

Today's Program

Scholarship Lunch/Andrea Tirone

Topic

The Rotary Club of Toronto Scholarship Program

Host

Shannon Lundquist,
member, Scholarship Committee

Location

The National Club, 303 Bay Street



In 2004 Andrea Tirone was asked to participate in the District 7070 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), through which she found out about Rotaract. Since becoming a member of the University of Toronto Rotaract Club 12 years ago, Andrea has served as President, District

Rotaract Representative, Rotaract Representative to the RI Committee on Interact and Rotaract, and as Co-Chair of the International Rotaract Conference - Interota. Outside of Rotaract, Andrea was selected as a 2008-2009 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar to South Africa and has attended 7 Rotary International Conventions. In July 2015, Andrea joined the Rotary Club of Toronto and now serves as the Vice Chair of the International Service Committee at the club level, and as District Chair of Interact, Chair of Young Professionals in Rotary and as a member of the District Global Grants Scholarship Committee.

Rotary is Andrea's passion because it's her family. Her best friends are from her days in Rotaract or as an Ambassadorial Scholar - whether they were Rotaractors themselves or people she encountered through her Rotary experiences. Rotary has touched every aspect of her life and in turn she is forever committed to trying to do the same for others. Andrea knows that it is possible to do good work through this organization and that she is supported in the work she does while working alongside the world's most compassionate and giving volunteers.

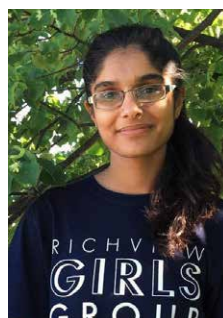
The Scholarship Program

— by Richard White, Chair



The Scholarship program originated as one of the \$100,000 Club Centennial Projects and the first of three scholarships under the Centennial Project was awarded in the spring of 2012. In 2015, the Scholarship Committee became a permanent committee of the Club with a mandate to award one full tuition scholarship each year. The first scholarship under the new ongoing program was awarded in the spring of 2015 to Poorva Patel. The scholarship is open to outstanding students graduating from a TDSB or TDCSB secondary school who can demonstrate financial need, academic excellence, moral character, leadership and breadth and depth of community service and who will be attending a College or University in the Greater Toronto Area. This scholarship makes a post-secondary education possible for these talented young people who might not otherwise be able to continue their studies due to serious financial circumstances. Aside from the financial support, one member of the Scholarship Committee takes on a very important and gratifying mentorship role with each student throughout the undergraduate years.

Our Rotary Club of Toronto Scholarship Winner 2016



Amna Majeed – 2016 scholarship recipient

My name is Amna Majeed and I am entering my first year in the Life Sciences Program at the University of Toronto – St. George Campus. I hope to major in Human Biology and Psychology, while completing a minor in French. To me, one of the most important traits is to be well-rounded and to expand one's perspectives. For this reason, I chose a variety of courses this year including Chemistry, Physics, and the Trinity One Program. I enjoy being an active part of the community, and throughout my four years at UofT I hope to be a part of many volunteer and leadership initiatives, while partaking in sports and the dramatic arts. In the future, I wish to be a specialty surgeon, and all of these experiences will definitely help me to grow as a person. University is going to be an exciting adventure, and I want to make the most of it – by exploring my interests, making new friends, and trying to be the best version of myself.

The Rotary Club of Toronto Scholarship Winners 2012-2015



Poorva Patel – 2015 Winner

My name is Poorva Patel. Thanks to the Rotary Club of Toronto, my first year at the University of Toronto – Scarborough was a great experience! Although first year was a big jump from high school, the transition went smoothly. My semesters consisted of many science courses such as Chemistry, Biology, Psychology along with Statistics and Calculus. I learned that university means more hard work, more dedication and more focus is required to succeed and do well. Going to university made me more aware of my learning habits, organization skills and time management; I learned what I needed to further improve my results and prosper for the years to come.

First year wasn't just about doing well academically, but also about getting settled in a new environment, making new friends and taking opportunities. I realized that I have other interests beyond just science and pursuing those interests can lead to more diversity and growth. University is where I am discovering who I am and gaining more independence.

