



Soroptimist International Eastern Canada Region Fall Area Meeting

Guest Speaker Biography – Rosemary Ganley



Rosemary Ganley of Peterborough is a lifelong feminist activist and writer, who attended the Fourth UN Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995.

She lived for six years in Jamaica and Tanzania, and with her husband John founded the development agency “Jamaican Self Help” in 1980. She has published a book on this experience: “Jamaica Journal: the Story of a Grassroots Canadian Aid Organization’.

Rosemary gave the Margaret Laurence Lecture at Trent on feminist theologies in 2011, and now writes a weekly column for the Peterborough Examiner. Her newest book “Positive Community” is a collection of 104 of these columns.

She was assistant editor of the independent newspaper *Catholic New Times* in Toronto 2001-2006. Her writing has appeared in the *Globe and Mail*, *the Toronto STAR*, the *Peterborough Examiner*, *the Green Teacher* and *Conscience* magazine.

Recently (2018) she was invited by Prime Minister Trudeau to serve on the 19-person Gender Equality Advisory Council to the G7 meeting in Quebec in June.

Rosemary has three sons and eight grandchildren. She has been inducted in to the Peterborough Pathway of Fame.