



**ROTARY DISTRICT 7010
SERVICE PROJECTS REPORT
June-August 2016 Volume 8**



**June was Fellowships Month
August is Membership and New Club Development Month**

Dear Fellow District 7010 Rotarians,

By now most of us have shed our 2015-16 Rotary responsibilities and have started to take on new responsibilities at the Club and District levels. At the same time we ponder what this new 2016-17 Rotary year will present. Are you looking forward to the challenges that change presents or are you hoping that life will just settle down? Personally I am excited! ROTARY SERVING HUMANITY; what better theme for this new Rotary year!

Noting Rotary’s unique ability to bring together committed professionals and dedicated community leaders to achieve remarkable goals, John Germ, our 2016-17 International President believes that now is the time to capitalize on our success: as we complete the eradication of polio and move Rotary forward to be an even greater force for good in the world. Rotary is a service organization, serving people in our own communities, our own country and many international communities and countries using a wide range of social, vocational and leadership skills.

This Report is published 3-4 times a year. Its purpose is to share information regarding **community, international, vocational and indigenous service** among all Rotarians in District. Please share it within your club and encourage all service oriented Rotarians to contribute information about their projects as the next report will be published in early October.

This report is respectfully submitted,

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Dawn Straka, Director Service, District 7010 dawn@straka.ca

The 2016 Council of Legislation enables us for our 2nd century of service While the enactments adopted by the 2016 Council increase clubs’ flexibility in meetings and membership categories, they don’t permit clubs to deviate from Rotary’s essential elements:

- We are still business, professional, and community leaders. Our qualifications for membership have not changed.
- The Object of Rotary, our basic tenets, has not changed.
- Our essence statement — join leaders, exchange ideas, and take action — have not changed.
- Our values of fellowship, integrity, diversity, service, and leadership have not changed.
- The Four-Way Test, one of our most important distinguishing features, has not changed.

The changes the Council did make are not a threat to the quality of Rotary’s membership. Instead, they empower clubs to adapt to a changing environment to remain relevant in our **second century of service**.

Our Service Directorate at the District level

For a number of years our District has been working on our Rotary District’s Strategic Plan. Over time this plan and its component parts are modified. Service is one of the Core values. Service for us in Rotary is described as “Fostering a culture ... to address the needs of others.” At the District we currently have 3 experienced Rotarians who are

available to help the rest of us address the needs of people in our own communities, in indigenous communities and internationally. Please feel free to contact the following Rotarians:

Shelly Duben	Community Service	mailto:shelly.duben@tlds.on.ca
Janet McLeod	Indigenous Focus	info@eastcityflowershop.com
Lyn Vuorimaki	International Service	lyn.vuorimaki@gmail.com

These 3 Rotarians are available to encourage, inspire and support District-led, multi-club led and individual club service projects through chair and committee support, educational workshops focusing on service, team meetings, individualized support & consultation as needed. Please feel free to contact these persons to discuss your interests, opportunities and challenges in your special area of interest as you go about addressing the needs of others.

A fourth area of service is **Vocational Service**. The concept of vocational service is rooted in the second [Object of Rotary](#). Every time our fellow club members say or apply the 4-Way Test, we reinforce our aspiration for high ethical standards. By including men and women in our clubs from diverse professions and backgrounds, we recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations. Vocational Service calls on every Rotarian to work with integrity and contribute their expertise to combat society's problems.

We are currently looking for a Rotarian in our District who has a keen interest in bringing the principles of Rotary into our working lives. If you may be interested or know of someone who may be, please contact Dawn Straka, Service Director dawn@straka.ca ASAP.

Indigenous Focus

As responsible for this area of service, Janet McLeod has been actively involved. The Rotary Club of Peterborough Kawartha where Janet is a member will be hosting the third annual Adventure in Understanding. This year a 3rd canoe has been added and 24 people will participate. Clubs sending students include Val D'Or, Yarmouth & Gravenhurst. As well there will be 4 new Canadians in the trip.

Janet is also looking for 4-5 Rotarians to sit on her Committee. In the past few months she and Don Watkins, a member, have spoken to the Rotary Clubs of Gravenhurst, Bracebridge Muskoka Lakes and Peterborough Kawartha. She has also encouraged all Clubs in the District to let her know what indigenous project they are taking on.

Janet continues to represent District 7010 on the HIP (Honouring Indigenous Peoples) Board in Toronto.

