

## Today's Program

Scholarship Committee Award Lunch

## Topic

Keynote Speaker, Souleik Kheyre, 2012 Scholarship Winner

## Host

Don Brooks

## Location

The National Club, 303 Bay Street



Souleik was our Club's first scholarship winner. As an undergraduate student, she belonged to the Rotaract Club of the University of Toronto and actively participated in The Rotary Club of Toronto events. Throughout her undergraduate years,

Souleik worked with high school students in a mentorship capacity while helping them secure employment. During the summer after her undergraduate degree and before starting her Master's, she worked as a Facilitator/Job Developer on the Youth Job Connection Summer Program at St. Stephen's Employment and Training Centre.

Souleik completed her 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. She has finished up her last course, International Human Resources Development and Labour Law for her Masters of Industrial Relations & Human Resources program at the University of Toronto. She finished one portion of her course by travelling to Belgium, France and Switzerland to learn from labour and trade experts and leaders from the European Commission, the International Labour Organization, and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. She is considering working abroad in the future.

Souleik is set to officially graduate from her Master's program in November 2017. She is currently preparing for the LSAT, with the objective of attending law school in September of 2018.

## The Scholarship Program

- by Don Brooks, Program Chair



The Rotary Club of Toronto's Scholarship program started as one of our Club's Centennial Projects, receiving a \$100,000 grant. The first of three scholarships under the Centennial Project was awarded in the spring of 2012. In 2015, the Scholarship Committee became a permanent philanthropic committee of the Club with a mandate to award one tuition scholarship each year. We currently provide a four-year scholarship of up to \$10,000 a year.

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 post-secondary education possible for impressive young people who might not otherwise be able to continue their studies due to financial circumstances.

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 and the Children's Christmas Party.

## The Rotary Club of Toronto Scholarship Winner 2017

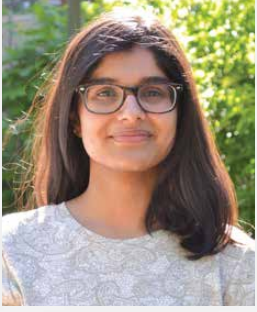
### Lorenzo Penate



Lorenzo immigrated from Cuba with his mother 10 years ago. He was this year's recipient of The Rotary Club of Toronto Scholarship. He is in his first year studying Business Administration at York University's Schulich School of Business. In addition to his strong academic performance, Lorenzo was actively involved at his school and in the community, including drama/theatre and volunteering at the Salvation Army. He worked with Peer Leaders to improve his leadership skills and created The Vibe Club, to positively reach out

to and mentor younger students. Lorenzo was the leader of his school's Safe Schools Action Team bringing awareness and assisting students in areas of substance abuse, healthy relationships, bullying, impaired driving and peer mentoring. Lorenzo was drawn to the sport of Boxing at an early age for its mental discipline, positive thinking, leadership and physical fitness. He felt it could benefit others, leading him to run the After School Boxing Program at his high school.

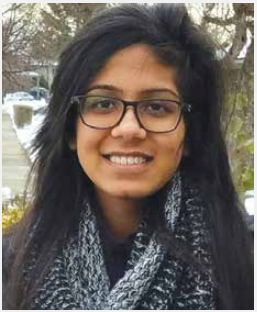
## The Rotary Club of Toronto Scholarship Winners 2013 – 2016



### **Amna Majeed - 2016 Scholarship Winner**

Amna has just started her 2nd year of university in the Life Sciences Program at the University of Toronto, St. George Campus. She is completing a double major in Chemistry and Immunology with a minor in French. As part of her objective of being well rounded, she is an active part of her university community, participating in volunteer and leadership initiatives, including with our Club and the Health and Human Rights Committee with the University. She also continues to volunteer at Mount Sinai hospital, in their Medical Imaging and X-Ray ward. This past summer, she worked as a research assistant in an immunology laboratory downtown, experimenting with mice genotypes, growing bacteria cultures, and much more. Amna also worked as a part-time tutor for high school and elementary students. She is enjoying the exciting adventure of University, including exploring her interests and making new friends, as she works toward her objective of being a specialty surgeon.

