

Rotaract Club of Toronto

Meeting Agenda - October 3, 2011



Welcome – Members, Guests + Speaker: Sandy Boucher, President Rotary Club of Toronto
Meeting 7

General

- Volunteer with Habitat for Humanity Toronto in Spring?
- Volunteer opportunity: Oct 24 at Union station 7-8am to promote Polio Awareness - contact Carol office@rotarytoronto.on.ca
- Oct 17, after meeting social
- Hold the date: Saturday Dec 3, Rotary's annual children's christmas party (toy drive in Nov)
- Welcome new member: Katie Haws!

PROJECT UPDATES

1. Community Service- Neisley

- AFCY - **Nuit Blanche** on Oct 1 feedback - Thank you to volunteers
- Youth Day awards (April 20, 2012)
- Update: **Trick or Eat Oct 31st for Daily Bread Food Bank @ high park**
 - Printing of flyers; ad in paper
 - Looking for volunteers for 2 hours and 2 drivers with van/car
 - No bi-weekly meeting on Oct 31 at Duke of Devon

2. International- Maria

- Update on Exchange Program or Twinning clubs
- Preconvention in Bangkok with sweat equity project
- Fundraisers
 - **Polio fundraiser** in the works (update next meeting)
 - Event will be Thursday November??
 - Joint event with UoFT, Rotary

3. Club Service - Mark

- **ARGOS 50/50** raffle ticket sales with Rotary Toronto - ck for write up
- **Networking event** postponed to November
- Membership drive @ the Ballroom followed by Yuk Yuks comedy; trivia or rally day?
- **District 7070 conference Friday Oct 21 - 23** @ Blue Mountain resort, theme "Dare to Dream" - Melissa
 - 9 attendees confirmed; Faiyyad and Melissa on the Rotaract District committee for Sunday presentation, 30 mins, and display
 - Indicate if you need or can provide transportation to Melissa mf.wells@hotmail.com
 - Pay remainder of balance to Melissa or Chialing by Oct 21 weekend

4. Communications – Kelly

- **PR committee update - Katie:**
 - Referral/bring-a-friend-to-a-meeting contest - get your ticket
 - Prize - 2 tix to Friday Rotary Club of Toronto luncheon at the Fairmont Royal York (\$80 value)
 - Draw is November 14
- **Brian:** LinkedIn Group: Rotaract Club of Toronto
- **Elevator Pitch - quick, catchy and informative.**
 - As Rotaractors, we are young Rotarians who engage in volunteer work, networking and

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professional development. We also have lots of socials! Some of our events include: Pravda Vodka Tasting, Death by Chocolate and an annual Networking Event.

5. Treasurer – Andrei

- Annual membership due now to Nov 1- \$50

6. Professional Development

- New Director to be announced next meeting
- All speakers have been filled until the new year, January 16

7. Happy Dollar Time – any happy announcements? \$1 towards club fund.

Rotary News!

After 20 years of hard work, Rotary and its partners are on the brink of eradicating Polio, but a strong push is needed now to root it out once and for all. It is a window of opportunity of historic proportions.

Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge is the Rotary Foundation's response to the two grants totaling \$355 million from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to help eradicate polio. Every dollar given to PolioPlus will be counted toward the \$200 million match, which must be completed by 30 June 2012.

The resulting \$555 million will directly support immunization campaigns in developing countries, where polio continues to infect and paralyze children, robbing them of their futures and compounding the hardships faced by their families.

Rotaract News:

The Rotary Foundation's Group Study Exchange (GSE) program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for business people and professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 who are in the early stages of their careers. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits in paired areas of different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's culture and institutions, observe how their vocations are practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

Upcoming events:

Nov 4, Rotary club of Twilight has a fundrasier

7070 District Conference – Oct 21 – 23 @ Blue Mountain resort

Polio Awareness Day Oct 24

Rotary annual Children's Christmas party December 3

RI International convention May 6-9 and Rotaract preconvention May 4,5 in Bangkok, Thailand

Important Dates to Remember: Next 3 Regular Meetings: 6:30 PM+ Upcoming Speakers

Monday Oct 17 @ 6:30pm - Anne Vaughan from Rotary Club of Parkdale-High Park and Rep from Redwood Shelter

Monday Oct 31 – No meeting, we will be "trick or eating" in High Park

Monday Nov 14 @ 6:30pm – Joe Eigo, Founder of Multi Level Moves