



**ROTARY DISTRICT 7010
SERVICE PROJECTS REPORT
September 2015 Volume 5**



September is Rotary Basic Education and Literacy Month

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

This is the first of what will be 4 Service Project Reports for our Rotary year 2015-2016. This report is written for all Rotarians in District 7010 hoping to share information and ideas related to 3 of our 5 **areas of service: community, international and vocational**. I shall also share information that may be of interest to you as Service oriented Rotarians. It is my hope as Director that not only you will learn from the report but that it will encourage you to take time to share some of your Rotary service successes in future volumes of this Report.

At This year’s training session in San Diego then Rotary International President –Elect Ravi Ravindran (now President Ravi) spoke about gifts that we can give to others. He said “it is not the material value of the gifts we give but how much of ourselves we give with them, that will matter to the receiver.” He also continued: “we all have a choice: whether to keep our gifts to ourselves or to use them, to “Be a Gift to the World”. And I say to you: Use your gifts. Use them thoughtfully, use them wisely, use them generously. Use them so that the girls who now sit at home will walk proudly next year to school. Use them so that the fields that are now barren for want of irrigation will grow next spring, green with agriculture. Use them to break the cycle of poverty, lift up the destitute, and give the gift of hope to all those who live in the margins of society.” In closing as he addressed the Governors-Elect he said “You have one year to build monuments that will endure forever — carved not in granite or marble but in the lives and hearts of generations to come. This is our time. It will not come again. Let us grasp it. Let us Be a Gift to the World.”

As Rotarians, I challenge each person in District 7010 to consider his or her gifts, and encourage each of you to review whom or what groups you are going to relate with and in turn serve. It is still early in this Rotary year. It is not too late to consider participating in or giving leadership to a service project. Hopefully this report will give you some “food for thought” as we try to live by President Ravi’s 2015-2016 moto.

Yours in Rotary Service,

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

District 7010 Community Service Report (written by Chair Rob Wilding, Rotary Club of Huntsville Lake of Bays)

As Rotarians we are deeply connected and engaged by the needs in our own communities. We all reach out and try to fill those needs with our time and our money fundraised through our own clubs. It has become clear as I been able to meet more Rotarians from different clubs that we have similar issues and needs in all of our communities and there are many creative ways to meet those needs.

It is my goal to create an online data base of the community service projects in our district, allowing all clubs to see what is happening in our own district. It would be great to see and review what has worked in other clubs and adopt ideas to bring back to their own clubs.

I will be reaching out to the community service chairs of all the clubs to compile this information over the next couple of months. Regards, Rob Wilding colorworksnorth@yahoo.ca

District 7010 Indigenous Focus (as prepared by Janet McLeod)

Janet McLeod, Chair, of the Indigenous Focus has prepared both her goals and an updated report. Janet McLeod can be reached at jmm@nexicom.net. Janet's 2015-16 goals are as follows:

1. Contact previous members and gauge interest in continuing on the committee
2. Maintain a committee of at least 5 members with one third to be FN, Metis or Inuit
3. Encourage the District to be a charter member of the HIP (Helping Indigenous People) website
4. Speak to 1/3 of the clubs in District 7010 about the project "Adventure in Understanding"
5. Bring the 'likes' on the Adventure in Understanding Facebook page to 200
6. Present an outstanding break out group at Leadership Weekend 2016
7. Encourage the Conference Planning Committee to have one FN/Metis/Inuit speaker at the 2016 District Conference.

Janet's report describes some recent interesting activity:

"The first few months of the new Rotary year have been exciting for the Indigenous Focus Committee. The Rotary Club of Peterborough Kawartha's Adventure in Understanding canoe trip is currently taking place for the second year. This is youth focused, FN and non FN youth canoeing together, learning from each other and building a better understanding of our country, over five days. 2015 saw the number of canoes double and this year several Rotary Exchange students took part.

On August 28th I travelled to Brantford with the HIP Board. HIP (Honouring Indigenous People) is a group of FN and Rotarians from all 5 of the Ontario Rotary districts. We are looking for ways to build community with our FN neighbours. The day in Brantford started with school tours and presentations, and lunch together. The afternoon was spent in a talking circle around the fire and closed with drummers singing a travelling song to insure a safe trip home. The RC of Brantford is taking an active role in the Save the Evidence campaign. This is a fund raiser to save one of the 9 remaining Residential Schools and turn it into a museum of conscience. Our committee will watch this and look for ways we can help.