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### **Poorva Patel - 2015 Scholarship Winner**

Poorva is in her 3rd year at the University of Toronto, Scarborough Campus. She is working towards a bachelor's degree in Neuroscience while also pursuing a major in Molecular Biology. She is taking many science courses such as Chemistry, Biology, Psychology along with Statistics and Calculus. Her 2nd year introduced her to different work environments in which her degree can be applied, such as teaching, research labs, hospitals and more. Poorva also took several language courses to further expand her communication skills and gain more exposure to various and diverse cultures and skills. This past year she tutored several first year students in calculus and biology. She would like to get more involved in research, such as assisting a professor in research work during her 3rd year. Poorva plans to continue focusing on organizational and time management skills to assist in achieving good overall results.

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### **John Chen - 2014 Scholarship Winner**

John completed his 3rd year in the Computer Science Specialist Program at the University of Toronto, St. George Campus, finishing with a 4.0 Annual GPA. This past February John was awarded a Goodwin O'Grady Academic Achievement Award from the U of T's Woodsworth College for strong academic performance. In April 2017, he received a Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada Undergraduate Student Research Award, which is given to outstanding undergraduate students to fund their research. This past summer he did research at SickKids Hospital in the Centre for Computational Medicine. His research area of focus is improving disease diagnosis software using Bayesian networks. John has accepted an offer from the Professional Experience Year office at U of T, which enables students to work for a year to gain professional experience. The job placement is at Ontario Teacher's Pension Plan as a Programmer Analyst. John will enter 4th year in September 2018, and graduate in May 2019. This year he is also serving as Editor-in-Chief of the Review of Undergraduate Computer Science (RUCS), U of T's student-run undergraduate computer science research journal.

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### **Naresh Sritharan - 2013 Scholarship Winner**

This year Naresh completed his Honours Bachelors of Science at the University of Toronto, Scarborough Campus. His degree included a major in Human and Physical Geography and a double minor in Psychology and Applied Statistics. He is now working on his Master's Degree in Education, focusing on Student Development and Student Services in Higher Education. He initially wanted to become a high school teacher but over the years and with the extra-curricular work at the university, Naresh found a passion in working with students at the post-secondary level. He is currently a Resource Centre/First Year Assistant at the Academic Advising & Career Centre at the University of Toronto, Scarborough. This experience along with previous experience as a Student Ambassador and Student Recruitment Assistant will help with his Master's program. Upon completion of his Master's, his objective is to continue to work with students, helping to ensure student success.





## Sherbourne Health Centre hosts a celebration to unveil its brand new The Rotary Club of Toronto Health Bus - by Graeme Imrie



On September 14, 2017, Sherbourne Health Centre hosted a special event to celebrate the evolution and relaunch of its Health Bus program, and mark the arrival of its brand new, third-generation The Rotary Club of Toronto Health Bus!

The lively event welcomed over 80 guests, including members from The Rotary Club of Toronto and the Rotary Club of Toronto Charitable Foundation, as well as Sherbourne clients, staff, volunteers, donors, community members and supporters. Attendees enjoyed fantastic weather and fun festivities, which included tours of the new bus, music and refreshments, an information table, and a video highlighting the Health Bus's evolution throughout its 20+ years of service.



The new generation Sherbourne Health Bus.



Ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Foundation President Peter Love, and Sherbourne's Health Bus Program Director Chantel Marshall. Following event remarks, members from Sherbourne and The Rotary Club gathered for a ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the official launch of the new Health Bus.

This was made possible by a \$300,000 capital investment from the Rotary Club of Toronto Charitable Foundation, which allowed Sherbourne Health Centre to purchase a new, state-of-the-art mobile health clinic to expand and enhance its services. Upgrades include a private and fully equipped exam room for quality on-board care, a modern clinical and counselling space, and a chairlift for wheelchair accessibility.

With over 10,000 client visits each year, The Rotary Club of Toronto Health Bus has been serving the health and wellness needs of Toronto's most vulnerable communities for over 20 years.

Beginning this October, the new Health Bus will be on the road, delivering expanded health services, including primary care, mental health support, health education, screening and referrals. The Health Bus will continue to take care directly to those people in most need, including homeless and under-housed people, while expanding its target populations to include groups such as: people who use substances, people who need support with their mental health, aging homeless or under-housed adults, LGBTQ community members, and newcomers to Canada - all of whom may be facing barriers to accessing health care.

Thanks to everyone who joined in the event to help celebrate this momentous milestone and the ongoing success of Sherbourne's Health Bus program and The Rotary Club of Toronto Health Bus!

