

Rotary hosts night of music in celebration of water day

I know bad news seems to get more attention at times and I don't know why that is when there is always so much good to write about. There are so many people in this world that don't get the recognition they deserve for their enormous effort and dedication (not to mention the precious time out of their life) they devote in helping others. I would like to dedicate and promote this column to one of many such groups that has gained recognition, not just locally but worldwide for their generosity, devotion and relentless efforts in helping others.

Rotary International is the world's first service club organization. Its more than 1.2 million members volunteer their time and talent to further the Rotary motto, which is "Service Above Self". Our local group, Rotary club of Toronto West, is a member of Rotary International and part of District 7070, an organization of professional persons, united worldwide, which provides humanitarian service, encourages ethical standards in all vocations and helps build goodwill and peace in the world. This club has a very rich and eventful history, with the original charter dating back to 1955.

From time to time the Rotary club puts together some well attended events that bring communities together. Ron Manfield, a member of the Rotary Club of Toronto West, is producing an extra-ordinary event on Wednesday, March 19 at 7 p.m. at Lula Lounge, 1585 Dundas Street West in Toronto. 'An Evening of Music with Tommy Ambrose' will take place for Rotary to celebrate World Water Day, which is March 22 as designated by the United Nations.

Ron is a member of many organizations that serve the community; he says that "this is an excellent opportunity for members of our community to mix and mingle with Rotarians and experience the joy that

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can be found in serving one's community."

Tommy Ambrose, I am told, is a performer whose career includes a TV Special on CBC television. Included in the band Ron says, are legends in music: Norman Amadio on piano, Rick Wilkins on tenor sax, John MacLeod on flugelhorn, Rosemary Galloway on double bass and Don Vickery on drums.

Lula Lounge, on Dundas and Dufferin lends itself extremely well to these events. It is a great musical experience as it has a stage, dinning area and a dance floor. We are hoping to have a evening full of fun and great music and hope that people will call and order admission tickets which are \$38 each at MPC Music 416-248-4952, or online at www.mpcmusic.com. Dinner reservations guarantee seating; to reserve please call Lula Lounge at 416-588-0307. Dinner is not included with the price of admission.

This event will benefit the Water and Sanitation Rotary Action Group, otherwise known as WASRAG (visit www.wasrag.org) chaired by local Rotarian Ron Denham. The Secretary-General of the United Nations, Ban Kimoon, said that over 2 billion people around the world lack access to basic sanitation services. I find that incredible and encourage you to look up some of these websites and I hope to see you at the Lula Lounge.