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DG Michael and Jo-Ann Bell

**District Governor's
Newsletter
DECEMBER 1, 2015
Be A Gift To The World**

December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month In Rotary

My Fellow Rotarians,

December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month in Rotary and what better way to end this calendar year than to celebrate how well we are doing with our Polio eradication efforts. In 2014, there were 359 cases of the wild polio virus world wide. As of the writing of this newsletter, there have only been 57 cases of the wild polio virus in 2015.

Now that we have polio on the ropes, it is more important than ever that we finish the job now!

November was Rotary Foundation Month in Rotary and I just want to thank all of you in the District for your contributions and fundraising efforts that have contributed to our Rotary Foundation. Our contributions end up assisting with the funding our District & Global Grants, our Vocational Training Teams as well as supporting our Global Grant Scholars, to name just a few.

As we take time to celebrate and wish each other well at this festive time of year, let us not forget those less fortunate than ourselves.

I believe that one of our greatest joys is in making a positive difference in the lives of others. In all that we do, let it come from a love base and not from a fear base. Coming from a love base makes a lasting difference in the lives of all the we touch.

Thank you for all that you do in Rotary and for "Being A Gift To The World"

Together we will "Be A Gift to the World"

Best wishes,

Michael

District Governor Michael Bell at mjbell925@gmail.com



From District Governor Elect Jim Louttit

Dear Fellow Rotarians,



Attending the annual convention is a perfect way to experience Rotary's internationality, exchange ideas with fellow members, and discover new avenues – and potential partners – for service.

Find details about next year's event, including venues, housing, speakers and entertainment, breakout sessions, pre-convention events, and deadlines at www.riconvention.org. Check the site often for new information about Rotary's biggest event of the year.

I am heading up the District 7070 Rotary International Convention Committee to Seoul, Korea (May 28 to June 1, 2016) and it would be my pleasure to visit your Rotary Club and do a presentation with a video about the convention. If you are a Rotarian and a travel agent putting together pre or post convention tour options, please get in touch with me and I will be

happy to include this information in my presentations.

I can be reached at jvlperu@gmail.com.

Be sure to go to the Rotary International Convention website <http://www.riconvention.org/> today.

It's your chance to connect with Rotary members from around the world. You'll build new relationships and exchange ideas across cultures. You'll also be able to: Enhance your professional skills; Network to find a project partner; and Participate in a meaningful service project.

Experience the hospitality of this world-class city at one of the most beautiful times of the year. Plan now to: Visit UNESCO World Heritage sites; Sample traditional Korean fare; and Experience Seoul's vibrant nightlife.

The Seoul convention will be a unique experience highlighted by once-in-a-lifetime activities arranged by the Host Organization.

Committee: Tour Korea with local Rotary members; Enjoy stirring music and dance performances by local artists; and Show off your talents at the Rotary Family Talent Contest.

Name of Event	2016 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL SEOUL CONVENTION
Period	Saturday, May 28 ~ Wednesday, June 1, 2016
Venue	KINTEX – Goyang-si, Gyeonggi-do Province
Host	Rotary International · Rotary International Seoul Convention HOC
Theme	Connect With Korea-Touch The World.
Participants	Approx. 50,000 participants
Events	Opening General Session. Closing General Session. General Sessions, Young Leaders Summit, Breakout Sessions / Workshop, 3K Peace for Walk, House of Friendship (Exhibition), Service Opportunities (Volunteer), HOC Events (Welcome Festival, Cultural Events), Service Project, Host Hospitality Night, Rotary Family Talent Contest, Tour Programs, District Conferences, Country/ Zone Unofficial Affiliated Events.

The Host Organizing Committee for the Rotary International Convention 2016 looks forward to welcoming you to Seoul, Korea. And in the next few weeks, take a look at the District 7070 Website www.rotary7070.org for lots more on the 2016 Rotary International Convention.

Jim

District Governor Elect Jim Louttit at jvlperu@gmail.com



EARLY REGISTRATION FOR SEOUL ENDS DECEMBER 15

Explore the world-class city of Seoul and discover its rich culture at the Rotary Convention 28 May – 1 June 2016. Connect with new ideas and new friends, and come away with a renewed commitment to Be a Gift to the World. Early registration savings end 15 December. Register today!

- [Register before 15 December and save](#)
- [Sign up for convention updates](#)
- [View the schedule highlights](#)



Rotary International President Ravi Ravindran's Monthly Message – December 2015



Dear Fellow Rotarians:

When the Canadian army liberated the Netherlands in 1945, they found the country on the brink of starvation. Seeing the suffering of so many, and especially moved by the faces of the children, four Canadian privates stationed near Apeldoorn that year decided to make that Christmas special for as many Dutch children as they could.

Together, they made the rounds among their fellow soldiers, collecting chocolate bars and chewing gum, candy and comic books. In their spare moments, they built toy trucks out of wood and wire, sawed scrap lumber for building blocks; one, risking the military police, sold his cigarette ration on the black market, using the money to buy rag dolls. Each thought longingly of his own family at home; each channeled his energies instead toward the children whose Christmas they knew they could brighten.

By 1 December, four sacks of gifts lay ready; the soldiers eagerly looked forward to the 25th. But two days later, they learned the date they were to depart for Canada: 6 December, long before Christmas. With mixed emotions, the soldiers decided that the best plan simply would be to take their sacks over to the local orphanage and leave them there to await Christmas.

The night before they were to leave the Netherlands, the four set off for the orphanage, one of them in a makeshift white beard and red cap. On their way, they were surprised to hear church bells ringing and see houses lit brightly, with Christmas still some weeks away. As they approached the orphanage, boots crunching in the snow, they saw through the windows that the children, two dozen girls and boys, were gathered at their evening meal. Only a few months after the war's end, food was still scarce; the meal was small, and the children's faces pale and thin.

