



Our Weekly Club Bulletin

# The Rotooter

October 8, 2019

Rotary  
Club of Orangeville



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## Gentleman John from Amaranth: Guest Editor Doug Harkness



Most Rotary clubs govern themselves by the Four Way Test but not ours. The standard that we live by is simpler but far more daunting “What would John do?” The club was only too happy to celebrate the 67 years and counting in Rotary of the man who has unquestionably become our club’s conscience, Dr. John Russell.

Emcee Bob Burnside entertained us with his dry wit in a rather indescribable manner that only he can pull off. Bob had many funny anecdotes about John’s life growing up in Laurel, “the capital of Amaranth” as well a plethora of facts that we didn’t know about John.

We were surprised to learn that John followed in his father’s footsteps and became a class A mechanic before moving into dentistry. He proudly maintained that license for many years into his dentistry career.

John moved into town to live with Maurice Cline where he would go on to among other accomplishments become an accomplished pool shark. It was fortunate for many of us that John never played for money when the Russell's hosted a fireside chat which were by the way the most well attended of those long ago but not forgotten events.

1951 was a big year for John as he opened his dental practice and far more importantly married Alice. 1952 was a bigger year for the rest of us as Maurice Cline and Jim Dods introduced John to Rotary.



John held every office in our club including President in 1972-73. It was of course during that time that John became friends with the only Canadian International Rotary President Wilf Wilkinson.

District Governor Lesley Barmania brought congratulations from Rotary International and presented John with a Paul Harris that had been anonymously donated by a member of our club.

Nancy Frater gave a stirring presentation about how the lives of the Frater’s became intertwined with the lives of the Russell’s. Nancy put it very succinctly when describing John “It’s nice to be important but it’s more important to be nice.” It was clear from the anecdotes of Steve and Susanne that John had become the welcoming committee for our club. In the case of the Frater’s John and Alice became the welcoming committee for our town and we are all better off because of it.

Steve Cavell brought accolades from MPP Sylvia Jones, Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Dowdeswell, and Premier Doug Ford. This was followed by many club members sharing some of their favourite stories about John.

If you’ve ever had a chance to talk to John about Rotary he’ll invariably tell you about how important Rotary is to him. This night had a different perspective though. It was a chance in our own special Rotary Club of Orangeville way to show Gentleman John from Amaranth just how important he is to Rotary.





# More Photos - John Russell Night:



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## In This Issue.....

- **John Russell**  
A True Gentleman and Rotarian of 67 Years!
- **Golf Ball Drop Winner**  
Delighted to receive her cheque!
- **Sally Retires from BDO**  
RCO Donated to the Food Bank!
- **Ribfest Sponsors' Nigh**  
Attend Next Meeting to Thank Them!

## Upcoming Rotary Meetings:



**Tue Oct 22**  
**Ribfest Sponsor Dinner**

*(This is the night we thank our generous Ribfest Sponsors so be sure to attend!)*

**Tue Nov 12 Business Meeting**

**Tue Nov 26 tba**

**Tue Dec 10 tba**

**Tue Dec 17 Christmas Social**

**Tue Dec 25 Christmas, no meeting**

## Today's Meeting:

### Guests:

7080DG Lesley Barmania & husband Aziz  
The Russell Family - 3 generations!  
Past RCO Presidents John & Kathleen Meek  
Lots of RCO Member Spouses

## October Birthdays:

Alan Claridge Oct 1

Dan Woods Oct 9

## October Anniversaries:

Dave & Judy Proctor Oct 24

Alan & Vanessa Claridge Oct 5

Scott & Kathryn Hughes Oct 7

Steve & Colleen Cavell Oct 8

John & Alice Russell Oct 20

## Attendance:

25 of 40 - 62.5%!

## Happy Bucks:

Sgt. Steve, as promised, did not have any fines tonight (and he won't throughout the year), but he will collect Happy Bucks.

And boy were there a lot of Happy Bucks tonight all in recognition of all the many contributions of our honoured member, John,



## Club News: Special Photos:



Our Golf Ball Drop 50/50 winner Kim was delighted to be presented with the cheque by Executive Secretary Susan and Secretary Don on behalf of RCO. Congratulations!

