



ROTARY DISTRICT 7010 SERVICE PROJECTS REPORT June 2015 Volume 4



At the end of each Rotary year ask yourself “Have I played my part for Doing Good in the World?”

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

This newsletter/report is our fourth 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. Continuously we try to be encouraging, interesting and informative 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 our International President Gary Huang continues to encourage all of us to **LIGHT UP ROTARY!!** President-Elect Ravi Ravindran’s message related to his 2015-16 theme, **Be a Gift to the World** will take on enhanced meaning as we move into our next new Rotary year. He has reminded us “In Rotary, we give of our resources, but more importantly, we give of ourselves, because there is such a difference between a handout and an outstretched hand — especially when the outstretched hand is warmed by a caring heart.” This newsletter contains some general information and a few updates that may be of interest to you.

At the Rotary Weekend in April at North Bay some 205 Rotarians shared information as well as fellowship as we finish up our 2014-2015 year and prepare for 2015-2016. In the areas of Community, Indigenous focus and Vocational service three experienced District 7010 Rotarians have stepped forward to give leadership and support. Over the next couple of reports I shall share with you information about **Rob Wilding** of the Rotary Club of Huntsville – Lake of Bays who will be Chair of Community Services and about **Janet McLeod** of the Rotary Club of Peterborough-Kawartha who will assume responsibility for Indigenous Focus at the District level. Both Rob and Janet were presenters at the Weekend; they are looking forward to their forth coming responsibilities and are expecting to create committees that will include other Rotarians. Rob did say “I think my biggest goal will be a common site where all clubs can post their current community service projects. There are so many interesting ideas out there!”

The third person recently recruited into the area of Vocational Service is **Len Lifchus**. Len is a 19 year Rotarian and a member of the Rotary Club of Peterborough-Kawartha. He has also been a member of the Rotary Clubs of Kelowna (BC), Hamilton A.M. and Peterborough. Prior to retiring as C.E.O. of the United Way of Burlington & Greater Hamilton, Len served the Hamilton A.M. club as Secretary and President-Elect. He returned to Peterborough last July to begin the next Chapter in his life. Len is the Secretary-Elect of Peterborough-Kawartha.

Len spent over 40 years in the Not for Profit Sector working with the former Canadian Red Cross Society Blood Program and three United Ways. Most of his career has been spent in administration, fundraising, volunteer management, as well as facilitation and training in Board Governance & Development. His career has been committed to improving the lives for others. Len is excited to be back in District 7010 and looks forward to working with the District and Clubs in highlighting and exchanging successful Vocational Services programs and activities. Len’s other volunteer activities includes musical theatre direction (CATS – Peterborough Theatre Guild 2015); the Pan AM & Parapan AM Games Leadership Volunteer; Board Chair – CE CCAC; City of Peterborough - Municipal Grants Advisory Committee Member & Committee of Adjustment and National Advisory Committee Member – Prime Minister’s Volunteer Awards.

Len is anxious to recruit members to the District Vocational Committee. He also feels his Committee might have a role to play if the District is putting together VTT teams as outlined in the RI manual. Len can be contacted through email at len6@cogeco.ca. If you have any interest in being a part of this committee, please contact Len.

In the next pages you will find summaries of some past and some up-coming service projects. Our District 7010 Clubs

certainly support a wide variety of service projects. Yours in Rotary Service,

Dawn Straka

**Rotary Wheels for Learning
2016 Cambodia Bicycle Distribution Trip**

The following information was submitted by **Rotarian MaryAnne Marshall** of the Gravenhurst Rotary Club

The Rotary Club of Gravenhurst's International Program "Rotary Wheels for Learning" has its fifth Distribution Trip to Cambodia January 25th to Feb 17th 2016. Cambodia has had a complicated history from the glorious days of the Khmer Empire with its capitol at Angkor Wat (a UNESCO world heritage site) to the atrocities committed during the civil war by the Khmer Rouge. With the legacy of 30 years of war and repression education and training was lost to a generation. It is often difficult for rural Cambodian children to get to school. As a result of this and the destruction of a generation of the education system, the literacy rate is around 74%.

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. RWFL teams up with various organizations including, Rotary Club of Angkor in Siem Reap, The Banyan Learning Tree, The Wildlife Alliance and Free the Bears to name a few, in an effort to identify the children who require our assistance the most.

