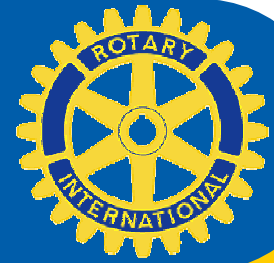


Toronto East Rotary Club



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From the desk of Mary Moore



TERC Meeting April 23, 2009

Opening & Invocation offered by Mike Phelan

Based on the Four Way Test

From those that have received much, much is expected

And so as we walk along life's pathway, let us remember that whatever we might say, let it be only the truth.

Whatever steps we take in life let them build good will and better friendships.

Whatever goals we strive to accomplish, let them be beneficial to all concerned.

And let us never lose sight of our many blessings including the food we partake today.

Announcements:

A big Happy Birthday (91st) to [Jack Embrey](#) who received a special birthday cake brought in by the staff of Whistlers and a tribute by Mike Phelan.

Our Guests:

Mark Muratori (BMO Nesbitt Burns), Scott Purling (TD Bank), Mike Comstock (Olde Town BIA), Gary Hatton (Norfolk Virginia Rotary Club) Georgina Blanas National Broadcast Reading Service and Tony Papaalias (LCBO Vintages)



President Tony & Gary Hatton

[Jack Embrey](#) delivered the induction ceremony of [Jeff Rayman](#) - who is the Co- Founder, President and CEO of Secutor Capital Management, an investment advisory firm. Welcome Jeff & Rita.



[Mike Phelan](#) – announced a new club – The Toronto Twilight Rotary Club which already had 18 people attend the first meeting. Mike suggested our club be a Sponsor

[Bob Wasson](#) announced that a cruise for 2 has been donated for the Hole in 1 Prize for this year's golf tour-

Program (cont.)

nement! The donation has been promised by Paragon Travel Agency Ltd. 1064 Coxwell Avenue. Nick Lawley is one of the principles at Paragon and is the President Elect of East York Rotary Club.

Ribfest- [Ray White](#) needs allocation from each member regarding donations and man hours they will be contributing. Schedules were distributed and should be returned ASAP

Elmar Moser: Fontbonne garden clean up to be held Saturday May 9th from 9am-noon
Bring your gardening tools

Program

Toronto East Rotary Club was chartered April 7th 1965. It being just over 44 years since that momentous event the following Past Presidents imparted a few words (many humorous ones) about their experiences in the club. Everything from cakes on fire, Bingo, Fast Eddy, the tree planting program and the first all female head table protest. Bill Phelan our charter president was missed and of course came up in many of the reminiscences.

[Jack Embrey](#) president 1982-83, regaled us with a story about our 25th anniversary celebration. Alex Finlay who was our resident piper in those days, was leading the procession, with Jack close behind. Jack was carrying a cake with lit candles and apparently came to close to Alex, setting the pipes on fire. After a little commotion and scrambling the fire was extinguished and all were safe, even the pipes.

[Art Belanger](#) our president in 2000-01 told of his many year involvement in running bingo for the club. Art was first introduced to Rotary by Jack Embrey many years ago. We have since forgiven Jack.

[Alan Seymour](#) president in 1992-93 recalled our running of the Dawson City pavilion for Caravan. Alan was the storekeeper and he spoke of the fun times the club had during this week long cultural event. "Moosemilk" was one of the highlights for those who attended the show and the entertainment was based on a gold rush saloon. We were generally voted at or near the top of all the pavilions of Caravan.

[Virginia O'Reilly](#) president in 2001-02 told of a day that she inadvertently seated all women at the head table. Bill Phelan donned a napkin on his bald pate and marched in front of the head table, demanding that men be given equality. It was of course mentioned that Bill sponsored the first four women members in Toronto East back in 1990.

[Jim Hawtin](#) (2002-03) spoke of missing a meeting one day and landing the role of chair of the Don Valley Eco Project. Since 1991, clubs adjacent to the Don Valley have been planting indigenous trees and shrubs up and down the valley. Our site is behind Todmorden Mills and the planting will take place this Thursday April 30th. Members are invited to drop by before or after our luncheon.

[Brian Smith](#) (1993-94) told of having to obtain a letter of introduction from his Rotarian brother-in-law to gain an invitation to lunch. Brian was one of the few not-for-profit sector members in a heavily business dominated group. He also told us of a pet project that he introduced to the club, our casserole events. Since inception we have fed many thousands of people with our special Shepherd's Pies.

