



## ROTARY DISTRICT 7010 SERVICE PROJECTS REPORT August 2014 Volume 1



Dear Fellow Rotarians, This newsletter/report is an attempt to share information with each other regarding 3 of our 5 areas of **Rotary Service**, namely Community, Vocational and International. This report will always be a document in progress. It will continuously try to be informative, interesting and encouraging with an ultimate goal of enhancing our Rotary Service to others. Please share what you learn and always feed my email address with information about your Rotary service projects. Remember that this year our International President Gary Huang is encouraging all of us to **LIGHT UP ROTARY!!** Every attempt will be made to include all contributions.

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Yours in Rotary Service,

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### Things to Keep In Mind Prior To Starting A Community Project

The subject of this article comes from the many things John Coxon (Chair, District 7010 Committee Services Committee) learned and heard about during his years in Rotary. John is a member of the Rotary Club of Lindsay. His hope is that it gives us all some food for thought! John wrote this article in order to give us some perspective into what you or your Club may be considering for the future. John feels it does not reflect anything that is of a procedural nature; it is just some thoughts as to what could be considered prior to any undertakings.

Before any project is started there should be a number of items discussed and investigated.

1. Please imagine that you have just been appointed to chair a committee to investigate and develop a new service project for your Club. The following are points for discussion only.
  - (a) How and where do you start?
  - (b) Develop a process to decide what steps you should take.
  - (c) Determine the procedure that you would use to identify a need within your community.
  - (d) Try to come up with a process to determine the feasibility and advisability of this project along with funding. Is there a difference between fund-raising and a community service project? If so, can they be used in the same activity?
  - (e) What factors would be necessary in order to make your project work?
  
2. Outline the "business plan" for this project.
  - (a) Discuss funding options
  - (b) Develop a procedure to bring the project to a completed position
  - (c) Do you have the complete support of the Club members and the community?
  - (d) Develop a plan to have this project completed within a specific time line.

3. Creating a service project
  - (a) Create groups within your team to implement your specified details of this project
  - (b) Follow your business plan
  - (c) After this project is completed, review the plan. Discuss and create alternatives or changes to your project to make it bigger and better.
  
4. Fund raising
  - (a) With your team or all Club members, discuss the differences between a community service project and a fund-raising event.
  - (b) Discuss how creative your members are with service and fund-raising projects?
  - (c) How much risk should your Club take with service and fund-raising projects?
  - (d) Take fund-raising ideas from other Rotary Clubs who have already tried these projects and see if they will work in your case.

Regarding taking risks, there was a Club in North America that decided to do a fund-raiser. The whole Club voted and agreed to undertake this project. The project failed miserably and the members were asked to anti up for the shortfall in order to recover the Club's costs. They did what was asked of them and as a result the Club lost numerous members. Would you want this situation to happen in your Club?

In summary then John believes great Rotary Service Projects could consider the following prior to being initiated.

- (a) It should meet a specified need for today
- (b) The project should have some creativity
- (c) The project should have sustainability
- (d) The project should have minimal risk to your club
- (e) It should entail new ideas
- (f) You should keep your current projects only if they are viable today



### **The Guatemala Literacy Project (GLP)**

The lead person in District 7010 for the Guatemala Literacy Project is Colin Thacker from the Rotary Club of North Bay. He is willing to talk to all clubs about the GLP. You can reach him at 705.494.8339 or via e-mail at [cthacker@sympatico.ca](mailto:cthacker@sympatico.ca).

The GLP is a partnership between Rotary Clubs and the non-profit organization, Cooperative for Education (CoEd), to promote literacy in Guatemala. It is the largest grassroots multi-club, multi-district project in Rotary with over 430 Rotary clubs having participated in the GLP since 1996. Approximately 100 clubs and 20 districts will support this year's Global Grant to benefit the GLP. The Guatemala Literacy Project will be operating under a Global Grant #1422606 in the 2014-2015 Rotary year.

**Who are the beneficiaries?** The GLP project serves the indigenous peoples in the Western Highlands of Guatemala, where you find one of the lowest literacy rates in the Western Hemisphere. Each year, Rotary's partner, Cooperative for Education, with help from the Guatemalan Rotary partners and the Guatemalan Ministry of Education, identifies potential communities that could benefit from the GLP project.

### **Summarizing the proposed activities to be conducted with this grant.**

*The GLP Global Grant consists of 3 parts:* providing literacy training to teachers and reading books in 25 primary schools; implementing 9 literacy-strengthening textbook projects; establishing 2 computer centers. 150 elementary teachers in 25 schools will receive basic supplies and reading materials in the form of books appropriate for each grade level.

**The primary literacy program will benefit approximately 2,900 students.**

The textbook project for middle school students will provide 4 texts in science, Spanish, social studies and math. Teachers in the program are trained in integrating textbooks into their daily teaching. Approximately **1,970 students will receive textbooks** under the program.

