

Rotarians focus on Haiti Relief

*By Ryan Hyland
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Rotary clubs and districts worldwide are mobilizing resources to deliver urgently needed relief to the millions affected by Haiti's devastating earthquake.

District 7020, which includes Haiti, has flown in 70 planes filled with more than 60,000 pounds of medical equipment and supplies into the cities of Pignon and Port-de-Paix to bypass logistical problems in the hard-hit capital of Port-au-Prince.

The United Nations estimates that more than half of the buildings in the capital have collapsed.

**About 200,000 people
are dead and millions
more homeless**

"Rotary had an incredible infrastructure established before the quake, which has made our relief efforts very effective," says Dick McCombe, past district governor and Haiti liaison chair. "We're flying in supplies through backdoor channels and doing things a lot of agencies can't do."

The district's Haiti Task Force, set up two years ago to administer all financial aid to the nation, is working with local clubs to deliver aid to Port-au-Prince and those who have taken refuge in the countryside.

McCombe says Rotary was in a good position to help in Haiti, with 33 projects already underway to provide water, sanitation, medical care, and education. "We changed from teaching children how to read to saving their lives," says McCombe.

"Rotarians are incredibly generous and are doing what needs to be done," says McCombe. "We are setting aside some of these contributions for long-term recovery."

Within the next two weeks, McCombe says, a barge will be hired to transport 20 to 30 tons of clothes, blankets, folding beds, and other items to Haiti from Nassau, Bahamas.

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ShelterBox information*

ShelterBox responds

ShelterBox has already delivered more than 3,300 containers to Haiti, with another 1,000 or more scheduled to be deployed.

"This is the largest, quickest, and most complex deployment in our history," says John Leach, head of operations for ShelterBox. "We organized across four countries to get ShelterBoxes to the people of Haiti quickly."

Each box contains a tent that houses 10 people as well as a stove, blankets, and other essential items.

Doctors have been using supplies from the containers to treat the injured. Hospitals in the capital city are using the tents to provide emergency shelter for postoperative patients.

"There's hundreds of thousands of people that are injured. The walking wounded are everywhere," says Mark Pearson, one of three ShelterBox response team members in Haiti. "People are getting taken to hospital now, eight, nine days later."

COMING EVENTS

February 11	Spitfires vs. Peterborough
February 15	Spitfires vs. London
February 15	Bingo
March 27	End Polio Now Gala
April 6	Club Vision Workshop



Message from the PRESIDENT



Alan Drouillard

Where will the Rotary Club of Windsor St. Clair be in five years? Do you want to help plan our future: If so, mark April 6 on your calendar. A Club Visioning Exercise has been scheduled which will answer this question – and many more!

Club Visioning is long-range planning for Rotary Clubs. The objective is for individual Clubs to achieve year-to-year consistency and continuity in programming and activities. At our invitation, a District 6400 Facilitation Team will visit with us and assist us in

Club Vision - We're looking for your input

reaching agreement about why we exist and where we are going and how we are going to get there.

Plan for the future

At the end of the 4-hour exercise, we will be left with a vision for our the Club – not as it is – but as it could become. We will have a long-range view of what our club will look like, act like and be five years out.

The session will address these issues:

- ▶ What our Club stands for in the community we serve;
- ▶ The target membership size for our Club in 5 years;
- ▶ Identification of the attributes the Club will have;
- ▶ The top-three prioritized objectives for focusing efforts in each of the four Avenues of Service; and
- ▶ Recommendations for improvements in the Club's leadership development.

The session is intended for all members interested in the future direction of our club – from our newest members to our most tenured.

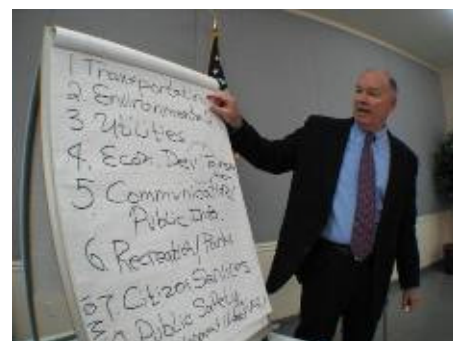
The breadth and depth of the facilitation exercise is ensured through the participation of Club leaders and its opinion-makers.

