



YOUTH DAY 2017 PROGRAM

Today's Program

Rotary Youth Day 2017

Topic

Youth Leadership Awards
& Entertainment

Location

Fairmont Royal York Hotel,
Imperial Room

Musical Prelude

Glenn Davis - The Rotary Club of Toronto

Welcome

Traditional Lands Recognition

Invocation

National Anthem

Loyal Toast

Dance Performance

Christine Mao

Lunch

Rotaract Club of Ryerson University Inauguration

Dignitaries and Guest Recognition

Youth Leadership Awards Introduction

Award Finalists Recognition

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Closing Remarks

50/50 Draw

2017 Youth Civic Leadership Awards – Youth is our Future and our Present

The Rotary Club of Toronto in partnership with the Rotaract Club of Toronto, the Rotaract Club of the University of Toronto, the Rotaract Club of Ryerson University and the Toronto Community Housing are proud to present the 2017 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 2017 winners!



Karina Dubrovskaya – The Rotary Club of Toronto Youth Civic Leadership Award

Karina is a Grade 12 student in the Extended-French and Advanced Placement programs at Bishop Allen Academy, who has taken on many leadership roles within the school and the community she lives in. She is a school trustee and a French Relations Officer on the executive council of the Ontario Student Trustees Association. Amongst all the projects she has led or worked on, one of the most fulfilling has been running workshops on mental wellness & habits of effective teens in the First Nations reserve in Geraldton, Northern Ontario. Karina also volunteers for the Children's Aid Foundation and the Parkinson Society of Central & Northern Ontario. Karina will be studying Medicine at Harvard University.



Samantha Ling – Rotaract Gold Youth Civic Leadership Award

Samantha is a Grade 12 student from Martingrove Collegiate Institute and is an elected Youth Councillor for Ward 3 where she has chaired the Finance/Economic Infrastructure Committee. She is also a member of the Premier's Council on Youth Opportunities advising the Minister of Youth Services, Minister of Finance and the Premier on provincial youth programs. Amidst keeping very good academic grades at school, Samantha still finds time to be a Lieutenant Governor for the Key Club, club president for the Martingrove World Action Council & volunteering as a camp counsellor for the Martingrove Leadership Camp. Samantha will be studying Political Science at McGill University.



Sarah McFarlan – Rotaract Silver Youth Civic Leadership Award

Sarah is a Grade 12 student from Ursula Franklin Academy. Sarah's extracurricular activities involves being President of the Student Council, fundraising for the Franklin Athletic Association, Peer Mediation, leading Inside Ride (supporting children with cancer & their families), helping Syrian Refugees & being a communications lead for the Social Justice Committee at Bloor Street United, organizing panel discussions at school to help students understand the workplace. Sarah has also been involved in International Service through Youth on Bloor – she has been on a trip to El Salvador where she has built chicken coops, planted trees and helped build a well. With the Salvadorian youth, she is also engaged in the peace process. She has also been a camp counsellor for her school. Sarah is looking forward to attending the University of Western Ontario's Social Sciences & Business Management program.



Hilary Tieu My Thi Nguyen – Toronto Community Housing Youth Civic Leadership Award

Hilary is a Grade 12 student from the John Polanyi Collegiate Institute and is involved in the CITY – Change Impacting Toronto's Youth – a social entrepreneurship group. She led the CITY's website development and participated in the SAGE International Entrepreneurship competition and represented Canada in South Korea. Hilary is also a Youth Ambassador for the Regent Park Revitalization program looking at problems facing youth in Regent Park and what solutions to bring forward to help these young people with regards to education, training & employment in Regent Park. She also created a Mental Health committee at her school to promote positive thinking aimed at eliminating stigma and discrimination associated with mental illness. Hilary also volunteers at Bridgepoint Hospital.



Christine Mao – Rotary Club of Toronto – Youth & Children Committee Youth Civic Leadership Special Award

Christine is a returning Grade 12 student at Westview Centennial Secondary School. Through her life experiences and passion, Christine wants to ultimately become a Human Rights Lawyer. She will be starting her undergrad in Political Science & Global Development at Queen's University this year. For many years she has been a volunteer at the Buddhist Temple and helped raise funds and has been a role model & mentor for the Youth & Peers at the temple. She even got a recognition award from the Mayor for her volunteer work. Christine is a mentor at the Generation Change organization and LAWS program in the Jane/Finch community where she lives. She helps the youth in the community to develop, appreciate cultural diversity, ethnicity & inclusiveness through events. She is also a Student Council representative and has taken leadership roles in raising money & toys for children at Humber River Regional Hospital & women's shelters.