Thanks for your storeys everyone

Rotary SAS All Stars Program

Hope you have a candidate selected



Membership Update



Well done folks! Toronto East ranks #1 in District 7070 for the highest net increase in membership this Rotary year.

Across the District, we have inducted 221 new Rotarians this year.

Across Zone 22 we have a net increase of 228 members.

Are you the missing piece? Across the Rotary world we have a net increase of 15,791 members.

Community Service



The Fontbonne Spring cleanup is scheduled for Saturday morning, May 2 starting at 9 am. Fontbonne is located at Queen St E and Booth Ave. As their mission statement advises: *Fontbonne Ministries responds practically to social needs by nurturing community with our neighbour, especially the homeless, alienated, economically poor and women at risk. Fontbonne Ministries welcomes everyone without distinction and offers opportunities for participants, volunteers and staff to be nourished in body, mind and spirit.*



Since installing the community garden area in front of the building, we have returned each year to do a spring cleanup - painting, weeding, etc. All members are welcome to attend and the task usually concludes around noon. Please bring along your garden tools, etc.

Literacy

Country music legend Dolly Parton autographs a child's book on 9 March during a public ceremony, in Atlanta, USA, announcing a new collaborative relationship between Rotary International and the Dollywood Foundation's Imagination Library. The partnership aims to promote early childhood reading by providing a book each month to children from birth until age five



Happy Birthday Jack

Jack Embrey celebrated his 91st. Birthday on Saturday and we recognized the special occasion with a chocolate cake. As you all know, we don't normally have cake for our member's birthdays, but we had to make an exception for Jack. Dessert last Thursday was a fruit platter - and you all know that Jack hasn't made it to age 91 by eating fruit!!!!

Other famous people born in 1918 include: journalists Abigail Van Buren & Ann Landers, first lady Betty Ford, evangelist Billy Graham, cosmetics baroness Mary Kay Ash, Nelson Mandela, Pearl Bailey, Sam Walton, and baseball player Ted Williams.

Board Meeting

Board meeting this week after the luncheon. The meeting is a joint meeting involving both the current and incoming board members.

Canada Day Ribfest Update

We need you now!

To date a few members have attained financial sponsorship for this event, however it would appear that we are still somewhat short of the targeted amount. A number of other members have been actively soliciting support, Karen Somerville, Bob Wasson, Jeff Rayman and Cindy Fuller notable among them, and now is the moment for an all out effort from the rest of our wonderful TERC team.

We are sure that the rest of the members are working diligently to obtain support and it would be most appreciated if you can advise the committee as soon as possible of your successes. It is imperative that they get a handle on progress to date. To facilitate your response, I will have a sheet for each member to complete and return in the next few days. Hard copies will be available at the luncheon tomorrow or I will send an email copy to you tomorrow evening. Please jot down your commitment and email or fax to Mike Phelan as soon as possible. The information is vital for discussion at the next Ribfest meeting on April 30.

The Club Calendar

- Apr 30** **Ribfest Committee Meeting**
Whistler's - Immediately after the luncheon
- Apr 30** **Board Meeting**
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- May 2** **Fontbonne Place Spring Cleanup**
Queen St E @ Strange (3 block east of Broadview) 9am -12pm
- Jun 20** **Variety Village Wheelchair Repair**
3701 Danforth Avenue Scarborough 9am -12pm
- Jul 1** **Toronto East Inaugural Canada Day Celebration**
Todmorden Mills
- Jul 29** **Double Blue(s) Patio Party - Whistler's Patio**
Kick off our Argo fundraiser with a party - live blues, Argo cheerleaders, lots of fun
- Aug 8** **Whistler's Golf Tournament**
Angus Glen - raising funds for Canadian Feed the Children
- Sept 24** **Toronto East Golf Tournament**
Sleepy Hollow Golf Course
- Oct 3** **Toronto East @ the Argos**
Our annual fundraising trip to the Argos - details to follow

RI & D7070 Calendar

- April** **Rotary Magazine Month**
www.rotary.org
- May 24-29** **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)**
We need your help in nominating a candidate 19-22 years of age.
- Jun 21-24** **Rotary International Convention**
Details at www.rotary.org
- Sept 27** **District 7070 Rotary Foundation Challenge Walk**
CFB Trenton - full tour of the base
- Oct 16-19** **District Conference - Blue Mountain Collingwood**
Details at <http://www.rotary7070.org>

