

Toronto East Rotary Club

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December 6th Program



This Thursday's speaker was the very talented and might I add good looking, Mike Phelan. Mike has been a well respected Toronto East Rotarian since 1988 and by popular membership demand, was asked to share his wealth of knowledge and rapier-like wit with the members present. Of course advance notice had resulted in a rather small crowd and at least one unnamed charter president departed early pleading a conflicting medical appointment. Mike took to the podium despite a lack of introduction and copious abuse from the assembled members. Trevor Hitner was particularly vocal, casting aspersions regarding the weekly draw. He seemed perturbed that the 50-50 draw has taken on a somewhat dynastic appearance. Oh well.

Once underway, the club service presentation provided the following. Rotary International has established a vision statement for our organization.

- ⇒ Recognized for its leadership and success in the eradication of polio
- ⇒ Strong and visible presence worldwide
- ⇒ Enhanced capacity for friendship and service through a strong organization
- ⇒ Increased and diverse membership
- ⇒ Advance its ideals of high ethical standards, international understanding, goodwill and peace through a membership united in service

Planning

In response, D7070 has been encouraging clubs to prepare a five year strategic plan and vision of their own. A team of facilitators has been established and Toronto East has decided to participate. The process has four sections:

- 1) a survey of current club conditions to be completed by all members. This survey will be sent electronically to all members for their input;
- 2) a facilitated visioning session which will be held on Jan 10/08. This will be an evening meeting approximately 2.5 hours in duration. Location will be announced soon;
- 3) a strategic planning session to be held in February.
- 4) the plan will be translated into action.



Planning is important

PODS

Part 2 of the club service presentation included a possible restructuring of normal club operations. After a vote of those present, it was decided to try a team system of club organization for a period of 6 months. The system will ensure the involvement of every club member. The club will be divided into 4 teams or PODS with each team given responsibility for one month of club programming.

PODS (cont)

When a POD is responsible for a month's program, they will:

- ⇒ Arrange & book speakers
- ⇒ Communicate with the speaker regarding audio visual requirements and arrange for same.
- ⇒ Provide an member who will informally introduce the speaker to all the members of the club.
- ⇒ Set-up and strike the club regalia in the meeting room
- ⇒ Set the agenda for the day and provide the chair with a copy.
- ⇒ Provide a greeter for guests and visiting Rotarians
- ⇒ Provide an attendance taker and incorporate attendance in the weekly bulletin report.
- ⇒ Select and deliver the Invocation
- ⇒ Provide someone to introduce and thank the speaker
- ⇒ Supply a draw prize or conduct the 50-50 draw.
- ⇒ Provide a few moments of Rotary knowledge at each meeting
- ⇒ Write some bulletin content and provide it to the bulletin editor for publishing.
- ⇒ Ensure that photos are taken of all club functions
- ⇒ Provide reports and/or announcements about TERC activity for the District & Club websites.
- ⇒ Perform other duties as they may deem necessary.

During their month with an official club or District event, the POD will be responsible for the operation of that event i.e. Night of a Thousand Dinners, Casseroles, Fontebonne cleanup.

In months without official events, the POD may elect to run a social.
i.e. Bowling night, billiards night, football game, barbeque etc

The POD may consider setting a meeting theme for any given Thursday.
i.e. Hawaiian day, Stanley Cup day, kids day, wacky tie day

A suggested arrangement of members is as follows. We will discuss any required shifting of team members at our Dec 13th luncheon.

Pod 1 January 08	Pod 2 February 08	Pod 3 March 08	Pod 4 April 08
Jim Hawtin	Jeff Harrison	Virginia O'Reilly	Rod Roblin
Jack Embrey	Art Belanger	Doug Budden	Bill Phelan
Steve Mastoras	Glenda Davis	Elmar Moser	Trevor Hitner
Oona Cass	Howard Elliott	Matt Matthews	Pat McKeough
Mike Phelan	Brian Smith	Sabu Varghese	Mike Mead
Tony Matthews	Carol Ryan	Tom Andrews	Alex Munroe

Join the Stars at the 2008 Los Angeles Rotary International Convention!



