

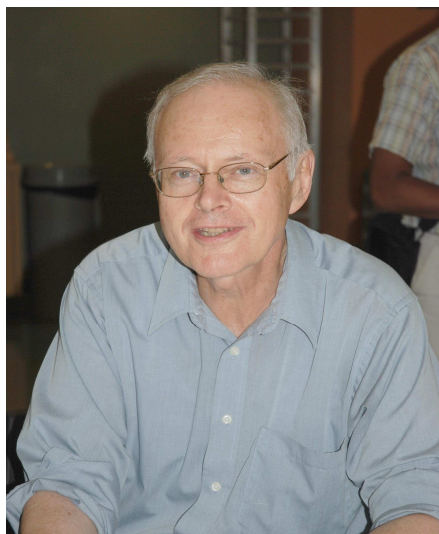
WELCOME TO TOASTMASTERS

Queen's Park



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Don McKellar was elected President of The Queen's Park Toastmasters Club for the 2011-12 year at the regular elections held in May. Don works in operations with Scotia Capital.

Fall 2011 Newsletter

Welcome to Our Toastmasters Club !

With Labor Day now behind us, we are reflecting upon the events of this summer and welcoming back our established members who have been away on vacation.

We would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate recently admitted Queen's Park Club members, including Aaron Andrabi, Michael Tan, Melissa Wheeler, and Stephanie Papagni.

We are looking forward to the annual fall contests, including the Table Topics and the Humorous Speech contests. We encourage our members who might be thinking about perhaps entering the Club level contests not to hesitate and to become involved. In addition, attending the Area and District level contests is a great way to get connected to the larger Toastmasters community.

Our Toastmasters Club is inviting applications from prospective new members. What are your plans for this fall ?

Message from the President

"LABOR OMNIA VINCIT IMPROBUS" --- Virgil 70BC-19 BC

These words have come down to us from the Roman poet, Virgil, who wrote them over two thousand years ago. They are translated as "Unceasing effort conquers all." Our objectives can only be reached by unceasing effort.

In the 2010-2011 year, our club attained the highest ranking among Toastmaster Clubs, the President's Distinguished Club award. With the help of all the members, we will strive to reach our current Club objective, which is to maintain this ranking.

In the Toastmaster organization, club objectives can only be attained by our members reaching their respective personal goals, so let this be the year that we increase our participation at Queen's Park Public Speaking Club and commit ourselves to making our club the best.

Recent Club Events

In late spring, Queen's Park members celebrated a number of accomplishments. Our Club President, Don McKellar and our new Area Governor, Moritz Ostwald, both attained their Advanced Communicator Bronze (ACB) awards. This award is conferred after completing a total of 10 speeches from two specialized advanced communications manuals (two manuals involving five speeches).

Within the last three months, both Tina Goyal and Kristian Reimer attained their Competent Leader (CL) awards. Joe Lawson attained his Advanced Leader Bronze (ALB) award.

In July, Queen's Park Toastmasters received the President's Distinguished Club award in recognition of achievements during the 2010-11 year.

In recent months, our Club hosted Judy Croon as guest speaker. Judy has 15 years of experience in radio, stand-up comedy, and keynote speaking. Drawing from her experience, she uses her unique wit and insight in order to give her audience techniques to maintain control around uncontrollable personalities.

Judy has been the opening stand-up act for a number of famous performers and she has co-hosted successful morning shows on Toronto's Mix 999, LA's KFRG and XM radio with Mike Bullard. Judy was the co-creator of the successful Princess Margaret fundraiser "Laughlines", which raised over \$ 650,000 for breast cancer research. In addition to being a member of Toastmasters, Judy holds memberships in the Toronto Board of Trade and The Canadian Association of Professional Speakers.



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Michael Tan joined Queen's Park Toastmasters in June of 2011. He studies criminology at York University.

Member Spotlight: Michael Tan

Michael Tan is originally from Shanghai, China. He is currently a student at York University, where he is studying in his second year of a Bachelor's degree, with a major in Criminology.

Michael joined Queen's Park Toastmasters in June of the year, in order to improve his communications skills and make new friends. In the short period since he joined, Michael has already completed the first three projects from the Competent Communication Manual.

According to Michael, "a wise man told me that to have many friends, you must know how to speak. As a university student, I can develop my speaking skills and make friends with many people, a win-win combination!"

Toastmaster Toast: Joey Smallwood

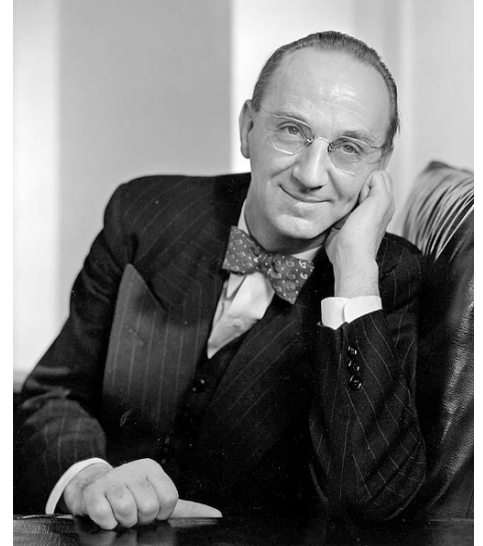
Joseph Roberts ("Joey") Smallwood was known as a passionate, charismatic orator and as "the last living Father of Confederation". He was born in Gambo, Newfoundland, in 1900. When he was five months old, his family moved to St. John's, where he grew up in abject poverty. Smallwood dropped out of school before completing his studies. At the age of 15 he became a printer's apprentice. In subsequent years he gained experience as a reporter with various papers. In 1920, Smallwood moved to New York City, where he worked for a socialist newspaper and where he met Clara Oates, whom he married in 1925. Soon after, he returned to Newfoundland to act as a union organizer; he founded the newspaper *Labour Outlook* before joining the staff of the St. John's *Daily Globe*.