Lisa Farano of the Rotary Club of Collingwood SGB and I are talking about ways to build awareness of understanding of our FN in District 7010. I am also currently looking for about 5 people to join our committee."

Vocational Service, District 7010

Len Lifchus, Chair of Vocational Service reports that that he has "reached out to the Clubs' Vocational Service Chairs to develop a plan of District support. I hope to put together a directory of the various vocational services currently being offered in the District." Len can be reached at len6@cogeco.ca.

Wheelchair Distributions (submitted by Susan Sharp, Chair) ssharp@brantbasics.com

The Rotary District 7010 Wheelchair Committee is pleased to announce that we have ordered a container of 265 wheelchairs for Tegucigalpa, Honduras! The Rotary Club of Tegucigalpa Sur (our partner) has gathered a list of applicants who need wheelchairs but cannot afford one otherwise. We anxiously wait to hear a date for when wheelchairs will arrive in Honduras from the Wheelchair Foundation. This date helps us to determine when a team of Rotarians will travel to Honduras. As soon as a date is established, we will touch base with those Rotarians who contacted our committee previously. We will also put the word out to other Rotarians in our District to determine who may be interested in taking part in the distribution.

Planning for the distribution of wheelchairs and various excursions in Honduras is still in the early stages. We do know the majority of the wheelchairs will stay in Tegucigalpa, the capital city. Citizens in several villages outside the city will

also receive wheelchairs. The committee is considering a week long distribution so team members can also experience some Honduran culture while in the country. To receive more information regarding the Honduran wheelchair distribution please contact Joe McCulloch, Rotary Club of Peterborough member at: littlejmcculloch@hotmail.com .

CRCID (Canadian Rotary Collaboration for International Development)

I have been our District's representative with CRCID for the last 4 years. The Rotary Foundation (Canada) has now entered into a new agreement with DFATD Canada (Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development). It is expected that CRCID will cease operation at the end of 2015 or possibly early in 2016. The following letter to Fellow Rotarians was written on August 4, 2015 by Bryn Styles, Rotary Foundation Trustee 2015-2017 and Rotary International Director 2012-2014. Bryn has been the Chairman of CRCID for the last 4 years.

"As you may be aware, the Canadian Rotary Collaboration for International Development (CRCID) is completing its final projects after almost 30 years of serving Canadian Rotary clubs and districts. CRCID has been very successful but in consultation with the Government of Canada it was felt that a new model reflecting the current status of international humanitarian aid was needed. I wish to congratulate CRCID on its excellent service to ensuring Canadian Rotarians had the support they needed.

You may have seen the News Release by Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD) on the 1 Aug (see below) that outlined two new plans – one for the matching of funds donated by Canadian Rotarians to the Polio Eradication Initiative. The other was a new funding model from the Canadian Government to Rotarian international projects.

The Rotary Foundation (Canada) has entered into a new agreement with DFATD. The senior staff at DFATD have reviewed the Global Grant model of TRF and are impressed by the needs assessments, evaluations, reporting mechanisms, stewardship and sustainability of our structure. The new agreement will use the Global Grant (GG) structure as its basis and allow clubs and districts access to Canadian Government funds for their projects. These funds will qualify for a World Fund match from TRF. The agreement is for 5 years and the Canadian Government is contributing CDN \$1.2 million/year to Canadian Rotary projects.

A committee of TRF Canada is currently working through the final details of how the new funding model will work. We will then start to inform Rotarians, Clubs and Districts how they can access these funds. It is felt that the new model will be available to all Canadian Rotary club & district projects that meet the criteria that will be outlined.

I want to thank all of you for without your support this agreement would not have been achieved. You advocated for government support for our Rotary programs – specifically PolioPlus – and the government listened. They understand the value of what Rotary can achieve and are willing to support our projects.

I ask you to be patient as we finish the final details and then we will let all of you know how these government funds can be accessed.