"Santa Claus" raised the knocker on the door and knocked three times, hard. As if by magic, the chatter of young voices

inside fell silent; a priest opened the door. His polite expression gave way to one of shock, as the children behind him erupted into cheers, rushing forward and swarming the private who had dressed for Christmas three weeks early – but exactly on time. For in the Netherlands, *Sinterklaas* comes on St. Nicholas Eve: 5 December.

For an hour, joyful chaos reigned as packages were opened and exclaimed over, sweets were tasted, dolls caressed. The last wooden truck, the last bar of chocolate, went into the hands of a little boy who had been waiting patiently all the while. After thanking the men, he turned to the priest and said something to him in Dutch, his face alight with happiness. The priest smiled and nodded. "What did he say?" one of the soldiers asked.

The priest looked at them with eyes full of tears. "He said, 'We told you he would *come*:'"

By sending joy out into the world, we do not sacrifice it for ourselves – we only multiply it. As we enter this season of giving, let us multiply the gifts we have been given by sharing them with others. Through acts of caring, kindness, and generosity, in our clubs and through our Foundation, we become and remain **a Gift to the World**.

Ravi

K. R Ravindran

President, Rotary International

Rotary Foundation Chair, Ray Klinginsmith's Monthly Message - December 2015 – A newlook for presidential conferences

Dear fellow Rotarians,



Presidential conferences have become popular meetings for Rotarians from around the world, but the conference programs vary from year to year with each president. President Ravi has planned five unique conferences during this Rotary year, each inspired by one of the areas of focus established by The Rotary Foundation as part of its Future Vision plan:

Peace and conflict prevention and resolution: 15-16 January in Ontario, Calif.

peaceconference2016.org

Disease prevention and treatment: 19-20 February in Cannes, France

rotary-conference-cannes2016.org

Community and economic development: 27 February in Cape Town, South Africa

rotarycapetown2016.com

Literacy and WASH (water, sanitation, and hygiene) in Schools: 11-13 March in Kolkata, India

rotaryteach.org/presidentialconference

WASH in Schools: 18-19 March in Pasay City, Philippines

2016RotaryPresidentialConferenceManila.org

President Ravi and I will attend all five of the conferences, which are co-sponsored by Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation, and we hope that Rotarians will take an active interest in supporting them, particularly the ones closest to their homes. These events offer opportunities to explore the issues alongside Rotary's leaders and outside experts in the various areas of focus, as we spotlight practical approaches for Rotarians to become involved in new and

effective projects.

If you find any of the conferences to be of interest, which I hope you will,

please consider attending one of them, or perhaps sending a representative from your club. The presidential conferences are excellent supplements to the Rotary conventions, and they are further proof that Rotary is truly **Doing Good in the World** all around the globe!

Embrace the tradition! Celebrate the Foundation!

Ray Klinginsmith

Ray Klinginsmith

Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair

Paris Attacks & Syrian Refugee Crisis Opportunities:

From District Governor Michael Bell

My Fellow Rotarians,

In light of the recent Paris terrorist attacks it is important, I believe, to remember that every decision that we make in life comes from either a love base or a fear base. Let us all strive to respond to these situations with love and not fear. Our goal of peace will always be strengthened when we respond in this way.

Rotary as an organization has always been about finding the long term solutions and is not necessarily the first responder to difficult situations around the world. That being said, there is much that we can do as Rotarians and Rotary Clubs to bring assistance while we work on long term solutions.

Listed below are some of the opportunities that some clubs are supporting to be of immediate assistance. If you have additional opportunity suggestions please advise us and we will pass them along in a followup release. If you have any questions regarding any of the opportunities listed below, please let me know.

Thank you.

Yours in Rotary,

Michael

District Governor Michael Bell

1. Shelter Box Canada : www.shelterboxcanada.org

2. Anglican Church link:

Below is the link to the letter from The Most Reverend Colin R. Johnson, Archbishop of Toronto

<http://www.toronto.anglican.ca/2015/09/10/archbishop-writes-to-parishesurging-action-on-refugees/>

- suggests donations to PWDRF which is working with ACT and the Canadian Foodgrain Banks to provide food, water, hygiene kits, health care, shelter, education, psycho-social support and more, to tens of thousands of displaced Syrians.

- also suggest donations to AURA (formerly know as the Anglican United Refugee Alliance).

AURA facilitates the Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) in Canada by working with a coalition of churches and affiliated organizations to help refugees regardless of their religion, politics, gender, sexual orientation, race or nationality.

3. Roman Catholic Church link:

Here is the link to the letter from the Archdiocese of Toronto.

<https://www.archtoronto.org/Documents/pressreleaseprojecthopesept815.pdf>

4 Here is some information about an Italian project in support of Syrian Migrants who have arrived in the city of Arezzo, Italy. The Red Cross organization in Arezzo is already giving shelter to 60 Syrian refugees. With the collaboration of the Rotary Club of Arezzo, the Rotary Club of Arezzo East, and the Rotary Club of Woodbridge, they are organizing classes to teach Italian to the new migrants. Classes are divided in modules of 25 people. Cost of each module starts from euro 2000/3000.

5. The Rotary Club of Ludenscheid, Germany has a program to teach German to Syrian refugees. Contact club President, Mark O. Schreiter at: mo.schreider@erco.com for more details.

6. The Rotary Club of Toronto is sponsoring a refugee family through AURA.

For further information please contact:

Lorna Pitcher: lornapitcher@hotmail.com

Maureen Bird: maureen.bird@sympa.co.ca

7. The Rotary Club of Picton is supporting an organization called Lifeline Syria <http://lifelinesyria.ca> This group has been able too identify and sponsor a pre-qualified Syrian family from a refugee camp in Lebanon. This is another example of Rotarians partnering with other local groups.

8. As clubs are always looking for good speakers on current topics, it has been suggested that finding a knowledgeable speaker on the current crisis in Syria be considered.