At her recent Retirement Celebration at BDO, Sally was presented with a cheque from RCO made out to the Orangeville Food Bank to thank her for her years of service to the Community through Rotary.



## Ribfest Sponsors' Night:

This is an important night as we thank our Sponsors for Ribfest 2019. It is important as many Club Members as possible attend to indicate how important we believe the Sponsors to be. We will also hear all the facts and figures - how many attended, how many Volunteers we had, and all the financial details.



## FallFest Report:

Final numbers are still being compiled for FallFest we hope to get the report in the near future.

## Roster & Committees:

Final drafts were sent to all Members; thank you to those who responded with corrections and to indicate other Committees where they would like to serve. One last chance to tell Don if you want to be on a Committee; we will print the list this month.

## Get Well Soon Richard:

Susan stepped into the President's role tonight as Richard is still on the mend. Great job Susan, the Club thanks you for all you continue to do!

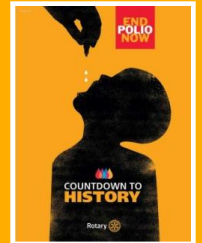
As said before, Richard has a long journey back to health, but we are delighted to hear that progress continues. Keep your positive attitude; we look forward to seeing you back.

## R.I. News:



## World Polio Day (Thu Oct 24, 2019)

RCO, with RCOH, are arranging for the Mayor to declare this date as World Polio Day in Orangeville.



## RI 2020 Convention:



## District News

District 7080 is made up of 48 clubs with some 1,500 members throughout Southwestern Ontario. It is one of many Districts in the world with some 1,228,000 Rotarians in total.

## District Events in 2019 & 20

### Rotary Leadership Institute (Parts I, II, III)

Sat. Oct 19<sup>th</sup> all day - Family Children Services, Kitchener, Ont., 65 Hanson Avenue

Get all the details and arrange to register, on the 7080 website

This is the perfect opportunity for new Rotarians to learn all about our great organization and everything that is going on in Rotary beyond our individual Club - Lots!!!

And we hear there are "World Class" presenters!

## Community News:



- **Outdoor Markets**  
Second Street, Town Hall  
8:00-1:00  
every Saturday

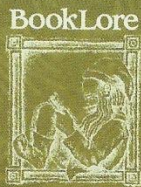


- **Authors On Stage,**  
Opera House, 7:00pm  
Wed. Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> & Tues Oct 29<sup>th</sup>  
7:00pm  
(see larger poster page 4)

Yours in Rotary,  
*Don Voisey,*  
Editor for today



Author Interviews • Book Readings • Audience Q&A • Book Signing!



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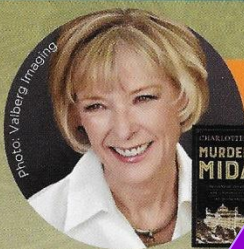
**THEATRE  
ORANGEVILLE**  
DAVID NAIRN ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

# Authors On Stage

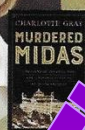
5 Celebrated Authors

Wednesday Oct. 28, 7pm

Tuesday Oct. 29, 7pm



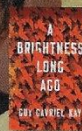
**Cheryl Stacey**



*Murdered Midas*  
A brilliant new novel – Unsolved  
mystery of a millionaire.



**Guy Gavriel Kay**

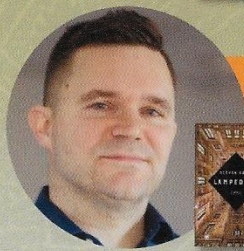


*A Brightness Long Ago*  
A masterful new novel  
evoking early renaissance Italy.

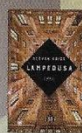


**Emma Donoghue**

*Room*  
A brilliant tale of love,  
loss & family.



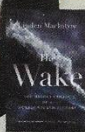
**Steven Price**



*Lampedusa*  
Set in sun-drenched Sicily,  
among the decadent Italian  
aristocracy of the late 1950's.



**Linden MacIntyre**



*The Wake*  
The deadly legacy of the 1929  
Newfoundland tsunami.

Includes  
wine &  
catered  
reception  
afterwards

**TICKETS: \$30 each or both events for \$50**

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**2 Literary Events at the Opera House, 87 Broadway, Orangeville**

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THEATRE ORANGEVILLE'S NEW PLAY DEVELOPMENT FUND