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Our success or failure will not depend upon the machinery of Rotary or its physical growth, but upon the extent to which Rotary's ideals or objectives are translated into positive, tangible results in personal, business, community, and international life. We shall be known by our works."

— Almon E. Roth, 1930-31 Rotary International President, in *The Rotarian*, July 1930

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Today's Program: The Rotary Club of Toronto and Toronto Argonauts Community Scholarship Lunch Speaker: Michael "Pinball" Clemons, former Toronto Argonaut, current Argo Club Vice-Chair Location: The Imperial Room, The Fairmont Royal York

This is the "kick-off" lunch for The Rotary Club of Toronto and Toronto Argonauts Community Scholarship Project. It is the first for our Club's ten Centennial Projects! On this day we will launch a scholarship opportunity making it possible for a young person from Toronto to attend a post-secondary institution to obtain a university degree or college diploma. The candidate has been selected and will receive the award today (see below and page 3). This scholarship and partnership demonstrates our Club's commitment to youth and to education.

Speaker "Pinball" Clemons is a football hero who has brought pride to the city of Toronto and to the Toronto Argonauts. Known for a personality that is as electric as his style of play on the field was, Clemons redefines the meaning of community involvement and has been recognized by many organizations for his tireless work with charities, schools and other community groups. In 2007, he fulfilled a long time ambition by launching the Michael "Pinball" Clemons Foundation to quicken academic excellence, infuse depth of character, promote health and vitality, and inspire generosity in our youth. In 2005, he was an integral part of launching The Argos Foundation – Stop The Violence and was later named to its Board. In February 2006, Clemons was named Chair of the Youth Challenge Fund by Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty.



As a bonus, for \$27 you can purchase a ticket to the Agros vs Blue Bombers for Wednesday, July 18th at 7:30 p.m. when you can watch our then President, Neil Phillips, do the Official Kick-Off for the game; also see Rotarians on the field during Opening Ceremonies and watch the on field cheque presentation to the scholarship winner. For more information, contact Chris Andreoli at 416-341-2793 or candreoli@argonauts.ca

Congratulations Souleik Kheyre!

Souleik Kheyre is the award recipient for The Rotary Club of Toronto and Toronto Argonauts Community Scholarship – a four-year post-secondary education scholarship. Souleik is in her final year at George Harvey Collegiate Institute. She is here today with her mother, Sazia Khyre, and her uncle, Mustafa Kafaili. Read more about this amazing youth on page 3.



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Rotary Warrior of the Week



Shannon Lundquist,
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**The Rotary Club of Toronto and Toronto Argonauts
Community Scholarship – by Nancy Schaefer**

The Rotary Club of Toronto is launching a scholarship opportunity making it possible for a young person from Toronto to attend a post-secondary institution to obtain a university or college degree. The scholarship focuses on youth with scholastic ability combined with a strong commitment to Service Above Self, but who experience financial and life disadvantages. The selected youth will have an interest and ability to attend occasional Rotary luncheons and events, act as informal ambassador for The Rotary Club of Toronto, and possibly have an interest or a need for mentoring by a Rotarian. There will be on-going opportunities for Club members to mentor a scholarship recipient and if interested, join the Scholarship Committee.



This level of support is unusual, making this a very unique scholarship opportunity. As well partnering with the Toronto Argonauts Football Club makes this a very distinctive project. The Argos has promoted the scholarship to all high schools in both school boards; jointly selected the student with our Rotary members; has been publicising the scholarship to the media; helped organize the Annual Rotary Luncheon around the scholarship, the first lunch being held on Friday, June 1st, and will promote our Club and the scholarship winner during the July 18th home game. Our Club will provide the funds directly to the university or college on behalf of the recipient. Criterion for the scholarship were set by The Rotary Club of Toronto and selection of the candidate will remain a significant activity for our Club. The Rotary Club of Toronto and Toronto Argonauts Community Scholarship is an excellent way to demonstrate our Club's commitment to youth and to education.



**The Partnership between The Rotary Club of Toronto and the
Toronto Argonauts - By Will Andras**

The relationship between The Rotary Club of Toronto and the Toronto Argonauts is one that is rich in community involvement. Prior to the establishment of The Rotary Club of Toronto and Toronto Argonauts Community Scholarship, the two organizations have worked together to achieve amazing results. One of the Toronto Argonauts oldest and most successful community program is the Huddle Up Bullying Prevention Program. Now in its 11th year, the Huddle Up Program is an all encompassing opportunity for a school population to focus on the impact they can have on bullying in their own environment. We focus our message to include information for both targets and bystanders, so awareness and action can develop prior to situations turning negative. As a result, the program is multi-faceted, and committed to conveying the key messages necessary to assist youth and empower them to take action towards preventing bullying in their schools. Through a partnership with The Rotary Club of Toronto, in the past three years we have been able to grant the program to six financially challenged schools in the Greater Toronto Area! The impact on the school communities has been very powerful.