Rotary Fellowships: Mixing passion, friendship, and service

Friendship is one of the top reasons members join and stay in Rotary. To boost these ties, Rotary Fellowships offer members, spouses and Rotaractors the chance to connect with one another while enjoying their favorite recreational or professional pursuits. Over 60 Rotary Fellowships cover interests from tennis to wine, marathon running to cooking, scuba diving to recreational vehicles, jazz to computers, and more.

Rotary Fellowships arrange regional and international events, contests, and meetings where members bond and build lasting friendships outside their clubs, districts, and even countries. June was Rotary Fellowships Month. Make sure to go to the rotary.org website to read the **Rotary Service Connections Blog** to learn how several fellowships combine fun and friendship with service. By connecting Rotarians, family members, program participants and alumni with shared interests, the fellowships extend the Rotary experience beyond local communities.

The Rotary Foundation

Our Rotary Foundation in 2017 will have been in existence 100 years "Doing good in the world". Established in 1917 with a donation of \$26.50, The Rotary Foundation is dedicated to advancing world understanding, goodwill, and peace. Through grants and other resources, we as Rotary members can develop sustainable projects that promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water, support education, save mothers and children, and grow local economies.

Rotary's top priority is the global eradication of polio. Rotary launched its polio immunization program, PolioPlus, in 1985 and in 1988 became a leading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative along with the World Health

Organization, the United Nations Children’s Fund, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and more recently, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Rotary has contributed more than \$1.5 billion and countless volunteer hours to eradicate polio. Through 2018, every dollar Rotary commits to polio eradication will be matched 2-to-1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, up to \$35 million a year. Since the initiative began, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent, from about 350,000 cases a year to less than 71 confirmed in 2015.

Last year 17 of our Clubs in District 7010 took advantage of Rotary Foundation District Grant funding to assist with 23 local and international projects. Six of those Clubs (BEL, Huntsville Lake of Bays, North Bay Nipissing, Peterborough-Kawartha, Wasaga Beach & Peterborough) each completed and reported on 2 humanitarian projects while another 11 Clubs (Barrie Huronia, Barrie-Kempfenfelt, Bracebridge, Bracebridge Muskoka Lakes, Fenelon Falls, Gravenhurst, Haliburton, Hearst, Midland, Sudbury & Timmins-Porcupine) finished up and reported on a single but very worthy project. Congratulations to all concerned Rotarians! Somewhere people are better off thanks to your efforts.

This year District Grants are also available. My 3 years as District Grants Chair is now finished with Kim Giffen assuming the position effective July 1, 2016. Kim and I have done a number of training sessions together and with lots of enthusiasm she is now looking forward to receiving District Grant applications. This year’s deadline for receiving applications is September 30, 2016. Kim’s email address is kmgiffen3@gmail.com.

Are you ready to make a global impact?

By Azka Asif, Rotary Service Connections Staff, Rotary International

International service opportunities allow members to make new friends around the world while empowering a community in need. What is one way to dive into international service? By attending a project fair! Project fairs are the perfect way to make a global impact.

Project fairs are regionally hosted events encouraging international service and collaboration. Fairs provide life-changing opportunities for attendees to learn about the host region, make new friends, and connect with clubs in need of international partners. Fairs highlight club and district projects while helping attendees gain a better understanding of the local communities’ most pressing needs.

Consider attending one of these 5 upcoming fairs to immerse yourself in international service:

<p>Multiclub Workshop 9-11 September, 2016 Palermo, Italy www.rotary-mcw.com Contact: Leonardo De Angelis</p>	<p>Uniendo America 26-28 January, 2017 San Salvador, El Salvador www.uniendoamericaprojectfair.org Contact: Hector Castro</p>
<p>West Africa 19-26 October, 2016 Port Harcourt, Nigeria www.rotarywestafricaprojectfair.org Contact: Gabriel Toby</p>	<p>Colombia 3-5 February, 2017 Cartagena City, Colombia Contact: Aura Stella Cardona http://feriadeproyectosco.wix.com/feriadeproyectos or aucapa@hotmail.com</p>
<p>District 4400 (Ecuador) 11-13 November, 2016 Cuenca, Ecuador www.rotaryecuador.org</p>	

Any club representative or Rotary member interested in supporting an international service project can attend a fair. Project fairs give visitors the chance to develop a relationship with Rotary members in another part of the world and see firsthand how a community would benefit from an international collaboration.

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From Hearst to Honduras



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