SHELTERBOX News For December 2015 – Holiday Edition

From: Ron

Noseworthy, Chair, ShelterBox Canada



Help brighten lives this holiday season

Light is such a joyful part of our holiday celebrations in Canada, but for families left with no shelter, light will be far more than a festive decoration. Light will be a lifesaver. That's why, in every ShelterBox this winter, we urgently need to pack a LuminAID. This solar lantern is easy to carry, waterproof and inflates in just seconds. It is a brilliantly clever way to conquer the dark when all other power is dead.

This season, your club can help support our holiday campaign to give light as well as shelter and other supplies to desperate families in need. ShelterBox is currently working in six countries, and is preparing winterized kits for the cold weather ahead.

ShelterBox Global Gifts

If you are looking for gift ideas for your loved ones, ShelterBox has the perfect gift options.

Through Global Gifts, you can sponsor life-saving aid items such as mosquito nets, water filters or blankets for families in need. Whether for a teacher, family member, friend or colleague, ShelterBox Global Gifts are an easy way to give something that is both unique and meaningful. Best of all, ShelterBox Global Gifts give twice – positively impacting both your special recipient and providing hope to a family who have lost everything after a disaster. With gifts starting at \$25 – ShelterBox Canada has the perfect gift for everyone on your list. Please visit:

www.shelterboxcanada.org/gifts



ShelterBox Canada Donation Options

ShelterBox is constantly learning from our beneficiaries so that we can ensure that we are providing the best aid possible for those in need. Because of the diverse range of disasters ShelterBox responds to, we have diversified our aid to provide the best options in all cases. ShelterBox now has 4 new tent options, and can provide ShelterKits which allow families to repair their homes or construct locally appropriate shelter out of local materials. ShelterBox can also deploy SchoolBoxes which provide a classroom in a box for 50 children. While the ShelterBox is still the heart of what we do, our diversified aid ensures we are being as effective as possible and providing families with exactly what they need.

As a result of the updated aid options we have introduced the ShelterBox Aid Fund. Supporting the ShelterBox Aid Fund instead of specifically sponsoring a ShelterBox allows us to have the flexibility to provide the aid that is most needed whether that be a ShelterBox or one of our other options, thus avoiding clogging up the incredibly overstretched logistics chain with unnecessary aid. This option also ensures that we are spending donations as efficiently as possible.

We encourage Clubs to consider supporting the ShelterBox Aid fund. While box tracking numbers will not be provided, fundraising pages are available to continue tracking how much each club has raised.

To learn more or support ShelterBox's efforts, please visit us online at www.shelterboxcanada.org

For information about volunteering with ShelterBox Canada, visit us at www.shelterboxcanada.org or call 1-855-875-4661

ShelterBox Canada donation designation options can be viewed on our website at http://www.shelterboxcanada.org/donate_form.php

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Best regards

Ron Noseworthy

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ShelterBox Response Team Member

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Rotary and ShelterBox support Syrian refugees

Every day more than 6,000 people are fleeing Syria, where a brutal civil war has been raging since 2011. As of September, there were 4.1 million refugees and 7.6 million internally displaced people. "The plight of Syria's refugees is a litmus test for the world's compassion," says Rotary International General Secretary John Hewko. "Rotary members worldwide are profoundly disheartened by the refugee crisis now unfolding in Syria and other parts of the world." The United Nations has described it as the worst in decades.

"Rotary is following the situation closely," Hewko says. "We know our members have an inherent desire to act, to relieve the suffering and uncertainty that displaced individuals and families are facing. We call on you to respond as Rotarians have for more than 100 years: to use your professional skills and acumen, leverage your connections to other leaders, and mobilize your local communities to provide the necessary resources and funding to address the humanitarian crisis".

Rotary members can donate to the disaster relief efforts of our project partner ShelterBox Canada. The organization has supported the Syrian relief effort for nearly four years and is working with other agencies to continue distributing relief materials. ShelterBox is also working with communities in Greece to provide aid and supplies to displaced people passing through the region.

"We appreciate our clubs and members for their support, helping the millions of displaced people find shelter and rebuild their lives and communities", Hewko says. "Every refugee is in our hearts and minds".

HIP (Honoring Indigenous People) News Update: December 2015



HIP Website

Please have a look at our website (www.rotaryhip.com) for regular updates. There are a lot of links to other organizations and is a great "go-to" site. Rotary HIP Facebook has been set up so "like us on Facebook". Pass on our news and activities to your fellow Rotarians, friends and associates and get them involved.

Links

We have added several new links under **online media**. The first is *Wab Kinew's short YouTube Video: 5 Things We Need to Stop Saying About Aboriginal People* from his CBC series 8th Fire. Also, the video with Paul Martin speaking about Aboriginal education done for and shown at the Rotary District 7070 Conference has been posted as a link. Lastly, we posted a video by *Dr. Leroy Little Bear- What I Know About Canada*. Please take a look at these and the many other links.

Resources - Films & Documentaries

We will shortly be adding a page under Resources titled *Films & Documentaries* similar to our reading list. If you have recently viewed a film or documentary with an aboriginal theme or message, please email Julie (julie@eccgroup.ca) to add to our list.

Rotary News

First Nations National Chief, Perry Bellegarde at the Royal York Hotel @ 12:15 p.m. Many dignitaries including Regional Chief, Isadore Day, Lt. Governor Elizabeth Dowdeswell and past Lt. Governor, David Onley attended. The lunch is sold out. Well done, John Andras and the Rotary Club of Toronto Aboriginal Services Committee. This was a fabulous awareness event.

If your club is or has held an event, please email Julie Dunaiskis (julie@eccgroup.ca) a brief summary so we can post on the HIP website (www.rotaryhip.com) and provide an update in upcoming newsletters. We look forward to hearing about the many club activities.