In addition to the Huddle Up Program, the Argos and The Rotary Club of Toronto work together to execute the SAS – Service Above Self – Program. Focusing on mentorship and leadership, the program has had a great impact since 2008, and continues to make a difference in the lives of secondary students. Over 1000 students have experienced the program, and we are looking forward to having it run again this year! Lastly, the 50/50 Argo Game Draw, an ongoing program between Rotary and the Argos, has successfully raised \$300,000 for various charities in the Toronto area!

The above is just a brief summary of the successful community impact that has been achieved from the partnership between The Rotary Club of Toronto partners with the Argos. The Community Scholarship can now be added to these achievements!



Upcoming Speakers & Events

2012

June

- 8 Ronnie Yimsut; Founder, Bakong Technical College - Cambodia
- 15 Chris Ward
- 22 Diane Redsky; Director, The Canadian Women's Foundation
- 29 No Meeting; Canada Day Weekend

July

- 6 Change Over Day
- 13 New President Neil Phillips' Speech
- 18 Argo vs Blue Bombers Football Game

PROPOSE A SPEAKER
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Meet Scholarship Recipient Souleik Khevre!

In case you don't know already, Souleik is a dynamic force of energy at George Harvey Collegiate Institute and in her community. Meet Souleik through the words of some the teachers who know her very well:

"Souleik lives with her single-working mother, Sazia Khyre, in the Falstaff development of Toronto Community Housing, and works part-time at McDonald's to help her mother. Everything that she does is an effort to better her own life and the lives of those around her; a scholarship opportunity such as this would help Souleik achieve her greatest potential and allow her to focus all of her energies towards her education and community. She is a wonderful young woman who is destined to do something special in her life and to have a positive impact upon those with whom she interacts." -- Jason Hatch, STEPS to University/Academic Resource Teacher



"In her own community Souleik regularly writes for FYI Magazine (since 2008), and volunteers at the Fallstaff Community Centre, helping where it is needed. Souleik has been recognized for her dedicated contributions and ongoing involvement in her community. She has recently won the "OSSTF Community Impact Award," and "Investing in our Diversity Scholarship" through Toronto Community Housing. I can't think of a more deserving student for this award and strongly endorse her application." – Ron Watts, Guidance Counselor

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"Souleik is an extremely conscientious, respectful and responsible student who displayed a high commitment to school, community and to her studies. Her dedication and commitment to school has earned her Honour Roll status since grade 10. Beyond academics, she possesses great leadership qualities and displays responsible citizenship among her peers, teachers and the school community as a whole. She is a self-driven individual taking part in many of our school's clubs and teams. She was a member of Ladies First in 2009 and has been a member of our Athletic Council since 2009. Her work ethic, initiative, and strong effort on the council earned her an executive position in 2010 which she still currently holds. Souleik also successfully earned positions on many of our school's sport teams. She was a member of our girl's soccer, volleyball and basketball teams." – Joe Bairos, B.Sc., B.Ed., OCT., HAWKS - Athletic Council Staff Advisor / Coach

Thank You for This Opportunity - by Souleik Khevre

Throughout my life I have devoted time and effort towards my community because it has helped make me who I am today. I have been involved in community clean ups, and girl's club. My community has taught me the values of family, perseverance and integrity. In order to give back to my community I have set up food drives, car washes, and founded a magazine for youth entitled VICTORY! with my peers. Through my time in high school, I have actively participated in school wide activities and community initiatives. I have participated in school mentoring programs which empowered younger high school students; I have been the captain of the Varsity Girls basketball team since grade 10. I have been a member of the school soccer team and volleyball team. Some of my achievements are receiving the Ontario Secondary School Teacher Federation award for "Community Impact". 2009-2010 Female Athlete of the Year. Recently I have received the Investing in our Diversity Scholarship presented by Scadding Court Community Centre and Toronto Community Housing.