Yours in Rotary Service," Bryn Styles

The Government of Canada has also put out the following statement:

Government of Canada Partners with Rotary Foundation Canada to Eradicate Polio Worldwide and Reduce Poverty in Developing Countries August 1, 2015 – Ottawa, Ontario – Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada

"The Honourable Christian Paradis, Minister of International Development and La Francophonie, announced the renewal of the partnership between Government of Canada and Rotary Foundation Canada by providing a total of up to \$18 million to help save the lives of vulnerable children and reduce poverty in the world's poorest countries

During the next four years, the Government of Canada will contribute two dollars for every dollar raised by Rotary Foundation Canada in support of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative's Endgame Strategy, to a maximum contribution of \$12 million. The funds will be provided to UNICEF to support the goal of eradicating polio worldwide by 2018

The renewal of the partnership reinforces Canada's ongoing leadership on polio. It builds on the Pennies & More for Polio initiative, through which Rotary Foundation Canada raised \$2.2 million between 2012 and 2013, which was matched by the Government of Canada.

The Government of Canada will also contribute up to \$6 million to support Rotary Foundation Canada's efforts to help advance maternal, newborn and child health, secure the future of children and youth, and increase sustainable economic growth in under-served communities in developing countries.

Today, the world stands on the verge of being able to end the preventable deaths of women and children within a generation. Canada remains steadfast in its commitment to work with Canadian and international partners to achieve this goal".

As details about this new funding source for international development is developed, information about sourcing the funds will immediately be shared. Dawn Straka dawn@straka.ca

World Community Service Projects happening in District 7010

The following information has been provided by individual Clubs and Rotarians that are providing a variety of very worthwhile service projects elsewhere in the world. Such publicity and the sharing of ideas is available to all Clubs. At any time feel free to send me information about your projects. The next Service Report will be prepared towards the end of 2015. Dawn Straka

The Rotary School of Cambodia: Build Two

The Rotary Club of BEL is taking the lead on the build of a school in the village of Daunleb village, Svay Rieng province, Cambodia. A team of Rotarians representing 8 clubs as well as friends of Rotary will be building the school from February 19th to March 5th inclusive. They will be constructing a three-room 8m x 12m brick and cement structure with a metal roof. It will also be a multi-use facility. In addition to teaching English to children during the day, English classes will be offered to adults in the evening as well as sewing classes so local women can learn a skill, to give them the earning power to be self-sustaining. Mike Kinsey from the Rotary Club of Barrie Kempenfelt is the build supervisor and Lisa McCoy from the Gravenhurst Club is coordinating the logistics. Tony Davidson is overseeing the project.

The project will also include delivery of school, library supplies, sewing supplies and donated items for young people and their families and support for teachers in the form of in-service and the development of materials.

If you would like more information about this project or would like to contribute to the build, please contact either Tony Davidson anthony.davidson@rbc.com or Susan Davidson at susandavidson@trentu.ca

Rotary Wheels for Learning: an update on the RWFL Program and the 2016 Cambodia Bicycle Distribution Trip

The Rotary Club of Gravenhurst's International Program "Rotary Wheels for Learning" has its fifth Bicycle Distribution Trip to Cambodia happening January 25th -February 17th, 2016. Once again the Annual Great Garage Sale was a success with enough monies collected to purchase approximately 80 bicycles. This was a great start to our campaign to obtain donations for purchasing bicycles for this year's distribution. Our goal this year is to distribute between 500-1000 bicycles to rural Cambodian school children in seven different villages. In addition all team members will use their extra suitcase allotment to bring over needed dental, school and medical supplies.

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 visiting Angkor Wat. Of special note this year is the team's opportunity to live like a Cambodian for a few days as we experience Eco Tourism in the village of Chi Phat. Our team complement is almost complete however we still have a few spots available. The approximate cost for the trip, airfare included is US\$2500.00 per person if sharing accommodation with another person. If interested in the tour or to help support this project, please contact MaryAnne Marshall at marshall.maryanne@gmail.com.

3 Barrie Clubs helping in Haiti

In 2012, all 3 Clubs in Barrie made a multi-year commitment to providing financial and other assistance to a grass roots organization operating in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. In 2012, 3 Rotarians from the Barrie Club travelled to Haiti to investigate opportunities to provide assistance to SOPUDEP which provides a free school to families who cannot afford to pay for their children's education, a hot lunch program within the school, employment skills training and micro-credit lending to first time entrepreneurs in Port-au-Prince.