Approved Projects

Check the HIP website ([www.rotaryhip.com/Contact & Donations/Approved Projects](http://www.rotaryhip.com/Contact%20&%20Donations/Approved%20Projects)) to see full project descriptions. We hope you or your club can support this or any of the projects mentioned as follows:

Our newest HIP Approved Project is the *Pen Pals' G.R.A.N.D. Project - Grand River Arts: Neighbourhood Dialogue.*

In 2006/2007, a teacher from Six Nations began a relationship project reaching out to a class in Caledonia to begin a pen pal initiative between the youth. Organizations, schools, teachers and students have supported and have approximately 1800 youth involved annually. Young people will come together to co-create reconciliation-themed artwork, in the spirit of mutual respect, friendship and peace. Art teachings will be taught by a group of volunteers, guest artists and paid alumni of the program. It is hoped that the Two-Row Wampum relationship will build into creating a space for arts-based relationship building. The final exhibition will travel to local communities through an offer by OCAD who will play host to the final exhibition. The young artists' team and Pen Pal Alumni will compile questions to ask select peers who have participated in the project.

The Ask: \$5,000 will cover art supplies, space rental and honorariums to the elder, teaching artists and alumni. Please contact Chris Snyder (snyder@eccgroup.ca). The Rotary Club of Toronto has made an initial contribution.

Check the HIP website ([www.rotaryhip.com/Contact & Donations/Approved Projects](http://www.rotaryhip.com/Contact%20&%20Donations/Approved%20Projects)) to see full project descriptions. We hope you or your club can support this or any of the projects mentioned as follows:

Neskantaga Playground Equipment - Support is required to replace their current community equipment - \$30,000 is still needed. Several clubs lead by The Rotary Club of Toronto and a foundation have joined but further support is required. Every community has a playground. They deserve one too. We recently received a large donation for the Neskantaga playground from Dianne Patychuk, a Toronto-based artist. The donation came from proceeds of her art show, *We Are All Treaty People*. Her paintings are inspired by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. See her website for further information - www.diannepatychuk.ca. Thank you, Dianne, for this fabulous donation. Please consider supporting this project. Contact Chris Snyder (snyder@eccgroup.ca).

Wawahte Documentary of Indian Residential Schools "Telling the Story"

It is hoped the film can be distributed in local school districts across Canada. If you know of or can engage a school to participate in a screening of the documentary, please contact Bob Wells (rwells6@bell.net) to arrange. We look forward to hearing about students becoming aware and knowledgeable about the residential school system.

Pelican Falls First Nations High School, Sioux Lookout - *The ask is for support to purchase a new school van. Due to lack of local transportation, the school van is a necessity to transport students to medical appointments, school sports events etc. Their current van is becoming unreliable.*

Better Hearing in Education for Northern Youth - The Rotary Club of Guelph

Dr. Lynne McCurdy, an audiologist along with other audiologists is co-ordinating a project that hopes to improve the lives of Inuit youth in Qikiqtani(Baffin) region of northern Canada. Hearing loss in aboriginal populations can be 32-40% higher than non-aboriginal Canadians. The inability to hear, whether caused by hearing loss or poor acoustic environment, can interfere with a child's development of spoken language, reading, writing and academics. Children with hearing loss are unable to fill in gaps when they don't hear exactly what is said so miss necessary aspects of learning. The use of Soundfield amplification, when used as an educational tool, allows the speech of the teacher to be accessible to all children in the classroom and be heard at a uniform speech level.

The Ask - \$240,000 over 2 years for equipment and networks of support to ensure sustainability.

Upcoming Events

Nov & Dec. 2015 - Bloor Hot Docs Cinema, Toronto, ON - Screening - *Haida Gwaii: On the Edge of the World*. Check the website <http://boxoffice.hotdocs.ca/WebSales/pages/info.aspx?evtinfo=45688-fff311b7-cdad-4e14-9ae4-a9905e1b9cb0&epguid=6395d239-7dd9-47d4-a22f-81a783873e12&> for dates and times.

Exhibition by First Nations artist, Kent Monkman titled "The Rise and Fall of Civilization" is on until January 10, 2016 at The Gardiner Museum, Toronto, ON. During Oct. & Nov. there will talk series and performances. Check their website <http://www.gardinermuseum.on.ca/events/kent-monkman-programming> for dates and times.

Truth & Reconciliation Art Show - Feb. 12-25, 2016 @ Ben Navaee Gallery (www.BenNavaeeGallery.com), Toronto - Toronto artist, Dianne Patychuk will be exhibiting her paintings in a show, *We Are All Treaty People*. The awareness raising value of this show, using beautiful paintings, gets people thinking about centuries of injustice and what settler communities need to begin to do to develop respectful nation-to-nation (and respectful individual) relationships, reparation, redistribution, and de-colonization, etc. It is hoped a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Neskantaga playground. Click on the link below to view the show e-book:

http://issuu.com/mariyali/docs/we_are_all_treaty_people .

For further information, you can email Dianne at: dpatychuk@sympatico.ca

Ongoing - you can access 8th Fire hosted by Wab Kinew (<http://www.cbc.ca/8thfire/2012/03/wab-kinew.html>).

HIP Membership

The HIP membership continues to grow. New members are always welcome. Check our website ([www.rotaryhip.com/Activities/Friends & Supporters](http://www.rotaryhip.com/Activities/Friends%20&%20Supporters)) to see who is registered. Is your name listed? You can join today by selecting ([www.rotaryhip.com/Contact & Donations/Become a Member](http://www.rotaryhip.com/Contact%20&%20Donations/Become%20a%20Member)) on the HIP website.

Message from HIP Chair, Chris Snyder

Of late, I have noticed how little many people know about Indigenous peoples. There are the usual stereotype views, however, one seemingly well-educated person asked me the other day why are we focusing on education since it is free for everyone.

