

YOUTH DAY

A CELEBRATION OF YOUTH CIVIC LEADERSHIP!

THE NATIONAL CLUB, 303 BAY STREET

2018 PROGRAM

Musical Prelude

Quintet by Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts students: Owen Zammit, Joseph Funk, Ivan Ariyanta, Calvin Coate, and Mark Amirthanathan

Welcome

President Pat Neuman - The Rotary Club of Toronto
Traditional Lands Recognition
Invocation
National Anthem
Loyal Toast

Event Prelude

Master of Ceremonies: Lauriane Le Berre and Enrico Mocci - The Rotaract Club of Toronto

Lunch

Youth Civic Leadership Awards introduction
Song performance from St. Joseph's College School students:
Tatiana Green and Ava Gardner

Presentation of Certificates to Finalists

Presented by: Brent Thomas - Chair Youth Initiatives,
Dawn-Marie King - Chair YCS, and Rotaractor Quincy Poon

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

(includes a brief speech by each recipient)

Presented by: Dr. John Malloy - Director of Education TDSB, and
Dan Koenig - Associate Director of Academic Services TCDSB

Winners to be announced by

Rotaractor Michael Tai, Catherine Woodford - Incoming President - The Rotaract Club of Toronto,
Joseph Hanna - Past President - The Rotaract Club of Toronto,
and President Pat Neuman - The Rotary Club of Toronto

Bronze Youth Civic Leadership Award

Silver Youth Civic Leadership Award

Gold Youth Civic Leadership Award

Platinum Youth Civic Leadership Award

Closing Remarks

Youth and Children Service Committee

Dawn-Marie King, Chair

Youth Civic Leadership Awards 2018

We are pleased to have Dr. John Malloy, Director of Education, Toronto District School Board and Dan Koenig, Associate Director of Academic Services, Toronto Catholic District School Board with us today to present the Youth Civic Leadership Awards.



Dr. John Malloy



Dan Koenig

Award recipients in alphabetical order include:



Alice Cheng, Grade 11, Victoria Park Collegiate Institute

Driven by values of compassion, sustainability, and conscious living, Alice is an International Baccalaureate (IB) candidate and agent of change working along the intersection of environmentalism, social justice, and civic action. A Grade 11 student at Victoria Park Collegiate Institute, Alice was formerly President of the Toronto Youth Environmental Council and has since founded Global Figure, a social venture and one-stop digital hub that aims to cultivate a generation of sustainability leaders by engaging, educating, and empowering rising agents of change today.



Taylor Dallin, Grade 10, Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts

Taylor is dedicated to making a difference in her community. She is a student representative on the TCDSB SafeSchools Committee, a member of the Student Mental Health Advisory Council, and the Director of Social Justice for the Catholic Student Leadership Impact Team. Over the course of the past year, Taylor increased civic engagement as the Outreach Coordinator for Model City Hall, promoted environmental stewardship as the Community Engagement Lead for Global Figures, and advocated for the student voice as an Ambassador of the Federation for Canadian Secondary Students. One of her favourite experiences as an agent of change was volunteering at the Good Shepherd Ministries in downtown Toronto last summer to help the homeless. Taylor loves volunteering and taking on leadership roles in order to create a positive impact on the world.



Julia Menezes, Grade 12, Father John Redmond Catholic Secondary School

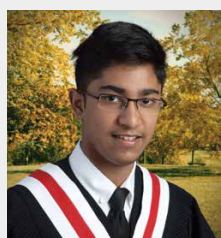
Julia is in the Regional Visual Arts and Advanced Placement program in her school. She is actively involved in combating illiteracy within her community. As a leading member of her school's Me to We club, environmental action team and library club, she has helped organize fundraisers relating to homelessness, water sustainability and Indigenous rights issues. Her most rewarding contribution has been as a tutor in the Leading to Reading program, where she weekly mentors a young student. Julia has also volunteered with PLASP Child Care Services and recently participated on a service and learning trip to Tanzania. She hopes to pursue the Arts and Science Program at McMaster University.



Emily Tu, Grade 12, Lawrence Park Collegiate Institute

Emily is in the Extended French program in her school and has demonstrated leadership as the Music Council President and the Co-Founder of her school's debate club. As an immigrant, she draws inspiration from all of the welcoming people and communities within the city. Emily founded the Multicultural Youth Advocates (MYA), a youth-led organization to encourage civic engagement amongst high school students. One of the main focuses of MYA is to encourage youth to care more about municipal issues. Emily is thankful to The Rotary Club of Toronto for this acknowledgement, and she will continue to strive to make positive contributions in her community and in the City of Toronto.