The computer centers will be set up in two middle schools. The centers will train students in the use of standard business software. The course of study consists of 100 lessons over a 3-year period. The **computer center project will increase technological literacy among approximately 550 Guatemalan youth** each year.

The average club contribution is \$1,000 but **any amount is welcome** and will be matched .5-to-1 by The Rotary Foundation on the Global Grant. Additionally, the GLP is happy to help you secure DDF (District Designated Funds) you can grow your contribution **3.5-to-1!** The non-profit organization, Cooperative for Education (CoEd) will walk you through every step of the process.



**District 7010 Wheelchair Project**

The wheelchair committee is actively working on its next distribution of wheelchairs to Honduras under the new Global Grant system. In Honduras, we have active and interested host Rotarians, which we realize is so important to our project. Over a year ago, we had initiated a project in Jamaica and due to lack of action and communication from our Jamaican hosts, we closed this project and have started new in Honduras. We set a goal to distribute a container of wheelchairs to Honduras in 2015. We are in the initial stages of communication with El Salvador as our committee works towards a distribution in 2016. Once we are in the position to plan the team trip to Honduras, we will be in touch with all Rotarians who have shown an interest in becoming part of a distribution team.

For other information about wheelchairs please contact Susan Sharp, Chair, Wheelchair Distributions at [ssharp@brantbasics.com](mailto:ssharp@brantbasics.com) .



**District 7010 (new)Water Project (Bas Rouge)**

Now that the last of the 3 matching grants our District worked on together with the Rotary Club of Jacmel we are ready to take on another grant (a Global Grant). This is a much larger project will bring water to the people living at the base of Cap Rouge, a large mountain right behind the city of Jacmel. The project will be divided into 3 phases with partnership in Phase 1 of the DINEPA (National Directorate of Water and Sanitation) and the Inter-American Development Bank for funding. In this phase a US\$340,000. water tank will be constructed. Our responsibility (Phase 2) is to cap the source of water and bring it 1.5 km to the tank. Phase 3 , the bringing of much needed water to the people of the area, is again the responsibility of DINEPA. At the present time estimates of the cost of Phase 2 is being sought by the Rotary Club of Jacmel.

DGE Gary visited the area in February and decided it would be an initiative he would support. This project will be a District 7010 project with the hope that all our Clubs will join forces and support the efforts to bringing of potable water to the people in the Bas Rouge area of South-Eastern Haiti. My Club, the Rotary Club of Peterborough-Kawartha is committing support to this project. We have already made connections with other Rotarians in the USA and will seek support from other Clubs and Districts in Canada and elsewhere. If you have any questions please contact [dawn@straka.ca](mailto:dawn@straka.ca) .



## Dinner meeting in Barrie regarding the 3 Clubs' Projects in Haiti

On **Tuesday September 16<sup>th</sup>**, the 3 Rotary Clubs in Barrie (Huron, Kempenfelt, and Barrie) are putting on an evening dinner meeting to which they wish to invite all Rotarians and friends of Rotarians to attend. The purpose of the event is to raise awareness and funds for the 3 Clubs' projects in Haiti. There is no charge for the dinner but donations will be greatly appreciated.

Rea Dol, from Port-au-Prince Haiti, will be speaking about her grass roots community organization in Port-au-Prince that provides educational opportunities for children and women and microcredit financing for women in the local community. The meeting starts at 6:00 pm for cocktails and dinner at 6:30 pm. The Location of this special event is the Liberty North Event Centre, 100 Caplan Ave, Barrie. Please register your intention to attend at <http://www.wehelphaiti.com> so the caterer will have an idea of numbers attending.

For further information you may contact Doug Manning 705-725-4901 or [dmanning@barristonlaw.com](mailto:dmanning@barristonlaw.com)



### Rotary Wheels for Learning

#### Update on Program and 2015 Cambodia Bicycle Distribution Trip

The Rotary Club of Gravenhurst's International Program "Rotary Wheels for Learning" has its fourth Bicycle Distribution Trip to Cambodia January 27th-February 17th, 2015. This service trip travels into many rural parts of Cambodia where the team assembles, prepares and distributes bicycles to children needing this means of transportation to get to school. The Bikes will be given out together with members of the Rotary Club of Angkor in Siem Reap. The visiting team also gets to see many of Cambodia's historic sites and the trip includes some fun events such as attending a Cambodian Village Cooking Class, riding on the 'Bamboo Train' and swimming in Koh Kong. It is truly a 'rewarding adventure' together with great fellowship. The approximate cost including airfare is US\$2,500. per person (if sharing). This trip is open to Rotarians and Friends; there is a limit of 25 participants. At the moment, there are only a handful of spots available. The registration deadline is September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

This fourth trip is 'extra special', as our team will be preparing and distributing bicycles at the Grand Opening Ceremony for a newly- built rural school sponsored by the Rotary Club of Barrie-Kempenfelt. The bike distribution team will be joining the school-building team of 25 District 7010 Rotarians and Friends for one momentous day! Currently, District 7010 clubs represented on the Distribution team include Rotarians from Orillia, Gravenhurst, Barrie and Peterborough-Kawartha. The bike team's goal is to distribute 900 bicycles in eight target areas.

