

Toronto East Rotary Club

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Transforming Faces Worldwide

“To whom much is given, much is expected.”

To this day, RI Past President Wilf Wilkinson (Trenton RC) feels strongly that you should never seek a leadership position within Rotary. Just do what you are asked, and opportunities to serve will come your way.

Opportunities to serve come in many forms, some are quite obvious while others may appear less so. One of Wilf's wishes for Rotarians this year is, “I want Rotarians everywhere to accept the responsibility of bringing in one new member each year and mentoring that person to become a committed Rotarian”

Wilf deeply believes in the power of one person, one Rotarian, to make a difference. Introduce someone to Rotary - bring them to our lunch meetings, ask them to volunteer for one of our hands-on projects or invite them to one of our fellowships. You are the best salesperson for Toronto East Rotary.....Take the Wilf challenge and make a difference today!

Paul Fernandes introduced our speaker this week, Esteban Lasso, the executive director of [Transforming Faces Worldwide](#). Esteban is an international development professional with 12 years experience working with social development organizations. And has been with TFW since 2001. Paul met him during a cheque presentation made to TFW by Sun Life and extended an invitation to visit Toronto East.



Esteban Lasso & Jack Embrey

When Florence Abban was born five years ago with a cleft lip in a rural village in Ghana, her parents wept. They knew what was to come. Villagers told the Abbans an enemy of the family had cursed their baby girl. Neighbours started to gossip. The family was wracked with despair.

In rural communities in this western African country, babies such as Florence are believed to be evil. Many go unnamed and are neglected by the family. Others are abandoned, left to die in the bush.

But the midwife who helped birth Florence had heard that cleft lips could be repaired. She, along with Florence's grandmother, persuaded the family to take the 3-day-old girl to the hospital in Swedru. Doctors there referred them to the Cleft Lip and Palate Management Project of Ghana, which is funded by Transforming Faces Worldwide. On Dec. 3, 2003, at four months, Florence had surgery. After she was released from the hospital, the Abbans were welcomed back into their community and the family is now very proud of their little girl.

Transforming Faces Worldwide (TFW) is a non-profit organization committed to making medical treatment better and more accessible for children born with cleft lip, palate and other craniofacial deformities. Since it was founded in 1999, TFW has funded nine projects on three continents and treated close to 2,000 patients. www.transformingfaces.org/

Community Service Events

Wheelchair Repair

*Come on out ... it's lots of fun ...
and the picture to the left is proof that no special; skill is required.*

On Saturday November 29th. all members of the club, families and friends are invited to meet at Variety Village 3701 Danforth Avenue (east of Birchmount) for our regular wheelchair repair & maintenance morning.

Over the years we have returned to service, wheelchairs worth hundreds of thousand of dollars. The more chairs available, the more opportunity for youngster to participate in sport and live life to the fullest.



Members are asked to arrive at 9am, armed with screwdrivers, wrenches, socket sets, etc. The task is generally completed in 2-3 hours. We repair flat tires, replace spokes, grease axles, tighten nuts and bolts Lots of simple tasks that make a huge difference. Coffee & donuts are provides and we look forward to seeing you there



Hurray!!! More New Members



Not a Rotary pin.

Mr. Embrey has been a busy fellow these days, as the inductions are coming quickly. In fact Jack's so tired out these days, he couldn't remember the District Governor's name.

This week we have the great pleasure of welcoming [Mary Moore](#) (Real Estate Sales) and [Marguerite Pyron](#) (Newcomer Women's Services.)

That brings to seven, the number of new members inducted in this Rotary year - 4 women and 3 men. It also makes Toronto East, number 1 in District 7070 membership recruitment, so far this year.

This photo was taken as Jack was advising the ladies to proudly wear their Rotary pins every day. Of course Jack now owns 2 suits, so sometimes he forgets to switch his pin from one to the other..

Welcome ladies. We look forward getting to know you and to a long and enjoyable time serving our community.

The Calendar

- Nov 29 [Variety Village - wheelchair repair](#)
- Dec 4 Luncheon Program
[Rotary... Everything you ever wanted to know about Rotary, but were afraid to ask.](#)
- Dec 11 Luncheon Program
[Wine Tasting - hosted by Whistler's and Masi Wines](#)
(this has yet to be confirmed, but publishing it in the bulletin will certainly provide the impetus required or it will teach my very good friend Steve to be more selective in choosing a bulletin editor)
- Dec 18 Luncheon Program
[The Rotary Foundation - District Foundation Chair Michael Cooksey](#)
- Dec 25 Meal On Wheels
[Join Brian Smith at Woodgreen Community Centre to deliver meals to shut-ins](#)
- Feb 14 Valentine's Fundraiser - for our international projects
["No Sweetheart Required" dinner and show in the McNeil Room](#)
- Jul 1 Toronto East Inaugural Ribfest
[Tadmorden Mills - put it on your calendar, lots of info to follow](#)
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Murder Mystery Results

WOW!!

Our esteemed treasurer Jeffery "Todd" Harrison announced the results of our Polioplus fundraiser at a little over \$2200. The board has decided to top that up to \$3000, an amount that will immunize approximately 6000 children this year. It always amazes me that we can enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship and still do so many good things for the people who need us most.

Thank you to all who participated and sold tickets for this event. Your efforts made the evening a success. And a special thank you to Steve Mastoras and Whistlers. The meal was first rate and although it is supposed to be a secret, Steve returned a portion of the meal cost to our club, so that we could attain our goal of helping the at risk children in India, Pakistan, Nigerian and Afghanistan.



Meals on Wheels

It is now a Christmas tradition for a number of our members to join Brian and Maureen Smith in delivering meals to the shut-ins in the eastern portions of Toronto and East York on Christmas day. If you are able to participate this year, please email Brian bfcsmith@woodgreen.org. It is normally a 2 hour task, and it is one that can bring great joy to so many homebound and often lonely people.



Paul Harris Fellowship



The board of directors has called for nominations for Paul Harris Fellowships. If you would like to nominate a member of Toronto East RC or a member of the community for this honour, please submit a written summation of your reasons in writing to club secretary Virginia O'Reilly. If you wish to nominate a non-Rotarian, it must be an individual who is providing exemplary service to the community of east Toronto. Nominations should be submitted by Dec 15/08

Club Officers Nomination

The nominating committee chair Rod Roblin has called for nominations for the Toronto East board of directors for 2009/10. Any member in good standing may propose a candidate for the club officer positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary or for the four board positions of International Service, Club Service, Vocational Service or Community Service. Please submit nominations in writing to Past President Rod in person or by email janrod@rogers.com

Syrup Boy is at it again.



Jeff Harrison announced that our annual maple syrup sale is underway. This is an important fundraiser that allows us unrestricted dollars for many of the small local projects that require our assistance. Two sizes and bottle shapes are available. Jeff also announced that hams are also available at \$25 each.



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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.

December Celebrations

Club Anniversaries

6 Alan Seymour (18 years)
12 Oona Cass (12 years)

2008 - 2009

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 Rod Roblin

2008/09

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