



Today's Program

Susan Hunter

Topic

The Rotary Club of Toronto and Toronto Argonauts Community Scholarship 2015 Award

Host

Barbara Thomson

Location

Imperial Room, Fairmont Royal York

The Rotary Club of Toronto and Toronto Argonauts

The Rotary Club of Toronto and Toronto Argonauts Community Scholarship recipient exemplifies the traits of perseverance and determination in their daily life and amongst their school and community. The scholarship will recognize a student who shows a commitment to academics, has a financial need, and strives to improve their community through volunteering and dedication. The scholarship will pay for a full school tuition for post secondary education. The Rotary Club of Toronto Community Champion Scholarship is funded by the Rotary Club of Toronto Charitable Foundation.

Our Rotary Club of Toronto and Toronto Argonauts Community Scholars



Poorva Patel

I will be attending the University of Toronto – Scarborough where I will pursue a degree in Life Sciences. I am interested in majoring in Neuroscience which collaborates with different fields including genetics, mathematics, linguistics and engineering. One day, I hope to concentrate on research in this field.



John Chen

I have successfully completed my first year of study in the Engineering Science Program at the University of Toronto - St. George Campus. Engineering Science is an especially rigorous program with students taking an extra course each semester. I hope to eventually complete a Masters and PhD or MD at U of T.



Naresh Sritharan

I am attending the University of Toronto – Scarborough. I will be entering my third year in September 2015 majoring in Human & Physical Geography with a double minor in Applied Statistics & Psychology.



Souleik Kheyre

I am attending the University of Toronto – St George Campus majoring in International Relations and Employment Relations and minoring in African Studies. I will be entering my fourth year in September 2015 and hope to attend Law School in 2016.



Susan Hunter is the Principal of Hunter & Associates, a consulting firm that helps companies manage and improve organizational performance. With over 25 years of experience, Susan works with business leaders to improve people processes and to create high performing work environments. Prior to starting her own firm, she was the Vice-President in the Performance, Rewards and Talent practice for a global consulting firm based in Toronto. Susan holds a national designation as a Certified Human Resource Leader (CHRL), has a BA from the University of Toronto and is Hogan certified. Susan is a frequent speaker and facilitator at seminars and conferences on the topics of Human Resource strategies and best practices and is a part-time instructor with the HRP. Susan has been a member of The Rotary Club of Toronto since 2002 and is currently serving on the Club board.

CELEBRATE AND THANK PRESIDENT STEVE SMITH IN RCT STYLE!!

IT 'S A PARTY AND YOU'LL WANT TO BE THERE...

- DATE:** Wednesday, June 17, 2015
- WHERE:** Duke of Westminster, Chelsea Pub (downstairs) First Canadian Place 77 Adelaide St. W.
- WHEN:** 5 pm to?????
- DRESS:** Your choice
- COST:** \$30.00 per person

See you all there! Let's party on....

As June approaches, our Rotary year is coming to a close and President Steve completes his term as our Leader. This is the time to say thanks and celebrate at a party honoring President Steve!!

Join me and your fellow members in a fun filled after work gathering where long speeches and formality are strictly forbidden...jokes are allowed though.

This is a time honored tradition in our Club and we invite all fellow Rotarians and guests to attend.

Enjoy great appetizers, drinks and fellowship in true Rotary style as we relive the highlights of President Steve's year. A cash bar with wine, full bar, and a variety of local brews will be featured.

Don't delay...Register at the Rotary Office 416-363-0604 or at office@rotarytoronto.on.ca by Friday June 12!!



Fellowship & Entertainment does it Again!

– by Catherine Lloyd



On May 7th, 30 Rotarians and guests enjoyed a delightful asparagus dinner at Geoffrey Johnson's shop. We were served asparagus in every imaginable guise; roasted, baked, puréed, boiled, wrapped, skewered, as a garnish, en crème and even as inventive and elegant centre pieces!

It was more than wonderful; especially the beef wrapped asparagus (this reporter had four), served on a bamboo stick. There was beautiful bisque with lobster and scallop sporting a lovely green tint from the spring pea and asparagus base. We had lovely leek, crisp prosciutto and parmesan asparagus salad combination that made my Welsh Dad reminisce about Wales with David Libby. The amazing lamb chop with grilled asparagus and fingerling potatoes on the side served with oyster pie topped with a delicate puff pastry was just delightful. The guests at my end of the table were dazzled and, though I couldn't see them, I feel certain the guests at the other end of the table were as well. Bill Morari was quite taken with dessert, a lovely asparagus panna cotta accompanied with little meringue kisses and a tasteful dollop of caramelized rhubarb.

