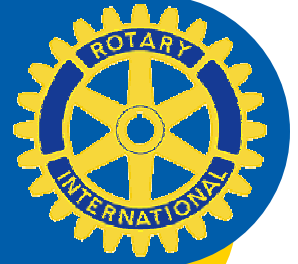


Toronto East Rotary Club



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Remembrance Day

Our Remembrance Day ceremony will take place this year on Thursday November 12th. Of course we have two World War II veterans in our club, **Jack Embrey & Bill Phelan** and we expect that those gentlemen will be present. It would be an honor and a privilege for the club to host other veterans of military conflict. Please feel free to invite those you may know to attend as a guest of the club.

Meeting Notes from October 29 2009

Attendance was down this week with only 17 members present. Regrets were received from **Tom Andrews, Virginia O'Reilly, Jeff Rayman, Rod Roblin, Brian Smith, Karen Somerville and Ray White.**

Matt Elkind Hallmark Realty on Queen St. E. and **Paul Stapleton** were introduced by their host Aaron Harnett and former member Luigi Russo was introduced by Jeff Harrison.

Jeff Rayman is in the Dominican Republic for two weeks, working with Rotarians from the Calgary area on the sweat equity project. **Karen Somerville** was busy with a Braille conference at CNIB

A tremendous slideshow of golf tournament photos was run throughout the luncheon thanks to **Craig Logue.** Craig took photos throughout the day of the tournament and then spent a fair bit of time afterwards putting together this slideshow. Thanks Craig for all your hard work. If members are interested in obtaining any of these photos, I am sure Craig will be able to accommodate you.

Announcements

The **Toronto Twilight Rotary Club** [Toronto East is sponsoring in this New Rotary Club] will hold their first fundraiser on Saturday, November 7 @ Central Restaurant 603 Markham Street in Mirvish Village. (south of Bloor Street and 1 block west of Bathurst Street). Starts about 7 pm - an informal evening - food & drinks extra.

The funds raised during this event will be used for ShelterBox www.shelterbox.ca a wonderful project engaged in by many Rotary clubs. Tickets for this event are \$15 each and it would be greatly appreciated if we can show support for our newest district club.

The **Rotary Leadership Institute** (RLI) is a series of fast-paced, interactive, one-day courses offered to refine a Rotarian's leadership skills and increase their base of knowledge in Rotary. Courses are fun, topical, interactive, and geared toward busy business, professional and community leaders who want to be more effective leaders in their vocation and Rotary club and more knowledgeable Rotarians.

District 7070 will conduct its first Rotary leadership Institute on Saturday, November 14. This event will take place at Loyalist College in Belleville. If you are interested in learning more about Rotary or if you would like to attend this Institute please log onto the website www.rli-shiningwaters.org

District 7070 Microfinance committee is holding the **2009 Toronto Microfinance Conference** on Saturday November 14, 2009. Learn how the principles of self-help and free enterprise are empowering people living

Program Notes

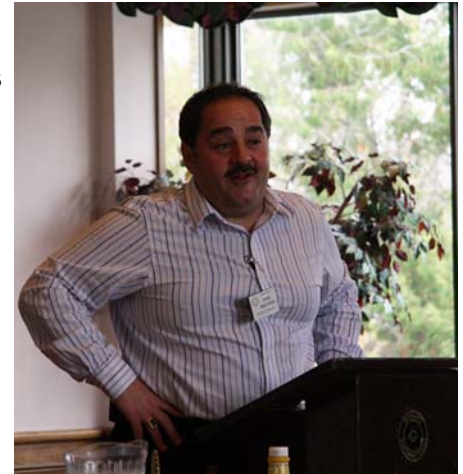
in poverty to improve their standard of living through the granting of small loans. 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Toronto Reference Library 789 Yonge Street (1 block north of Bloor) info@microfinanceconference.ca
 On line registration is available at www.microfinanceconference.ca
 \$45 Regular \$20 Students
 Register Now!

Our classification talk this week came from **Steve Mastoras**. Steve has been a lifelong resident of East York, having grown up in the area. After secondary school graduation, he attended York University Glendon campus graduating in 1984. In 1985 he successfully ran for political office as a member of East York Council and served in that capacity from 1985 until 1991. In 1991 he ran for Metro Council but was defeated. His next run in the political sphere was as the York East Liberal candidate in 1995. He was unsuccessful in that round as the Harris Tories swept to power.