There is no shortage of things to read and ways to learn including the internet and the amazing amount you can learn just from our web site www.rotaryhip.com. We try to pull this information together in one place. I hope you are taking advantage of the resources, links and blog info. As mentioned earlier, we will shortly be adding a list of movies, films and documentaries to our website. We do already have a good list of books ...many written by Indigenous Peoples. Some Indigenous authors are:

- Thomas King, who has written many books including the CBC Book of the Year, *The Inconvenient Indian*. His most recent best-selling book is *The Back of the Turtle*.
- Wab Kinew has just written a new book which is on the best seller list, *The Reason You Walk*. It is about his relationship with his father.
- I have mentioned *Peace Pipe Dreams: The Truth about Lies About Indians* by Darrell Dennis, an easy to read book about many of the myths about Indigenous Peoples.
- Richard Wagamese is a very accomplished novel writer, *Indian Horse* and *Medicine Walk* are just two of his terrific books.
- *Wawahte*, mentioned here virtually every issue, was edited by Robert Wells (a non-aboriginal who grew up playing with aboriginal children as a boy). It contains stories about residential schools written by three survivors.
- Lee Maracle, the granddaughter of Chief Dan George and writer in residence at First Nations House has written many including *Ravensong* and the autobiographical novel *Bobbie Lee*.
- Our former Lt. Governor, James Bartleman, an early advisor to HIP and the need for education for Indigenous Peoples has written *As Long As the River Flows* and *The Redemption*. He also has a new book out *Exceptional Circumstances*.
- And of course, Joseph Boyden - *Three Day Road*, *The Orenda* and *Through Black Spruce*.

I could go on as there are so many more. There are many great books written by non-Indigenous Peoples about Indigenous Peoples including John Ralston Saul, *A Fair Country* and most recently *The Comeback*. For more, go to our website under the headings *Resources/Reading*.

Christmas is fast approaching. Ask for one or more of these. By receiving, you will also become A Giver and, oh yes, have you had a conversation today about Indigenous Peoples?

Donations are also accepted and can be done by letting us know ([www.rotaryhip.com/Contact & Donations/Make a Donation](http://www.rotaryhip.com/Contact%20&%20Donations/Make%20a%20Donation)) page. Cheques are to be made payable to HIP.

Sincerely

Chris Snyder Chair, HIP snyder@eccgroup.ca 416-364-0181 Ext. 2501

Our Rotary Foundation

From Bill Patchett, Chair District 7070 Rotary Foundation Committee

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

November was Rotary Foundation Month for the Rotary world and all of us in District 7070. But TODAY is a good time to ask all Rotarians to think about supporting our Rotary Foundation. You will be making a difference in so many ways throughout the world. Rotarians do make the world a better place.

All Rotary Clubs in District 7070 have committed, again this new Rotary year, to donating at least \$20.00 PER Rotarian to PolioPlus. Has everyone in your Club, this Rotary Year, donated the \$20.00 per Rotarian for the eradication of Polio? This Rotary Year, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will match our contributions on a 2 for 1 basis. And the Government of Canada is also matching your donation on a 2 for 1 basis. Your one dollar becomes 5 dollars ! And we sure would like **every Rotarian in District 7070** to do the same in 2015-2016. Yes, we are very close! You are making a difference !

Has your Rotary Club set your goals for contributing at least \$ 100.00 for each member of your club for **Annual Giving to the Annual Programs Fund of the Rotary Foundation**? Congratulations to the District 7070 Clubs that have already made that commitment to the Rotary Foundation and I hope that all of you will keep up the good work to reach your goal. This is where we get our money for Grants. Last year, we did have 100% in commitments met. **Has your Club made plans to make that donation yet? Are your goals and plans in Rotary Club Central?**

Has your Club sent in your objectives for The Rotary Foundation Committee for the 2015-16 Rotary Year yet?

If we want to reach our goal, we would like to see \$ 100.00 from **every** member, in **every** Rotary Club. This is our commitment to the **Every Rotarian Every Year** Campaign of the Rotary Foundation - **EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year)**.

Our Rotary Foundation provides the money for our Grants Program. The Grants can be used for both local and international projects. It is interesting to note that more of you are applying for Grants. This is most encouraging. On the other hand, these applications require us to raise more money for Foundation. Please encourage your Treasurer to send in your commitment. I would also encourage the Assistant District Governors to check on their clubs and their progress.

Are there any prospective Major Donors in the District? Please let me know if you or someone you know wishes to take this next step to support Our Rotary Foundation.

Many thanks to all of you for your support.

William R. Patchett
District 7070 Foundation Chair
Past District Governor 7070 2006-2007
End Polio Now Coordinator Rotary International Zone 24
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District 7070 Rotary Foundation Dinner Meeting for Club Presidents and Club Foundation Directors / Chairs

Hosted by **Bill Patchett**, District 7070 Rotary Foundation Chair, Past District 7070 Governor in 2006-2007 and the End Polio Now Coordinator Rotary International Zone 24

November 4, 2015 at The Oshawa Golf and Curling Club, Oshawa, Ontario

We all thank **PDG Bill Patchett** for hosting all of the Rotary District 7070 Club Presidents and their Rotary Club Rotary Foundation Directors/Chairs at The Oshawa Golf and Curling Club, to an excellent meal, on November 5, 2015, during Rotary Foundation Month. Bill followed up with some of the best speakers in the Rotary World today to tell us all about all of the good that is done with our donations to the Rotary Foundation. We heard from Dr. Bob Scott, the Immediate Past Chairman of the International Polio Plus Committee and Past District Governor, current District 7070 Chair of the Rotary Foundation Grants Program Lars Henriksson, and Past District Governor Brian Thompson. .

Here are some Highlights:

PDG Bill Patchett is delighted to state that he needs **100% of the clubs in our District made a commitment** to donate funds to End Polio and to The Rotary Foundation for this new 2015-2016 Rotary year. The address to which to send your contribution is The Rotary Foundation Canada, c/o 911600, P.O. Box 4090, Stn. A, Toronto, On M5W 0E9. Please indicate Annual Fund or Polio on the memo line.

