

# Toronto East Rotary Club

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## November is Rotary Foundation Month



*“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.”* This week PDG Mike Cooksey, chair of the D7070 Rotary Foundation Committee, provided us with insight into the **“Jewel of Rotary”**.

In 1917, RI President Arch C. Klumph proposed that an endowment be set up “for the purpose of doing good in the world.” In 1928, when the endowment had grown to more than \$5,000, it was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International. Two years later, the Foundation made its first grant of \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children. The organization, created by Rotarian Edgar F. “Daddy” Allen, later grew into the Easter Seals.

The Great Depression and World War II both impeded the Foundation’s growth, but the need for lasting world peace generated great postwar interest in its development. After Rotary’s founder, Paul P. Harris, died in 1947, contributions began pouring into Rotary International, and the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created to build the Foundation. That year, the first Foundation program, the forerunner of Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships was established. Toronto East has sponsored and hosted many scholars over the years and Jim Hawtin is currently hosting a scholar from Japan.

In 1965-66, three new programs were launched: Group Study Exchange (we hosted the Finns last year), Awards for Technical Training, and Grants for Activities in Keeping with the Objective of The Rotary Foundation, which was later called Matching Grants. Toronto East has 2 open grants at present. Our \$8,850 contributions were increased by the Foundation to provide a total of \$33,615, a huge amount of money in a country like South Africa.

The Health Hunger & Humanity (3H) Grants program was launched in 1978, and Rotary Volunteers was created as a part of that program in 1980. PolioPlus was announced in 1984-85, and the first peace forums were held in 1987-88, leading to the Foundations peace and conflict studies programs.

Throughout this time, support of the Foundation grew tremendously. Since the first donation of \$26.50 in 1917, it has received contributions totaling more than \$1 billion. More than \$70 million was donated in 2003-04 alone. To date, more than one million individuals have been recognized as Paul Harris Fellows – people who have given \$1,000 to the Annual Programs Fund or have had that amount contributed in their name.

Such strong support, along with Rotarian involvement worldwide, ensures a secure future for The Rotary Foundation as it continues its vital work for international understanding and world peace.



## Foundation (cont.)

Mike produced three piggy banks (provided by a major bank) to encourage us to view the many ways we utilize our money and to consider a contribution to the Foundation. *“Every Rotarian, Every Year”* is our program that encourages contributions to the Annual Programs Fund. Every Rotarian is encouraged to contribute at least \$100 to the Foundation, every year. That’s less than a toonie per week and with it we can make a tremendous impact on the poor and underprivileged of the world. The Annual Programs fund covers Matching Grants and all of Rotary’s many scholarship and peace awards.



President Rod & Mike Cooksey make the presentation to Jeff & Natalie Harrison



The second part of the Rotary Foundation is the Permanent Fund, where contributions are held in perpetuity and only the investment income is spent. In this way we can ensure Rotary’s success for years to come. At present the fund contains in excess of \$500 million in cash and expectations. Rotarians may contribute in many ways to the Permanent Fund and the photo at left shows Jeff & Natalie Harrison receiving recognition for becoming major benefactors to the Foundation Permanent Fund. Each was presented with a pin and a recognition crystal. Other members in Toronto East are in the process of becoming benefactors or bequest society members and they will be recognized at future luncheons. Mike reminded us to think about a contribution of stocks, a process that provides very favourable tax treatment.

The third part of our Foundation is the PolioPlus Fund. Rotarians have contributed over \$500 million to this effort to eradicate polio. The job is not done yet, but we are down to parts of four countries. Members are always encouraged to send a few dollars to this very important and signature program of Rotary International.

## St. Paul’s Contribution

On the local front we were joined by St. Paul’s school principal Barry White. Barry was there to pick up a contribution from our club, but he reminded us of the many years of service and contributions we have made to this community school adjacent to Regent Park.

We first began our support of the breakfast club in 1991 and Barry advises that between 80 and 100 children attend each day. They start the day with a healthy breakfast and the opportunity to socialize with their friends. Certainly a more normal start to the school day for many of these latch-key kids.

Barry also told us of a fundraiser they held at the school recently, a dance-a-thon. The kids had an opportunity to win bicycles, items that were provided by Toronto East. Teacher’s rode the bikes into the gym, generating lots of excitement among the children.



Barry concluded his comments by suggesting that the kids at St. Paul’s will never know our names or our faces, but they are all aware of a group called Rotary who provide some important things for them.

## ***Ham/ Maple Syrup Fundraiser***

Orders for hams and maple syrup must be submitted by Friday for delivery on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Matt Matthews, Brian Smith, Tony Matthews, Jim Hawtin, Virginia O'Reilly, Tom Andrews, Mike Phelan, Mike Mead, Jeff Harrison and Rod Roblin for your participation

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## ***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.

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## ***TERC / Woodgreen / TD Bank Luncheon***

Our regular luncheon on Thursday December 20<sup>th</sup>. will grow to 200+ people as we invite shut-ins from the area to join us. The luncheon will be sponsored by TD Bank , with Woodgreen providing logistics and a gift for all the attendees. As usual, we will be joined by the ladies from Fontebonne.

Toronto East Rotarians will be required from 12 noon until 2 pm that day. We will greet the guests, escort them to their tables, take their coats to the cloakroom and make sure they feel welcome at this celebration. Doug Budden will provide a visit from Santa with gifts for each of our guests and Bill Phelan will provide his usual rendition of Christmas carols. As there is limited seating for this luncheon and the need for volunteers, can you please advise Mike Phelan if you will be attending.