As with many meals, though sometimes amazing, like this one was; it's the great company that makes an event really fun. Catching-up with everyone before the crazy hectic days of summer

start in earnest was great. There was also an active exchange of BYOB wines, which made for little independent tastings and impromptu pairings! Lively conversation from all quarters made for a really fun evening.

I know there was a wait list for this event; if Geoffrey ever offers it again, jump at the chance to be a part.



Asparagus lovers at En Ville.

What You Missed May 29, 2015

– by Kurt Kroeson



The Concert Hall of the Royal York buzzed with the energy of youth. This was to be a celebration of their achievements. It started, as one walked into the room, with two theatre size screens flashing the winners of the Rotary 2015 Youth Civic Leadership Awards and scenes of the recent 3rd Annual Youth Leadership Expo. The atmosphere was enhanced with lyric and song by Caela Butt of Sketch. Toronto Rotaract Club members were seated at many tables.

Unlike most club meetings, this one did not have a formal head table and President Steve was in a largely ceremonial role. He conducted the opening ceremonies and introduced some special guests, as well as, some visiting Rotarians, one of whom came from Peterborough, England. Among the guests was Brian Thompson, Rotary District 7070 Governor, representatives of the TDSB, TDCSB and Toronto Community Housing along with Allison Gacad, winner of the Rotary Club of Toronto Youth Civic Leadership Award.

Steve then handed the meeting over to Paul Churchward, secretary of the Rotaract Club of Toronto. Paul introduced Oddane Taylor of Sketch who sang/rapped two numbers. Oddane provided lively entertainment not only by the lyrics of his songs but also by wandering among the tables and gently coaxing two members of the audience to join him "on stage." Oddane received a standing ovation. Paul described the purpose of the Youth Expo as helping young people to understand what leadership means. He recognized a few select individuals from both Rotaract and Rotary. Steve then read a letter of congratulations from the Ontario Minister of Youth & Children Services – Tracy MacCharles, followed by speeches from the school board representatives – John McPhee and Gary Poole.

Then it was on to the main event, the presentation of the awards. Aneesh Choudry received the Toronto Community Housing Youth Civic Leadership Award. Nadar Chaya was presented with the Rotaract Silver Civic Leadership Award.

Maria Kashif took the Rotaract Gold Youth Civic Leadership Award and made an emotional acceptance speech. The highest youth award, The Rotary Club of Toronto Youth Civic Leadership Award, was presented to Allison Gacad. Allison made a very polished and professional acceptance speech, especially considering she is only in Grade 11. These award recipients show us the power of youth and humble us all with what they have been able to accomplish in their few short years. Our future seems to be in good hands with young Canadians such as these.

Jeff Dobson made some closing remarks recognizing the award winners, thanking all the volunteers and the community participants who made the youth expo and youth leadership awards possible. John Fortney made an appeal for volunteers to assist on the Youth Services Committee and all the various programmes and events it undertakes. Paul then closed the ceremonies for the awards and passed the meeting back to President Steve who made the announcements.

Pat Neuman announced the annual Ribfest program and the role of Rotary at this event. Volunteers are needed in droves to man the entrances to collect "toonies" from guests. She also asked if there were members who would host an Exchange Student from Denmark from June 11 through 17.

Bill Morari and Geoffrey Johnson announced a cycling event to Camp Scugog to raise funds to be able to send children whose parents cannot afford to send them to camp to do so. The ride is "only" about 60 km so, although not for the faint of heart it is doable in half a day.

Steve announced some future Rotary meetings and then undertook the Ace of Clubs draw with a pot worth \$2160. The winner was Clara Lomas, a guest representing one of the partners of the Expo. Steve then closed the meeting and wished all a great weekend.

Upcoming Speakers & Events

June 2015

- 12 Kevin McGurgan, British Consul General, British Priorities After the Election
- 19 Cindy Blackstock, NCFST- Aboriginal Day
- 26 No Meeting, Canada Day

Ribfest: June 27 – July 1

July 2015

- 3 Summer Buffet – National Club
- 10 Changeover Day – National Club
- 17 Throne Speech – David Hetherington, National Club
- 24 Michael Bell – District Governor

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