

Biographies of Rotarians in the Program

Jeff Parker – Keynote Speaker – RC of Oakville Trafalgar

Jeff has an extensive background in marketing and sales along with proven success in building businesses and producing large sales growth.

Peter French, Business Game Facilitator, - RC of Burlington

Peter recently retired as Vice President and member of the Board of Giffels Engineering in Toronto after a career in all aspects of manufacturing, spanning over 40 years.

Jennifer Loker – Program – Meet The Pro’s Coordinator, RC Oakville Trafalgar

Jennifer is the Director of Resource Development at the Oakville United Way and is an active member of the Rotary Club of Oakville Trafalgar.

Brad Grant – Program – RC of Burlington

Brad Grant is a Certified Executive Coach, Professional Innovation Advisor and founder of Given To Fly Executive Coaching & Innovation Consulting. He specializes in expanding the self-awareness of leaders, teams and companies, empowering them to become higher-performing, happier, and more profitable versions of themselves. Within Rotary Brad is Program Director (in training) for Camp Enterprise, on the Lobsterfest Committee with the Burlington Rotary Club, and on the Board for the Burlington Music Festival.

Ute Lindner – Program – RC of Burlington Lakeshore

Co-founder of The Auto Station - a dealer alternative for automotive services. Combining my accountant experience and my training as a certified Life and Leadership Coach to create outstanding customer service. Rotarian since March 2016 with Burlington Lakeshore. Volunteering and mentoring women with addiction for the last decade to help them gain and grow personal leadership.

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Ralf Soeder – Program Director – RC of Oakville

Ralf is a managing partner of WSC Insurance Group in Oakville which assists families and business owners manage their financial affairs. With Rotary, Ralf has been involved in Camp Enterprise since 1997, initiated the Rotary Interact Club at TA Blakelock High School in 2006, assisted in the start of the Rotaract Club of Oakville, is past chairperson of Rotary’s Water for Humanity program. Ralf is a founding member of Oakville Neighbours Helping Refugees, which has sponsored two Syrian Refugee families

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Jeannine Woodland – Logistics – RC of Burlington

For the past 15 years Jeannine has operated a Home-based Photo Solutions business. She is also currently working towards Master Chef Mixology diploma and a Sommelier Certification

Nancy Sumaruk – Logistics – RC of Burlington

Nancy's career included being an Educational Consultant in the Retail Environment. In the cosmetic industry she travelled across Canada training cosmeticians on product knowledge and sales techniques. In the pharmaceutical industry she called on Doctors and pharmacists promoting Dermatology Products.

Karel Sury, Chair, School Recruiting – RC of Burlington

Rotarian for 35years who has been involved with Camp Enterprise for 17 years. For 32 years Karel was a secondary school teacher, department head, vice-principal and principal with the Halton Board of Ed. Karel was a counselor and instructor for 10 years in the Faculty of Education at Brock University teaching future high school teachers.

Michael Bissauge– Oakville School Recruiting, - RC of Oakville

Michael recently settled in Oakville after having studied and worked in France, Germany and China. He is Vice-President of a Toronto-based valve manufacturing company.