

2012 Rotary Club Education Awards Dinner

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## Scholarships Presented at Rotary Club Educational Awards Dinner

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Ralf, Elaine, Trevor, Robyn & Susan

An evening of celebration of achievement for Oakville's graduating high school students was hosted by the three Rotary Clubs of Oakville. The recipients of this year's Rotary Club Educational Awards were announced and the students were presented their prizes at the annual gala awards dinner held at Otello's Banquet Hall.

Forty graduating high school students received scholarships and bursaries in support of their post-secondary education from the three local Rotary service clubs.

Jointly presented by the Rotary Club of Oakville, the Rotary Club of Oakville Trafalgar and the Rotary Club of Oakville West, eleven scholarships and twenty nine bursaries, totaling in excess of \$50,000, were presented to these talented students to assist them in their endeavours to attain post-secondary education. Rotary has been active in Oakville since 1925, and the Club members have been actively committed to aiding youth in our community since its inception.

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The focus for the evening for the Rotary Clubs of Oakville was to recognize, celebrate and congratulate these aspiring students and the families who support their endeavours. The students came from many of Oakville's local high schools and are off to the universities and colleges of their choice to become our country's future leaders. Their hopes to become doctors, engineers, teachers and computer experts, to name a few, were exciting to hear and we wish them every success!



The guest speakers, Maddy Coulter and Karishma Anand were the 2012 Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) candidates sponsored by the Oakville Trafalgar Rotary Club. The RYLA award is for college and university students aged 18-24 years and, having attended the training for RYLA recipients, Maddy and Karishma shared the benefits they gathered from their experience. RYLA emphasizes leadership, citizenship and personal growth through extensive training and leaves the students with a broad view of professional, business and management careers.

The sponsors for this evening, along with the supportive Rotary Clubs of Oakville, included the Oakville Chamber of Commerce, the Royal Bank of Canada and Re/MaxAboutowne Realty Corp. Our supportive Oakville community wants to give each of these Award Winners a positive beginning to their chosen school of higher learning and to their future careers.

"Forty awards is a record for the three clubs. In order to attain such heights, all three clubs have had success at fundraising through special events. A few fundraisers that help support our youth initiatives include the Annual RCO Golf Event & Million Dollar Hole-In-One Competition, the Charity Dragon Boat Festival by the Rotary Club of Oakville Trafalgar and the Oakville Awards for Business Excellence, an initiative of the Rotary Club of Oakville West. Giving back to the community and particularly the deserving and talented youth here tonight would not be possible without our many sponsors and public support of Rotary special events," said Wayne Snyder, President of the Rotary Club of Oakville.

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