

Paul HarrisFellow Recognition NightMay 25, 2022

Club Italia: Grand Ballroom

2525 Montrose Road, Niagara Falls

Cash Bar Reception: 6:00pm

Dinner: 7:00pm

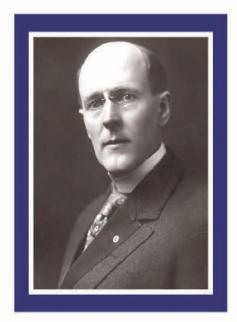
Presentation to follow

Presented by:

Rotary Club of Niagara Falls Rotary Club of Niagara Falls Sunrise







Paul Harris

The Paul Harris Fellow is the highest honour a Rotary Club can bestow upon an individual. It recognizes the outstanding contributions of these recipients to their communities, and echoes the principle motto of Rotary,

"Service Above Self".

When a Rotary Club selects a person for a Paul Harris Fellow, a donation of \$1000US is then made to Rotary International Foundation in the name of the recipient. These funds are used directly in Rotary's extensive humanitarian and education programs locally, nationally and internationally.

The Paul Harris Fellow is named after the founder of Rotary -- Paul Harris. The Chicago attorney formed the Rotary Club of Chicago in 1905 so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas, form meaningful, lifelong friendships, and, most importantly, give back to their communities.

Polio Eradication

For more than 30 years, Rotary has been the driving force in the effort to eradicate polio worldwide. Alongside our partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, we have achieved a 99.9 percent reduction in polio cases. Our members have contributed \$1.9 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Today, polio remains endemic in Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan.

Rotary remains committed to ending polio, and will raise \$50 million per year, with every dollar to be matched with two additional dollars through a matching agreement with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. With the infrastructure we helped create to end polio, we have built a lasting global health legacy that is now used to reach millions of children to treat and prevent other diseases.

2022 Recipients

Dr. M. Mustafa Hirji

Dr. M. Mustafa Hirji is the Acting Medical Officer of Health for Niagara region, appointed to the position in January 2018. In this capacity he is responsible for protecting the health of Niagara's 450,000 residents and 15 million visitors through Public Health programs such as vaccination, stopping outbreaks, preventing chronic diseases, health inspections, enabling children to get the best start to life, as well as Land Ambulance and ambulance dispatch services, and emergency planning. Dr. Hirji has a particular focus on the social determinants of health—the socioeconomic conditions in which people live, which determines half of health outcomes. As part of his role in education, Dr. Hirji supervises medical students and medical residents undergoing specialty training in Public Health & Preventive Medicine. He regularly contributes to the Family Medicine training program at McMaster University, the Community Health Nursing program at Brock University, and the Masters in Public Health program at University of Western Ontario.

Andrew Wunderink

Andrew Wunderink has been the volunteer chair of the Third Space Café Board since it began four years ago. He has also been the go-to handyman, fine art co-ordinator, promoter, fundraiser, and the list goes on. THIRD SPACE CAFÉ is a social enterprise, serving ethically sourced and locally-produced coffee and tea-based beverages, food, and handmade goods & artwork. They prioritize social change and compassion above profits and strive to provide a community space that is welcoming for all. Activities included concerts, open mic nights, game nights, art nights....and then Covid hit and suddenly everything changed. Over the past 1 ½ years they have served over 12,000 free breakfasts to the homeless out of the back of the café. They have also opened the café to be a warming space for the homeless on those very cold winter days.

John Albanese

John Albanese has given his time and creative talents to many projects. With his expertise in film, photography, and video production, audio recording and music, John has assisted in numerous special events so that others may benefit. John has donated his time and talents to the City of Niagara Falls, as well as to the Boys and Girls Club, and Heart Niagara. John also was involved with the Film Festival hosted by the City of Niagara Falls Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee. He assisted by providing professional audio recordings for the introduction of all the films and engineered the entire production with the high school films, in order for it to be shown all in one sitting at the Niagara Falls IMAX Theatre. John also assisted as a judge and sponsor.

In addition to his volunteer commitments within our community, John was the owner and operator of Studio 55 Hair Salon, a busy and successful hair salon for more than 30 years in Niagara Falls.

Trish Archibald (Rev.)

Trish Archibald is a Chaplain and part of the Spiritual Care Team at Niagara Health's St. Catharines site, and is a member of the College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario. She is also a Presbyterian minister, serving in a part-time capacity the congregation of St. Andrew's-Knox in Fort Erie. Whether in church or in the hospital, Trish's commitment is to compassionate care. This time of pandemic has been a difficult and stressful for all of us and compassion is needed more than ever; for each other, and for ourselves.

Trish frequently works alongside this community's wonderful funeral service providers to create meaningful and memorable celebrations of life for families in their care. She also is a busy wedding officiant throughout the region all year-round marrying couples with her trademark warmth and humour.

Derek Thompson
Dean Fox
Chris Gleis
Dave MacKinnon

\$128,000.000 and another \$102,000.00 in Peel.

In 2003 Derek and Dean started to help raise money for the Toys for Tots program in Peel. As of Christmas 2021 the total in donations for the 19 years is \$1,200,000.00 for Peel.

In 2018 Derek and Chris bought Factor Forms and Labels in Niagara Falls. Now being part of the Niagara community, it was an easy decision to take some of the toys to donate here in Niagara. An unexpected but very happy consequence was that the employees at Factor Forms and Labels found out what was happening and had a Christmas drive to raise toys. That first year (2019) a donation of \$50,000.00 was made to the Salvation Army. After a chance meeting at the opening of The Pizzeria (our new venture in the region with Dave MacKinnon), it was mentioned to Jim Diodati and Barb Greenwood, that 13 skids of toys Derek and Dean had collected for Peel Region were not wanted because of Covid. After some phone calls and the help of Noel Buckley to accommodate the toys, four charities in the Niagara region were the beneficiaries of \$120,000.00 worth of toys donated from now both Factor Forms and Labels and The Pizzeria. This past year through their connections, a record number of toys were accumulated for both Niagara and Peel regions. The total given away at the Niagara Convention Centre was

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