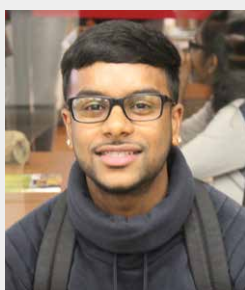
I am now working on pursuing a Major in Neuroscience which involves aspects about neural activities and cognition in extensive detail. I am hoping to go into research or explore other fields that involve behavioural neuroscience and psychology. I am also hoping to do a few internships or volunteer at research clinics or hospitals to gain more knowledge about the health work field. Thank you to everyone at Rotary for being a part of this journey and helping me through it.



John Chen – 2014 Winner

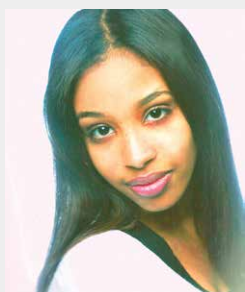
My name is John Chen. I am entering my third year in the Computer Science Specialist Program at U of T, St. George Campus having completed my transition from the Engineering Science Program in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering which I started in first year. During the summer of 2016, I took three half-credit summer courses. I also served as a research assistant in Dr. Benjamin Haibe-Kains' lab at Princess Margaret Hospital where the research focused on visualization of drug datasets. In May 2016 I participated in the 2016 Toronto Cisco DevNet Hackathon. My team consisted of myself and 5 other students mainly from computer science and engineering programs at the University of Waterloo but also from Southern Alberta Institute of Technology. We won the

1st place award by building an app that allowed users to monitor their plants in real-time by Voice over Internet Protocol using small embedded sensors and microcontrollers.



Naresh Sritharan – 2013 Winner

My name is Naresh Sritharan and this September, I will be starting my fourth and final year at the University of Toronto - Scarborough. I will complete the remaining 5 courses to obtain my Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in Geography and hope to pursue my passion in the field of education. I intend on applying to various Bachelor of Education programs, in order to teach at the high school level specializing in Geography and Environmental Science. In addition to the Bachelor of Education program, I am also interested in the University of Toronto - Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) Student Development and Student Services in Higher Education program. Over the next few months, I will seek out guidance from fellow students, professors and mentors to determine the most appropriate path for me to pursue my future goals.



Souleik Kheyre – 2012 Winner

My name is Souleik Kheyre. I completed my undergraduate degree at the University of Toronto in June 2016 with a double major in International and Employment Relations and a minor in African Studies. I joined the U of T Rotaract Club in my first year and have enjoyed the projects we have sponsored as well as the opportunity to participate in the Rotary Club of Toronto activities. I had the opportunity to work as a Facilitator/Job Developer on the Youth Job Connection Summer Program at St. Stephen's Employment and Training Centre this summer. I am excited to be returning to UofT to begin graduate studies, a Masters of Industrial Relations and Human Resources this September. I would like to thank everyone at the Rotary Club of Toronto for continuously supporting me throughout the last four years.

Are you registered yet for this year's District Conference?

— by Neil Phillips



This year's District Conference is being held October 21st & 22nd, at the Sheraton Parkway Hotel in Richmond Hill.

District Conferences are great opportunity to gather with Rotarians and learn about what various Clubs are doing, share stories – and have a fun time. This year's theme is REV UP ROTARY. Here's your chance to Re-Ignite, Re-Charge and Re-Imagine, with a series of TED-style talks. More details on the agenda, registration, and discount hotel registration can all be found here:

<http://rotary7070conference.org/>

The Rotary Club of Toronto is also hosting a Hospitality Suite, to promote the 2017 District Conference, which our Club is hosting as a lead-in to the 2018 International Convention. Come say hi and show your support over drinks and late-night nibbles!

(If you'd like to help, contact Neil Phillips at nphillips@dgn-marketing.com or Shannon Lundquist at slundquist@deloitte.ca)

Look forward to seeing many of you there!

Rotary Lion Roars at Camp Scugog

— by Glenn Davis



Moms and kids of all ages were recently the recipients of the generous musical contributions of two of our Club members. This is the second year in a row that our musical Diva Brigitte Bogar and her able accompanist Glenn Davis have learned, rehearsed and performed musical selections from a child-friendly Disney film. Last year, they did a selection from Frozen, and this year a selection of 10 songs from The Lion King. The first audience comprised campers from the moms and tots, seated on the grassy 'amphitheater' outside the Dining Hall.