Facilitation will be led by experienced volunteers representing Rotary roles from PDG through PEN. Many members of the Vision TEAM are long-time Rotarians and knowledgeable about Rotary at local, district, and international levels.

The session will start at 5:00 PM with dinner provided. It is anticipated the session will last 3 to 4 hours.

Please plan on attending. It is important for our future.

**Location: Riverside Library
6305 Wyandotte Street East
Lions Room, Lower Level**



Rotary Auction on TVCOGECO 2.K.1.0

It seems like yesterday that we put the 2009 Auction to bed! We all rejoiced in the knowledge that we could enjoy a few months reprieve from 'auction talk'. That time is now up!

Heading up our efforts in 2010 will be a trio comprised of Alan Drouillard, Andrew McAvoy – and returning for an encore performance, Chris Woodrow. Having experienced several years on the auction committee, with one as chair, Chris will help Alan and Andrew

familiarize themselves with auction process and procedure.

It was decided to use the team approach to leadership in order to return to the leadership template which has worked for the club for more than 20 years. This has a succession plan in place – year to year.

As Past President, Alan will become auction chair for 2011 with Andrew as Gift Chair. In 2012 Andrew will then take over the chair and a new gift chair selected. Subsequently the 2012 Gift Chair will assume the leadership role in 2013.

Stay tuned for more auction details as we near the 2010 launch.

CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday...

February 19	Hardy Wheeler
February 22	John Stevenett
February 28	Vicki Houston

Happy Anniversary...

February 7	Hardy & Jane Wheeler
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Club Anniversary...

February 1, 1996	Michael Duben (14)
February 10, 1990	Hardy Wheeler (20)
February 12, 2009	Mary Lou Decou (1)

Local groups rally behind ShelterBox Haiti disaster relief assistance



Past President Shelly Duben recently challenged the club to reach into their pockets and donate to ShelterBox to help disaster relief efforts in Haiti. Over \$2,200 was raised, which will go directly to purchase ShelterBoxes.

Additionally, Shelly issued the same challenge to the staff and schools of the Greater Essex County DSB.

Many schools actively raised funds to assist disaster relief in Haiti and for ShelterBoxes. In the photograph left, from Sandwich West Public School in LaSalle, District 6400 Governor Nominee Michael Duben (left) Shelly Duben and Past President Ed Link erected a ShelterBox tent and discussed the vital role these boxes can play to assist displaced Haitians.

To date, over \$100,000 has been raised by school board staff, students, family and friends for Haiti, with \$96,000 designated to ShelterBox.

At the January 28 Spitfires game at the WFCU Centre a group of hardy Rotarians braved the weather to collect **Toonies for Haiti**. At the end of the evening, they had collected over \$5,500 in addition to frostbite and many other ailments.

Building Communities-Bridging Continents

By Donna Polydoros
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After taking the stage to the tune of "California, Here I Come," RI President-elect Ray Klinginsmith announced the 2010-11 RI theme, **Building Communities -- Bridging Continents**, during the opening plenary session of the 2010 International Assembly.

Klinginsmith said he arrived at the theme after reviewing RI themes of years past. He noticed that only a few spoke to non-Rotarians.



RI PRESIDENT-ELECT: Ray Klinginsmith addresses district governors-elect at the 2010 International Assembly. *Rotary Images/Monika Lozinska-Lee*

"As a result, I decided to search for a briefly stated theme that would fulfill two objectives: the first to explain Rotary to non-Rotarians, and the second to validate our work for Rotarians," he said. "The words I have selected to describe Rotary's current mission and to highlight our achievements are what we do best: Building Communities -- Bridging Continents."