Since 2012 the Clubs have provided financial assistance for the building of a new school and equipment/supplies for the school kitchen along with financial scholarships for students going on the university in Haiti.

This November 2015, a slightly larger group of Rotarians and friends of Rotarians are going back to Port-au-Prince to investigate other possible projects that could assist the school and community. They may consider the feasibility of a solar power project that would provide reliable and inexpensive electricity for the school, a clean water project within the community and the possibility of teaching the entrepreneurs additional skills which they can market in order to provide a living for their families.

While in Port-au-Prince the group hopes to establish connections with a local Rotary Club with a view to discuss the feasibility of a Global Grant project. For further information, please contact Doug Manning at dmanning@barristonlaw.com.

Rewiring of the Bongo Hospital, Ghana

As part of a Rotary project this past summer I visited the Bongo District Hospital in Ghana. The hospital is in a remote area and serves approx. 90,000. It has not received any new equipment from the government of Ghana in over 10 years. It has not received operating funds from the government of Ghana in over 7 months. It had no running water.

But its biggest problem is the aluminum wiring. Because of the faulty aluminum wiring their operating theatre burned down in 2012. They have had 3 fires in the remaining hospital in 5 months. If this hospital burns down the prospect of it being rebuilt in the next 25 years is slim.

I have received a VERY detailed proposal for the rewiring of the hospital from its medical director, Dr. Gudu, to which I've added a 10% contingency. They need \$28,940.34 CDN to rewire the entire hospital. My club is donating \$5800. All funds will be funneled thru Ghana Medical Help -- a lot of you know Kelly Hadfield and her work in Ghana thru Ghana Medical Help.

This project does not qualify for a Rotary grant and I frankly don't think we have time to go thru that process. So I'm asking for your support. If your club can give anything towards this project it would be appreciated. If you have questions, please contact me directly.

Carol Forde, Rotary Club of Barrie. 705-739-6727 barriecookies@yahoo.com

Travares Gardens Literacy project

This year the Rotary Club of Peterborough Kawartha is working with the Rotary Club of Liguanae Plains in Kingston Jamaica to bring an enhanced literacy program to the children and their families at Tavares Gardens, an inner city primary school in Kingston Jamaica. A needs assessment has been done and a visit to the school made by a P-K Rotarian. The Jamaican Ministry of Education, the school staff including a new school principal, the local Parent Teachers Association and Liguanae Plains Rotary members are all very supportive of the proposed literacy initiative. Community members have expressed keen interest in the development of the school. Their involvement at this level would help them own and protect the resources while fostering interest in and pride for school. A local carpenter was involved with a group of Canadian volunteers in the fall of 2014. That group built a new book library for the school. The school will be

approaching the carpenter about building the computer desks for the lab. The school has already identified skilled community individuals to perform other tasks related to setting up of the literacy centre.

This **September, Rotary Basic Education and Literacy Month**, we're celebrating progress that has been made and reaffirming our Club's commitment to help attain universal education through this literacy project that aims to:

- To improve literacy levels among students at Tavares Gardens Primary School.
- To provide the necessary scaffolding for academic success through the provision of appropriate technological support.
- To enhance Tavares Gardens Primary School as a dynamic and effective learning environment that attracts students and their families to be part of the school community.
- To reinforce parent and community relationships and instill love and respect for the institution within the community.

This will be done by:

- Refurbishing an existing obsolete computer room space at the school as an effective learning space;
- Assisting in the securing of teaching materials (that are not available in Jamaica);
- Ensuring staff at the school are trained to utilize the computer room for teaching basic computer skills as well as literacy and other academic subjects
- Supporting the community by providing opportunities for developing computer technology skills, literacy levels and other employable skills to community members.

The Rotary Club of Peterborough Kawartha is investing \$5000.CDN into this project and is in the process of applying for a Global Grant. The total project will cost approximately \$38,000.US. We are looking to partner with at least 3 or more other Clubs in District 7010 that together would raise \$10,000.CDN. For further information please contact Paula Wagar at pjwagar@hotmail.com or Dawn Straka at dawn@straka.ca .

Let us "Be a Gift to the World."

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