Award finalists in alphabetical order include:



Joshua Athanasyar, Grade 10, Neil McNeil High School

Joshua's passion is to work with children with challenges and seniors. He has worked with people with various backgrounds at the Mid-Scarborough Youth Leadership program including homeless people, mentally and physically challenged individuals, and newcomers to Canada. Joshua is volunteering with all three levels of Government, International Medical Health Organization, Action for Neighbourhood Change, various senior organizations like Vasantham Senior Mental Health Organization, and Scarborough Tamil Seniors Association. He is a second dan black belt in Taekwondo and fluent in English, French and Tamil. Joshua wishes to become a Geriatric Psychiatrist.



Patricia Cobarrubias, Grade 12, Monsignor Percy Johnson Catholic Secondary School

Patricia is passionate about leadership. She, along with her friends, founded a leadership/mentoring team in her elementary school during her seventh-grade year and continues to mentor the students from that team today. Upon entering high school, she involved herself with many extra curricular activities such as Chaplain, Leadership, Me to We, and Stop the Stigma. She has also taken initiatives at her school board through the Social Justice and Equity Committees. She is a Student Director for the Angel Foundation for Learning and CSLIT while serving as Student Council Vice President. She will be studying Public Administration at York University and hopes to one day help marginalized individuals and minorities in Toronto.

**Isabella Maltese, Grade 10, Loretto Abbey Catholic Secondary School**

Isabella has taken on many leadership roles within the school and her community. She is enrolled in several Advanced Placement classes, is an Empowered Students Partnership Ambassador, and is a member of the Toronto Catholic District School Board's (TCDSB) Student Mental Health Awareness Council, along with other clubs and councils she loves to participate in. One of her proudest achievements is her contribution to the creation of her school's Stop The Stigma club, a club that allows Loretto Abbey students, as well as other students in TCDSB to become

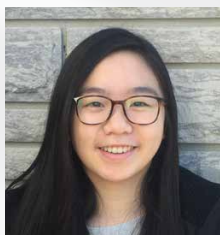
aware of mental illness. Isabella looks forward to continuously providing for the people in her community and helping others around her as she pursues her High School Diploma.

**Samantha Sagredo, Grade 12, Bishop Allen Academy**

Samantha is in the Extended-French and Advanced Placement program in her school. She is an active member of her community, participating and leading various diverse clubs within her school. As the chapter President of Best Buddies, she works on building one-to-one friendships with those who struggle with disabilities. Samantha is also an executive member of Camp Olympia Catholic leadership, a mathematics tutor and a mentee with Women in Capital Markets. Samantha will be studying Commerce at McGill University.

**Donna Vasseghi, Grade 10, St. Joseph Morrow Park**

Donna dedicates her time to many activities in and around her school community. She is the founder of her school's Pre-Med Club which provides a unique hands-on learning opportunity for students. Donna is also an active member of the social justice team, where she raised money for missing and murdered indigenous women. Additionally, she is an avid French public speaker and has given speeches on the refugee crisis in America. In her free time, she loves to volunteer at her local Saturday school, the elderly home and run for charity.

**Elise Wan, Grade 11, St. Clement's School**

Elise is in the Advanced Placement program in her school and is actively engaged in her community of Willowdale. She is the President of the Carefree Lodge Youth Council, a government-run seniors home in Toronto. Recently, she co-founded a non-profit organization based in Toronto focused on youth mental wellness and physical wellness. She is also a member of the Willowdale Youth Council and Toronto Youth Cabinet. Elise frequently volunteers at Baycrest Hospital and the Horizons program at her school.

Rotaractors giving back to the community – by Quincy Poon

Our members say that giving back to the community is one of the top reasons they joined the Rotaract Club of Toronto. We take immense pride in the number of hands-on sweat equity projects and events we engage in – after all, Rotaract stands for “Rotary in Action”.

From building a home for low-income families to building winter shelters for feral cats, our members have contributed hundreds of hours to servicing the local community since the start of this Rotaract year. We've held two blood drives when the Ontario blood inventory was critically low, collected food donations door-to-door on Halloween, and prepared and served thousands of hot meals for those in need at Fort York Food Bank. We've also been privileged to take part in some of Rotary's community service initiatives, such as the annual Christmas parties, Camp Scugog, and the recent tree-planting event on Earth Day!

We're grateful for all the support from our members and friends in the district. Being able to make a positive impact in the local community is in itself an honour and a privilege, but even more so when joined by friends.

