



## YOUTH DAY PROGRAM

### Today's Program

Youth Civic Leadership Awards

### Topic

Youth Day

### Location

National Club

### Master of Ceremonies

Paul Churchward, Rotaract Club of Toronto

### Musical Prelude

The Imperial Entertainment Group

### Welcome

National Anthem  
Loyal Toast

### Lunch

Youth Expo Slideshow

### Youth Expo Video

360 Films and Nikita Williams

### Sponsors & Presenters Recognition

The Imperial Entertainment Group

Youth Civic Leadership Awards Introduction

### Video Message

The Hon. Ken Dryden, O.C.

### Award Finalists Recognition

Jessica Cao, Deepak Raj Elango, Henry He, Diana McBey

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## PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Toronto Community Housing Youth Civic Leadership Award 2014

Emman Haider

Rotaract Silver Youth Civic Leadership Award 2014

Yasmine Gray

Rotaract Gold Youth Civic Leadership Award 2014

Zameer Bharwani

The Rotary Club of Toronto Youth Civic Leadership Award 2014

Lisa Xiao

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Closing Remarks

50/50 Draw

## 2014 Youth Civic Leadership Awards

The Youth Civic Leadership Awards acknowledge youth in the city of Toronto who deserve recognition for the leadership they have shown in the community. Their accomplishments are the direct result of sustained compassion, creativity and tenacity. Contributions by these incredible individuals have created positive change in the GTA through innovation, vision and a dedication to service about self. Following the National Anthem, the Royal Toast and Lunch, Rotarians and guests will view the Youth Expo slide show. At the conclusion of the slide show, the Youth Expo team will be introduced by Mr. Paul Churchward, and a three-minute video clip will be shown. Mr. Churchward will then recognize the Youth Expo presenters and sponsors before turning things over to Imperial Entertainment Group.



### **Lisa Xiao – The Rotary Club of Toronto Youth Civic Leadership Award 2014**

Lisa Xiao is a 17-year-old who has learned throughout her life the importance of cultural diversity and youth engagement. She channeled this passion for youth empowerment by serving three terms on the Toronto District School Board Super Council. In the past three years, she founded a board-wide Student Council Day, spearheaded student input for TDSB's six-year Mental Health Strategy, and led the planning of several leadership camps, empowering and advocating for over 260,000 students in TDSB. She has also raised over \$20,000 to support education programs for youth abroad in Sierra Leone, Kenya, and Somalia. Having immigrated to Canada at the age of seven, she understands the importance of embracing Canada's cultural mosaic. This passion is reflected in her work as the President of the Chinese Cultural Center Youth Chapter, Ontario's largest Chinese Canadian youth association. She founded Ontario's first Chinese-Canadian youth conference and organized annual scholarships to high-achieving, young Chinese-Canadians.



### **Zameer Bharwani – Rotaract Gold Youth Civic Leadership Award 2014**

Zameer Bharwani spent a year studying with a neuroscientist and met people suffering from dementia. As a result, he was inspired to found the charitable Initiative for Neuroscience & Dementia, which has nine branches and has worked with hundreds of patients. As part of this he volunteered at Baycrest Health Sciences on the cognitive support unit. Zameer is a published poet and created an Art Council of Students to enable them to showcase their art talents. In addition to restructuring the school's chess and table tennis clubs, Zameer has been an ambassador for six years for the World Partnership Walk, supporting their goal of alleviating poverty. He was recently recognized by the prestigious Top 20 Under 20 of Canada, and the Premier of Ontario for his dedication to the community. Zameer will be pursuing Engineering Science at the University of Waterloo where he will be taking Nanotechnology Engineering.



### **Yasmin Gray – Rotaract Silver Civic Leadership Award 2014**

Yasmine Gray is a grade 11 student at Sir Wilfrid Laurier. She is a singer-songwriter, actress, and runner. She is passionate about violence prevention, gender equality and promoting positive mental health in her community. Yasmine's community involvement includes T.E.A.R (Teens Ending Abusive Relationships) at Victim Services, Toronto Library's Leading to Reading program, Bendale Acre's Retirement Home's Hand in Hand Project and Youthlink, a United Way Charity. She is also actively involved in several school clubs including Team Optimism and Kindness, Beyond the Hurt, Because I Am a Girl, Character Ed, Girls' Fit Club and Yoga Club. She was one of 80 students at her school selected to attend Character Ed Camp. In March 2014, Yasmine won the Ontario Secondary School Teacher's Federation Status of Women Award. Yasmine's favourite quote comes from Gandhi: "Be the change you wish to see in the world." Yasmine aspires to become a social worker.