Bill thanked everyone who purchased a crocus at the District Conference. True to his word, Bill matched the donation and donated \$1,200 to Polio Plus.

Bill announced that starting next year, with Bill's help, District Governor Michael Bell will be the Chair of the District 7070 Rotary Foundation, PDG Lars Henriksson (Grants), PDG Ted Morrison (Club visits & Foundation Programs), Devon Biddle (Treasurer), Carol Seabrook Ferguson (Major Gifts), Jennifer Boyd (World Polio Day & Foundation Walk, and Conner Visser (Purple Pinkie , and Fundraising).



PDG Dr. Bob Scott, gave an update on the Global Polio Eradication Initiative and its partners: Rotary, The WHO, the CDC, UNICEF, The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and the governments of the world. Bob Scott thanked the Gates Foundation, who continue to match 2 for 1 every new dollar Rotary commits to polio eradication, up to \$35 million per year, through 2018 and that the Canadian Government is doing the same 2 to 1 match. Bob took us back to the days when there were 1,000 new cases of polio per day in the world to today. Bob noted that with Africa now polio free, that leaves Afghanistan and Pakistan, and the Prime Minister of Pakistan is now on side and he has stated that Pakistan will be polio free in 6 months. In the last 6 months there have been a total of 25 new cases only in the 2 countries. Bob said that there are still many challenges: he describe the Vaccine Derived Polio Cases; the missed children; the killings of some of the volunteers; gaps in polio surveillance; the funding gap of about \$1 billion US to get the job done. He added that as of April 27, 2016, the vaccine will be changing since type 2 polio is gone, and the IPV methods will be used after the oral vaccines has been administered. He thanked Rotarians. He told us that since Rotary started, 10 million cases of polio have been averted; 1.5 million deaths have been averted, and in 18 months, he really hopes that the world will be free of this dreaded disease.

PDG Lars Heriksson, our District 7070 Grants Chair gave us a brief description of hoe the money raised from the

Rotary Foundation, is kept for three years and then given back to Rotarians to use. Half of the funds raised from our District come right back to us to spend on Global and District Grants. He said that we have 2 Global Grant scholars in the UK this year. He said that there is a Vocational Training Team being worked on this year. He added that there are many Humanitarian Grants that are resulting in many service projects world wide.. He noted that the **Canadian Rotary Collaboration for International Development (CRCID) will cease on Dec 31, 2015**, but the Canadian Government has put forth money for \$1.2 million in grants for humanitarian projects each year for the next 5 years. He encouraged Clubs to work together in the District to pool their grant applications on a project. He encouraged everyone to contact himself, during the grant application process.

Past District Governor Brian Thompson handed out Rotary Foundation Awards to District 7070 Rotary Clubs who achieved some major milestones in their donations to The Rotary Foundation in 2014-2015:

100 PERCENT ROTARY FOUNDATION SUSTAINING MEMBER CLUB

Rotary clubs must achieve a US\$100 per capita and every active member of the club must personally contribute US\$100 or more to the Annual Programs Fund during the Rotary year. This annual (Every Rotarian Every Year) banner recognition is awarded at the conclusion of the Rotary year, and is based on active membership as of June 30, 2015. For 2015, there was three Rotary Clubs to achieve this goal. Congratulations to **The Rotary Clubs of Toronto West, Scarborough Bluffs, and Toronto Eglinton.**

TOP THREE PER CAPITA IN ANNUAL PROGRAMS FUND GIVING

Banners are given to the top three per capita giving clubs in each district. To be eligible, clubs must achieve a minimum \$50 per capita. This annual banner recognition is awarded at the conclusion of the Rotary year. This year the third highest amount per capita donated to The Rotary Foundation, in District 7070 went to the **Rotary Club of Etobicoke**; the second highest club was the **Rotary Club of Toronto West**; and the highest amount per capita donated to The Rotary Foundation, in District 7070 went to **The Rotary Club of Aurora** (at \$434.90 per member). Congratulations to all three outstanding clubs.

POLIOPLUS CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION:



Rotary Foundation Trustees awarded these certificates to the 19 clubs in the district whose PolioPlus contributions exceeded US \$1,500. They are **The Rotary Clubs of Ajax, Alliston, Bowmanville, Campbellford, Cobourg, Courtice, Etobicoke, Northumberland-Sunrise, Picton, Port Hope, Toronto, Toronto Leaside, Toronto West, Toronto Don Mills, Toronto Earlscourt, Toronto Forest Hill, Uxbridge, and Willowdale.**

SPECIAL AWARDS PRESENTATION:

District Governor Brian Thompson had the pleasure of announcing and presenting the **Rotary District 7070 Dr. Bob Scott Disease Prevention Award for 2014-2015**. This award is made to a Rotarian, Rotary Club or a friend of Rotary who, in the judgment of the District Governor, made a significant contribution to disease prevention and treatment in Rotary District 7070 and beyond. Since this award has been created two years ago, there have been two recipients: Bill Gates, Jr. (for 2013-14), and William Patchett (for 2014-15). This award is not necessarily given annually.

District 7070 named the award to honor Dr. Bob Scott, past PolioPlus Chair and past RI vice president, for his work as Rotary's global ambassador in support of Rotary's fight to end polio. During his eight years as RI PolioPlus Chair, Bob and his wife Ann traveled thousands of miles around the globe. He is credited with having raised millions of dollars from world leaders in the fight to end polio. The award will be presented in Dr. Scott's name to individuals or organizations who have made a difference in the health and wellbeing of others on a local, national or international level.