Please consider supporting our distribution team's endeavors by sponsoring a bicycle for a child; the cost is only \$50. Tax receipts are issued for Canadian donations. One can donate online at [www.gravenhurstrotary.com](http://www.gravenhurstrotary.com). As well, proposals are available upon request for clubs wishing to support a group of bikes. Donors receive a photo of their sponsored child with their Rotary Bike. For a complete trip information package or for further information, please contact Lisa McCoy, by phone 705-644-0779 or at [rotarywheelsforlearning@gmail.com](mailto:rotarywheelsforlearning@gmail.com)



### HHART Update

**HHART** is the acronym that identifies a series of **Haitian Humanitarian Assistance and Relief Trips** inspired, funded and led by Rotarians from Rotary International District 7010 (central Canada). The primary mission of HHART is to provide much needed medical, dental and other forms of humanitarian assistance to a segment of approximately 12,000 impoverished and disadvantaged persons (primarily of Haitian heritage) that live near Puerto Plata in the Dominican Republic.

**HHART 5** The HHART 5 team wrapped up their 11-day mission on May 6. The 31 person strong team represented the Rotary Club of Wasaga Beach, and included 10 Rotarians, 5 Rotary family members and 14 health

care professionals. The health care team operated medical and dental clinics daily. Of special note was this team identified a very sick boy, Antonio, who was not receiving any medical attention at all despite having pneumonia and HIV. Had the HHART 5 team not intervened with immediate treatment and financial assistance for ongoing treatment he surely would have died by now. A 6-person construction/humanitarian assistance team along with dozens of local citizens combined to create a computer learning centre, convert an old commercial building into a fine community centre and rebuild a poor family's entire home after their feeble wooden structure was condemned. They also distributed food, clothing, farm animals and mattresses to the poor in 5 separate villages.

**HHART 6** There will be a HHART 6 mission in the first half of 2015. Cost will be approximately \$1,500 including airfare, meals and accommodation. While the exact dates will not be determined until just before District conference, HHART will continue to focus on providing medical, dental and other forms of humanitarian assistance to the poor in the Puerto Plata region of the Dominican Republic. Additionally, the team is expecting to recruit people to help boost its ability to educate the poor about maternal, child and teenage girl health issues, business development and management and pet care. Interested persons should contact the HHART Coordinator, Rotarian Steve Wallace at (705) 444-4012 or [steve@HHART.info](mailto:steve@HHART.info). Further information is also available at [www.HHART.info](http://www.HHART.info) or [www.Facebook.com/HHART.info](http://www.Facebook.com/HHART.info).



### General service information that may be of interest

- **Reach Out To Africa (ROTA)** <http://reachouttoafrika.org> is a Rotary International committee that is created to enhance Rotary in Africa with an emphasis on **service projects development** and in partnerships with Rotary clubs and districts in other countries. We invite you to browse this website to learn more about ROTA efforts in Africa. This group puts out a monthly Newsletter and has a developing website. If your club is working in Africa or wants to work there this website and newsletter.
- The **“Butterfly StoryBook” Project**, an annual competition for young emerging writers in the Caribbean has come to our attention. It is a project of the E-Club of District 7020 that promotes and supports literacy through the writing and reading of books for children and is a resource for schools and educators in the Caribbean and possibly Central America. One can get further information about this Rotary project by contacting Lou deLagran at [jdellagran@sympatico.ca](mailto:jdellagran@sympatico.ca). The ten stories are each written by young authors, age 7-11 from the Caribbean and are selected as a result of a story-writing contest offered to students in 10 Caribbean nations; these stories are written by children, for children. Each story has a Caribbean theme. All profits from sales of the books enable schools in poor communities to provide encouragement for writing as well as reading opportunities for their students. The theme of the book each year highlights the ideals of Rotary and its service. Books are available worldwide on Amazon in three (soon to be four) languages of the region; English, French, Haitian Creole and Spanish, thus providing maximum exposure to the efforts of these young authors. A preview of the complete English version may be seen at [http://issuu.com/rotary7020/docs/butterfly\\_e\\_storybook\\_2014](http://issuu.com/rotary7020/docs/butterfly_e_storybook_2014).
- If your club wants to do a local community service project or an international project and wants input from other Rotarians, please do not hesitate to seek guidance. Each of us who have done projects have learned lessons as we have proceeded. This Newsletter could become a resourceful forum for the sharing of ideas. We are also reminding you that District 7010's District Grant applications are due by September 15th. To input, please log into the District 7010 ClubRunner website, click on Grants and then on “My Club Grants” ASAP.
- Please submit all notices of service projects as well as possible requests for assistance with projects to [dawn@straka.ca](mailto:dawn@straka.ca). The next bulletin will come out mid to late October, 2014.

