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Former Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion (second right) with scholarship awardees and other officials

Brampton Rotary Club scholarship awards

Brampton, Ontario – The Rotary Club of Brampton, Flower City Centennial (RCBFCC) hosted its tenth annual Gala on July 9, 2015 at which it awarded scholarships to deserving students from the Brampton area.

Chief guest was former Mayor of Mississauga, Hazel McCallion who personally greeted each of the scholarship recipients.

The evening began with an open bar cocktail reception in the Mississauga Grand Banquet Hall where guests had the chance to mingle. This was followed by the introduction of the new Board Members of the Rotary year 2015-2016. Mr. Will Pugh, Governor for District 7080 pinned one of the club's newest members, Ms. Claudia Meyer while Toronto Attorney Mr. Dhaman Kissoon received his second Paul Harris award.

Scholarships were then presented by Hazel McCallion, Chief of Peel Police Jennifer Evans and the Crown Attorney from

Peel Region David Maylor to ten bright and deserving students from the Peel Region. The scholarships – \$1000 to each student – were granted to aid their post-secondary education.

"Many bright students from families in the Brampton area struggle to move on from secondary to post secondary schools to fulfill their career dreams due to lack of appropriate funding. By providing assistance and guidance, we give them the opportunity to give back to their community and to their country," noted Mr. Robin Singh, Past President and Chair of the Scholarship Committee.

The club expressed its thankfulness to the guests who came in support of their initiatives and enjoyed a fun-filled evening.

"This was my first experience at the Gala and it was incredible. You clearly do a great deal for the community and have

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Canada's General Elections set for Oct 19

Ottawa – Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper dissolved parliament Sunday and called for general elections on October 19.

The announcement marks the official kickoff of an 11 week-long campaign in which the Conservative leader will seek a fourth straight term in power, with the sluggish economy expected to be a central issue.

Harper, in power since 2006, announced the election after meeting with Governor General David Johnston, the representative of Queen Elizabeth II, Canada's nominal head of state in this Commonwealth country.

Harper said the election was about "leadership on the big issues that affect us all, our economy and our nation's security."



PM Stephen Harper

Polls give PP slight lead

Port-of-Spain - The general elections in Trinidad and Tobago is just over a month away, and the polls are showing a return to power of the incumbent People's Partnership government. However, at this time, the lead held by the PP government over the opposition People's National Movement is a slim one, with the polls showing the outcome of the elections would be decided by the marginal seats, and perhaps may even come down to one constituency becoming the prize acquisition.

Such was the finding by the pollsters, one of them being the North American Caribbean Teachers Association. Its ongoing tracking opinion poll has indicated the PP leading the PNM in seven of the nine marginal constituencies.

At the time when NACTA conducted its poll, neither the PP nor the PNM was showing it was attracting over 50 percent support in any of the marginal constituencies. The contests in several constituencies remain close, suggesting these can go either way on September 7.

The poll was conducted by Dr Vishnu Bisram. NACTA based its projections on interviews of around 120 to 150 individuals

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Community's support to continue

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much to be proud about. Our Ridgeview table was one of the last to leave because we were enjoying ourselves so much. Your kindness and generosity are appreciated," commented Ms. Sara Damaso, Principal of Ridgeview Public School, one of the guests at this year's Rotary Gala.

President Gerson Vijayan concluded: "For the Rotary year 2015-2016 our Club will continue to support the current programs and further involve ourselves in assisting with the need of the community."

The Rotary Club of Brampton Flower City Centennial, founded in 2005, has grown to a group of 22 highly competent and accomplished individuals dedicated to serving the community with projects that include:

- Breakfast for Kids - providing breakfasts to the students of Ridgeview Public School in Brampton
- Scholarship Program for select students in Brampton pursuing postsecondary education

- Breast Cancer Research
- Winter Clothing Drive
- One Voice One Team
- Camp Enterprise

Internationally, RCBFCC supported projects include:

- Nepal earthquake relief
- Rotary International - worldwide eradication of Polio
- Guyana Help The Kids Foundation - a charity with the goal of decreasing the neonatal and infant mortality in developing countries, particularly in Guyana.

