

The Rotary Club of Toronto

Today's Program Dr. Samir K. Sinha, MD, DPhil, FRCPC

**Topic** Geriatric Strategy in Ontario **Host** Rick Goldsmith

**Location** Fairmont Hotel, Upper Canada Room



Dr. Samir Sinha is a passionate and respected advocate for the needs of older adults. Dr. Sinha currently serves as the Director of Geriatrics of the Sinai Health System and the University Health Network in Toronto and the Peter and Shelagh Godsoe Chair in Geriatrics at Mount Sinai Hospital. He is also an Associate Professor

in the Departments of Medicine, Family and Community Medicine, and the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation at the University of Toronto and an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

A Rhodes Scholar, after completing his undergraduate medical studies at the University of Western Ontario, he obtained a Masters in Medical History and a Doctorate in Sociology at the University of Oxford's Institute of Ageing. He has pursued his postgraduate training in Internal Medicine at the University of Toronto and in Geriatrics at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

Dr. Sinha's breadth of international training and expertise in health policy and the delivery of services related to the care of the elderly have made him a highly regarded expert in the care of older adults. In 2012, he was appointed by the Government of Ontario to serve as the expert lead of Ontario's Seniors Strategy and he is now working on the development of a National Seniors Strategy. In 2014, Canada's Maclean's Magazine proclaimed him to be one of Canada's 50 most influential people and its most compelling voice for the elderly.

Beyond Canada, Dr. Sinha has further consulted and advised hospitals and health authorities in Britain, China, Iceland, Singapore and the United States on the implementation and administration of unique, integrated and innovative models of geriatric care that reduce disease burden, improve access and capacity, and ultimately, promote health. Volume 105 | Issue 9 | September 29, 2017

### Don't Forget to Sign up For Home Hospitality - RI Toronto Convention 2018

Monday evening, June 25th, 2018, will be home hospitality night here in Toronto for the 2018 Rotary International Convention. This is the night when thousands of Rotarians from around the world, who have signed up for the event, will get a chance to visit fellow Rotarians' homes here in Toronto and share an evening together. Their Canadian hosts will be serving them supper and answering their questions about life here in Canada.

As members of the host club for the Convention, we shall have an opportunity to open our homes to people we have never met before, but who all share the same Rotary dinner table and to confirm a worldwide popular belief that Canadians are friendly, polite...and don't say "eh" after every sentence. Your Club is counting on every single member to join and be a part of this event....either as a host in your home, or as a co-host in one of your fellow club member's homes.

When you have decided what your plans are, how many guests you can accommodate and who might be able to help you, go online to sign up on the website www.rotary2018.org. Then, you simply press the HOC button at the top of the page and fill in the form. At a later date, you will be advised of the names of your guests, where they are from and where they are staying so that you will be able to contact them directly.

Valerie Clarke is our Club's Home Hospitality coordinator and advisor. If you have questions, speak with Valerie. She will help you sort out any details.

# **SAVE THE DATE** FIRST R2R OF THE NEW ROTARY YEAR

Theme:	Special Welcome for New Members
When:	Tuesday October 24th, 5:30 PM
Where:	National Club rooftop.
Cost:	\$10 for all you can eat hors d'oeuvres
	+ cash bar
<b>RSVP:</b>	Please confirm your attendance with Lori
	Brazier: lori.brazier@gmail.com





### Your Club is raising much needed funds for the Sherbourne Street Health Bus

What: Delicious Food and Great Entertainment
When: Thursday, October 19th, from 5:00 to 10:00pm
Where: The Berkeley Bicycle Club, 504 Jarvis St. Toronto
How: Cash Bar
Cost: \$30 at the Door Tickets also available on line

## Upcoming Speakers & Events

### October 2017

- 4 Evening Club Meeting, National Club, DG Neil Philips,
- 6 NO MEETING, Thanksgiving
- 13 Alex Andras, LGBTQ Community
- 20 Tim Hudak

#### **Events**

October 1	Winery Tour
October 19	Food Truck Festival, 5 PM
October 24	R2R, National Club, 5:30 PM
November 3-4	Rotary Uncorked, District Conference www.rotary7070.org
November 20	Club Assembly

Editor of the weekEditor for October 13, 2017Brian PorterJohn Andras

What You Missed Reporter for September 29, 2017 John Andras

Propose a Speaker – Contact Mario Voltolina, Chair - mario.voltolina@gmail.com Tel: 416-720-7236

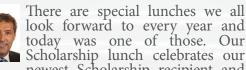
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## What You Missed September 22, 2017 - by John Fortney



newest Scholarship recipient and updates us on the progress of the previous scholars.

This year's recipient, Lorenzo Penate, lovingly and proudly spoke of his Mother's moving her children to Canada from their native Cuba and her struggle as a single



President Pat Neuman, the 2017 Scholarship Winner, Lorenzo Penate and Scholarship Committee Chair, Don Brooks.

Mom, when she managed several jobs and going to school all to provide her son with a future which he would not have experienced otherwise. There was not a dry eye in the room. He also spoke about his ultimate goal to become a politician and to help the vulnerable and marginalized, and, if he had been running for office today, everyone in attendance would have voted for him! Lorenzo was eloquent, passionate and humble. His words were true and from the heart. Yes, politicians could certainly learn from him!

Next to the podium were the previous Scholarship recipients offering us updates on their academic and personal progress. Each and everyone is, and has been,



From left to right: Don Brooks, John Chen, Naresh Sritharan, Souleik Kheyre, Poorva Patel, Amna Majeed, Lorenzo Penate, Pat Neuman.

accomplishing amazing things. Amna Majeed 2016, Poorva Patel 2015, John Chen 2014 and Naresh Sritharan 2013 each stood at the podium and amazed us with their achievements and goals, from 4.0 GPA's to presentations in Europe to some of the World's most important International Bodies. These future doctors, researchers, computer analysts, lawyers and politicians are preparing

extremely well to be leaders of their generation. Each of these scholarship winners extended deep and heart felt thanks to Rotary and its commitment to provide monetary support for their education.

Our Keynote Speaker was Saliek Kheyre, our very first Scholar during our Centennial year. As with all the previous Scholars, Saliek spoke from her heart. She was incredibly candid about her fears and how she was able to manage those fears to make her stronger. One can only imagine the pressure to succeed which these amazing young people all felt. Like all the Rotary Scholars, Saliek is the first in her family to go to University. She fears disappointing her family or Rotarians, all of whom have put so much faith in her. For example, when her Master's program colleagues were getting job offers, she questioned herself and her ability to succeed. She told us how she then harnessed that fear and made it work for her. She offered sage advice to the others and especially to the newest Rotary scholarship recipient, Lorenzo, similar to a big sister who has already been through the gauntlet. For complete summaries of all their great achievements refer to last week's Voice. Well worth the read.

Don Brooks was master of ceremonies for the day, Lorna Johnson skilfully tickled the ivories and Jeff Dobson drew the Ace of Spades leaving the pot for another week.

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