Youth Leadership Expo 2017

— by Binoy Luckoo



The Rotary Club of Toronto and the Rotaract Club of Toronto hosted the 5th annual Youth Expo Day on April 4th at Daniels Spectrum. The whole team of Rotarians, Rotaractors and Community Partners with the partnership of the Toronto School District Board and the Toronto Catholic School District Board celebrated and motivated over 200 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 – Tali Osborne
- Marketplace for Social Change – community partners including Interact, Shelter Box, jack.org, Duke of Edinburg, Toronto Youth Cabinet, VIBE Arts, Trek for Teens, Canadian Cancer Society, Pride Toronto, Honouring Indigenous Peoples (HIP), & Regent Park Focus Media Arts Centre
- Student-led Debrief – Grade 11 & 12 volunteers from Harbord Collegiate play leadership building activities with students to reflect on the day's learnings.

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

The Rotary Club of Toronto	Toronto District School Board
Rotaract Club of Toronto	Toronto Catholic District School Board
Artscape – Daniels Spectrum	Print Three

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

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

Binoy Luckoo, Chair – RCT Youth Initiatives	
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What You Missed Reporter for June 9th:
Lorna Johnson

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

- 16 Jane Kovarikova, Improving Child Welfare
- 23 Aboriginal Day, Roberta Jamieson, President & CEO, Indspire
- 30 NO MEETING – Canada Day

July

- 7 Changeover Day
- 14 Throne Speech, Pat Neuman

Events

- June 10-14: RI Convention, Atlanta
- June 17: Scugog Bike Rally
- June 30 – July 3: Rotary Ribfest - volunteers needed
- July 11: TCJ Dinner

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WE NEED YOU!

June 30 – July 3



Canada Day Weekend

This is one of our two fundraisers and an easy task. But we still need volunteers. Last year we raised almost \$33,000 for our club. Contact Dawn-Marie King at 416-766-4862 or kingda@smh.ca.

Make a Difference

2017 District 7070 Rotary Conference

Rotary Uncorked

at the White Oaks Resort & Spa

November 3-4, 2017



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Join our own Neil Phillips in
his role as District Governor

Register now at
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Harvey Sullivan receives the Pauline Hill Award – by Don Bell



President Susan with Harvey Sullivan

The Pauline Hill Award for Making a Difference is given to honour somebody whether a Rotarian or not, who exemplifies the traits of Pauline: integrity, exceptional commitment and indomitable energy in the pursuit of improvement in the spirit of goodwill. Pauline Hill was our club's first female member, joining us in 1988 and remaining a very active member until close to her passing in 2011.

Harvey was described as dedicated, organized, knowledgeable about how the club operates, a very detail-oriented person, willing to step up to help people do their jobs. Harvey joined this club in 1979; he is a retired customs broker now living in Barrie with his wife Marion and commutes to the club by train on Fridays. He is the chief advisor for all things Friday. He runs the Attendance Committee, he knows who has paid and who hasn't paid; he knows what should happen at the meetings. Harvey is the trouble-shooter, the guy who coordinates every Friday meeting behind the scenes, which is where he wants to be. He keeps track of everybody's involvement in club activities. If you are out of line with the four-way test he will be the first to comment and directly to you too...not behind your back. When things are not going well with the ClubRunner Rotary program it is Harvey who calls them directly to have a little talk.

He is the trainer for the Sgts. at Arms and fills in on Fridays when someone cannot make it. As Carol and Belli would say, when Harvey's not at the meeting things just do not always go right. When you come to Camp Scugog you might be assigned to Harvey's painting team. Harvey is what you might call a taskmaster. He has been painting cabins since Blue Mountain and he wants things done on time, accurately and no fooling around. But Harvey has a soft side - he's very sensitive. When Pauline Hill was not very well Harvey sat beside her on Fridays and helped her eat her food. Harvey likes things done a certain way...the right way...so do not try to change it or cut corners. But on the inside Harvey is a soft touch. In words chosen by Valerie Clarke, "Harvey is someone who represents the totality of small kindnesses and great efforts that he puts into our club".

