

Today's Program

Dr. Suzanne Stewart, OISE

Topic

20th National Aboriginal Day
(June 21, 2016)

Host

John Andras,
Chair Indigenous Service Committee

Location

Fairmont Royal York, Imperial Room



Dr. Suzanne L. Stewart is a leading scholar in the field of counselling psychology, whose work is among the first to address Aboriginal social problems within the field of psychology using an *Aboriginal knowledges* perspective. Dr. Stewart is a member of the Yellowknife Dene First Nation of Canada. She is a registered psychologist and Associate Professor in Counselling Psychology at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto, where she is also Interim Director of the Indigenous Education Initiative and Special Advisor to the Dean on Aboriginal Education. Dr. Stewart's research and teaching interest includes Indigenous mental health and healing in psychology (homelessness, youth mental health, identity, and work-life development) and Indigenous pedagogies in teacher education, higher education, and psychotherapy practice/training. She currently holds the Canada Research Chair in Aboriginal Homelessness and Life Transitions and is committed to advancing Indigenous healing through the discipline of psychology and through influencing policy change at all levels.

President David's Farewell Party

On June 14th, members of the Rotary Club of Toronto gathered at the Duke of Westminster Pub to reminisce about a successful year and bid farewell to President David Hetherington, as he transitions to Esteemed Past President. Arranged by incoming Vice-President Jeff Dobson it was a comfortable enjoyable evening for over 60 Rotarians. The pub did a great job on food from jumbo shrimp to yummy pulled pork sliders.



Soon to be Past President David Hetherington and his lovely wife Kathie

Jeff turned the mike over to David's partner at Mackie Research, Ken Andras

who gave us some of the little-known details of David's "other life" at work. And his lovely Kathie will be glad to see him more. Our in house jokester Glenn Davis presented David with a framed version of the "Feet Here" soapbox sign from last year's inauguration.

Rotary Toronto Foundation Funds Wheelchair Accessible Van

– by Mary Lach, Chair, Senior Citizens Committee



On Tuesday June 7th a number of Rotarians attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony at WoodGreen Community Services. President and CEO of WoodGreen, Anne Babcock, welcomed those in attendance. Our club was represented by President David Hetherington, Peter Love, Chair and President of the Rotary Club of Toronto Charitable Foundation, Luzita Kennedy, Vice-chair Research and Appeals Committee, Mary Lach, Chair Senior Citizens Committee and Barbara Thomson, member, Senior Citizens Sub-committee. Also present from WoodGreen were Ashnoor Rahim, Vice President of Seniors Services and Larry Whatmore, Vice President Finance.



The custom-built wheelchair-accessible van donated by The Rotary Club of Toronto was delivered earlier this year and is now in use on a daily basis. WoodGreen's Transportation program addresses the needs of seniors and disabled adults who require assistance with arranging and securing affordable, suitable and reliable transportation to important medical appointments, and to support their Adult Day Program which helps seniors with mild to moderate cognitive impairment continue to live independently in the community.

This was a collaborative effort by many Club members. The Senior Citizens sub-committee received WoodGreen's request which was approved by Senior Citizens Committee. Research & Appeals conducted due diligence and then the Foundation Board approved the funds.



Last Call for volunteers!
June 30 – July 3



Canada Day Weekend

This is one of our two fundraisers and an easy task. But we still need volunteers for Saturday and Sunday afternoons and evenings. Contact Dawn-Marie King at 416-766-4862 or kingda@smh.ca.

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Upcoming Speakers & Events

July 2016

- 1 No Meeting
- 8 Changeover Day
- 12 Fellowship Dinner at TCJ
- 15 President Susan Hunter – Throne Speech

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What You Missed June 17, 2016

– by Bob Cartlidge



A wave of optimism filled the Sheraton Centre Provincial Ballroom as outstanding young leaders were recognized at the Rotary Youth Day lunch which provided confidence that our future is in capable hands whatever unforeseen problems and difficulties arise.

Guitarist and singer Mapela from Sketch serenaded the arrivals with folk songs and led us in the National Anthem. Sketch's mission is to create opportunities for young people (ages 16 to 29) living street involved, homeless or otherwise on the margins, to experience the transformative power of the arts. Earlier this year, the Rotaract Club of Toronto raised \$7,500 for Sketch.

Distinguished guests at President David Hetherington's table included: Rotary International President-elect, John Germ, Wilf Wilkinson, a past president of Rotary International, member Stephen Wilkinson, Jim Louttit, Rotary District 7070 Governor 2016-17 and District Governor Nominee and a past RCT President, Neil Phillips.

Sarah Hui, President of the Rotaract Club of Toronto and Heidi Ludwick, also from Rotaract and co-chair of the Youth Leadership Expo, acted as joint masters of ceremony.

Steve Wilkinson introduced our keynote speaker, RI President-elect John Germ who congratulated the Rotary Club of Toronto and Rotaract and the supporting school boards for their success in selecting the four Youth Civic Leadership Award recipients. These young people are in sharp contrast to the gun violence and other tragedies widely reported in the media. Mr. Germ views the recognition of upcoming young leaders as vitally important. This inspires many of their peers to get on board. In congratulating the Rotaract Club for adding 14 new members, he advised them not to stop there, but to attempt to attract and develop Interact club members (aged 12-18). He asked the four award winners to undertake this task within six months and asked Rotarians to lend a hand. He admires young people who not only have a personal dream, but also a vision for a better world. He quoted Helen Keller who, when asked what was worse than being blind said "To be able to see but have no vision".

John Malloy, Director of Education, Toronto District School Board spoke about the recognition and encouragement of such awards and introduced Angela Gauthier, Director of Education for the Toronto Catholic District School Board, William Mendes, Manager, Revitalization and Renewal Communities, Toronto Community Housing and John McPhee, Instructional leader, Secondary Guidance, Career and Adolescent Development, TDSB.

The following Youth Civic Leadership Awards were presented:

- D'Angelo Gordon, The Toronto Community Housing Award.
- Akeda Sayram, The Rotaract Club Silver Award
- Rathesh Balendran, The Rotaract Club Gold Award
- Deborah Dada, The Rotary Club of Toronto Award

Prince Kumar, Chair of the Youth and Children Service Committee, recognized all the award winners and finalists, Youth Expo and Youth Day volunteers, TDSB, TCDSB, TCH, community partners, entertainers and sponsors. President David thanked Binoy Luckoo, Chair of the Youth Initiatives Sub-Committee and his Youth Day team for their hard work.

A planned showing of the 4th Annual Rotary Club Youth Leadership Expo 2016 video can be viewed at: <https://goo.gl/tCL1Cu>

Jim Louttit, incoming District Governor, had the lucky ticket for the Ace of Clubs draw, but left the funds to accumulate.



Rotarians Binoy Luckoo and Jeff Dobson, Award Winners D'Angelo Gordon, Deborah Dada, Akeda Sayram, TCH chair William Mendes and Rotarian Prince Kumar.

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