Our very own Rotary lioness with baby

A few weeks later the audience was the regular kid camp session, many of whom knew the words and music in detail. At least the moms could 'protect' the small ones from the big scary Lioness. After the performance, kids were keen to have their picture taken with the ferocious feline, including the youngest camper present (5 months) (see terrifying picture). One Mom approached the performers with a puzzled look on her face. She acknowledged that even though she was sitting only a few feet away, she simply couldn't figure out where the singer's microphone was hidden! The notion there wasn't one seemed to be difficult for her to accept, and gave her a whole new perspective on the outdoor performance. A good time was had by all, and further charitable musical offerings are planned.

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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

September

- 16 District Governor Jim Louttit
- 23 Derek Burleton, VP and Chief Economist, TD Canada Trust
- 30 Muhammad Yunis, Nobel Peace Prize

October

- 7 No meeting due to Thanksgiving
- 14 Andy Byford, TTC
- 21 The Right Honorable Paul Martin
- 28 Truong Ta, Sanofi-Pasteur

Events

- September 11 Foundation Walk
- 23 Trevor Noah show
- October 21-23 District Conference

Propose a Speaker – Contact

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2015 Walk participants

Foundation Walk

On the tables today are pledge sheets for the Foundation Walk, which will take place Sunday, September 11, 2016, starting at the Brighton Community Centre. The walk begins at 10 AM after breakfast refreshments. This is our opportunity to contribute to the worldwide projects of The Rotary Foundation, which will celebrate its 100th anniversary next year. After-Party Drinks and Nibbles will be at June and Alex Brown's home in Grafton. Please RSVP directly to june_brown@rogers.com to confirm and get directions.

What You Missed August 26, 2016

— by Andrea Tirone



Despite it being the last 'official' lunch of summer, the meeting was well attended in the Upper Canada Room. President Susan welcomed us all. Our monitor for the day, Past-President, Sandy Boucher, gave his best effort at pronouncing the names of our 2 visiting Rotarians, 1 Rotaractor and 7 guests. Three announcements followed, reminding Club members of the past weekend's Paddle Down the Humber, our upcoming Club fellowship event at Just for Laughs to see Trevor Noah and a thoughtful reminder that the Rotary District Foundation Walk is quickly approaching on Sunday, September 11th, in Brighton. As a special bonus, Club members have been invited to a gathering hosted by June and Alex Brown at their home, following the Foundation Walk.

Rick Goldsmith introduced our guest speaker for the day, fellow Rotarian from the Chatham Sunrise Club in District 6380, John Lawrence, who eloquently spoke to us about his passion, Clean Water for Living. In his presentation, John used a variety of media, including videos and photographs, to highlight the urgent need for each of us to take up a role in persevering and protecting the Great Lakes Water Basin. John noted that not only are we each residents of the basin, we are Rotarians who are committed to uniting on issues to pool our knowledge and take action. Some examples of action John included were: Reducing plastic water bottle usage and purchasing a re-fillable bottle; learning about our own water footprint; and recognizing the good effort of city and provincial leaders who support infrastructure for clean water. Time was allowed for two questions, with club members wondering if Clean Water for Living would have a role in the 2018 Rotary International Convention in Toronto and what individuals can do to reduce their water footprint. John was interested in the 2018 connection and suggested that in addition to re-usable water bottles, we can look into 'low-flow'

options and reduce the amount of water we leave running when we are doing dishes, brushing our teeth or shaving, for example.

Before closing the meeting, the entire room was delighted when John Andras' ticket was pulled from the pool of 50/50 tickets. With \$1,889 at stake, many must have been relieved when John pulled the eight of clubs and walked away with a bottle of wine. President Susan concluded the meeting by referencing a study that indicated that due to experiencing less peer pressure and an increased amount of wisdom, people can look forward to making smarter, social decisions in their lives and therefore experience a higher measure of happiness as they age.



John Andras – a happy winner of wine

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