



WEEKLY UPDATE



Rotary Club of Etobicoke

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Speaker: Jun 08, 2011 – William Goodings – Society of Professional Engineers

Today's Speaker – Ruth Cumberbatch – Arts Etobicoke

Gary Hepworth introduced Ruth Cumberbatch. Gary said it was a pleasure for him to introduce a colleague from the "Village of Islington". Ruth is actively involved in the cultural sector as an administrator and teacher. She has held positions at The Royal Conservatory of Music, Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra and the Royal Ontario Museum. Ruth joined Arts Etobicoke in 2006, first as Office Manager, and then in 2010, took on the role of Fundraising & Communications Manager. Ruth studied music at the University of Winnipeg and McMaster University. An Etobicoke resident for over 5 years, Ruth sits on the Food Access Committee at the Stonegate Community Health Centre in South Etobicoke. She also participates in Stonegate's Community Garden program and enjoys teaching music at her home. Ruth began by saying she joined Arts Etobicoke 5 years ago, and as their Fundraising & Communications Manager, she is getting to know how organizations like Rotary operate and do their fundraising. Arts Etobicoke was established in 1973 which grew out of the desire of Etobicoke arts organizations to work cooperatively to achieve a number of common objectives. From 13 groups in 1973, Arts Etobicoke today represents 55 arts and cultural organizations from all disciplines in the community. Over the past 3 decades Arts Etobicoke's role has changed and evolved, as local arts groups became more sophisticated and public demand for arts activities and opportunities increased. Today Arts Etobicoke has a greater focus

on community arts development initiatives designed to address gaps in programming, target specific audiences or underserved communities such as North Etobicoke and developing future audiences and artists through arts education activities. In 2005 they opened their "storefront" location in Islington Village.

Arts Etobicoke provides a united voice for the local arts community and is recognized as one of Canada's finest community arts councils. Ruth noted that they are proud to support established and aspiring artists of all ages and backgrounds with a broad variety of activities and services, including arts education, advocacy, community space and much more. Their mission is to engage the people of West Toronto with the arts and artists in their own community. To achieve this, they provide innovative and quality programming and services designed to increase accessibility of the arts, reach and involve special and diverse audiences, create broad community awareness of the arts and develop partnerships and networks to sustain local art activity. They provide arts education and programming that engages thousands of people of all ages and backgrounds. They have a weekly drop-in centre for children where afterschool they work with professional art teachers and are provided with healthy snacks. Their storefront gallery in the heart of Islington Village also has art exhibitions, and performances. They provide advocacy for the arts and have a Presidents' Legacy Scholarships for post-secondary arts education.

Some of the projects that Ruth is particularly proud of;

The "Smart Start Student Art Show" at Sherway Gardens is a non-juried art show displaying works of

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students from Grades 9 to 12 from the TDSB and TDCSB. The Smart Start Student Art Show is particularly important to aspiring young artists because it gives them a unique opportunity to present their artwork in a public forum, particularly in a high traffic venue such as Sherway Gardens where 1000's of people can view their works. This past April marked the 15th anniversary of the Art Show.

Urban Noise, a joint venture with [Expect Theatre](#), creates a platform for children/youth to speak out against violence in their communities. Now in its fifth year, the project includes a free Youth Training Program and Festival that promotes leadership, unity and social change in the culturally diverse communities of Rexdale/Jamestown, located in North Etobicoke. The workshops include; DJing, break dancing, singing & song writing, etc. These workshops encourage youth to identify and examine the issues that directly affect them in a supportive environment through various artistic mediums. It also solicits the attention of the general public to take notice of the neighbourhoods that are suffering from racial tension, poverty, gender inequality and lack of resources - all of which can become a potential source for violence.

"This Is My Neighbourhood" is a project where students from TDSB collaborated with professional artists to create a giant art work. The end work is displayed in a professional gallery, and last year their work was displayed at the AGO.

Art Alley is a project that was designed to bring poetry to Islington Village. A specially commissioned poem by Dionne Brand (City of Toronto's Poet Laureate) has been painted on the 1000 square foot wall in the alley immediately east of their storefront office.