Stars of the philanthropic world

Stephen Lewis, former UN special envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa from 2001 to 2006, is currently the co-director of AIDS-Free World Foundation, a new international AIDS advocacy organization. As keynote speaker on Wednesday, June 18, he will share with Rotarians at the convention both the scourge and then hope for a world released from the trauma of AIDS.

Dr. Margaret Chan, Director-General of the World Health Organization will make a presentation during the plenary session on Tuesday, June 17. She will share with us the future steps to eliminate polio once and for all time. Rotary's part in this effort is critical as from the first we have been a major partner with WHO, UNICEF, and CDC.

Star of the entertainment world

Natalie Cole, eight-time Grammy Award winner, will perform at the Convention on Saturday evening at the new Nokia Theatre L.A. Live as part of the "California Experience." She is the daughter of the legendary Nat 'King' Cole and a major entertainer in her own right.

Register early and save. The deadline for early registration is December 15, 2007. You may register on-line at <https://riweb.rotaryintl.org/> 67 Members of District 7070 have registered to date

Ham / Maple Syrup Fundraiser

Our ham & syrup fundraiser is almost over for another year... nothing left but the deliveries and collections. This year our total sales are hams = 195 and syrup = 113 for a total of \$6,344 and a total profit of \$1,630. A very big thank you to Jeff Harrison who drove to Barrie to pick up syrup and drove to Concord to pick up hams. Thank you Nancy Ballantyne for looking after the orders and co-ordinating with Maple Leaf.

Fundraisers of this type are extremely important to the club as they provide unrestricted funds for use by the club. Bingo funds are closely limited by the City and golf tournament income is restricted by the Canada Revenue Agency. Hams & syrup, or the Argos game, or fundraisers of that ilk, allow us unfettered flexibility in spending decisions. So thank you to the following members: Doug Budden (\$1,912); Jeff Harrison(\$1,750); Mike Phelan (\$506); Mike Mead (\$459); Brian Smith (\$387); Matt Matthews (\$350); Alex Munroe (\$300); Virginia O'Reilly (\$206); Jim Hawtin (\$156); Tom Andrews (\$138); Rod Roblin (\$130); Elmar Moser (\$126) and Tony Matthews (\$100).

Board of Director Nominations

Past President Tom Andrews is accepting nominations for the Toronto East Board of Directors for 2007-2008. Nominations should be in writing and you may nominate members for any or all of the positions. The positions available are president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, club service director, vocational service director, international service director and community service director. Nominations should be submitted by Thursday December 5, 2007.

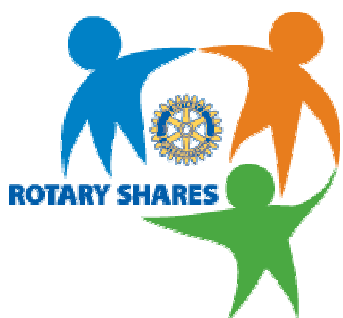
President Wilf in Willowdale

The Rotary Club of Willowdale will host The President of Rotary International, Wilf Wilkinson, at their December 27th, 2007 luncheon meeting. They are extending an invitation to all Rotarians to join them and complete this calendar year in style with a mid Rotary Year update from Wilf Wilkinson. To reserve a place please contact, Hannes Broschek hbroschek@rogers.com by December 18th. They meet at 12:30pm at the Bayview Country Club 25 Fairway Heights Drive Markham. Cost: \$23.00 per person



District Conference

Toronto East will host the District Conference at Deerhurst Resort, Oct 24-26, 2008. To pre-register please contact Virginia. The conference cost is \$295 per person. Reservations for rooms can be completed at this time by contacting Deerhurst directly.



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www.toronto-east-rotary.org

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION MISSION

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.

Upcoming Programs

Dec 13	Club Assembly - PODS organization
Dec 20	Christmas Luncheon
Dec 25	Meals-on-Wheels Delivery
Dec 27	No luncheon
Jan 3	Tina Hamilton—The Generation Gap
Jan 10	Visioning Program
Jan 17	Michael Leung Auto Insurance & Scams

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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)
2006 Tom Andrews	

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Jeff Harrison
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Virginia O'Reilly

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Brian Smith
International Service
Sabu Varghese
Vocational Service
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