**RI President**

Ian Riseley

District Governor

Neil Phillips, Toronto

**The Rotary Club of Toronto
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Rotary Club of Toronto**Charitable Foundation:**

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Maureen Bird

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Brian Porter

What You Missed Reporter for May 4, 2018:

Rotaractor Enrico Mocci

**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****May 2018**

- 11 Elyse Allen CEO General Electric
- 18 NO MEETING Victoria Day
- 25 NO MEETING Camp Scugog

June 2018

- 1 Andris Pone, President, Coin Branding
- 15 Takato Ito, Consul General, Japan
- 22 NO MEETING, RI 2018, Toronto
- 29 NO MEETING, Happy Canada Day

Events

- May 15 President's Cocktails, National Club
- May 25-27 Camp Scugog
- May 30 Walk a Mile in Her Shoes
- June Brown
- June 2 Scugog Bike Ride
- June 23-27 RI International Convention

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Rotaract Club of Toronto Fundraiser – by Joseph Hanna



On February 22nd, 2018, the Rotaract Club of Toronto held a Cocktail Party fundraiser for the eye health and diabetes prevention program of the Anishnawbe Health Foundation New Health Centre.

The organization aims to offer healthcare services to the Toronto Urban Aboriginal community, with a more comprehensive approach that places traditional Aboriginal practices at the core. Their mission is “To improve the health and well-being of Aboriginal People in spirit, mind, emotion, and body by providing Traditional Healing within a multi-disciplinary health care model.” They have three clinics across Toronto, and they offer services such as Diabetic Education and Management, Aboriginal Mental Health, Addiction Services, Psychiatric Services, Traditional Counselling Services, etc. The goal of this organization is to remove barriers faced by the Urban Aboriginal community when accessing care. You can read more about them at: www.aht.ca.

The event was attended by over 150 people including many Rotarians and Rotaractors. Guests enjoyed a night of fellowship with a performance from the Young Creek Drummers, an aboriginal people drummer band, silent auction, raffle and many surprises. The club donated \$5,000 mostly raised during the fundraiser. Anishnawbe Health Foundation will recognize the Rotaract Club of Toronto by adding its name to a plaque at the entrance of their new Health Centre due to be opened in Fall 2020 with an estimated cost over 30 million dollars.

The Rotaract Club of Toronto would like to acknowledge the long-term partnership with The Rotary Club of Toronto, through which this event was possible.

What You Missed April 27, 2018

– by Richard White



President Pat opened the meeting at the beautiful Sovereign Ballroom of the King Edward Hotel (site of the very first meeting of The Rotary Club of Toronto). We sang the National Anthem à capella with a credible descant provided by John Andras. Past President Bob Smith was our monitor and he introduced PVR (Perpetual Visiting Rotarian) Steve Wilkinson, 2 Rotaractors and 6 guests.

We were reminded of a number of upcoming events including the Rotary Aids Walk April 28th, Camp Scugog May 25-27 and the Lake Camp Scugog annual bike ride June 2nd.

Heather Gordon gave us an update with a live demonstration of the new homepage of our Club website. Heather and the Marketing and Communications Committee have been spending a lot of time and resources on this project and it is very exciting to see the first fabulous results. Our website is our number one face to other Rotarians and the public in general and will be critical in attracting new members to our Club and keeping everyone informed about all our activities. We are looking forward to the continued unveiling of our new website. Congratulations to Heather and the Committee!!

Lori Brazier introduced our guest speaker, Michele Fisher, who spoke to us about her life during and after being in the armed forces. Michele spent 12 years of active service in the Canadian Air Force and gave us a compelling picture of life in the military where you take commands from someone else, have 2 uniforms (jeans and a T shirt and your uniform) and where the military defines your whole life. She then described the sense alienation when you leave the military and the difficulties of building a new identity and fitting in to civilian life where everyday customs can be so different from the military. This is common to all soldiers and, of course, is especially acute for those who served and are struggling with injury, rehab, disability and PTSD.

After returning to civilian life, Michele earned degrees in psychology and social work and applied her education and insights gained in the military working as a Correctional Officer and a Probation and Parole Officer. Most recently, she has worked extensively with soldiers leaving active service due to medical issues and with soldiers returning from war, helping them to transition to civilian life. The fact that she is a veteran herself and her training and her own experiences makes her a valuable to aid to these men and women who have valiantly served our country and to whom we all owe so much.

Yours truly was lucky enough to win the Ace of Clubs draw and took home a nice bottle of red wine. Next week's meeting is our annual Youth Day Awards and will be at the National Club starting at 12 noon.