What You Missed June 2, 2017

– by John Andras



The meeting began with a recognition that we meet on "the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation". Carol Hutchinson and Lorna Johnson led all in singing Happy Birthday to Brigitte Bogar, our club's opera professional, who was born in May. We welcomed 3 visiting Rotarians, including past member Peter Hermant, and 6 guests. There were several announcements.

- The Steam Whistle Fundraiser netted \$46,000.00 for the club's foundation! A big congratulations to Fabio Ventolini and his great team.
- The Go Scugog Bike Rally is on June 17th
- Rotaract Club of Toronto Changeover is June 23rd starting at 6:30 PM at the National Club. It will be an evening full of fun, and celebration
- From June 10-14 there will be a special early bird registration price for the Rotary International Convention in Toronto in 2018. I will be registering at 12:01 AM on June 10th and I expect the servers will crash with the number of members trying to take advantage of this incredible offer.
- Mary Bennett, who was introduced as a New Member at Camp Scugog, was reintroduced.
- Don Bell presented Harvey Sullivan with a very well deserved Pauline Hill Award. My Crew Boss at Camp Scugog for many years, I have never before seen him totally at a loss for words.

Our guest speaker was Michael Burns, CEO of the 3rd Invictus Games, for military veterans suffering from physical and/or mental health injuries incurred during service. The games will be in Toronto September 23-30th. The Games, begun by Prince Harry, himself a 10-year veteran, are named after a poem written in 1875 by William Henley. It is a poem that Nelson Mandela read every day while incarcerated on Robben Island. It concludes: "I am the master of my fate, I am the Captain of my soul."

The games will involve 550 competitors from 17 nations, 1500 family and supporters, 500 media and over 2,000 volunteers. Events will be held across Toronto in world-class venues. In addition to the Games, there will also be a forum bringing together 1,000 researchers and a 2-day employment opportunity summit. The Anglican Church of Canada is coordinating an all faith celebration of worship. ME to WE and the Rick Hansen Foundation are spreading the word to schools. There will be a flag tour across Canada visiting every military base.



Brigitte's time to blush as Lorna Johnson and the club wished her happy birthday

Canadians have long had a deep empathy for our fallen and injured military as can be seen on the bridges across the Highway of Heroes when the fallen come home. The Invictus Games, by highlighting the spirit and courage of the competitors, seeks to transform empathy into empowerment. It is an opportunity to show all military families that we have their backs. For they have always have has ours. For further information please go to www.invictusgames2017.com. Tickets go on sale on June 15 and many events are free to the public. Join me in showing your support.

Next week is Youth Day. If anyone has tickets they can donate, please call Binoy Luckoo or the Rotary Office. Harold Hetherington, who purchased tickets right in front of me, will be enjoying a bottle of wine but not the nearly \$5,000.00 in the Ace of Clubs pot.

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Camp Scugog Work Weekend

— by Terry Wray



Our Rotary Work Weekend at Camp Scugog has filled my mind with wonderful thoughts and images. It all started out normally on Friday as we found a sleeping cabin, dumped our stuff and headed back to sample some of Jim Norwood's BBQ ribs and chicken followed by a mighty fine steak dinner. We all spent the evening reconnecting, playing games, sitting by the fire, telling stories and just basking in the sounds and smells of people and nature. As I left for bed, Bert Steenburgh was singing and playing his guitar on the steps overlooking the fire; it was so good to have Bert back with us.

It is always a special experience to sleep in the Kids' cabins. Us kids are now old, we snore, the breeze blows through and the mosquitoes like to spend time with us. In the morning we like to get started early. John Andras helps with that, he takes a special loudness tonic just as he gets up: it helps him increase his normally soothing voice by 12,000 decibels. He personally visits each cabin with orange juice and additives along with verbal encouragement at decibel levels that cracked all the glass throughout the camp. This was going to be a cool rainy day. I headed to the washrooms through the damp grass and met the early morning swim gang headed by Glenn, Brigitte and

a number of Rotaractors, all dripping wet, smiling happily and covered in goose bumps.

Breakfast is completed by 8:00 sharp, Boss Susan gives us her final words of encouragement and sends us all off to our assigned tasks. Imagine this motley crew of about 70 people, young and old, male and female, some with rain jackets others with converted garbage bags, all ready to paint, saw, hammer, clean; everyone happy, smiling and ready to do the best job they can, no matter what.