My goal is to attend Ryerson University to study Journalism or Radio and Television. In the future I want to become a Broadcast Journalist. In order to pay my way through University I will continue working part-time at MacDonal'd's. I come from a single mother home and I am an only child, and it is difficult to accumulate the funds to pay for university. As the first person in my family to attend university, my mother and I are doing everything possible to secure funds for me to study. This scholarship is a blessing for my mother and me because it will help us significantly and allow me to pursue the education I have always wanted in order to get me where I want to be in the future. This scholarship means a lot to me because it will allow me to focus on my studies instead of stressing about how to pay for school. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for giving me this opportunity.

What You Missed on May 27, 2012 – by Bert Steenburgh

The meeting before many of our members headed up to do their “sweat equity” at Lake Scugog camp:

- There was no Head Table
- There was no speaker
- I was preparing to have nothing to write about...

Then our President came to the lectern. Firstly, he forgot to bring a glass of water to toast the Queen in a week which had Prince Charles in our burg! After almost a year on the job we are still tolerating this kind of performance – time for an impeachment I think. Will Andras gave one of his usual witty announcements about the upcoming luncheon featuring the Argos and our centennial contribution to the Community Scholarship program. Will reminded us that \$300,000 has been raised through the Argo 50/50 Game Draws that we oversee for them.



The rest of the meeting was primarily great table fellowship which was a nice touch on this day when our turnout was low due to so many people being up at Camp Scugog already. Nola Kianza won the Ace of Clubs draw, and took home a lovely bottle of wine. Susan Woods won the preliminary draw for a cook book. Shannon Lundquist was awarded this week’s Rotary Warrior award – she actually blushed as the members present gave her a standing ovation. It was another popular choice by our President for this very thoughtful award. The meeting ended early so the rest of us “campers” could get going to Lake Scugog.

Susan Woods will be next week’s “What You Missed” reporter. The Voice editor will be Massood Mashadi.

Looking Ahead: Friday, June 8, 2012

Speaker: Ronnie Yimsut, Founder Bakong Technical College

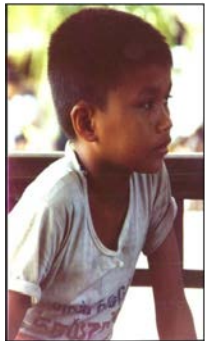
Topics: Bakong Technical College & Rotary Club of Toronto's 2011 Sweat Equity Trip

Host: Chris Snyder

Location: The National Club, 303 Bay Street

For 30 years, Cambodia was engulfed in war leaving behind over 10 million landmines, a decimated educational system, and an estimated 50% of the population suffering from post-traumatic stress syndrome. The worst period was between 1975 and 1979 when the Khmer Rouge ruled the country. In one of the worst genocides on a per capita basis in history, 20% of the population (2.0 million people) was killed by the Khmer Rouge.

Ronnie Yimsut, survived this period. In fact, as a 15 year old boy, he was the sole survivor of a Killing Fields Massacre that wiped out virtually all of his family. In a series of harrowing experiences, he escaped through jungles to Thailand where he was first put in jail because he had no papers, then to a refugee camp. He was discovered by the TV program 60 Minutes and eventually made it to the USA where he studied to become a landscape architect. His battle against the Khmer Rouge has been life long. This is well documented in one of his several books called “Facing the Khmer Rouge – A Cambodian Journey.” He recently spoke at the war crimes trial in Phnom Penh for the four surviving senior Khmer Rouge officials. Ronnie suffers from post-traumatic stress syndrome (PTS) and one of the ways to deal with it is to give back to the community. As a result, he founded Bakong Technical College (BTC) located outside Siem Reap in Cambodia. BTC is a vocational school whose objective is to provide vocational training focused on the environment and tourism. There is special emphasis on training landmine victims and their survivors. This is where our Club comes into the picture. We have become the primary funders and supporters of the



College. Three sweat equity teams, sponsored by our Club, have visited Cambodia to help fund and build the College. Another is being planned for November 2013. BTC is the recipient of one of our Club’s \$100,000 Centennial grants. The money will be used largely to provide classrooms.

Ronnie now lives in Wisconsin and works as a Senior Landscape Architect for the US Forestry Service. He is this year’s recipient of the University of Oregon’s Ellis F. Lawrence Award, the university’s highest alumni award. He is married to Thaavy and they have two children. Ronnie will be telling us his amazing story of how he survived and eventually started the College. He will be highlighting some of the activities of our 2011 sweat equity trip.

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the exciting present, and anticipate
the future challenges of
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