



YOUTH DAY 2015 PROGRAM

Today's Program

Rotary Youth Day

Topic

Youth Leadership Awards and Entertainment

Master of Ceremonies

Paul Churchward - The Rotaract Club of Toronto

Location

Concert Hall

Musical Prelude

Caela Butt – *Sketch*

Welcome

National Anthem
Loyal Toast

Lunch

Youth Expo 2015 Slideshow

Musical Performance

Oddane Taylor – *Sketch*

Youth Expo 2015 Video

Dignitaries and Guest Recognition

Messages from Our Distinguished Guests

Youth Leadership Awards Introduction

Award Finalists Recognition

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Closing Remarks

50/50 Draw

The 2015 Youth Civic Leadership Award Winners



Allison Gacad – The Rotary Club of Toronto Youth Civic Leadership Award

Allison, a Grade 11 International Baccalaureate student attending St. John Paul II CSS, is driven by the desire to conserve the planet and is heavily involved in the sustainability of our city. She is a dedicated member of the school's Environmental Council, is an Eco-Mentor facilitating workshops on climate change in partnership with Earth Day Canada and is involved in organizing public conferences on many environmental issues, including GMOs, fracking, ecological restoration and mentorship. Allison also enjoys reading and travelling.



Maria Kashif – Rotaract Gold Youth Civic Leadership Award

Maria, a Grade 12 student from Marc Garneau CI, has served as the Equity Rep and successfully built a foundation for the Social Justice & Equity Committee through awareness campaigns, flash mob and clothing drives. She is the School Council President and has helped create safer and more vibrant communities through events such as the Terry Fox Fundraiser, Pancake Drives and by being involved in the Toronto Emerging Activists community group.



Nader Chaya – Rotaract Silver Civic Leadership Award

Nader attends George Vanier SS and is a 2015 Loran Scholar Finalist. He is the only student representative on the TDSB's Equity Policy Advisory Committee where policies are reviewed to ensure that TDSB is a safe and empowering space for students. He is also working on the TDSB Student Rights Bill. He is involved in his local community spearheading Future Leaders, Boys Summit, Mental Health Awareness Week, multi-cultural week, Al-Huda blood drive, food drives and fundraising.



Aneesah Choudry – Toronto Community Housing Youth Civic Leadership Award

Aneesah attends Jarvis CI and is very active in the Regent Park Community where she resides. She volunteers with Youth Empowering Parents teaching English to newcomers in her community and is a member of Regent Park Youth Ambassadors helping revitalize Regent Park. She is also involved in organizations promoting equity, anti-oppression, self-care and safety awareness. At school she is involved in the Eco-Team, Me-to-We Club, Muslim Student Association and Peer Leaders.

Youth Leadership Expo 2015

– by Don Brooks & Binoy Luckoo



The Rotary Club of Toronto and the Rotaract Club of Toronto hosted the Third Annual Youth Leadership Expo on May 5 at Daniels Spectrum. The whole team of Rotarians, Rotaractors and Community Partners from the Toronto School District Board and the Toronto Catholic School District Board celebrated and motivated over 550 Grade 7 to Grade 10 students to participate in their schools and communities to showcase their leadership skills.

Our guests experienced seventeen booths in the Marketplace for Social Change. A diverse group of community partners challenged the students to set their own leadership objectives and develop their own action plans to get involved in helping others. The extremely interactive debrief breakout sessions were led by Grade 12 facilitators specially selected for this event by TDSB and trained by Rotaractor Heidi Ludwick, whose day job includes curriculum development. Through questions, quizzes and games, students provided feedback and reflected on how they can apply what they learned to their everyday lives. We thank all of our Community Partners who have helped inspire the young students who attended The Youth Leadership Expo 2015 at Daniels Spectrum. They are:

Brandon Love
Arts for Children & Youth
Charlie's Freewheels
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Get Real
Interact
Peace Builder
Peace by Peace
Regent Park Focus
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We would also like to thank all the volunteers from the Rotary Club of Toronto, the Rotaract Club of Toronto and the Rotaract Club of the University of Toronto

Last but not least, we thank the planning committee that spent countless hours making the Youth Expo, the Youth Day Luncheon, and the Youth Civic Leadership Awards a reality:

Jeff Dobson, Chair – RCT Youth Expo/Day Initiatives
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The Youth Expo/Youth Day Committee is looking for more volunteers to participate in the planning of Youth Expo & Youth Day 2016. The next Youth Expo & Youth Day will be held in May 2016 and we are already planning. If you would like to make a difference in the lives of the young people of Toronto, please contact Binoy Luckoo for more details. See you next year!

Looking for a Place to Make an Impact – All We Need is You...

