

Today's Program

Scholarship Committee Award Lunch

Topic

Keynote Speaker, Naresh Sritharan

Host

Don Brooks, *Committee Chair*

Location

The National Club, 303 Bay Street

The Scholarship Program

- by Don Brooks, *Committee Chair*



The Rotary Club of Toronto's Scholarship program has had and will continue to have a very positive impact on the seven young adults who have won scholarships since the 2012 start of the program. The recipients are involved in human resources, labour law, education, computer science, neuroscience, life sciences, business and medical technology. Our scholarship program has made university education possible for impressive young people who might not otherwise have been able to continue their studies due to financial circumstances.

The scholarship is open to outstanding students graduating from a Toronto District School Board or Toronto Catholic District School Board secondary school, and who will be attending a College or University in the Greater Toronto Area. To win a scholarship, of up to \$10,000 a year for four years, they have to demonstrate financial need, academic excellence, leadership, school involvement and community service.

In addition to the financial support we provide, one member of the Scholarship Committee takes on a very important and gratifying mentorship role for one of the scholarship winners throughout their undergraduate years. The mentor is a liaison between the student and our Club, assists with the transition from high school to post-secondary education and is an ongoing resource to the student. The mentor also helps the student get involved with our Club projects and events, such as Youth Day, the Children's Christmas Party and the recent RI 2018 Convention.



Naresh Sritharan 2013 Scholarship Winner and Keynote Speaker

Naresh was our Club's second scholarship winner. During his undergraduate studies at the University of Toronto Scarborough he actively participated in Rotary Club events and

also participated in campus initiatives to support incoming first year students with their transition and academics. In addition, he taught South Asian music at a local community music school and also tutored underprivileged students in his community.

Naresh completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Toronto in June 2017 with a major in Human and Physical Geography and a double minor in Psychology and Applied Statistics. His interest in education and the extent to which he actively involved himself in educating and advising students motivated him to pursue a Master of Education degree in Higher Education. He is specializing in Student Services and Student Development at the University of Toronto's Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE). He will be completing his master's degree in June 2019.

Naresh currently works at the University of Toronto Scarborough in the Admissions and Student Recruitment office overseeing front line services. He intends to continue working in the higher education field to better support and guide students to reach their academic and career goals. His focus will be underprivileged and visible minority students who face many challenges and barriers within the education system and society.



Maryam Ali – The Rotary Club of Toronto Scholarship Winner 2018

Our Scholarship Committee is pleased to present Maryam Ali as this year's scholarship winner. Maryam will be studying Biomedical Engineering at Ryerson University. Her goal is to be a medical doctor in the MedTech field.

Maryam has an International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma, receiving Honours standing throughout high school. She is an Ontario Scholar and a member of M.P. Arif Virani's High Park Youth Advisory Council.

At Parkdale Collegiate Institute she was a Student Ambassador and a Student Director of the Parkdale Mentorship Program. Maryam was a Group Leader at UofT's program for Engineering Outreach and won the UofT's Math in Motion Girls in Gear design challenge.

Her community involvement has included participation at the Ontario Model United Nations Conference and being a Camp Counsellor at the Islamic Information and Dawah Centre International Summer Day Camp. Maryam also volunteers at Lakeside Long Term Care Home with the Horticultural and Music Therapy Programs.

Maryam's leadership, academic excellence and school and community involvement are only a few of the reasons she received The Rotary Club of Toronto's seventh scholarship award.

The Rotary Club of Toronto Scholarship Winners 2014-2017



Lorenzo Penate - 2017 Scholarship Winner

Lorenzo has completed his first year in Business Administration at York University's Schulich School of Business. He has had a full year with activities in addition to his studies. This includes being local Vice President of Corporate Relations at HULT PRIZE, an international organization focusing on generating start up ideas from young adults/university students to sustainably solve the world's most critical social challenges. Lorenzo is on the Toronto Youth Cabinet, has worked on a citywide homeless food drive action day, has founded a charitable organization named One-A-Day and is an Executive member of York University Sports Business Association.

Due to the 143 day York University strike Lorenzo's first year was completed during the summer, when he was finally able to have papers marked and to write his final exams. He received a summer internship at CIBC as a Business Banking Credit Analytics Analyst under Risk Management, working in downtown Toronto. In addition to valuable work experience Lorenzo was able to network and start developing some business relationships.



