

## March 4, 2019 Meeting Highlights

### Special Presentations

**President Bo** introduced our main speaker **Chris Bredt**.



Chris is a multi-award winning senior litigator and partner at BLG, Canada's largest law firm. He is the Chair of BLG's National Public Law Group. Chris has served as a Bencher of The Law Society of Upper Canada since 2008.

Chris' practice encompasses both civil litigation and advocacy with a focus on corporate, commercial and securities litigation, class actions, and public law including administrative, Aboriginal and constitutional law.

While law is his profession, a significant passion of his is literacy, how education can raise a generation and nations from poverty, and how that challenge is being met through the organization: Canadian Organization for Development through Education (CODE). Chris' talk and presentation specifically focused on two things: his trips to Mt. Kilimanjaro to raise money and awareness for the organ-

ization; and, about the books that CODE publishes and some of the programs of CODE. For example, they provide young readers with reading materials that relate directly to their own experience by working with local authors, illustrators, editors and publishers to produce children's publications in 17 local and national languages.

The presentation provided a fascinating glimpse in wonderful photos of the five-day trek that is a summit assault. While the climb itself is not necessarily a difficult ascent, the importance for the climbers to become acclimatized to the altitude was the main requirement to ensure a safe ascent. Chris has made a few ascents and has another planned in a couple of years.

CODE (<https://code.ngo/>) has grown into Canada's leading international development agency focused on education. Their mission is to continue to rewrite the story for global literacy so that children everywhere can, through education, have a chance to reach their full potential.

### MEMBERS NEWS

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Brian Keogh, April 7  
Elizabeth Sinclair, April 20

#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

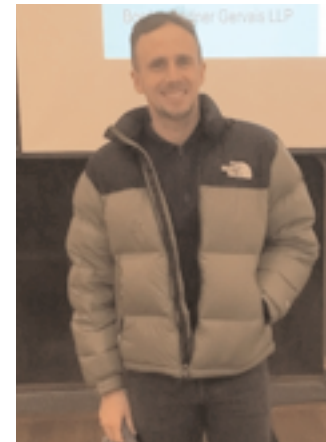
Myra & Derek Jeffery, April 2  
Elizabeth & Bruce Sinclair, April 19  
Gail & Bob Chapman, April 22

## Community Service

### One Can Make a Difference

### Presentations Continued

**President Bo** introduce our speaker **Nils Blondon**, who unfortunately needed to leave following his remarks to attend a meeting with one of



his high school's teacher lead groups.

Team Unbreakable has recently been the topic of discussion from club member Hugh Williams, so it was good to bring in the Program Coordinator for Toronto to talk briefly about the program and its impact on kids. Nils provided insights from a personal perspective,

outlined how "lucky" he felt to be able to have a job that worked with kids in this way. He particularly feels encouraged and inspired at the "Goal" events – when the kids and youth cross the finish line of a 5km run that they have been working toward for the whole term. This kind of motivation, goal achievement, and personal commitment are core components of the Team Unbreakable Run Program, at schools throughout the GTA. Nils encouraged the club to attend and support the Toronto Goal event on June 8 at Coronation Park ([www.unbreakable5k.ca](http://www.unbreakable5k.ca))

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday April 1 • 12:15  
**David Bowles**, Commandant of the Salvation Army Kipling Temple

Monday April 15 • 12:15 p.m.  
**Board Meeting**  
Old Mill Restaurant

Monday May 6 • 12:15 p.m.  
**Arthur Scauzillo**  
Key Club Report

### SPECIAL EVENTS

May - 2019  
**EC&C Convention**  
Stratford Ontario

June 27 - June 30  
**2019 International Convention**  
Walt Disney World  
Orlando Florida

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go."

Dr. Seuss,

"I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!"