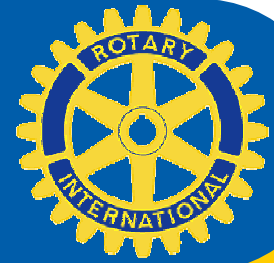


Toronto East Rotary Club



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No Sweetheart Required



Life is like a box
of chocolates.
You never know
what you are
going to get.

POD 3 advises that you won't need a sweetheart to celebrate this Valentine's Day, If you love to laugh, you'll be sweet on **"No Sweetheart Required"** – a night of sweet 'n' silly comedies about love, or the lack thereof.

Presented upstairs at Whistler's on Saturday February 14th., it will be a great way to spend Valentines Day ...and a great way to help Toronto East Rotary fund some of our international projects.

Bring your spouse, your partner, your family, your friends, your neighbours ... along with your love of fun and laughter.

Dinner and Show - \$55 per person
(income tax receipts will be available)

Tickets are available from any of the [POD 3](#) members

What You Missed Last Week...

The meeting was chaired by POD 2 captain [Jeff Harrison](#) who was joined at the head table by [Art Belanger](#) (greeting worried about those two!), our guest speaker [Nancy Simone](#) and [Steve Mastoras](#). Lunch was a lovely veal chop, but please don't tell Art because he thought it was a pork chop. Art doesn't like veal.

There were 16 members (57%) and 3 guests in attendance:
Guests included Sabu Varghese,

Ray White reminded us that there will be a ribfest planning meeting next week, Jan 22nd at 1:45 pm at Whistlers.

Nancy Simone was our speaker last week. She is president of C.U.P.E. Local 2190, representing 350 members who work in the social services areas of the Toronto Catholic Children's Aid Society. Most of her member work to protect children and look after their well being.

Nancy states her job as working to improve the work environment and quality of life for her members.
She recently took over from her Mom as coach of the Scarborough



What You Missed...

Marlins Swim Team, a group of 10 young men whose goal is to make it to the Special Olympics. They recently lost their home at Variety Village and now swim once a week at Bendale Pool in Scarborough.

Nancy see synergy between her members and the goals of Rotary and hopes to be able to team up with Toronto East Rotary in future endeavours, perhaps starting with the rib fest in July.

Jack Embrey thanked Nancy and her members on behalf of the club, for their dedication to looking after some of the most fragile members of our society, the children in foster care. True to form, he managed to get two kisses this week. Nancy's office can be found at 863 Broadview Ave.

Notes from Oona Cass & photo by Jim Hawtin

Club Retreat

The Club Service committee has booked the visit to Niagara on the Lake for members and partners, March 13-15, 2009. This will be a weekend with lots of fellowship combined with a visioning / planning session on Saturday morning.

This will be an excellent opportunity for new members and old, to get to know one another and plan our future club activities. Long time members will remember the tremendous enjoyment we have had on previous excursions, the bonding that has taken place and the friendships that have been enhanced. Planning is vital to the success of any club ... why not do it in Niagara on the Lake?



The committee has obtained a special rate at the Prince of Wales at \$149 per night. If you have not yet booked, please advise [Steve Mastoras](#) as soon as possible.

PolioPlus Announcement

On Wednesday January 21 at the International Assembly, Bill Gates Jr. addressed the District Governors for 2009-2010. In a stirring speech he announced the additional gift to the Polio Plus program of \$US255,000,000. This will bring the Gates Foundation commitment to a total of \$355 million

Rotary has been asked to match \$100 Million of this new amount. To date Rotary has already reached and matched US\$72 Million of the first \$100 Million grant that was announced last year. This latest match will bring Rotary's commitment to \$200 million.

This is a historic day for Rotary, our Foundation and our partners in the fight against polio.

The UK Government also announced a donation of 100 Million pounds and Germany announced a donation of 100 Million Euros.

For all that you are doing to eradicate Polio we thank you.

For additional information www.rotary.org/endpolio,

RIVP Monty Audenart

Reading Circle

Every Thursday evening at 6 p.m., a group of Rotarians and Friends of Rotary gather with children aged 6 to 12 for our Rotary Reading Circle. We meet for 1 hour until 7 p.m..

The first 10 minutes is settling in time (checking names off and getting volunteers & children paired or grouped off). Once the children are checked in and the 'dust has settled', the first half of Reading Circle involves children reading to a volunteer or volunteers reading to the children. If there are a few children with each volunteer, the children generally take turns reading pages. We are pretty flexible and tend to go with the mood of the children (as long as they are reading something). A volunteer may work with anywhere from 1 to 3 or 4 children.

The last 20 minutes of Reading Circle is 'Word Bingo' - a big favourite with the children. Tension in the room grows and giggles abound as the players get down to needing that '1 word' for Bingo! We give books as prizes for Bingo, that the children take home and keep. We also give books as prizes for every 5 sessions a child attends at Reading Circle.

None of our volunteers are trained teachers, just interested people who are there to help with sounds and words.

We need about 6 volunteers every session and many of our volunteers are able to come to Reading Circle only once or twice a month, so we NEED more volunteers.

We'd like to give a special thanks to the volunteers we've seen so far... [Mary Moore and Virginia O'Reilly \(TERC\)](#), [Vanessa Hardy, Eva Mastoras, Kathryn Mastoras, Janet Downing \(Family and Friends of TERC\)](#), [Crystal Lambkin, Kim Brown \(East York Rotary Club\)](#), [John Wilson, Jim Louttit, Wayne MacDougall \(Toronto Sunrise Club\)](#), [Maureen Connolly \(Toronto Beach Club\)](#).