A lot of work got done this day even though the rain came down all morning. It did back off in the afternoon as we came back for hors d'oeuvres and stories in anticipation of the great feast. We knew the chefs had been preparing special things for us; we saw the little lamb roasting over the open fire in the afternoon. Camp Director Dana was on the porch with a framed picture of a whole group of campers from many years ago and was telling a harrowing story. She was a 24-year old camp director/supervisor and this whole gang of campers were lost in a swamp and she didn't know how to get them back. How they got back and how this experience changed the lives of those involved is another image that will stay with me for a long time.

Seventy or so people are now seated in the camp dining hall that has been transformed by Jackie Davies and her crew into a "Canada 150 Celebration Venue" complete with Justin Trudeau and Canadian flags everywhere. Everyone was issued his or her very own Canada Pin just in case we have to travel anywhere this year. We sang Happy Birthday and O Canada, Susan had announcements and Dana expressed thanks on behalf of herself, the camp staff and all the campers. Dana always makes us feel that we are the most special people in the whole world, (when she tells the story of what the camp was like before we got there we do feel we have done something important here). All the cooks were recognized for the unbelievable work they do and Boss Susan congratulated us all for doing an outstanding job.

The food I eat here are likely my best meals of the year, would you believe that? This is a kids' camp, rough and ready, plain and unsophisticated but this is the place that serves some of the world's best food. Here is a little sample of what we were offered; to start we had shrimp, scallops, mussels, Atlantic and Pacific salmon, then a whole grilled lamb (very young and delicious) three kinds of beef, real seal meat, various potato options, pasta, unbelievable soups, home made bread and so many salads I can't remember what they were. Then there are desserts; Don and Catherine outdo each other every year with preparations that are so delicious. We try to sample everything but there is not enough room on the plate: what a dilemma.

For the rest of the evening we spent time watching the amazing fireworks, and then sat by the fire listening to stories and watching the stars. Inside people played various card games or sat in small groups chatting happily together. I turned in fairly early, feeling pleasantly tired after what I felt was a full and rewarding day.

Sunday is clean up day. Many of us had little odd chores to finish up and some people headed home right after breakfast



Saturday "appies" on the deck

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while others stayed for lunch. As I drove home along the country roads I felt fulfilled and happy. I believe I did something worthwhile, I spent quality time with the finest people I could every want to meet and I was dreaming about next year's Camp Scugog Work Weekend.



Rotaractor Michelle Goulter and Alanna Scott having too much fun.



Hard work from the dock repair team.



The Land of the Mississaugas of the New Credit

At its May meeting, the Club Board passed a motion that recognition of traditional First Nations land should be used whenever all club members are asked to gather for a meeting. When the President welcomes visitors and guests, she or he will add the words "We recognize that we are meeting on the traditional lands of the Mississaugas of the New Credit."

This is an important step for our club. In its 94 recommendations, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission urged us corporately and individually to seek reconciliation with Canada's indigenous peoples.

For indigenous people, recognition of traditional lands is a fundamental first step on the journey toward reconciliation. It is not a political statement; rather, it is a traditional protocol that indigenous peoples use among themselves. It recognizes their presence both in the past and in the present, and is a mark of respect.

As an inclusive club that is seeking reconciliation with and is respectful of Canada's indigenous people, The Rotary Club of Toronto is committed to recognizing those who lived on this land before us.



Are You Going to RI 2018 in Toronto?

Benefits For Registering Between June 10-14

Our club has a unique opportunity with the Rotary International Convention coming to Toronto in June 2018. The Board of Directors wants to encourage our members to attend and participate in the International Convention. It has been 35 years since the convention was last in Toronto. This is your chance to see Rotary at its best and attend a Rotary International Convention in our backyard.

Rotary International has a limited time registration rate of \$295 (U.S.) from June 10 to June 14, 2017. This special promotion is a savings of \$200 (U.S.) from the full registration rate of \$495 (U.S.).

In addition to the reduced registration rate from Rotary International, as an added incentive to our members, the Rotary Club of Toronto will reimburse a further \$100 (Cdn) to the first 50 members from our club to register for the convention in Toronto between June 10 and June 14, 2017.

www.riconvention.org/en/toronto/register

But wait until the June 10th to get Toronto Convention, not Atlanta