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## ***TERC Reading Circle***

Virginia is looking for additional volunteers for the Reading Circle held each Thursday evening at Woodgreen's Homeward Bound facility (Donlands & Cosburn). If you can spare an hour of your time periodically to read with children, please contact Virginia. This is a great opportunity to involve members of your family.

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## ***Meals on Wheels***

It has become a tradition for some members of Toronto East to deliver Meals on Wheels on Christmas morning. It takes an hour of your time, but means so much to people who are shut in and often lonely. Please mark you calendar and plan to make a difference for someone this Christmas.

You can also look forward to a Meals On Wheels delivery before our luncheon, one Thursday in February. The date will be announced shortly.

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## ***Visitors***

Our visitors last week included Natalie Harrison & Barry White principal of St Paul's School.

## Historic PolioPlus Announcement

### Announcement from RI President, Wilf Wilkinson, and The Rotary Foundation Chairman, Robert Scott

“This is an historic day for Rotary. It is our great pleasure to inform you of a new partnership between Rotary International and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation that will provide a much needed US \$200 million in support of our top goal of a polio-free world.



Wilf Wilkinson

The Gates Foundation has awarded The Rotary Foundation a challenge grant of \$100 million, which Rotary will match, dollar for dollar, over three years. This is the largest single grant ever given to a volunteer service organization and represents a tremendous validation of the approach and success of our PolioPlus program. This partnership comes at a critical juncture for the polio eradication initiative, which needs an infusion of funds to reach the eradication goal. For this reason, the initial \$100 million will be distributed by The Rotary Foundation through grants to the World Health Organization and UNICEF in direct support of polio immunization activities in 2008.

Your participation in this effort is crucial to making it a success. The Rotary International Board of Directors and the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation have unanimously agreed to accept this challenge grant to ensure the success of the PolioPlus program. We feel confident that this extraordinary commitment from the Gates Foundation and Rotary will serve as a catalyst for further donations from others to help us realize the dream of a polio-free world. In 1985, we promised every child a world free from the threat of polio, and we are almost there. This funding agreement between Rotary and the Gates Foundation is a huge step forward, bringing us even closer to our goal. Success is our only option.



Bob Scott

Wilfrid J. Wilkinson  
Rotary International, President 2007-08

Robert S. Scott  
The Rotary Foundation, Trustee Chair 2007-08



### “Leadership Begins With Me!”

**Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)** is a “service to youth” project conducted by District 7070 clubs. The theme of this outstanding community-based training course is “Leadership Begins With Me!” It provides an opportunity for the participants to get to know themselves better and to cultivate the respect and trust of others. They are able to identify their own leadership skills and determine ways to make more effective use of their resources. **The youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow.**

Toronto East Rotarians are invited to nominate candidates for this wonderful program. Candidates should be carefully chosen on the basis of character, general education, leadership qualities, record of service to the community with the emphasis on potential for wise leadership of youth in the future. This is an all-expenses paid program. The successful candidates will live for one week, on the Loyalist College Campus in Belleville, to attend the leadership seminar.

Toronto East Rotarians are encouraged to nominate candidates for this program. It may be someone from your workplace, a son or daughter, a niece or nephew, a neighbour or a friend of the family. Applications and additional information available at [www.rotary7070.org](http://www.rotary7070.org)

## PolioPlus



**THIS IS A TREE THAT WAS NEVER CHOPPED DOWN**

**TO MAKE A CRUTCH THAT WAS NEVER NEEDED**

**BY A CHILD WHO NEVER GOT POLIO**

**BECAUSE VACCINE WAS NEVER IN SHORT SUPPLY**

**THANKS TO PEOPLE WHOSE COMPASSION WASN'T EITHER.**



**Over the past twenty years, Rotary club members have helped immunize over two billion children against polio. Thanks to them the world will soon be polio-free.**



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*Celebrating 100 years of service.*

[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

## Member News

Seems like everyone is on vacation this month.

Art & Dawn are off to Mexico for 2 weeks (*I know that's not news*).

Pat McKeough is off to explore Antarctica (*hope he wasn't booked on the ship that went down last week*).

Brian & Maureen are catching a few rays in the sunny south this week.

Tony is off to South Africa for two months to visit his girlfriend Gemma (*Gemma is a monkey & no I didn't ask any questions*).

Doug Budden isn't on vacation, but he is spending lots of time in Montreal & Ottawa.



### 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.

### 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 18<sup>th</sup>. They meet at 12:30pm at the Bayview Country Club 25 Fairway Heights Drive Markham. Cost: \$23.00 per person

### Canadian Landmines Foundation Celebration

The Canadian Landmine Foundation will be putting on a program in celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Ottawa Treaty banning landmines. The event will be held at the Jane Mallett Theatre at the St. Lawrence Centre in Toronto, Monday December 3<sup>rd</sup>. beginning at 7:30 p.m. It will include music, film, a photography exhibition entitled Living with Land Mines by V. Tony Hauser, a very special young landmine survivor, and celebrities. The guest of honour will be former Foreign Affairs Minister Lloyd Axworthy, the key architect of the treaty.

There is no charge for this awareness event, however seating is limited. You can reserve your seat by emailing [scott@clmf.org](mailto:scott@clmf.org) or calling 416-365-9461 x22 with your name and contact information.

### Upcoming Programs

Dec 6	Mike Phelan	TERC Club Service Plan
Dec 20	Christmas Luncheon	Meals-on-Wheels
Dec 27	No luncheon	

#### 2007 - 2008

**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	

#### 2007/08

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