

Colin D'Mello

Master of Ceremonies



Once again for the fourth year, Colin D'Mello is donating his time to act as our brilliant Master of Ceremonies.

Colin and co-anchor Andria Case, along with a sharp, dedicated team, continuously bring an engaging view on the day's top stories during the CTV Toronto Weekend newscasts.

It was his family's move from Kuwait in 1998 that allowed Colin to pursue his love for journalism. After graduating from Seneca College, Colin moved to Moncton, NB to work as a reporter-anchor at News 91.9.

Since moving back to Toronto in 2007, Colin has played a key role in covering the 2008 propane explosion, the Tamil protests on the Gardiner Expressway in 2009, and the G20 protests in 2010 for 680News. Since joining CTVNews in 2011, Colin's coverage of Rob Ford's scandal-plagued Mayoralty led to a nomination for a Premier's award in 2013.

Colin also lends his time to the Rotary Club of Toronto West, the Rouge Valley Hospital Foundation, and is a member of the Alumni Council at Seneca College.

Ron Manfield

MPC Music



Ron Manfield is a past President and an active member of the Rotary Club of Toronto West.

He is an accomplished pianist with a life-long commitment to the music industry as a performer, song writer. Ron has been publishing music for many accomplished musicians under the MPC Music label since 1978.

We are pleased to enjoy Ron's musical accompaniment this evening.

WELCOME



It's amazing what we can accomplish when hearts and minds work together. THE ROTARY CLUB OF TORONTO WEST has been taking action to bring lasting change in our communities by empowering our youth.

Every year the Rotary Club of Toronto West recognizes and honours individuals, organizations and businesses that have had a positive impact on youth in the Toronto Area Community through:

- A record of meritorious service to youth
- Practical experience in youth development activities
- Leadership in promoting the importance of helping youth

This wonderful tradition has raised in excess of \$500,000. Funds from the sale of tickets and corporate sponsorships and the proceeds from auctions and raffles at the gala support the Rotary club's work with youth in the community and around the world.

ROTARY CLUB OF TORONTO WEST

Our club gives you an opportunity to join leaders and to take action on important issues. We also have a lot of fun — whether we're socializing or working together on service projects.

Members connect at weekly meetings and learn from business experts, political and civic leaders, and entrepreneurs, who help us stay informed on topics that are relevant to our community.

We are committed to making positive, lasting change in our communities and around the world. Our shared passion for service helps us accomplish the remarkable.

Get Involved to Make a Difference

Talk with a Rotarian tonight to learn how you can join to help.

AWARD RECIPIENTS

Lucas Antoniazzi

Youth Award Recipient (Under 18)



Lucas Antoniazzi is in grade 12 at Ursula Franklin Academy. In 2012, Lucas volunteered to go to Uganda to help build a teacher's home in Bbira, a village for children orphaned by war or AIDS. Lucas has also been a member of PALS since grade 9, a school club that helps grade 8 students with their transition into high school. He has

coordinated multiple events through PALS, including an open house, a lunch program and an annual three-night retreat. Lucas has more than 240 hours of volunteer work at his local summer camp. When he isn't volunteering, he likes doing physics, math and weight training. He hopes to study engineering and business.

Nisha Baig

Youth Award Recipient (Under 18)



Nisha Baig is in grade 11 at James Cardinal Mcguigan. She helps her community by taking part in multiple programs. At MicroSkills, a multicultural organization dedicated to assisting the unemployed, she volunteers as President of the Youth Reference Advisory Group where she focuses on the mission to eliminate

gender-based violence. She has also volunteered at Leaders in Training with Doorsteps, International Day of the Girl with MicroSkills, the science club, student council and math club. Nisha is the outreach coordinator for the Federal Girls' Group, a group that was created for the International Day of the Girl. She hopes to be a lawyer.

Dishan Ratnajothi

Youth Award Recipient (Under 25)



Dishan Ratnajothi is a third-year business strategy and accounting student at the Schulich School of Business, York University. He serves as the Schulich director for the York Federation of Students, representing over 2,000 students and 13 clubs. Dishan serves as the vice president of corporate relations for the Schulich

Accounting Society and is a senior board ambassador for CPA Ontario. He is part of a recent start-up known as Keep Toronto Warm – an organization that seeks to combat issues of homelessness within the GTA. He was also a member of the Rotaract Club of York University. Dishan will soon be interning at KPMG LLP.

Toyin Crandell

Individual Award Recipient



Toyin Crandell (nee Dada) takes a dynamic and practical approach to bettering communities and motivating youth and young adults to do the same.

For the past 10 years, Crandell has written and facilitated various youth engagement curricula focused on creating healthy communities, promoting diversity and culture, and teaching foundational values such as honour, integrity, empowerment, respect, belonging and collaboration.

For the past five years she has mobilized youth in civic engagement through more than 1,000 sit-down meetings between youth aged 15-

35 and Members of Parliament in Ottawa with the My Canada Association.

Crandell is the executive director of The Love Movement 4:16 - an organization that educates and motivates youth and young adults to become community shapers and leaders through training in the arts. In 2015, youth and young adults mentored in the Love Movement 4:16 successfully launched a series of projects, including books, albums, a clothing line, a visual art line and a flash mob featuring 100 youth from across the Americas in partnership with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada and the Pan Am Games.

C.J. Graphics

Business Award Recipient



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C.J. Graphics is one of the most award-winning printing companies in North America. It has received more than 6500 awards to date and is the only company in Canada to win 6 Benny awards — the highest honour from the most prestigious print competition in the world.

