer (PHF)
1992 Alan Seymour (PHF)	1993 Brian Smith (PHF)
1994 Frank Dal Ferro	1995 Bruce Knight (PHF)
1996 Jeff Harrison (PHF)	1997 John Ryall
1998 Alex Munroe (PHF)	1999 Bob Woolner
2000 Art Belanger (PHF)	2001 Virginia O'Reilly (PHF)
2002 James Hawtin (PHF)	2003 Elmar Moser
2004 Maureen Barrey	2005 Doug Budden (PHF)
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