



***Next meeting:***

Thurs. Oct. 8, 2015  
Montgomery's Inn 7:30 a.m.

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**The Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do:**

*First – Is it the truth?*

*Second – Is it FAIR to all concerned?*

*Third – Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?*

*Fourth – Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?*

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**October 7, 2015** – Microskills Open House 235 Dixon Rd @ 3-7 p.m.

**October 8, 2015** – Mr Akihilesh Mishra, [Consul General of India](#)

**October 15, 2015** – Irene Katzighera, Humber College

**October 21, 2015** – Microskills Rotary Joint Information Meeting Crooked Cue @ 7:00 p.m.

**October 22, 2015** – Site visit to [Kipling Acres](#) home for the aged

**October 23-25, 2015** – District 7070 Conference, Westin Harbour Castle

***Microskills Grand Opening***



Recent Ribbon Cutting Ceremony opening the new MicroSkills Rotary Youth Centre in Etobicoke. The new facility was largely funded by Rotary. Read more ...

## *Microskills Youth Centre Opens in Rexdale!*



It was time to celebrate on September 29! At the official opening of the expanded, renovated and colourful MicroSkills Rotary Youth Centre there was ribbon-cutting, cake and speeches from students, staff and dignitaries. President Brian Spencer spoke of the process of choosing MicroSkills for the long-term 3 year funding project and the progress that has been made for the local community. Through our multi-year joint funding with Rotary Etobicoke, we facilitated the near-doubling of space and increase in youth to the centre. Congratulations to all the members of our club who worked so hard over the years on making this dream come true.

A full report on the Opening in the Etobicoke Guardian can be found [here](#).

## *Preethu Goes to Washington*

With Rotaractors from around the world, Preethu Kaduppil, VP Operations of the Rotaract Club of York University, attended the 2015 Rotaract Youth Leadership Awards – North America in Washington.



At our meeting on September 17, Preethu gave us a recap of events at RYLA-NA in July. Students attended embassy visits, cultural events, RYLA Expo, service project presentations and even a RYLA Ball. There were workshops on membership marketing, growth and retention, sponsorship and international service. Preethu and Kawal Jutla won a social media bingo contest by posting a collage of conference pictures on Instagram, entitling them to return to next year's conference free! And Kawal designed the winning logo for the 2016 conference. Quite a series of accomplishments. Our Rotaractors have much to be proud of.

This year the York Rotaractors will be staging a Networking Night, a Case Competition (on ethics and conflict resolution, sponsored by the CPA), and will engage in volunteering and fundraising in collaboration with a Rotaract Club in Ghana. Quite an active club!



## *Steve Valkov gets Classified*

Did you know Steve Valkov is a commercial real estate agent, specializing in hotels and retail properties, but is also trained and has great experience as a data solutions enterprise architect?



At his classification speech at our October 1 regular meeting, we learned that Steve:

- came from Bulgaria
- is married to Irmna, and they have 4 young children
- has a bachelor's degree in international business and a masters in computer science
- has a great sense of humour!

Steve was in military service in Bulgaria, leading a tank army unit of 37 people, and retains the rank of lieutenant in the reserve. He gave us some information about Bulgaria, including its history (Crimea was once a part of it), industry and culture. The Bulgarian community in Canada is small and many Bulgarians associate with Macedonians, a larger community. Welcome Steve!



Four fit club members and two kids above joined dozens of others from District 7070 on the September 20 Rotary Foundation Walk.



There was a big turnout at the September 23 Annual Golf Tournament at Glen Eagle. Patti Wright and Doug Williams celebrate an award above.

## *October is Vocational Service Month*

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