- by Prince Kumar

The Youth and Children Service committee is working on many initiatives you can get involved with and make a difference. You can mentor youth, lead a team of highly energized Rotaractors, inspire 600 high school students, launch an Interact chapter, or get involved in the Children's Christmas Party. You can host a youth exchange student or spend an afternoon with them sharing Canadian culture. On our committee you can help enlist corporate sponsorship to support our initiatives, participate in the Argo 50/50 draws, learn about wonderful youth- and children-driven organizations and healthy beginnings initiatives. You can be a decision-making voice when we decide which causes our Rotary dollars should support, or be on a panel of judges to select high school award recipients, or just enjoy the fellowship! You can attend the monthly meetings of our committee or its sub-committees, or bring your own idea to the table and see how we can help you bring it to fruition. You choose how much or how little you want to be involved as a member, friend and/or volunteer.

The committee supports programs that benefit children and youth in the areas of health, education, child abuse and neglect, social development, leadership and life enrichment. Our sub-committees include Healthy Beginnings Committee (new as of 2015/16), Youth Leadership Expo, Children's Christmas Party, Interact Club, Youth Day Luncheon, Youth Civic Leadership Awards, Youth Exchange Program, Argo's 50/50 Draw, and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards.

If you would like to get involved, contact Prince Kumar. We will be having a celebratory get together on Tuesday, June 16 at 5:30 pm – you are welcome to join us and learn more – but hurry the spaces are limited.

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1. Is it the Truth?
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4. Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

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Upcoming Speakers & Events

June 2015

- 05 Rotary/Argos Community Scholarship Luncheon
- 12 Kevin McGurgan, British Consul General. *British Priorities After the Election*
- 19 Cindy Blackstock, NCFST- Aboriginal Day
- 26 No Meeting, Canada Day

July 2015

- 3 Summer Buffet – National Club
- 10 Changeover Day – National Club
- 17 Throne Speech – David Hetherington, National Club
- 24 Michael Bell – District Governor

Propose a Speaker – Contact
Alex Brown, Chair

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WHAT YOU MISSED, Friday May 22, 2015

– by Karen Scott



On a crisp Friday, we were warmed by the atmosphere at the National Club. This was a Fellowship Meeting prior to the Lake Scugog Camp weekend, one of the highlights of the year for our club. Many members of the club and Rotaractors were heading to the camp, for the Club's annual "sweat equity" weekend. Following the singing of our National Anthem and the loyal toast, President Steve invited us to partake of the items offered at the buffet and enjoy the fellowship at our table. While we were having our dessert and coffee, President Steve introduced the head table and welcomed visiting Rotarians and guests. We had global representation with visiting Rotarians from the United Kingdom, Germany, Taiwan, and Bangladesh. Visiting Rotarians and President Steve exchanged banners in ceremonial fashion, one of the many Rotary traditions that highlight us as an international fellowship.

Rotary Camp Weekend 2015

– by Susan Howson (The Boss)



What another amazing weekend. I arrived Thursday to find Don Bell and Catherine Lloyd already in the kitchen, baking pies and bread. After a quick review of the project list with Dana Leahey, the Camp Director (and to avoid issues with Harvey Sullivan), I scooped up a can of the green stain and headed off to Rona. This time we got the green stain with the right amount of black. Campers started to arrive at about 3:00 pm. They picked out their beds and headed to the deck to admire the view and enjoy Jim Norwood's BBQ and Geoffrey Johnson's crisp fish and chips, finished off with fresh baked pastries. Saturday morning was a chilly four degrees, though bright and sunny. Everyone arose early, knowing Dr. Paul's porridge and more awaited them. By 8:00 am it was off to work.

Every year I think there is too much work, or we don't have the skills to accomplish what needs to be done and every year my fellow Rotarians rise to the occasion. The Rotaractors were an impressive bunch this year, pitching in where needed. People were taught how to cut wood and hold drills. Kitchen crew cleaned the never-ending procession of pots but also learned a few tricks of the trade. The painters spruced up the cabins. The carpenters built new shutters, doors, and a safer kitchen porch and stairs. Bikes were cleaned and oiled and have a new home. Clothes and linens were sorted and organized. Everything on my list has a tick mark.

The reward was an incredible gourmet dinner of salmon, beef wellington, oysters, grilled Cornish hen, prawns and of course a large selection of desserts including a baked Alaska.

President Steve reminded us of the "New Member Challenge." He asked members to recommend colleagues, friends and professionals for consideration of Rotarian membership. President Steve also mentioned that volunteers are needed for "Ribfest," our major fundraiser, that WILL take place over five days, FROM June 27 to July 1. Anyone interested in volunteering should let the office or Shannon Lundquist know.

President Steve then introduced new member Anthony Whalen to the club. Anthony will be continuing a long family tradition of Rotary membership as his grandfather was a Rotarian in St. Stephen New Brunswick from 1927 – 1935 and his father was also a Rotarian.

After sharing a humorous Camp Scugog tale, President Steve brought the meeting to a close.

The dining room had been beautifully done up in a retro theme by Jackie Davies. Afterwards there was a campfire, cards, singing and drumming till the wee hours of the night.

I am sure that as the Campers left on Sunday, tired and sore, their pain did not last as they considered what had been accomplished and the great fellowship they had experienced. Don't miss out next year. Put it in your calendar now... May 27 to 29, 2016.

Thank you to all who came or donated to Camp this year.



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