While the primary mission of the trip is getting bikes to the children, it also includes a wonderful travel component for the Team members. Exploring the ancient Hindu and Buddhist archeological sites including the amazing temple city of Angkor Wat, attending a Cambodian Village Cooking Class, viewing 4 million Megabats (also known as fruit bats) as they leave their cave for their nightly feeding, visiting the Land Mine Museum and learning how a country can take back their countryside, this trip is also full of adventure.

In 2015 the team distributed bikes to a small Eco-tourism village called Chi Phat. As an added treat this year we will be not only returning to Chi Phat to do a bicycle distribution but we are going to stay for a few days and learn more about what it is like to live in a rural village spending time exploring as Eco-tourists. We will also be spending a couple of days "at the beach" in Sihanoukville.

The approximate cost including airfare is US \$2500 per person if sharing. The trip is open to Rotarians and friends with a limit of 25 participants. The registration deadline is September 1st 2015. Please consider supporting our distribution team's endeavours by sponsoring a bicycle for a child; the cost is only \$50. Tax receipts are issued for Canadian donations and you can donate online at 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.



Editor's note (Dawn Straka)

I participated in the 2015 RWFL project and will confirm the high quality of this international service experience as well as the opportunity team members had to visit some of the country's tourist sites and to sense the social and cultural situation in Cambodia. It was certainly a very worthwhile and memorable experience.



HHART (Haitian Humanitarian Assistance and Relief Team)

HHART is an acronym that stands for Haitian Humanitarian Assistance and Relief Team. HHART missions are planned, organized and led by Steve Wallace and his fellow Rotarians from Rotary District 7010. The Team's primary mission is to provide much needed medical, dental and other forms of humanitarian assistance to poor, disadvantaged persons (primarily of Haitian heritage) that live near Puerto Plata in the Dominican Republic. HHART has had six Team missions since it was formed in 2011. HHART 7 in 2016 will specifically focus on helping the people in the

bateys (villages) of Cangrejo, Poncho Mateo, Caraballo, La Union and Sebere, and the Cristo Transforma drug rehab centre located west of Puerto Plata in the Dominican Republic.

In a recent email from Steve Wallace he has informed this years 55+ participants that "We are pleased to announce that there will be a HHART 7 - tentatively, at approximately the same time next year (later April to May 8th). The dates are dependent on a few factors:

1. The price of airline tickets,
2. The last university exam date,
3. The availability of Drs. Don, Glen, Doug and Elaine who have indicated their intention to return and
4. Availability of the Monkey Jungle dental clinic for use during HHART 7.

Rooms will be reserved at the same resort, Sosua by the Sea. It was a great host."

For further information, contact Steve Wallace at (705) 444-4012 or steve@HHART.info if you have any questions or require more information re the regarding the next HHART humanitarian service trip. There is certainly a valid role for persons interested in assisting very poor and disadvantaged persons living in parts of a country seldom seen by the average tourist.



CHANGES TO ROTARY MONTHLY CALENDAR THEME

Effective 1st July 2015

The RI Board recently modified Rotary's calendar of special observances to designate specific months highlighting the Areas of Focus as well as the importance of service. The new special observance months are:

- August: Membership and Extension Month
- September: Basic Education and Literacy
- October: Economic and Community Development
- November: Rotary Foundation
- December: Disease Prevention and Treatment
- January: Vocational Service
- February: Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
- March: Water and Sanitation
- April: Maternal and Child Health
- May: Youth Services
- June: Rotary Fellowships



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It is an all-volunteer service of *Associazione Culturale dei Triangoli e della Buona Volontà Mondiale*, an educational charity associated with the United Nations Department of Public Information. It is a supporter of the Global Movement for the Culture of Peace. In the final report of the Decade for a Culture of Peace project (2001-2010) provided to the UN Secretary-General for presentation to the UN General Assembly, Good News Agency is included among the three NGOs that have been playing an active role in the field of Information through the Internet.

Each month (except August) the Content includes:

International legislation, Human rights, Economy and development, Solidarity, Peace and security, Health, Energy and Safety, Environment and wildlife, Religion and spirituality, and Culture and education.

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District Grants

Using District Grants is a wonderful way of augmenting the service Clubs can do. The following are the names of the Clubs that submitted applications and were approved for 2014-15 District Grants. From the title you can get a feeling of the breadth of work our Clubs have done with assistance from The Rotary Foundation. As a reminder to those projects who have not yet completed the work, it must be done and your report in by the 30th of September 2015.