And the 2014-2105 awardee is Bill Patchett. Bill was nominated by the Rotary Club of Colborne. Bill was instrumental in establishing Cobourg's Women In Crisis center; a Member of Cobourg Hospital Foundation Board – 1996/1997; he funded public school Hot Meals program; he was Chair, Northumberland United Way Campaign 1998, raising a to-date record \$650,000; he was Chair for United Way in Northumberland County for 1999 and 2009 and was a record amount in these years as well; he chaired Northumberland Hospital Foundation's building fund drive, raising in excess of \$19 million for construction of the new facility.; he was awarded one of six commemorative medals – International Year of Volunteers 2002, including a letter of greetings and congratulations from Canada's Prime Minister; he was a fundraiser for Keystone House for homes for the intellectually disabled children of aging parents in Northumberland County and a member of the Community Supports Board; a spokesperson for Bridge Point Healthcare (this is a fundraising project for the new hospital for Chronic Disease in Toronto; he was fundraising Chair, Habitat for Humanity, Northumberland County, 2010; and a Board Member of Paralympics Foundation.

We also know Bill in Rotary too and is most worthy of receiving this award. He is became a member of the Rotary Club of Cobourg in 1988 and chaired many committees prior to becoming a Director, a Vice President 1998, President elect 1999, President 2000, and District Governor 2006-07. And he is District Foundation Chair 7070 2011-2012, 2013-2016; Zone Coordinator for \$ 200 million Rotary Polio Plus Challenge for Canada (Zone 24 East). He has chaired Rotary Foundation Walk – 1995, raising over \$500,000, and the District 7070 Polio Plus Galas – 1997 and 1998 raising a combined total of \$160,000. He is also a Major Benefactor of Rotary Foundation, Zone 24 East Coordinator for Polio Eradication 2008-09,2009-2010,2010-2011,2011-2012; and a recipient of a Regional Award to End Polio Now based on WHO regions of the World of which Canada is granted one only. And in October 2011, he received the International Service Award for a Polio-free World 2012-2013.



L to R: Shirley Ross (Colborne Rotary Club); PDG Bill Patchett; PDG Dr. Bob Scott, PDG Brian Thompson as Bvill receives the Rotary International District 7070 Dr Bob Scott Disease Prevention Award.

Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award

Past District Governor Brian Thompson also made the following major announcement at the Presidents Rotary Foundation Meeting:

My Fellow Rotarians,

The Distinguished Service Award is the Rotary Foundation's highest service recognition and is given to Rotarians who have demonstrated exemplary service to the Foundation. Recipients must have received the Citation for Meritorious Service four years prior to be eligible for this award. Financial contributions to the Foundation, however notable, are not relevant to this award.

The Distinguished Service Award is an internationally competitive award granted annually to a maximum of 50 Rotarians who have exhibited **exceptional active service to The Rotary Foundation**.

Fifty recipients annually, out of 1.2 million, makes it extremely rare. The last recipient in District 7070 was Dr. Bob Scott in 2007.

I won't have the physical award from the Rotary Foundation until sometime in mid-February 2016, and we'll arrange a more thorough presentation at that time. But this is great news, and we wanted to share it with everyone right away.

Congratulations, to **Bill Patchett** !!!!!!!

In District 7070, we've had six recipients of the Distinguished Service Award since 1969. You'll know these men. They are:

Rotary Year	Recipient	Home Club
2007-8	Robert Scott	Cobourg
2002-3	Wilfrid Wilkinson	Trenton
2002-3	Tibor Gregor	Toronto Eglinton
1996-7	Ken Hobbs	Whitby
1994-5	Paul McKelvey	Alliston
1969	J. David Kennedy	Guelph

Best wishes,

Brian Thompson
Past District Governor (2014-15)

Thank you to Bill Patchett for making this evening , November 4, 2015, a Rotary Foundation Night to remember.

The Rotary Foundation moves up on list of nonprofits

The Rotary Foundation moved up one spot in **The Chronicle of Philanthropy's** annual ranking of the top 400 nonprofit organizations in the United States. The ranking is based on monetary contributions from private sources and reflects the increasing generosity of those who support Rotary's mission.

[Read more about the Chronicle's ranking](#)

Miles to End Polio team raises millions for polio eradication

Rotary General Secretary John Hewko and eight RI staff members bicycled in El Tour de Tucson on 21 November. Together, they raised more than \$2.9 million for Rotary's fight to eradicate polio. When matched 2-to-1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the funds the team raised will total nearly \$9 million. It's not too late to contribute [District Designated Funds](#) to the team. [Read more about the ride](#).

The 4th Annual Slice of Life Event in Support of HIV/AIDS Awareness a tremendous Success - Stories with Hope...



Scarves with Warmth and World AIDS Day

From: Joanne Ashley, RADAR:

The Rotary Club of Whitby's 4th annual Slice of Life event was held on Nov. 25, 2015 at the Ability Center in Whitby, Ontario. The blended stories of stigma and despair became stories of hope as 7 individuals shared their personal journey of living with or being affected by HIV/AIDS. The many listeners were captivated by the uniqueness of each and every speaker and the reality of their Slice of Life...

The further blending of hope came about with the energized partnership between the Aids Committee of Durham Region and the "AIDS Action Team" of the Rotary Club of Whitby in a first try at what is known as the **Red Scarf Project**. This Scarf project took AIDS awareness to an entirely different level and involved people from all walks of life who became engaged and took personal ownership of the Project.

Let me explain how this came about...at our regular AIDS meeting on Nov 3rd to plan our Slice of Life, a new member of the Aids Committee of Durham Region asked to come to our meeting and discuss this Project. Her name is Sophie McKenna and she had browsed the internet and found this particular project had originated in the Niagara Region and was also well established in London, Ontario. She needed some assistance.

What Sophie divulged was that she had already met with the City of Oshawa's Mayor and Council and approval was granted for this project which required some license and insurance, as poles around town would be utilized. Bright Red Scarves were to be tied to specific poles on December 1, World AIDS Day. Getting the scarves knit to a particular size and tying them to poles was the Easy part.



Then entered the Rotary Clubs of Whitby and Whitby Sunrise. Rotarian Debbie Morgan took the lead for us to accomplish for Oshawa "maybe" 100 scarves and for Whitby perhaps "maybe" 50 !