Steve is a single parent and proud father of four children, three of them currently in university. The eldest Leo is at York U. while Elani and Catherine are studying at the University of Toronto. The youngest member of the clan is Eva and she is in great 12.

Steve is one of five partners at Whistler's Grille - George and Helen (dad and mom), brother John who is a labor lawyer, and sister Louise who we see on a weekly basis during our luncheons. Of course all the children and grandchildren work within this family business. Steve is very proud of their contributions to the local community.

Steve became a member of Toronto East Rotary club in January 2007, invited to join by **Elmar Moser**. He currently serves as club vice president and chair of the membership committee.



Shepherd's Pie Casserole Preparation took place on Saturday, October 31 Timothy Eaton Memorial United Church. Thank you to Brian Smith & Art Belanger for their organization of this event and thank you to the members who attended: **Rex Colbourne, Craig Logue, Virginia O'Reilly, Art & Dawn Belanger, John & Julie Ryall, Elmar & Jane Moser, Brian & Maureen Smith and Mike & Bev Phelan**. A total of 41 casseroles were prepared on Saturday, enough to feed hundreds of homeless people on the streets of Toronto. A job well done!



Oct 29 Meeting Vote

Proposed by the Administration Committee that our next fundraiser take place on Saturday Feb 13/10 - *"No Sweetheart Required"* dinner theatre @ Whistlers. The proceeds of this evening will be used to fund an international service project to be determined by the projects committee. If we proceed, each member would be responsible for selling 2-4 tickets @ approximately \$55 each.

Approved - 55% in favour, 0% opposed, 45% did not vote by email or in person.

Project Update - Perkins Brailers

In partnership with the Rotary club of Ñuñoa, Toronto East donated 4 Perkins Brailers to the Helen Keller school for the blind in Santiago Chile. The following thank you letter was received by **Karen Somerville** recently.

From Hellen Keller`s school for the Blind, I`m sending you three photos we took today at a special ceremony we had, to receive a wonderful present from our dear friends of Rotary Club Ñuñoa.

The four Perkins Brailers we received today is a wonderful contribution to our educational services, because the school is public, and doesn`t have the money to buy this material that is so important for our teachers and most of all for our students and their learning process.

Thanks very much for your generous support, our students were so happy knowing they have more opportunities to learn and feel Braille system is so easy and friendly.

Truly grateful,

*Ximena Verdugo Mozó
Directora Colegio Hellen Keller
Santiago Chile*



Toronto Twilight Rotary Club

TTRC is holding a fundraiser for ShelterBox on Saturday November 7th at Central Restaurant located at 603 Markham Street in Mirvish Village. The evening will be a great success with our support, Tickets are \$15 each and can be obtained through Mike Phelan. The club has purchased 10 tickets for member's guests

ShelterBox is a disaster response program run by Rotary Clubs and largely funded by Rotary Clubs. Additional info can be found at www.shelterbox.ca



PolioPlus Update



Rotary International is celebrating a major milestone reached in its global fundraising campaign to eradicate polio - nearly US\$100 million raised toward its US\$200 million challenge.

As part of a US\$355 million challenge grant awarded to Rotary by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Rotary clubs worldwide are aiming to raise a total of US\$200 million by 2012. The funding will provide critical support to polio eradication activities, including the distribution of a new, more effective bivalent polio vaccine that was recently approved for use in the coming months, for countries still battling the disease in parts of Africa and South Asia. Since 1985, eradicating polio worldwide has been Rotary's top philanthropic goal. In addition to the funds announced today, Rotary has contributed more than \$800 million and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than two billion children in 122 countries.

Member Celebrations

November 8

Brian Smith celebrates a birthday.



Club Calendar

- Nov 7** Tabassum Rahim TERC Scholarship Winner
- Nov 12** Remembrance Day Program 12:30 luncheon
- Nov 19** PRIP Wilf Wilkinson The Rotary Foundation 12:30 luncheon
- Dec 4** Seniors Luncheon 12 pm @ Variety Village

RI & D7070 Calendar

- Nov 7** **TTRC ShelterBox Fundraisier**
<http://www.rotary7070.org/event.php?show=event&eid=497>
- Nov 7** **Rotary SAS All Stars**
<http://www.rotary7070.org/event.php?show=event&eid=497>
- Nov 14** **Rotary Leadership Institute - Loyalist College Belleville**
<http://www.rli-shiningwaters.org/Welcome.html>
- Nov 14** **Microfinance Conference**
<http://www.microfinanceconference.ca/>