The CEO and President of the business, Jay Mandarino, also founded two not-for-profits. The C.J. Skateboard Park and School in Etobicoke is a registered charity dedicated to the development of all children and youth, including at-risk and special needs, through the benefits of skateboarding, scooter riding and inline skating. Through JBM Auction

Services, upwards of \$50 million has been raised for charities worldwide.

Jay has always had a strong passion for helping others conquer their own human challenges and it is this passion that drives him to give so much back. His is on the Board of Directors for the Michael “Pinball” Clemons Foundation (MPCF) and the Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario (LDAO).

Mandarino has been recognized for his philanthropy with such awards as the Diamond Jubilee Medal from Queen Elizabeth II, the Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship from the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario and the Urban Hero Award from the Etobicoke Guardian.

Youth Employment Services YES

Community Organization Award Recipient



YES is the Canadian leader in youth employment services. Since its founding in 1968, and with its over 3,000 partnerships with businesses, YES has helped hundreds of thousands of youth find and maintain employment. The organization helps youth become contributing members of society by providing employment training, counseling, job services, and job placement for over 10,000 youth each year.

YES believes employment is empowerment and the cornerstone of

safe and healthy communities. YES inspires and gives hope to families, strengthens our communities and nation.

In Toronto, the youth unemployment rate is approximately 22 per cent. YES provides a solution to this growing problem, with an emphasis on at-risk and disadvantaged youth sector, with innovative programs that empower these youth to become self-sufficient contributing members of society. In the past 25 years alone, YES has helped more than 110,000 youth.

Frank O'Dea



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT

Frank O'Dea is a celebrated businessman who has launched and led a number of successful not-for-profits and businesses, including the Second Cup and Street Kids International. He is an inspiring speaker who shares his lessons-learned from his days of living on the streets to his receiving the Order of Canada.



In his early teens, Frank O'Dea's life went off the rails into a downward spiral. By the time he was 21, he was living in 50-cent-a-night flop houses in Toronto's bowery district. At 23 years old, with the courage to hope for a better life, and the spirit to forge ahead, Frank began the long road back. Fighting all of those obstacles that hold

back the homeless, the impoverished and the destitute, he overcame and rejoined society.

Within a few short years, he co-founded Second Cup, which soon became the largest chain of gourmet coffees and teas in the country. Building on that success, he, with others, co-founded Proshred

Security, a company that pioneered the entire industry of on-site document destruction. He grew that company into an international organization with operations in Canada, Europe and the United States.

Even as a struggling entrepreneur, Frank took steps to give back to the community. He began serving on the boards of directors of charities and not-for-profit organizations. He co-

founded Street Kids International, an organization that helps homeless children in third world countries, through education and self-reliance programs. He became the founding Chair of War Child (Canada), an organization that provides assistance against suffering and abuse for children in war-affected countries. Later on, Frank co-founded the Canadian Landmine Foundation, an organization that raises funds and awareness for the dismantling of minefields around the world. With support from Colin Powell, Paul McCartney and Rotary Clubs across Canada, he went on to initiate that organization's most successful, worldwide annual fund raising program, "Night of a Thousand Dinners", with participation of thousands of donors from some 29

countries, including over 35 Rotary Clubs in Canada.

Frank's current project is a social entrepreneur enterprise, YP-IT Data (Young Professionals In Training). This youth employment enterprise provides real-life, white-collar, life skills to youth ages 16 to 25, which will better prepare them for the job market after they finish with their education.

Frank's achievements are a work in progress for which he has received much public recognition. He has received two honorary university degrees and is an Officer of the Order of Canada. Frank's inspiring story of resilience and triumph in the face of adversity is retold in his autobiography, "When All You Have Is Hope" and his latest book, "Do The Next Right Thing: Surviving Life's Crises."

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

2015 - DENIS SACKS: Founder and current Chair, PepsiCo Foundation

2014 - DAVE DRYDEN: Chairman of Sleeping Children Around the World, Former professional hockey player

2013 - JANICE O'BORN: Director of TPH's Charitable Office, Active community volunteer

2012 - FRANK SELKE: Ardent fundraiser and ambassador for the Special Olympics in Canada

2011 - KIM PHUC: Founder Kim Phuc Foundation. Helping war vets and victims. Goodwill Ambassador for peace.

2010 - ZEKE O'CONNOR: Founder of Sir Edmund Hillary Foundation. Helping to build schools, hospitals in Nepal.

2009 - SUSAN HAY: Global News Host, supporter of Toronto's Ronald McDonald House and other charities

2008 - THE HONOURABLE JAMES BARTLEMAN:

Former Lieutenant Governor, literacy advocate

2007 - VICKI KEITH: Marathon Swimmer, Penguins Can Fly Y-Knot Program/Variety Swim Coach

2006 - TED WOLOSHYN: Former Host News Talk CFRB, Journalist

2005 - MOLLY JOHNSON: Singer / Founder, Kumbaya Foundation

2004 - SILKEN LAUMANN: Four-time Olympian, motivational speaker

2003 - MICHAEL "PINBALL" CLEMONS: CFL star, community advocate

2002 - GEORGE CHUVALO: Heavyweight boxer, founder of Fight Against Drugs

2001 - DIANE DUPUY: Creator, Famous People Players

2000 - MURRAY DRYDEN: Founder, Sleeping Children Around the World

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