### **Emman Haider – Toronto Community Housing Youth Civic Leadership Award 2014**

Emman Haider is a grade 12 International Baccalaureate student at Monarch Park. Emman is passionately driven to make change and is actively involved in both her local and global communities. Activities include Math Buddies, Minga Social Justice, Eco Fairs and Canadian Shoreline Cleanup. Emman has been the president of the Social Justice Club at Monarch for the past two years and this year she raised \$5,000 to help build a school in Africa. Emman is a Free the Children Youth Ambassador and has shared her social justice story with Dr. Martin Luther King III and other dignitaries. Emman works with the Boston Consultant group to design self-heating, insulated blankets for the homeless. Last summer Emman conducted an International Biology Experiment. Next year, Emman will be attending the University of Waterloo for Honours Management Engineering. In the future Emman hopes to combine her academic abilities with her interests to create social change and work with organizations such as Engineers without Borders.

## Second Annual Youth Expo a Huge Success!

The Rotary Club of Toronto Youth Expo 2014 – Our 2nd annual event a huge success – 250 students participated and learned about leadership! – by Neisely Eugene and Chialing Tse

Under the theme “The Leader in You,” the Rotary Club of Toronto along with the Rotaract Club of UofT and the Rotaract Club of Toronto held a successful Youth Expo on May 13, 2014 at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education building (OISE) at University of Toronto. The Youth Expo had two sessions: a morning one for grades seven and eight and an afternoon session for grades nine and ten. The event included speakers, presenters, entertainment, and interactive booths where the students were able to get their passports stamped and perhaps even win a pair of Blue Jays tickets. Six Blue Jays tickets were awarded courtesy of NextIssue.

During the sessions the students had opportunity to cheer and sing along with keynote presenters such as Sara Westbrook from UPower Concerts and Jerry Zhang, former president DECA. The students also participated in workshops designed to empower them to tap into their inner leader. Overall the day was filled with lots of energy from the 250 students, inspirational and motivational sessions and workshops, and tips about how students can become exceptional leaders. We were elated to see that the students were able to embrace new ideas about how to become better leaders. Both Rotaractors and Rotarians from the Youth and Children’s Service Committee and sub-committees were on hand to help make this event a success for students.

We conducted a survey during the Youth Expo. A student from Sprucecourt public school said, “. . . inspiring presentation. It really motivated me to not listen to other people’s negative opinions. Be yourself.” Another student, this one from Lester B. Pearson, wrote: “I liked how they showed us how to be a leader and you can move on with life no matter how people see us or what they say about us.”

*This day would not have been possible without our speakers and presenters and we would like to thank them for the participation. Below is a list of our presenters and their respective themes:*

- Toronto Police Service** (Mark Woo) - Youth In Policing Initiative
- Dan Trommater** - Thinking Differently About Leadership: A Magician’s Perspective
- Free The Children** (Deepa Prashad) - Be the Change You Wish to See
- Toastmasters** (Kelvin Fung, Nichole Bernard, Mary Chong and Kevin Ho) - Youth Leadership Program
- Sara Westbrook** – UPower Concerts – (Keynote Speaker, morning session)
- Lorna Pitcher** (Children of Hope Uganda) - Taking the Leader in You ... Global!
- Diana McIntyre** (George Brown College) - The Path to Leadership
- Jerry Zhang** (Former President) DECA – (Keynote Speaker, afternoon session)
- Imperial Entertainment Group** provided musical entertainment

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*Finally, we would like to thank the planning committee that spent countless hours on making the Youth Expo, the Youth Day Luncheon and the Youth Civic Leadership Awards a reality:*

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The Youth Expo Committee is looking for more volunteers to participate to plan the next Youth Expo as we hope to continue expanding this initiative of engaging and motivating the next generation of leaders. The next Youth Expo will be held in May, 2015, and the planning has already begun. Please contact Jeff Dobson for more details. See you next year!

### Rotaractors Attend Mentorship Lunch

On Friday June 6th and Friday June 13th, over ten Rotaractors had the opportunity to participate in a mentorship lunch with Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Toronto. Rotaractors and Rotarians were paired up and given the opportunity to speak about future goals, industry trends and educational experiences. It was a great opportunity for Rotaractors to attend a Rotary Club of Toronto lunch meeting at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel. Those who attended heard from Toronto Mayoral Candidate John Tory and witnessed the Paul Harris William Peace Fellowship Award presented to Lorraine Lloyd! A big thank you to Neil Phillips and Cliff Johnson for making this happen!!

