



YOUTH DAY 2016 PROGRAM

Today's Program

Rotary Youth Day 2016

Topic

Youth Leadership Awards & Entertainment

Master of Ceremonies

Heidi Ludwick & Sarah Hui
Rotaract Club of Toronto

Location

Toronto Sheraton Centre
Provincial Hall, 2nd floor

Musical Prelude

Rachel Djazmin – *Sketch*

Welcome

National Anthem
Loyal Toast

Lunch

Youth Expo 2016 Slideshow

Musical Performance

Mapela Music – *Sketch*

Youth Expo 2016 Video

Dignitaries and Guest Recognition

Messages from Our Distinguished Guests

Mr. John Germ, RI President-Elect
Mr. John Malloy, TDSB Director of Education

Youth Leadership Awards Introduction

Award Finalists Recognition

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Closing Remarks

50/50 Draw

2016 Youth Civic Leadership Award Winners – Youth is our Future and our Present

The Rotary Club of Toronto in partnership with the Rotaract Club of Toronto and the Rotaract Club of the University of Toronto, are proud to present the 2016 Youth Civic Leadership Awards to some of our outstanding young people who have demonstrated their leadership skills through compassion, creativity and tenacity within their community.

The following are our 2016 winners!



Deborah Dada – The Rotary Club of Toronto Youth Civic Leadership Award

Deborah Dada is a 16-year old world-changer who serves as the Youth Councillor of Ward 12 in the City Youth Council of Toronto. Earlier this year, she created an event for 150 students across Toronto called Find Your Path, which aimed to close gaps in student achievement by helping youth realize their potential. Her passion for serving the community led her to co-found an organization that supports marginalized youth. As a grade 11 IB student at Weston Collegiate, she is the vice president of the African Canadian Leadership Committee, an active member of Best Buddies and the founder and president of Christian Club.



Rathesh Balendran – Rotaract Gold Youth Civic Leadership Award

Rathesh is a Grade 12 student from the Abelard School. vision of the type of world I want to live in: one in which people see education as a tool to grow as leaders, inspire others, and shape their communities in a positive way. He set up Gaining Higher Education to Teach Others. Rathesh also grows vegetables with other students in Regent Park Community Gardens, which they use and sell at Farmers' Markets. He also acts as a teacher's assistant at the Young Street Mission.



Akeda Sayram – Rotaract Silver Youth Civic Leadership Award

Akeda is a Grade 12 student at Satec Collegiate & is the Founder and Chair of the Kindness Initiative and President of the Peer Mentorship Program. In the community, she engages in municipal politics, advocate for volunteerism, financial literacy and gender equality and seek to amplify student voice as the Director of Economic Development/Ward 35 Councillor of City Youth Council of Toronto, the Vice President of External Affairs of Project 5K, President of Target Alpha S.T.C, National Spokesperson for Because I am a Girl Canada and as the Senior Vice President of The Federation of Canadian Secondary Students-Fédération des Élèves du Secondaire au Canada (FCSS-FESC).



D'Angelo Gordon – Toronto Community Housing Youth Civic Leadership Award

D'Angelo is a Grade 12 student from Central Technical School. Working with Toronto Community Housing as a community animator for the Swansea Mews community has really made him use his leadership skills to help youth in the community to stay out of trouble between their peers and the law. As a result of his commitment to the community, his reliability, and his respectful communication style; in February, D'Angelo was selected by his community to make a deputation to the Toronto Community Housing's Board of Directors. He successfully represented the voice of the community and was able to articulate, with great passion, the need for capital investment in his community.

Youth Leadership Expo 2016

– by Binoy Luckoo



The Rotary Club of Toronto and the Rotaract Club of Toronto hosted the 4th annual Youth Expo Day on May 10th at Daniel's Spectrum. The whole team of Rotarians, Rotaractors and Community Partners with the partnership of the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board celebrated and motivated over 300 Grade 7 to Grade 10 students to participate in their schools and communities to showcase their leadership skills.

The Leadership building activities that were part of this year's Youth Expo were as follows:

- Inspirational Guest Speaker – Christal Earle of “Your Brilliance Unlimited”
- Marketplace for Social Change – 10 community partners including Interact, Charlie' Free Wheels, VIBE Arts, Canada World Youth, ShelterBox etc.
- Student-led Debrief – Grade 11 & 12 volunteers from Harbord Collegiate play leadership building activities with students to reflect on the day's learnings.

The following is just a short overview of the feedback we got from the participating students at the Youth Expo.

OVERALL

Feedback from Students
Average Rating 8.1/10

“I think this Youth Leadership Expo can change everybody's life.”

Overall, very well organized. A good event that will help many students in the future.”

“Everything was great :)”

“This was a great experience.”

I have no more to say. I just love this place.”



Thank You to the Youth Expo Sponsors

Marketplace for Social Change

Ten community partners hosted booths at the Youth Leadership Expo giving students the opportunity to learn about different initiatives in their community to get involved with and take action.