Amna Majeed - 2016 Scholarship Winner

Amna is starting her 3rd year in the Life Sciences Program at the University of Toronto, St. George Campus. She is completing a double major in Human Biology and Immunology, with a minor in French. In March, she participated in the National Undergraduate Science Case Competition, with her research proposal on how to minimize the environmental impacts on Hydraulic Fracturing; she and her team placed third among 210 teams. Her proposal was published in two leading multidisciplinary undergraduate journals.

This past summer, she conducted research at St. Michael's Hospital, analyzing the current medical school system and its flaws, challenges and successes. Amna is also active in her university; she is part of the Rotaract Club of UofT as well as an Ambassador for Women in Science and Engineering (WISE), visiting local GTA schools and encouraging students to pursue Science, Technology, Engineering and Math fields. This year, she will serve as the International Service Director of the Rotaract Club, and Events Director of WISE for which she is currently planning a national conference.



Poorva Patel - 2015 Scholarship Winner

Poorva has now entered her 4th year at the University of Toronto, Scarborough Campus. She will be completing her bachelor's degree majoring in Neuroscience and Molecular Biology. As part of that, Poorva has taken several language courses to further expand her communication skills and have more exposure to diverse cultures.

This year, she will be taking various science courses (such as Chemistry, Biology and Psychology along with Statistics and Calculus) that help develop analytical reasoning, independent thinking and communicating. This will assist her in acquiring the skills that will enable her to continue growing professionally and personally.

This past year, she worked in the Cadotte Lab at her university where she had the chance to help graduate students conduct research related to environmental science. Poorva will be working at a Clinical Psychology lab in her fourth year. She plans to take new opportunities to expand her knowledge and achieve great results in her current and future academic and professional career.



John Chen - 2014 Scholarship Winner

John has just completed a 10 month co-op work term at the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan, through the Professional Experience Year office at UofT. While there, he worked as a software developer intern, initially on the DevOps team and later on the Risk team. This past June, he worked at the Vector Institute under the supervision of Dr. Frank Rudzicz. This involved improving doctor patient communication through the use of machine learning.

John was editor-in-chief of the Review of Undergraduate Computer Science, UofT's student-run undergraduate computer science research journal. He won the ETH UofT 2018 Blockchain Hackathon, creating novel smart contract functionality on Ethereum, a sophisticated computing platform and operating system. This year, he received a Woodsworth College Student Association award and a Federation of Overseas Chinese Association/Taiwan Outstanding Youth Award for his community service. He will finish his final year at U of T this upcoming academic year, and will apply to the medical program and the graduate computer science program at U of T.



What's Happening!!!

Thursday, September 20, 2018

**The Rotary Club of Toronto
70th Annual
Golf Tournament**
Richmond Hill Golf Club

Proceeds to our Sherbourne Health Bus
There are still spots open for golf
\$175 including a beautiful steak dinner.
\$60 for dinner only.
Sign in online, call the office or
Mat Harrison 416-868-3578

Thursday, September 27, 2018

**Fall is around the corner
(it's still summer until Sept 21st) and so is R2R**

This year your Membership Committee joins forces with The Rotaract Club of Toronto to bring you a dynamic R2R experience. Mark your calendars for the last Thursday of every month starting **September 27th at 6 PM at the National Club.**

What's R2R (in case you don't know)? A fun and informal gathering - Rotarian to Rotarian - focused on fellowship mixing and mingling with old and new friends. New members - you don't want to miss this!

As usual, \$10 (\$5 for Rotaractors) gets you tasty appetizers and unlimited fellowship. Hope to see you there!

Please contact Lori Brazier to confirm attendance so that no one goes hungry.
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Sunday, September 30, 2018

**The District
Foundation Walk**



Pledge Sheets are on the tables today. We submit all donations through our club. The Rotary Foundation funds projects initiated by Rotary clubs around the world – Making a Difference.

Join us for a pleasant morning and lunch at the McMichael Art Gallery in Kleinburg.
Register at <https://goo.gl/8kYd9Y>

Saturday, October 27, 2018

Rotary Reunion
– District Conference



Relax, Refresh & Refocus
In Prince Edward County,
Wellington & District
Community Centre

This is a one-day event this year (we've been busy) but a great opportunity to explore a lovely part of Ontario – well equipped with B&Bs, great shops and restaurants.