Rotary Walk for AIDS 2018

For the 9th year we gathered to raise funds for and awareness of those affected by HIV/AIDS. It was cool and damp by the water at the foot of Lee but good spirits and company made it work. OAHAS Ontario Aboriginal HIV/AIDS Strategy is our residual beneficiary as well as the beneficiary of our club. Thank you to all who contributed. They entertained us with special songs, we had a Zumba class with Latinos Positivos to keep us warm and we played an AIDS knowledge game. Thank you Ken Dickson from Belleville for that.

Just as we are nearing the end of polio we are seeing light at the end of the tunnel with HIV/AIDS in many countries with a significant decline of new cases. But until there is a cure we will continue to be vigilant.

New Member Morrigan Wolf joined Neil Phillips and Maureen Bird to represent the club. Thank you. Morrigan did very well on the quiz and helped our team win one of the prizes.



DG Neil with Morrigan and Maureen

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Camp Lake Scugog – the Must Event of the Year!

The Chefs have met and plans are afoot for another gastronomic adventure. The theme is Italy and that covers a wide range of foods. It is confirmed that Friday night we will start with Jim Norwood's BBQ and of course a sampling of Don Bell's and Catherine Lloyd's fresh baked goods.

Susan Howson, Terry Wray, Harvey Sullivan and Errol Paulicpulle along with some Camp staff members braved the cold to determine the work list for 2018. There is much to do - painting, fixing benches, patching cabins and finishing the bike shed.

Register now! We need to know you are coming to help so that we can buy the right amount of food, paint and carpentry supplies. Over 250 campers are counting on us to spruce up the camp and make it safe for them.

With less than 24 days to go it is time to commit to a weekend of getting dirty, making new friends and eating wonderful food. If you can't come for the weekend you can still accomplish all the above by coming for Saturday only. Donations are also welcome. This is a member only event.

Register: <https://goo.gl/FWP3un>



Glenn promises it will be finished this year.



SPONSORS NEEDED!

With only 40 days left before the opening of the RI Convention on June 23rd, we are still looking for SPONSORSHIPS! To-date we have raised \$250,000 and we are looking for \$350,000.

Some examples of how a company can be showcased include:

- Sponsoring Logo Recognition in the Convention Program guide.
- Signage throughout the convention.
- Mobile App
- 1/2 page ad in the Rotary Magazine
- Sponsor Recognition in posts on Rotary International Facebook/Twitter feed with appropriate promotion
- Breakout Session or lunch
- Speaking at a breakout session to promote your organization
- Scrolling Sponsor Recognition on LCD stage before and after the well-attended General Sessions
- A Lunch
- A Booth in the House of Friendship, the hub of activity at the convention.

This is just to name a few!

If anyone has any contacts in HUDSON'S BAY, ROOTS, CANADA GOOSE or any other organizations that you may think would be interested in Sponsoring our wonderful and exciting convention (RI),

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WHY Volunteer?

- By Lorraine Lloyd & Dawn-Marie King

- We love to make a positive difference in other peoples' lives and want to show how proud we are of our City and represent to the world, the best of Toronto.
- We want to showcase our diversity and how we live together in harmony.
- Rotarians love to meet new people and boy, do we have new people coming to Toronto in June!
- So many Rotarians are passionate about hosting this 'once in a lifetime' opportunity and excited about being part of 'the biggest Rotary party of our lives'.
- We love being engaged in projects and, if we can get our family and friends to join us working together towards a common goal, that's even better.
- By volunteering we can show our visitors how friendly, polite, kind and helpful Canadians are.
- Whatever Rotarians do, we'll enjoy a good time of fellowship and friendship and we all know,

The more we give, the happier we feel.

Our goal is to have 1,500 Ambassadors / Volunteers and we've had a great response but we still have 800 shifts to be filled. If you can spare about 4-1/2 hours, please go to our direct link:

<https://goo.gl/VG6YG3>

YOU CHOOSE where and what shift(s) you're interested in. Brief descriptive details are posted with the shift options. YOU DECIDE what works for your schedule.

With only 7 weeks to go, NOW'S THE TIME TO TAKE ACTION.