This event would not have been possible without the following sponsors:

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We would also like to thank all the volunteers from the Rotary Club of Toronto, the Rotaract Club of Toronto and the Rotaract Club of the University of Toronto

Last but not least, we thank the planning committee that spent countless hours on making the Youth Expo, the Youth Day Luncheon and the Youth Civic Leadership Awards a reality:

Binoy Luckoo, Chair – RCT Youth Initiatives

Jayson Phelps, Chair RCT Youth Expo	Heidi Ludwick, Co-Chair Youth Expo
Jeff Dobson, Youth Expo & YCLA	Joelle Ferreira, Youth Expo
Colleen Bowker, Youth Expo	Sarah Hui, YCLA & Youth Day
Don Brooks, YCLA	Katie Yokom, YCLA
Elizabeth Simmie, YCLA	Mark Hui, YCLA
Reema Gowani, Youth Day Lunch	

The Youth Expo/Youth Day Committee is looking for more volunteers to participate in the planning of Youth Expo & Youth Day 2017. The next Youth Expo & Youth Day will be held in May 2017 and we have already begun working on its planning. If you would like to make a difference in the lives of the young people of Toronto, please contact Binoy Luckoo for more details. See you next year.

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The Four-way test of the things we think, say, or do

1. Is it the Truth?
2. Is it Fair to all concerned?
3. Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships?
4. Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

Upcoming Speakers & Events

June

24 Aboriginal Day, Ontario Regional Chief Isadore Day

July

1 No Meeting
8 Changeover Day
15 President Susan Hunter – Throne Speech

Events

June 30-July 3
Rotary Ribfest - Centennial Park-Etobicoke

Propose a Speaker – Contact

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Guest Speaker – John F. Germ, Rotary President 2016-17

Rotary Club of Chattanooga, Tennessee, USA

Topic: Youth Leadership and Community Involvement



John F. Germ is board chair and chief executive officer of Campbell and Associates Inc., consulting engineers. He joined the firm as an engineer in 1965 after four years in the U.S. Air Force. He serves on the boards of several organizations, including the board and executive committee of the Public Education Foundation and Orange Grove Center Inc., and as board chair of Blood Assurance Inc. He also is founder and treasurer of the Chattanooga State Technical Community College Foundation and president of the Tennessee Jaycee Foundation.

He was Tennessee Young Man of the Year in 1970; Engineer of the Year, 1986; Volunteer Fundraiser of the Year, 1992; and Tennessee Community Organizations Volunteer of the Year, 2009. He is a recipient of the Boy Scouts Silver Beaver Award and the Arthritis Foundation Circle of Hope Award.

What You Missed June 10, 2016

– by Heather Hetherington



Club members gathered together in The Upper Canada room and welcomed with customary Rotary warmth, all those seated at The Head Table and the five guests and two visiting Rotarians, introduced by Monitor, Don Bell.

Following lunch, President David had the happy task of relieving three new members of their “red stripe” and re-introducing them to their fellow Rotarians as full members. Anny-Sandra Hamel, Luba Rascheff, and Kerry Bowser were acknowledged with hearty applause.

There were several announcements and reminders. Donations made to the Fort- McMurray relief fund will be aided by an additional \$15,000 from the Rotary Foundation – potential of raising \$80,000. Upcoming events include another Opera performance June 10th at College Street United Church, Wine Night at the National Club, June 16th and Jeff Dobson announced President David’s farewell celebration at the Westminster Pub, June 14th at 5:30 p.m. Brian Porter urged members to contact Dawn-Marie King and volunteer to man an entrance at Rib Fest, June 30, July 1, 2 or 3rd. Additionally, Paul Westlake announced Golf Day, August 18, to be held at the Richmond Hill Golf Club. Lunch and dinner are included for \$175.00. We were reminded of the special Rotary Lunch June 24th, celebrating National Aboriginal Day with Ontario Regional Chief Isadore Day as our keynote presenter.

Our guest speaker, Dave Dryden, Executive Director and Chairman of the Board of “Sleeping Children Around the World” was ably introduced by Karen Scott and warmly welcomed by all.

Our speaker began his remarks by sharing how it all began. In 1970, Dave’s father Murray Dryden, while walking at night in Lahore, Pakistan, tripped over what he thought was a tree branch, only to discover it was a young child sleeping on the pavement. Deeply disturbed by this encounter, he determined to do something to alleviate the suffering of children by helping them get a good night’s sleep. Later that year, using their own funds, Dave’s parents purchased fifty bedkits and delivered them to an orphanage in Pune, India. And so began this global movement.

Dave shared that by 2009, the Charity had delivered 1,000,000 bedkits. Each bedkit contains bedding, pajamas, a specially treated insect repellent mosquito net, and currently school supplies. The bedkits cost \$35. Today, in an amazing link with some Rotary clubs in Bangladesh, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, India, Kenya, Honduras and other countries, the supplies are purchased locally, put together by Rotarians and Dave and volunteers from Canada help in the delivery of kits. Dave praised the devotion and hard work of Rotary clubs involved overseas and stated “I trust Rotary.”

As he concluded his remarks, Dave noted that 100 per cent of donations go directly to bedkit contents, none are used for operating expenses. An annual Breakfast event is held to bolster funds for a Legacy Fund, established by his parents. The interest of this fund pays the salary of one paid staff member.

Following an expression of thanks to our guest speaker, The Ace of Clubs ticket was drawn and John Lloyd won a bottle of wine and \$1,178 remained in the pot.



Left to right: Guest speaker Dave Dryden with President David and host Karen Scott and new member Abdel Toukan after delivering a speech that discussed Rotary’s integral connection with Sleeping Children Around the World.



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