Our Reading Circle takes place at Woodgreen's "Homeward Bound" Community Facility at the southwest corner of Cosburn & Donlands.

New volunteers are welcome at any time.

Best regards,
VOR

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Past Presidents:

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| 1964 Bill Phelan (PHF) | 1965 Bill Phelan (PHF) |
| 1966 John Lytle (d) | 1967 Walter Kohlmeier (d) |
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| 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) (d) |
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| 1992 Alan Seymour (PHF) | 1993 Brian Smith (PHF) |
| 1994 Frank Dal Ferro | 1995 Bruce Knight (PHF) |
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| 2004 Maureen Barrey (PHF) | 2005 Doug Budden (PHF) |
| 2006 Tom Andrews | 2007 Rod Roblin |

What Paul Harris Said.

In a past decade the world was upset by the great recession in business relations in many countries. Men seemed to lose faith in themselves.

The stock market crashed, factories closed down, unemployment was present everywhere. Many organizations lost heavily in membership. It is pleasing to note that Rotary had a remarkably small loss.

Throughout the world Rotary clubs proved their value as morale sustaining centers. Their meetings were fellowship spots where harassed businessmen could give each other new courage.

Paul P. Harris,
My Road to Rotary, 1947.

African Update

Our fearless leader [Tony Matthews](#) is currently in South Africa. He send the following report on international projects that we have partnered with South African Rotary clubs. There is lots of information, so we will spread his report over the next few issues of the bulletin.

San Michele

The San Michele project, supplying diapers for severely handicapped persons is complete. Andre Hattingh, the member of the Bedfordview Rotary club who handles this project in South Africa, has prepared the basic report required by Rotary International . He still needs copies of the bank statements and closing bills and when received, he will send the report bringing this project to a close. However, the handicapped persons will still need diapers, called nappies here, and we have been asked if we could finance these for at least the coming year. The estimated cost is around Can\$500 and I would ask the International committee to consider this as a project.

Out of the Box

This project has been completed. The director of the project has fulfilled her obligations purchasing the equipment needed and sending documents required to the Excalibur Rotary Club. I have yet to make contact with that club's representative but hope to so in the next day or two. I will find out what the status of the report to Rotary International. In the meantime I have visited the Out Of The Box premises. On this occasion Nina Venjakob, the director, was running a fund raiser the proceeds of which were intended for AIDS affected children living in homes specifically built for that purpose. Nina took me into another squatter camp close to her headquarters. I have visited many squatter camps but this one was by far and large the worst I have seen. Yet young girls came from this camp to dance for those of us attending the Out Of The Box fund raiser. Their dressed were clean, their eyes shone, the faces beamed with laughter and happiness. And they danced their legs off. Dependable Salvation members fed them for their efforts. Subsequently I met up with the President Elect of the Randburg Rotary Club. He had been present at the ExPro luncheon — I reported on that event and the fact that this group had brought thousands of toys to be distributed to needful children. He reported that he and his fellow Rotarians had distributed most of the toys but still had many left. I gave him Nina's name and cell number because she was looking for toys for the children in the camp and in the homes for those AIDS affected children.



The Club Calendar

- Jan 22 Luncheon Program - Adam McInnis**
Dominion Securities - Stock Markets and Economy - Invited by Oona Cass
- Jan 24 Community Service Program - Casseroles for the Homeless**
Timothy Eaton Church 2:30 pm
- Jan 29 Luncheon Program -Les Shernofsky**
Bridgepoint (Riverdale) Hospital reconstruction plans
- Feb 5 Luncheon Program - Susan Duncan**
Woodgreen Community Centre - Seniors Transportation in east Toronto.
- Feb 12 Luncheon Program - Mary Moore**
Classification Talk
- Feb 14 Valentine's Fundraiser - "No Sweetheart Required"**
Dinner and show in the McNeil Room for our international projects
- Feb 19 Luncheon Program - Michael Wills**
ACCESS Community Capital Fund
- Feb 26 Luncheon Program -**
A history of Malvern High School Veterans who died during WW II
- Mar 13-15 Club Retreat - Niagara on the Lake**
Visioning, party, strategic planning, wine tour ...
- Jul 1 Toronto East Inaugural Ribfest**
Todmorden Mills
- Sept 24 Toronto East Golf Tournament**
Sleepy Hollow Golf Course

RI & D7070 Calendar

- January Rotary Awareness Month**
www.rotary.org
- Jan 17 District Leadership Meeting**
9 am - 1 pm BMO IFL
- Feb 21 PETS 1 & 2 Presidents Elect Training Session**
Oshawa Golf Club 9:00 am - 3:30 pm
- Mar 26 Rotary Foundation Permanent Fund Dinner**
BMO First Canadian Place - Mike Cooksey michael.cooksey@bmo.com
- Mar 27-28 Multi District PETS (Presidents Elect Training Session)**
BMO - IFL
- April 18 District Assembly**
All members of TERC board and interested members BMO - IFL
- May 24-29 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)**
We need your help in nominating a candidate 19-22 years of age.
Details at www.rotary7070.org/news.php?show=news&nid=329
- Jun 21-24 Rotary International Convention**
Details at www.rotary.org
- Oct 16-19 District Conference - Blue Mountain Collingwood**
Details at <http://rotary7070conference.ca/>