The president-elect described how his 50 years of Rotary experience have contributed to his focus on communities at home and abroad. For example, as a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar, he studied for a year in South Africa, becoming the first student from his small town of Unionville, Missouri, to study abroad. The timing of the theme announcement, which took place in the evening, was a break in tradition from past assemblies and a reflection of Klinginsmith's willingness to embrace change. He encouraged district governors-elect to re-examine traditional procedures that were no longer best practices and to begin new traditions where appropriate.



CONGRATULATIONS: PDG Michael Browne (right) presents first-time Paul Harris Fellow Terry Cloutier with her framed certificate.

Service Above Self



The Rotary Club of Windsor-St. Clair was founded November 20, 1975. Regular meetings are every Thursday at 7:15 a.m., at the Windsor Yacht Club, 9000 Riverside Drive, Windsor, Ontario. For more information visit www.rotarywindsorstclair.com.

Program Schedule FEBRUARY

SPEAKER & TOPIC

4	Mark Meldrum/Economics
11	Andrew Dowie & Paul Mourad/ GSE to West Africa
18	Madelyn DellaValle/Windsor's Community Museum
25	Diane Soucie/Workforce Development Taskforce

INTRODUCER

4	Ed Link
11	Panos Sechopoulos
18	Michael Browne
25	Michael Duben

THANKER

4	Diane McKinley
11	Lea-Ann Suzor
18	John Stevenett
25	Carlo Abati

GREETERS

4	Nick Krayacich Phil McCullough
11	Andrew McAvoy Bobby Morand
18	Marg Prince Michelle Moro
25	Hardy Wheeler Chris Woodrow

Rotarians assigned duties of introducer, thanker and greeter are responsible for finding a replacement if unable to fulfill the duties.

BOARD NEWS

- ◆ Attendance for January was 78%. Membership stands at 49.

NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

- ◆ Linda Lord proposed by Michael Duben.

COMMITTEE NEWS

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- ▶ Committee received a letter of thanks from Humanitarian Award Recipient Tad Venkateswarlu.
- ▶ Committee received a report on the proposed clean-up, planting and new signage for the Ganatchio Trail.

YOUTH SERVICE

- ▶ 4-WAY TEST CONTEST - St Pius and Hetherington schools are involved. Posters will be displayed March 7 at the Spitfires game at the WFCU Centre. Tickets will be available at the Ticket Office at a reduced rate to the participating schools. Fans can **Skate with the Spits** following the game.

- ▶ EXCHANGE STUDENT CURLING EVENT - is scheduled for February 21, 3-7 p.m. at Beachgrove Golf and Country Club. Committee voted to provide \$200 for the event.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

- ▶ Project in Greece - Committee has received quotes for the shelving in the school and a request to provide 1436 Euros (approx. \$2165 Can.) for this project. In an effort to keep costs down it was decided to contact the Kozani Rotary Club to see if the cost could be reduced. The Rotary Club of Kozani has committed to raise 400 Euros (\$600 Can.) to reduce the costs to our club. The committee voted to provide \$1,500 Canadian (approximately 1000 Euros) towards the project in Greece in conjunction

with the Rotary Club of Kozani to provide shelving to the grade school in the town of Agios Germanos in Northern Greece.

- ▶ The committee was informed that Phyllis and Paul Charbonneau visited the Inner Wheel Club in Cozumel over the holidays and delivered the contribution the club made in support of their project. They received a warm welcome and have provided a letter of appreciation and pictures of the presentation of the funds.
- ▶ The committee reviewed a proposal to support a new Relay project in Mozambique, Africa. It was resolved to use \$3,000 previously set aside for Debra Berhan be re-designated and reallocated to support a Relay project in Benguera, Mozambique, and that the Club support an application for matching grants to the District or to Rotary International for a World Community Service project to Benguera, Mozambique.

Under the hammer?



SOLD: Club Charter Member and Past President Al Santing demonstrates how to move product-even if it isn't tires! Thanks Al, for auctioning off the few remaining TV auction items. Great Job!

FOUR WAY TEST: Will it be beneficial to all concerned?