A lineup of speakers also took to the stage to acknowledge the Health Bus's legacy and critical role in caring for the vital needs of our community, including Sherbourne's President & CEO Hazelle Palmer, Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, Sherbourne's Board Chair Ken Chan, the Rotary Club of Toronto



Bob Carlidge and John Fortney enjoy their tour of the Health Bus.

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## The Rotary Club of Toronto Club 55 - 1912

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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 2017**  
29 Senior Citizens' Committee, Speaker TBD

**October 2017**  
4 Evening Club Meeting, National Club, District Governor Neil Phillips  
6 NO MEETING, Thanksgiving  
13 Alex Andras, LGBTQ Community

**Events**  
Sept. 30 Honouring the Spirit of the Wampum Pow Wow  
October 1 Winery Tour, call office, 3 seats left  
October 19 Food Truck Festival, 5 PM  
November 3-4 Rotary Uncorked, District Conference, www.rotary7070.org  
November 20 Club Assembly

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## Save the Date for our October 4<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting & DG Talk

**Where:** The National Club  
**When:** 5:00 PM Registration and Cocktails (Cash Bar)  
 6-7:30 PM Club Meeting and Buffet Dinner  
**Cost:** One lunch ticket for Toronto Club Rotarians  
 Guests and Visiting Rotarians \$55  
**Program:** District 7070 Governor, Neil Phillips  
**Topic:** "The DG Talk": Plans for 2017 2018

**RSVP required** to office@rotarytoronto.on.ca or by calling 416-363-0604

## Indigenous Services – Invitation

### Join us at "Honouring the Spirit of the Wampum Pow Wow"

**When:** Saturday, September 30, 2017  
 Grand Entry is at 12 (noon)  
 (admission is free)

**Where:** Dufferin Grove Park,  
 875 Dufferin Street, Toronto

Native Child and Family Services Toronto (NCFST) has offered hospitality and guidance to the Indigenous Services Committee and Honouring Indigenous People (HIP) for many years. A group of Rotarians will be participating in the 20th annual NCFST Pow Wow on Saturday, September 30. Pow Wow's are great fun – a chance to learn firsthand about indigenous spiritual practice, crafts, music and dance. Join us and bring your camera.

For more information contact Bill Empey  
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## What You Missed September 15, 2017

- by Andrea Tirone



As we rounded out the last of our Friday lunches of the summer, we were welcomed by several guests and visiting Rotarians, from as far away as Uganda and Lebanon! President Pat reflected on the previous evening's launch of the new generation of the Sherbourne Health Bus and ribbon

cutting ceremony, as she was joined by a good contingent of fellow Toronto Rotarians. She spoke of the District Foundation Walk, which took place the previous Sunday along the shores of Lake Ontario in Whitby. Together with more than 10 fellow



Olivia Chow with President Pat and host John Andras.

RCT members, President Pat joined our in-bound Global Grant Scholar and Youth Exchange students for a beautiful 1.5+ hour walk and scavenger hunt. Looking ahead, we were reminded that there are several events being planned for our enjoyment including a Wine Tour on October 1st, a visit by District Governor Neil Phillips on October 4th (an evening meeting at the National Club), our club's very own Food Truck Festival on October 19th, the Rotary



Olivia Chow delivers a passionate speech about the needs of the child and child care workers in Ontario.

Uncorked District Conference on November 4th in Niagara-on-the-Lake, and last but not least, our Club Assembly on November 20th. John Andras introduced our guest speaker, Olivia Chow, who spoke about the Rights and Needs of the Child and Child Care Workers in Ontario. Olivia passionately spoke about the importance of the connection between highly trained and dedicated child care workers and the children they care for, while highlighting the deep inequity that surrounds the compensation these workers receive. While speaking about the childcare system in Ontario, Olivia noted that it is fragmented, often unaffordable and offers a wide diversity in the quality of care one may receive. In the end, Olivia urged us to think about this issue in light of the upcoming provincial election and asked us to pledge support behind high quality, affordable and accessible care for all children in Toronto and across Canada. Just before ending the meeting and jumping into a beautiful final summer weekend, the Ace of Clubs draw went to Brigid Higgins who walked away with a bottle of wine!



President Pat and reminder that RCT is the Home Club of District 7070 Governor, Neil Phillips.

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