Cost for the day – just \$99
Register at rotary7070.org
right column or go directly to
<https://goo.gl/iRuz8w>

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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

September

- 21: Nick Kanji, Ismaili community
- 28: Howard Green, Author of 'Railroader'

October

- 05: NO MEETING: Thanksgiving Holiday
- 19: Chris Snyder - Memoir - Creating Opportunities
- 26: Graham Lloyd, Dairy Farmers of Ontario

Events

- September 20: Golf Tournament
- September 27: R2R, National Club
- September 30: Rotary Foundation Walk
- October 20: Robin Hood Army Event
- October 27: District Conference, Picton

Propose a Speaker – Contact

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Submit an article to the Voice Newsletter
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New Member
– Annelise Taylor



Annelise received her Rotary pin from sponsor Anny-Sandra Hamel

Annelise was born in Toronto, and is the eldest of three children. She has two grown boys, one of whom has blessed her with a granddaughter and they live in Pemberton, BC. The other son is currently serving in the Canadian Armed Forces and is stationed in Gagetown, NB.

Annelise Is the Managing Director & Partner at Flow Ventures. She is a seasoned professional with extensive expertise in helping organizations turn their research and development into successful SR&ED claims. She is an expert in stakeholder relationship management, financial management, government reporting and compliance. Previously Annelise was the Financial Manager for a NPO, Network of Angel Organizations – Ontario

Earlier in her career, Annelise was a nurse at Humber River Regional Hospital and she looks forward to serving the community with The Rotary Club of Toronto, as she did previously in her role as a nurse.

What You Missed September 7, 2018

- by Tony Houghton



Another great luncheon at the National Club! President Jeff started us off with a fine invocation asking for guidance for our Club in the coming year and also for our many active committees. We were joined by 9 visitors and 4 visiting Rotarians.

Jeff had that all-important task of introducing a new member to our Club. We welcomed Annelise Taylor to our group.

With the summer break coming to an end, activities around the Club are starting to gear up for another busy year. It feels like just yesterday when we were racing around fulfilling all the duties demanded of the International Convention. Next year's event in Hamburg is already moving to centre stage and Mary Lach is busy organizing accommodation for "Capture The Moment" June 1-5, 2019. Mary will have held an information night at The National Club on Sept. 11th for all those who have that event in their plans for next year.

We have the annual golf tournament coming up on Thursday, September 20th at Richmond Hill Golf Club. This is a traditional and important event and great fun and is celebrating its 70th year. Paul Westlake has promised no rain this year so looking for a record turnout with all proceeds going to The Rotary Club of Toronto's Philanthropic Fund and our Sherbourne Health Bus. Those that signed up early were candidates for an Early Bird Draw. Paul drew the lucky ticket and Rohit Tamhane went home with the prospect of lunch and 18 holes at Mississauga Golf and Country Club thanks to member Ross Amos. I hope Rohit has enough golf balls left from the Richmond Hill event! This is an important fundraiser for our Club so if you haven't signed up, give Mathew Harrison or Paul Westlake a call and let them know how many guests you are bringing.

Maureen Bird reminded us of the District Foundation Walk on Sunday, Sept. 30th. This year it starts from the McMichael Canadian Art Gallery in Kleinburg and space is limited to 250 walkers. There will be pledge sheets on the table at lunches so please help contribute to "Making A Difference." Doing double duty at the podium, in her role as chair of the Voice Committee, she then had the opportunity of thanking Past President Pat Neuman for her fabulous year and presenting her with a bound copy of "A Year of Voices" as a memento of the accomplishments of our great Club under her leadership.

The surprise of the day was the presentation of a very professional video reflecting on the "Rotary Robins" as they embarked on the first of a project to feed the hungry and reduce food wastage. Several members are involved in this Robin Hood Army (RHA) initiated by Prince Kumar. This is truly grass roots community involvement and they looked like they were having fun. Check the September 7th Rotary Voice, if you haven't already, as a full write up can be found there. Another one coming up October 20th!

Jayson Phelps then introduced a most interesting guest speaker, Dr. Roger Strasser, the founding dean and CEO of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) based in Sudbury. He arrived in Canada from Australia in 2001 and opened the School in 2005. What an important and interesting facility NOSM is as it focuses on training physicians to practice family medicine in rural and remote environments. Most students are from rural communities and most remain to practice in rural areas. Dr Strasser had a special connection with Rotary as his father was a lifelong Rotarian.

Finally, the Ace of Clubs pot of \$3,855 survives another week as a bottle of wine went to John Joseph Mastandrea.



Pat Neuman receiving Voice book from Maureen Bird



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