Rotary Club	District Grant Project
Barrie	Christmas Families
Bracebridge-Muskoka Lakes	Muskoka Interval House Refurbishing
Bridgenorth, Ennismore & Lakefield	Adopt Families at Christmas
Collingwood South Georgian Bay	Back to School Fall 2014
Huntsville	Mattresses for Haitians in the Dominican Republic
Huntsville/Lake of Bays	Family, Youth and Child Services of Muskoka Kids to Summer Camp
Minden	Rotary Park Enhancement - Picnic Table
North Bay Nipissing	World Affairs Seminar 2015
Orillia	Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Detector Distribution
Parry Sound	Helping Kids Play 2014-2015
Peterborough	Supply of walkers, crutches and canes to the needy in Honduras
Peterborough-Kawartha	Adventure in Understanding

2015-16 District Grant applications can be submitted using the ClubRunner Grant program between June 1st and September 30th, 2015. In 2015-16 Clubs that signed their Grants Memorandum of Understanding and have members second. All projects in 2015-16 must be finished with the final reports written by September 30th, 2016.

If you find you are not quite sure what projects qualify or if you need some ideas about what your Club might do, please contact dawn@straka.ca for support and guidance. There are also a couple of projects that have been supported by a number of our Clubs and their members. Steve Wallace of HHART (steve.wallace@rogers.com) and Lisa McCoy (rotarywheelsforlearning@gmail.com) of Rotary Wheels for Learning both have suggestions of ways you might help their projects by applying for a District Grant.



Global Grants 2014-15

A summary of 2014-15's Global Grants will be circulated in Volume 5 of **Service Projects Report, September 2015**. Congratulations to all Clubs and Rotarians who have pursued their larger projects using the assistance of both Rotarians like Ron Strickland (Chair, Global Grants, a very resourceful and experienced Rotarian) as well as financial support of our District and The Rotary Foundation. Stay tuned...



Mobility Assistance (Wheelchair Distribution) 2015-16

A Committee meeting happened this week. In the next month or two an announcement will go out regarding the Distribution that will happen very late this year or more likely early in 2016. All Presidents and other Rotarians who have shown an interest in the last couple of years will be informed. The distribution team will probably consist of 20

members. Rotarian Joe McCulloch of the Rotary Club of Peterborough (littlejmcculloch@hotmail.com) is the contact person; Joe will share information as soon as it is available.



Bridgenorth Ennismore Lakefield Rotary Club's Announcement

Tony Davidson, Past President of the BEL Club and Past Assistant Governor is giving leadership to another new Cambodian initiative. The BEL club is going to be building a school in Cambodia that will be teaching English to children and adults, as well as offering adult learning courses (sewing and weaving). There will be an opportunity for people outside the BEL Club to participate in the build. Members of the BEL club have until June 22, 2015 to commit about going on the build which will allow a maximum of 27 people. If anyone from another Club in our District wishes to go, he or she should get in touch with Tony (anthony.davidson@rbc.com) and then send the BEL club \$400 to go on the waiting list. Other costs will include air fare plus the ground costs of about around \$1,500 for the 2 weeks.

Team members will need to arrive in Cambodia on Feb 18, 2016 to start the build which will continue for just over 2 weeks. Between week 1 and 2 of the build there will be a 4 day break (when the roof is raised). During that time the team will go to Siem Reap (and Angkor Wat) for some sightseeing. On arrival in Cambodia Team members can also view sights around Phnom Penh.

The total cost to build the school and 5 years' operating costs will total \$45,000.US. Any Financial support your club may wish to give would be greatly appreciated. If there is interest please contact Girv Devitt (devitt@nexicom.net).



District International Service Project

After 2 years of working together with a Rotary Club in Haiti on a very large global grant application for a water project, the host club decided not continue with the project. In hind sight, what the club wanted to do was much more work than they ever foresaw and more than they could cope with. So before proceeding any further the Club decided to get out, feeling they did not want to tarnish the Club's reputation.

Since hearing the news I have been persuing other possible projects where Clubs and individual Rotarians might pool their resources and efforts to continue to improve the situation in poorer areas of the developing world. As soon as a project is defined, Clubs and individuals across our District will be informed.

As a last thought, it is really important to remember that international projects and projects involving other international partners invariably take much longer than one full year, probably more like two or three years from inception through final reporting. This means that all of us must recognize this fact when planning and budgeting! Once again I what to sincerely thank those Clubs who had bought into the idea of supporting the large Haiti water project. With time and research, another worthy project will present itself and need the help of many.



This Service Report is respectfully submitted by

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