JOIN ROTARY NOW!

www.rotarytoronto.com



The Convention by the Numbers

- By Michele Guy, Co-Chair

- 24,408 paid, 12,250 Fees Due, 36,658 Total.
- The Bremner Blvd digital sign is available for RI's use 90 minutes prior to general sessions and 30 minutes afterwards; they are working with RI's design team to identify items that can be posted to the board.
- Out of 39 total speaker slots, 27 have been filled. 6 remaining open slots are for entertainment, with 4 individuals invited and 2 are listed as TBD. Laura Bush will be speaking at the 3rd general session, and Chief Stacey LaForme will be performing the First Nations welcome.
- RI currently has 94 breakout sessions set up
- RI has a plan to go live in time for their Orientation Webinar, which will be on 23 May at 11:00am Chicago time.
- Peace Building Summit open to the public - they currently have 510 individuals registered, and expect an additional 250 from local high school students and chaperones, for a projected total of 760 as of now.



CHECK OUT OUR NEWLY DESIGNED WEBSITE

Thank you to Heather Gordon, Arash Shahi and Carol Hutchinson
www.rotarytoronto.com
 This was rolled out last week and is still a work in progress.

As of last Friday the first phase of the web site redesign process was complete, which focused on building a new homepage and navigation menu and updating the look of the entire site. The objectives of the new homepage are to:

- Express the key messages our Club is trying to communicate to our main audiences of the public, prospective new members, prospective sponsors and Club members.
- Highlight the amazing impact we have on our community through the work that we do.
- Clearly communicate the key tenets of Rotary and the vibrancy of this Club and all of the amazing opportunities and experiences we can enjoy as members.
- Allow for ease of navigation by visitors so that they can quickly find the information that they are looking for.
- Be mobile friendly, so it now renders well on mobile devices.

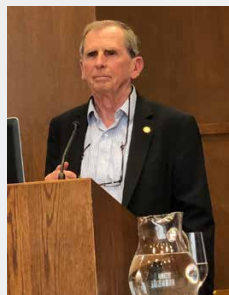
The next phase of the website redesign process will involve continuing to update the website content and tidying up the sub-pages. This will be an on-going task.

Recognizing One of Our Own

- By Maureen Bird

On Tuesday, May 1st Chris Snyder had a launch for his latest book, "Creating Opportunities – A Volunteer's Memoirs". Almost 100 people were there to congratulate him on his achievements. Chris's volunteerism started at a young age and he has always found the time to give back. The book has six pages of organizations he has worked with as a volunteer.

Chris joined our club in 1984 and also became a member of our International Service Committee. In those days members were expected to change committees every five years but Chris is still there with ISC. As District Leader for Sweat Equity, Chris has been involved in International Projects, starting in 1990 with Project Mainstream in Mumbai India with help from Keshav Chandaria. They created a Global Grant with The Rotary Foundation to assist the Street Kids. It continues to this day.



Our club members, other Rotarians and Friends have accompanied Chris to Dominican Republic, Burkina Faso, Tanzania, Malawi and Cambodia. He is organizing another Sweat Equity trip to Cambodia in November 2018, working with Cambodian landmine removal groups through Canadian Landmine Foundation.

He has been recognized by Rotary International with the Service Above Self Award, by our club with a Paul Harris Fellow / William Peace Award and the Pauline Hill Award for Making a Difference. He has received the Queen's Jubilee Medal and the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers.

He is my inspiration, my mentor and my friend.

Roadmap to 2020, Update # 17

– Training session after lunch today & Google Meet

Meet the mentors

For those who haven't had a chance to either activate your @rotarytoronto.com account, would like to learn about video calls, or for those who would like us to setup 'apps' on your smartphone, tablet or laptop, so it is easy to do your Rotary work - we are here to help! Come join us.

Friday May 4: 1:30 to 2:00 pm at The National Club.

Trainers: Maureen Bird and Jonathan Wu

Please bring your smartphone, ipad, tablet and/or laptop to the session.

For those who need help with the above but cannot make the training,
 – Contact Prince, Jonathan, Maureen or Carol and we can set you up with your very own "Training Buddy"

Give Google Meet a Test Drive

Keep it simple – try a two-person video call. Use your laptop rather than mobile device to set it up. Open Google Chrome and go to gmail.com. Log in to your @rotarytoronto account. Go to the 9 little squares on top right. Click on Calendar. Click on the desired time on the calendar. Click on 'more options'. Add a title. Edit time or duration of meeting if needed. Add conferencing (Hangouts Meet). Add guests by entering their email. All Rotary Club of Toronto members are automatically stored there, just start entering their first name and their email should show up. It does not need to be someone with a @rotarytoronto account; Be sure your name is beside the Calendar icon. Save.

At the appropriate time of the meeting go to 9 squares. Click on Meet. Join your meeting! Next step – we will join the video call from your mobile device.