Laser Eagles is a program that offers people with limited or no speech and with restricted use of their limbs the opportunity to partner with others in their community to create art.

Art on the Move is a 3-year mobile community arts initiative in partnership with [Lakeshore Arts](#). The

project will transform 13 vehicles into moving canvasses of art.

They also have free art classes for adults on Saturdays and creative writing workshops for adults.

All of their programs are designed to help promote local artists in the community. Etobicoke has an amazing amount of art happening with artists, choirs, dance and music. They are trying to bring this art to everyone. You don't need anything, just come and participate.

The Presidents' Legacy Scholarship Fund, launched in 1999, was established as an endowment fund with the Ontario Arts Foundation to provide financial assistance to young people from West Toronto wishing to pursue their education in the arts. Scholarships are awarded to students attending designated arts education institutions. To date, approximately 75 young people have received scholarships and awards from the program to such institutions as; OCAD; Royal Conservatory of Music; Kingsway Conservatory of Music; Humber College; Etobicoke School of the Arts; North Albion C.I.; Sean Boutillier Academy of Dance; and Richview C.I.

They partner and support arts groups and organizations such as; MABELLEarts; Lakeshore Arts; Expect Theatre; Milkweed Collective; TDSB; U of T Centre for Community Partnerships; AGO; Humber River Shakespeare Company. This enables them to reach as many people as they do.

Arts Etobicoke also relies on volunteers and offers many great opportunities for volunteers.

Operating funding for Arts Etobicoke comes from the City of Toronto, Culture Division and the Ontario Arts Council. The balance of their funding is raised through memberships, corporate sponsorships, donations, foundations, project grants, art rental and sales and fundraising events

Michael Bell thanked Ruth for her "delightful" presentation. He thinks that groups such as hers are doing very important work in helping the community. With our experience with organizations such as PACT and their focus on empowering "at risk" youth, Arts Etobicoke is also an outlet for youth (and adults) to get involved in the community. It

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messes well with the philosophy of "giving a hand up not a handout".

Please RSVP Christine Woodman Tel: (416) 767-3352 or Email: Cwoodman@trebnet.com.

June Birthdays



Carlos Petosa - June 01
David Vit - June 03
Rita Chiodo - June 13
Ralph Chiodo - June 17
Karen McMillan - June 17
Nigel Brown - June 29
Happy Birthday to all of you on your happy day... ..



Toronto Ribfest

By Hugh Williams

We all know what the warmer weather and budding of trees means to our club! It's getting close to Ribfest!

To register for your "shifts" at Ribfest, please use the online registration, or give me a call or email. Please do so by June 15th.

The online registration is an easy way to indicate your availability and any preference you might have re: onsite role. Here's the link: <http://www.torontoribfest.com/form2011/Volunteer2011.html>

If you are bringing friends and relatives to work a shift or two, it's best if they also sign up.

And, while you're there, take a look through the new web site (www.torontoribfest.com) and feel free to pass along any comments.



Angels Gate Winery Wine Tasting

June 22, 2011 Luncheon

Angels Gate Winery will provide 3 wines for the tasting.

Angels Gate Winery uses traditional winemaking techniques combined with new world technologies to create wines with delicate balance, finesse and structure. All of our wines are treated with great care and undergo minimum fining and filtration. This allows us to preserve each varietals aroma, acidity and structure.

The winery was founded by a group of wine loving friends on a property that was once owned by the Congregation of Missionary Sisters of Christian Charity in Ontario. In 1995, the land was converted into a vineyard. Construction of the "mission style" building began in June of 2001.

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Visitors & Guests

Guest

Ruth Cumberbatch – Speaker.

information with them. Ron noted that Michael Bell and his Wife Jo-Ann, and Hugh Williams and his wife Ruth were also in New Orleans for the Convention. Ron was also happy to say that his “almost 13 year old” daughter Kathleen is away at Queen’s University this week. She is attending an “Enriched Learning Program” along with other students from across the Province. She was there last year and really enjoyed it and has been looking forward to being there this year.