### RIBFEST Volunteers Needed

This year’s Rib-Fest is still looking for volunteers:  
**June 28th to July 1st.**

For EVERY HOUR someone volunteers to work the entrance program, you generate more than \$200 net funds to local charities supported by Rotary. Last year, our efforts brought in \$130,000 !!!!

Contact Shannon Lundquist ASAP at [Shannon.lundquist@accenture.com](mailto:Shannon.lundquist@accenture.com) to participate in this major Rotary event.





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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?

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## Upcoming Speakers & Events

### June 2014

27 No Lunch – Canada Day Long Weekend

### July 2014

4 Changeover Meeting, National Club  
11 Steve Smith - Throne Speech  
18 Brian Thompson – Rotary 7070 District Governor

### Events

June 28 - July 1 RibFest

### Propose a Speaker

Peter Simmie, Chair

### Program Committee

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## Vibrant History of Rotaract and New Generations Service in Rotary

– by Andrea Tirone



Through the Youth and Children's Services Committee, the Rotary Club of Toronto has worked with its partner in service, Rotaract, for the last 34 years. The club's history with Rotaract has included many partnerships, joint events and support for projects that have benefited thousands of individuals. Taking stock of the relationships that have been built and fostered between Rotaract and Rotary in Toronto, these clubs should be extremely proud of the impact they have had on the lives of many youth through Rotaract in the GTA.

A Rotaract club functions much like a Rotary Club: they have an independent board of directors, organize their own events, run their own meetings, and operate under their own district leadership in the form of a District Rotaract Representative. Rotaractors can be students or young professionals between the ages of 18-30. The Rotary Club of Toronto is extremely fortunate to sponsor two Rotaract Clubs: the University of Toronto Club, which is based out of the university and the Toronto Club, which is community-based.

Beginning in the early 1980's, the Rotaract Club of Toronto has had a significant impact

on a local and international scale with its projects, events and partnerships. In the 1980s and early 1990s, the Rotaract Club of Toronto, being one of the only Rotary youth groups in south-central Ontario, assisted many Rotary events and initiatives in multiple districts. With this history of service, the support from Rotaract for Rotary events continues today.

The Rotaract Club of the University of Toronto has been a part of St. George campus life since 2003. The club was chartered in 2004 and has since grown and spearheaded many projects dedicated to enriching the community, locally and abroad. As the club's members are generally university students, the club is dedicated to helping members develop a network and the skills necessary to succeed in their post-graduation endeavours.

The club's history is long and filled with many successes and triumphs. Since the beginning, Rotaract at U of T has organized formal meetings, guest speakers, committee meetings, fellowship activities, special outings, large events and international projects. In addition to joining the Rotary and Rotaract Clubs of Toronto in events, such as the Children's Christmas Party and the Purple Pinkies for Polio fundraiser, the University of Toronto club has also collaborated with other Rotary clubs and organizations.

## What You Missed, May 30th, 2014

– by Geoffrey Cobham



Despite being Friday the thirteenth, Rotarians and guests were lucky enough to host Toronto mayoral candidate John Tory who spoke about his election platform for the upcoming municipal election. A large part of Mr. Tory's platform was his "SmartTrack Program," a plan to accelerate improvements to transit infrastructure in the Toronto area in seven years versus other plans taking as long as 17 years. Mr. Tory pledged that "SmartTrack" would alleviate pressure on Toronto's main subway lines, greatly enhancing the speed and efficiency with which Torontonians and visitors travel across our city. Mr. Tory will also commit to building the Scarborough subway line and creating an express bus

service. Other important objectives included reducing youth unemployment, estimated to be 20%; improving the timeliness of projects and contracts to which the city commits or has committed; and the privatization of the waste disposal services across the rest of the city. In advocating that Toronto needs to move forward as one unified entity, Mr. Tory appropriately cited Paul Harris' well known line that "the power of combined effort knows no limitation." In that vein, Bert Steenburgh was proud to award the Paul Harris Fellowship to Lorraine Lloyd. LP Graphics received the Corporate Warrior Award. Suzanne Seaquist was the lucky winner of the Ace of Clubs draw and selected the Ace of...Spades. A belated happy Father's Day to all the fathers out there.

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