Peel Arya Samaj Family Picnic

Pell Arya Samaj youth group will be holding its Family Picnic on Sunday August 9 from 1 pm at the El Dorado Park, 8520 Creditview Rd. There will be a veggie BBQ, games, prizes, lime 'n spoon races, water balloons etc. Info: Vidya 416-728-6124; Amy 647-628-7845 or Avinash 647-527-1427.

Enmore Annual Picnic

The Annual Enmore Picnic will be held on August 22nd at Wildwood Park Area A, 3430 Derry Rd, Malton Mississauga. Come with the entire family and join in the outdoor fun. Info: Bibi 905-567-9719, Naz 416-564-3012, Ochie 416-456-7995.



Congratulations to Subhashini and Amit who exchanged marriage vows last month at an elaborate ceremony at the Vedic Cultural Centre in Markham. The ceremony was conducted according to Vedic rites by Pandit Nait Gangaram of Peel Arya Samaj with support from the kirtan group. Subhashini is the daughter of Vic and Anjalie Ramsamujh while Amit is the son of Shridath and Rookmine Kanhai. Hundreds of friends and family were on hand to wish them well. Amit and his father-in-law are proud members of the Brij Team, a leading Real Estate group in Greater Toronto.

Vreed-en-Hoop Picnic

Vreed-en-Hoop and surrounding area annual picnic will be held on Sunday August 16, from 12-9pm, at Area B, Wildwood Park, 3430 Derry Road East. Come out with the family and enjoy a day of fun. Info: Roy 905-677-6400; 416-738-8078.

West Berbice Bush Lot Picnic

The West Coast Berbice Bush Lot Picnic will be held at Thompson Park, Area D, on Saturday, 19th September. Please bring your own basket. Come out and enjoy a day of fun and meet old friends. For Further information call Sam: (416) 258-1654, Samuel: (647)-212-0400 or Raj: (905)-420-2433.

Canje Annual Picnic

The Annual Canje Picnic will be held this year on 15 August at Wildwood Park, 3430 Derry Road East, Malton. Info: Durga Ramsukh 416-365-7932.

Corentyne Family Picnic

Join us on for the 10th Annual Corentyne Family Picnic on August 15, 2015 @Meadowvale Conservation Area, 1081 Old Derry Rd, Mississauga. Entertainment for everyone, Free raffles & prizes. DJ music. Info: Mahen 905-277-1580, Babo 416-747-9428 or Boxer 416-994-0940.

Summer South Asian Festival

Following the success of the last two editions, Summer South Asian Festival, "Toronto Education Workers Present Toronto Mela 2015" will take place on August 22, 2015 at Malvern Recreation Centre in Scarborough from 2 to 9pm. This free festival continues with its main aim to celebrate cultural diversity and to increase public awareness about the contributions of the South Asian community to Canadian society.

Toronto Mela is a great occasion for all people of Greater Toronto to gather in one place and share their cultures. There will be performances by more than 50 incredible artistes in a diverse mix of dance and music dedicated to Pakistani, Indian, Tamil, Bangladeshi, Punjabi, and Indo-Caribbean communities. This will be followed by a series of Pan-South Asian programs in which a number of artistes will showcase the talent of this multicultural City.

The Mela will delight our senses with the flavors of South Asian cuisines and provide an opportunity to shop the finest South Asian products, souvenirs, jewelry and handicrafts.

This is an event for the entire family where you will find Kid's Games, Mehndi Artists, Exhibits and more.

"Toronto Education Workers Present Toronto Mela 2015" is organized by the Council of Agencies Serving South Asians (CASSA) with the support of the City of Toronto.

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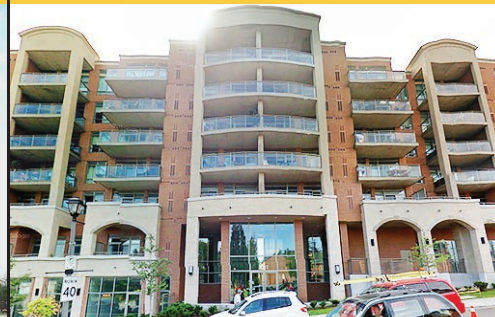
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