50/50 Draw

Sue Foley – 8 of Hearts

Michael Bell – Michael was happy to see our newest Club member Dr. Maureen Borghoff here today. He noted that we will officially greet Maureen at our New Member Induction Ceremony on June 22nd. Michael added that the meeting on the 22nd will be a two-fold event. Not only will we be inducting our newest members, the Woodmans will holding a wine tasting that day. It should be a fun occasion and Michael is hoping that as many members (and guests) can attend the last meeting of the current Rotary year (the June 29th meeting has been cancelled due to Ribfest set-up). Michael was also happy to say that Ribfest is “warming up”. He also announced that today’s sunny warm weather is a preview of “the weather he has ordered for Ribfest”. Michael added that we have just added Scotiabank as a \$15,000 “in-kind” sponsor for Ribfest. Scotiabank will also be supplying an NHL Hockey Player for opening day along with \$5,000 worth of giveaways.



HAPPY BUCKS

Doug Hartry – Doug was happy to say that he has people from his Church to help out (volunteer) at Ribfest. He added that the people at his Church are “amateurs” when it comes to fundraising; however they are planning a “Jazz in June” night at their Church (St. Mathew’s Anglican Church, 3962 Bloor St. West in Etobicoke) on Tuesday, June 14th at 7:30 PM featuring Heather Bambrick & her trio. Heather is well known to listeners of JAZZ 91.1FM. Doug said tickets were \$40 which was thought to be “too much”. They have now made a special rate for groups of 10 at \$20 per person (which includes 2 complimentary drinks & refreshments). If anyone is interest please contact Doug.

Ron Miller – Ron was happy to say that he had a great time at Rotary International Conventional in New Orleans last week. He said it was a lot of fun, there were great speakers and he actually learned a few things. The main fun was getting to meet Rotarians from all over the world and sharing

Russ Morreale – Russ was happy that the preparations for Ribfest were going so well. He added that he is signing up for shifts at the Beer Tent and he will be there through the 4 days. He also confirmed that his son Andrew will also be there.

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Dates to Remember

Board Meeting – June 16, 2011 5.30 p.m. – Venue

TBA. A Joint Board meeting of the current board, and the incoming board. **Contact Ron Miller Tel: (416) 763-0319.**

June PODS Team

Jeremy Carter, Joe Falcone, Robert Lychenko, Ara Run, Sam Thomas, Joanna Tudorache, Mark Winson, Ellard Yeo..

Reported By Ron Miller

Osler launches \$2.7 million in revitalization projects at Etobicoke General Hospital

MPPs Qaadri and Cansfield join in announcement of renovations

MAY 24, 2011 | ETOBICOKE: At an event attended by staff, physicians, volunteers of Etobicoke General Hospital and members of government, Matthew Anderson, President and CEO of Osler marked the beginning of \$2.7 million in renovations to the Etobicoke General Hospital (EGH). Dr Shafiq Qaadri, MPP for Etobicoke-North and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Children's Services and Donna Cansfield, MPP for Etobicoke-Central and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs brought their congratulations to today's gathering. Funding for the

revitalization came from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care.

"Today we mark the launch of this long awaited renovation. It is important to celebrate and I want to stress, this is just the beginning as we continue to move forward with some infrastructure improvement projects, and of course, our larger redevelopment plans at EGH. We are starting with these renovation projects -- \$2.7 million in renovations to improve existing areas for patients and families," stated Matthew Anderson, President and CEO, William Osler Health System.

Etobicoke General Hospital, originally opened in 1972, is undergoing revitalization to meet the growing demands of its community. The renovation of existing facilities and support areas includes – laboratory, day surgery and diagnostic cardiology and is to update and repair facilities. Renovation of all these areas will be completed by Spring 2012.

"This hospital plays a vital role in our community and I'm pleased to be here to celebrate an important first step in revitalizing this facility," stated Dr Shafiq Qaadri, MPP for Etobicoke-North.

"I'm thrilled to see the activity now getting underway for this important revitalization. This is just the beginning as we continue to serve the people of Etobicoke. Thanks to all the staff and volunteers at Osler for keeping the faith," stated Donna Cansfield MPP for Etobicoke-Centre.