Smallwood's first venture into politics was in 1928, when he unsuccessfully planned to run as a Liberal candidate for Humber. After the suspension of responsible government, Smallwood moved from St. John's to Bonavista, where he tried to establish the Fishermen's Cooperative Union. By 1936 he had returned to St. John's and begun compiling the first two volumes of *The Book of Newfoundland*. He also began writing the column "From the Masthead" in the St. John's *Daily News*, using the byline "The Barrelman." This column evolved into the radio program of the same title, which aired on the government radio station VONF (Voice of Newfoundland) from 1937 to 1943.

Smallwood's second chance at a political career came with the announcement of the National Convention in 1946. He was elected as a delegate for Bonavista Centre. Convinced that Confederation was the means for Newfoundland's salvation, he wasted no time in asserting these views in a speech to the Convention on October 28, 1946. He used radio broadcasts of the Convention proceedings to further the cause of Confederation, and his own prominence, across the island. Smallwood was a member of the first Ottawa delegation, sent to inquire about union possibilities. By the time the delegation returned to Newfoundland, late in 1947, he had solidified his position as a Confederation leader. Smallwood was a major force behind the movement to include Confederation as a referendum option. He was also a member of the negotiating team sent to Ottawa to create the final terms of union, and was invited to be the leader of the first provincial government in 1949. In the provincial election in May of that year, Smallwood and the Liberal party won a decisive victory. He remained premier for almost the next quarter-century. As minister for economic development, he had almost total control over industrialization and development in the province.

In 1968, Smallwood announced his retirement as Liberal leader. However, two weeks after a leadership convention was announced, he gave notice of his intention to seek the job again. He won, in a battle that caused many in the party to throw their support behind the Progressive Conservatives. After an election loss to the Conservatives in 1971, Smallwood again announced his intention to retire, officially giving up the leadership on January 18, 1972, and his seat in the legislature soon thereafter. Two years later he changed his mind once again. After a failed attempt to win back the leadership, Smallwood formed the Liberal Reform party, which won four seats in the 1975 election. He rejoined the Liberals in 1977, but resigned his seat for the third (and final) time in June of that year.

Smallwood's later years were devoted to the production of the *Encyclopedia of Newfoundland and Labrador*. The first two volumes were published in 1981 and 1984, respectively. Joey Smallwood died on December 18, 1991, at age 91.



"Of course I would have to declare instantly and emphatically, if I were asked for my own opinion of the biggest achievement of my public life: Confederation; my part in introducing the issue and my effort in helping to bring it about."

- Joey Smallwood, 1979.

2011 -12 Club Executive

Don McKellar - President (pictured on page one)

Don works in operations with the Scotiabank Group. He has been a member of Queens Park Toastmasters since February 2009. Don recently served as V.P. Education and previously as Club Secretary.

Griffiths D'Souza - V.P. Education (top right)

Griffiths works at Ryerson University as an Employment Services Assistant. He is also a Partner with RKG Realty Solutions Inc., a boutique Real Estate Investment Firm. In his spare time he plays various sports and is involved from time to time with Habitat for Humanity. Griffiths says, "Toastmasters is a great place to learn and apply new strategies both inside and outside the club. It is a true place of learning".

Kristian Reimer - V.P. Membership

Kristian Reimer is originally from the town of Disbury, Alberta, population 4,275, located in the Rocky Mountain foothills. He works in the hospitality business and has been a member of Queen's Park Toastmasters since 2009. Kristian has experience in theatre and this is evidenced by the animated and charismatic delivery of his speeches. In the past, he has won our Club level speech contests in both categories and he represented the Club at The Area level.

Fern Wagner - Treasurer

Fern Wagner works for the Province of Ontario. She has served at the Club Treasurer for a number of years and she was re-elected to again this year. She has found it easy to socialize at Queens Park Toastmasters.

Maggie Paleolog - Secretary (not pictured)

Maggie Paleolog is a senior I.T. professional. She recently returned to Queens Park Toastmasters after a period of absence. In the past, Maggie has represented the Club in speech competitions.

Rosemary Smith - Sergeant-at-arms (bottom right)

Rosemary started her career in fashion as a graduate of fashion design at George Brown College. She has worked in fashion retail sales and operations management for over 25 years. The supportive environment at Toastmasters has given her the opportunity to be more at ease with public speaking.



Upcoming Events:

- Queen's Park Toastmasters Club Humorous Speech and Table Topic Contests - Wednesday September 14th, 6:00 PM.

- Area 3 and Division A Fall Contests - Details T.B.A.

- District 60 Fall Conference - "Reach Up and Reach Out", November 11- 13 Holiday Inn & Suites, 7095 Woodbine Ave Markham (see the District 60 Web site, www.toastmasters60.org for details).