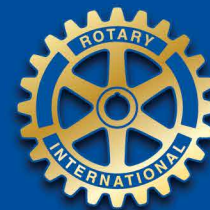


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The Rotary Club of Toronto

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Today's Program

Kelly White

Topic

Toronto's Overdose Crisis

Host

Geoffrey Johnson, *calypso dance supremo!*

Location

The National Club, 303 Bay Street

September 27th Program

Dr. Kevin Smith, CEO
University Health Network

Topic

The Future of HealthCare

Host

Randy Gunn, *member since 2017*

Location

Fairmont Royal York Hotel,
Imperial Room



Kelly White is Coordinator of the Street Heath Overdose Prevention Site at Dundas and Sherbourne in Toronto, the intersection with the second highest number of calls to 911 for overdose in the entire city. She is a graduate of the University of Toronto who has been involved in grassroots struggles for social justice and frontline work with people who are marginalized for many years.

"I've lost people to overdose, and one of the hardest parts is that people are not talking about this. ... We need to bring things out of the shadows," Kelly White quoted on CBC November 11, 2018.

Foundation Walk

On Sunday September 8th we joined President Kevin Power and Rotarians from around 7070 to raise funds for the Rotary Foundation. The location was the Humber College Lakeshore Campus, an eclectic mixture of heritage and new buildings. One group toured the nineteenth century tunnels connecting the buildings- and still in use – while others did a walk around Colonel Samuel Smith Park, a delightful set of bays and spits. This is a birdwatcher's paradise!

While the district raised over \$141,000 for The Rotary Foundation, our goal is a "Mill for Bill". Donations to the Annual Fund can still be made by contacting Belli or on the <https://www.rotary.org/en> website. You will need to register to have it count for our club.



Our Foundation Walk Team



Dr. Kevin Smith is President & CEO of University Health Network (UHN), Canada's largest academic health sciences centre which was recently named one of the 10 best hospitals in the world by Newsweek. Dr. Smith has spent his career at the interface of the University and Research Hospital and is passionately committed to the mission of education, research and exemplary clinical care. He is a pioneer in advancing integrated care models

spanning the continuum of health and social services.

Dr. Smith is a Professor, Institute for Medical Sciences, Department of Medicine, Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation (IHPME), Rotman School of Management and at the De Groote School of Medicine, Department of Medicine, McMaster University.

Dr. Smith has served in many past roles including Past Chair, Council of Academic Hospitals of Ontario; Chair, The Canada Foundation for Innovation, the Ontario Hospital Association and as a frequent advisor to governments and the private sector.

For a full Speaker Bio. Please go to the website.

District Conference, Rotary Muskoka Style

October 25-27, 2019



We welcome you to join our 2019-2020 District Governor, **Beth Selby**, at the 2019 Rotary District 7070 Conference. The JW Marriott Rosseau Resort & Spa is the destination for a great time to reconnect, reflect and relax with fellow Rotarians.

All information and links for booking the conference and resort are at www.rotary7070conference.org

What You Missed September 13, 2019

- by Sarah R. Hui



Some believe that Friday the 13th is unlucky but for our Rotary Club of Toronto Scholarship winners that is certainly not the case! At this week's lunch, we celebrated the accomplishments of Hshmat Sahak and Joshua Harrison-Maul, the two 2019 Scholarship winners. Hshmat is starting his journey at the University of Toronto studying Engineering Science where he hopes to specialize in Machine Intelligence. Joshua will broaden his horizons at Centennial College in the Addictions and Mental Health Worker Program. The Rotary Club of Toronto Scholarship opens the door for opportunities and brings these students and their families into the Rotary circle.

The lunch opened with a welcome to visiting Rotarians and special guests to this celebratory lunch. A special announcement was made that the Rotary Club of Toronto's Charitable Foundation has donated \$10,000 to ShelterBox towards the aftermath of Hurricane Dorian.

Mary Bennett, Chair of the Rotary Club of Toronto Scholarship Committee, introduced our keynote for lunch today. John Chen is the 2014 Scholarship winner and will be returning to the University of Toronto to pursue his Master's Degree in Computer Science. He shared the ups and downs of his five-year academic journey with us and highlighted three key reasons for his

success. First he emphasized the importance of hard work on a consistent basis, second the value of perseverance but both these would not result in success without the third, an incredible support system, including Rotary. This scholarship has instilled in him a quiet pride and self-assurance, giving him a badge of honour and a vote of confidence that will be with him as he moves into the future.

We then received updates from our recent winners including Maryam Ali, Amna Majeed and Poorva Patel, with a video from our second 2019 winner Josh. President Kevin thanked the Scholarship Committee. John Andras opened up about his personal Rotary journey for the Let's Be Personal segment of the lunch. We also learned that John must have a similar eye prescription to Barbara Thomson as he borrowed her glasses to read his notes. His LBP will be in our Voice bulletin next week.

The lunch ended with the Ace of Club draw where Jack Robertson earned a bottle of wine.



Poorva Patel, John Chen, Hshmat Sahak, Amna Majeed and Maryam Ali

What You Missed September 6, 2019

- by Jane Fitzgerald and June Brown



Lunch at Bill's place! The meeting had a very busy agenda as several announcements were made.

Hurricane Dorian has hit The Bahamas and Shelter Box has been contacted but must wait for the Bahamian Government to give clearance for them to assist. Wednesday September 25th it is SAKÉ night with Neil Phillips at The National Club. Book now for a spot! October 25-27 is The District Conference in cottage country. Brian Westlake reminded us that the next Sweat Equity is in El Salvador in January 10-19, 2020. Building homes is what they do and, the best skill set is enthusiasm.

An initial installment of "The Week That Was" from Neil Phillips gave us a lively humorous report on political past and recent events. Of note was how could Italy possibly upstage the goings on in the UK Parliament. Of course, there was a wine recommendation, Rosé 2018 Beamsville!

Speaker Dr. Jennifer Murphy, a Professor of Chemistry at the University of Toronto a climate researcher, spoke about The Canadian Institute for Science, the oldest organization of its kind in Canada, founded in 1849. Her area of research is trying to answer the question "What is going on in the Arctic?"

The Arctic is changing rapidly and faster in Canada than anywhere else. Sea ice is disappearing, the permafrost is thawing and, the atmosphere is getting cloudier due to atmospheric particles. All these things are going to impact our environment. In the summer, Dr. Murphy and her grad students board the icebreaker the Amundsen (which is featured on the Canadian 50-dollar bill) costing \$60,000 a day to operate. They travel to the Arctic to collect data that will hopefully help us understand and find solutions to climate change.

Along with her scientific facts she shared some amusing anecdotes such as the scientific puzzle of why so much ammonia was in the atmospheric particles. It turned out to be from the bird poops!

Upcoming Speakers & Events

September 2019

27 Dr. Kevin Smith, CEO University Health Network

October 2019

04 Ilana Landsberg, The Stephen Lewis Foundation

09 WERM with Wendy Cukiet

11 NO LUNCH Thanksgiving

18 Dr. Bob Scott, Polio update

25 George Smitherman

Events

Sept. 25 Night of Sake

Oct. 25-27 Rotary District Conference (Muskoka)

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