At the Slice of Life event, the red scarves that had been gathered up were displayed for all to see and if our counting was correct, the total number of scarves was more like 300! These will fly in both towns on poles on December 1 World AIDS Day. There were so many knitters from Rotarians to families of Rotarians to perfect strangers to Seniors Centers to our Whitby Public Library Knitters Group to wool shop owners to their customers and again from people who simply cared...

The Slice of Life Stories from diverse speakers was humbling and they filled the many listeners with a sense of

oneness for this had been a long journey. Now we sat at the same table, shared the same food and shared the same symbols of hope and warmth by virtue of being there.

What an evening the 4th Slice of Life event was! What stories stigma and isolation we heard! And what stories of warmth our knitters have given to all those in need! If only those knitting needles could talk about the unknown deed they were making come true.

The learning curve continues into its 5th year, for certainly the event made those many in attendance more aware of the needs of those living with AIDS within our own communities. Thank you so much, it does sound so insignificant, but it comes from the hearts of the Rotary Club of Whitby's Aids Action team in our partnership with the Aids Committee of Durham Region.

Joanne Ashley
Chair RADAR

Update your Rotary flag or banner in the Brand Center

Give your Rotary flag or banner a new and professional look with our updated materials, available in the Brand Center. With eight color and background options to choose from, you're sure to find a design that will strengthen your club or district's image.

[Learn more about the Brand Center materials](#)

December 1 is Giving Tuesday

Here in Canada, we just got over Black Friday and Cyber Monday. But today is a big day. December 1 is Giving Tuesday. GivingTuesday is a global day of giving. After the sales of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, GivingTuesday is a time to celebrate and encourage activities that support charities and non profits. Whether it's making a donation, volunteering time, helping a neighbour or spreading the word, GivingTuesday is a movement for everyone who wants to give something back. Be sure to tell your friends and neighbours to put the GIVING back into the season by donating to The Rotary Foundation at www.rotary.org/give.

End Polio Now – November 2015 – Take Action to End Polio Now

Wild poliovirus type 2 (WPV2) [has been eradicated worldwide](#), the Global Commission for the Certification of Poliomyelitis Eradication concluded in September. The last case of WPV2 was in 1999 in India. And no cases caused by wild poliovirus type 3 (WPV3) have been reported globally since November 2012, in Nigeria. The elimination of WPV3 would leave only type 1 to contend with.

Resources & reference

Read a [Forbes story](#) by Devin Thorpe on Rotary's World Polio Day event and a [Time op-ed](#) by John Hewko on the psychology of vaccine refusal.

[See recent media coverage](#) of Rotary's work to eradicate polio.

Find out how the [End Polio Now: Make History Today](#) fundraising campaign sponsored by Rotary International and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation makes contributions work three times as hard.

[Share your story](#) for an opportunity to be featured on the End Polio Now website.

[Watch the World Polio Day Livestream event.](#)

Learn about the [polio endgame plan.](#)

End Polio Now, published every two months, is a source of news, information, and resources for Rotary members who support the global effort to eradicate polio.

Send questions and story ideas to PolioPlus@rotary.org.

December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

What is your Rotary Club doing in the most important endeavour?

Rotary's top priority is the [eradication of polio](#), but our members take on far greater responsibilities to fight disease. They set up health camps and training facilities in undeveloped countries and in communities struggling with HIV/AIDS and malaria. They also design and build the infrastructure for doctors, nurses, governments, and partners to reach the one in six people in the world who can't afford to pay for health care.

Disease prevention and treatment takes on many forms, from supporting studies to helping immunize people to improving drinking water and the sanitation infrastructure. The world relies on Rotary to tackle these global challenges, and to set an example for others to follow.

READ NEWS ABOUT ROTARY'S EFFORTS TO FIGHT DISEASE

- [Polio vaccinators make significant headway in Nigeria](#)
- [Giving voice to those who might otherwise live in a silent world](#)
- [Drug wars, financial setbacks no match for Mexico clinic](#)
- [Family health days help 250,000 in Africa](#)

RESOURCES & REFERENCE

- [Learn more](#) about our efforts to end polio
- [Browse Rotary Showcase](#) for member projects helping to fight disease
- [Find a project](#) to sponsor on Rotary Ideas

Rotary Inter-Country Committee Established Between Canada and Egypt

A Rotary Inter-Country Committee has been established between Canada and Egypt with District 7070 and District 7810 on board representing Canada.

The Inter-Country Committees have existed in Rotary since 1950 in Europe. And now, the Rotary activity has been extended to District 7070.

Inter-Country Committees (ICC) are activities of Rotary International. An ICC promotes contact between Rotary Districts and Clubs in two or more countries and increase fellowship and intercultural understanding among the people of various nations, very similar to a Rotary Fellowship group.

Rotarians are encouraged to create new Inter-Country Committees to foster stronger ties between Rotarians, clubs and districts from different countries and establish networks across borders, continents, and oceans.

Mission of Inter-Country Committees

The mission of an Inter-Country Committee is to build a force that will encourage Rotarians to visit each other's countries and homes, to strengthen friendships and projects so formed by encouraging clubs and districts to connect with clubs and districts in other countries, and to contribute to world peace.

Activities may include sponsoring new Rotary clubs, developing a sister or twin club network between participating countries, conducting Friendship Exchanges between the two countries, initiating or carrying out International Service projects, and initiating or carrying out Vocational Service projects.

By developing friendships, partnerships and dialogue, Rotarians come to know more about the other country, traditions and culture. ICC is aimed to combine efforts and projects of Rotarians, their Clubs and their Districts who have interest in the other country. The goal of ICC is to concentrate on bilateral humanitarian and peace efforts using programs and initiatives fitting into the Rotary Foundation's six areas of focus. ICC acts as the local expertise in each of the two countries encouraging more clubs and districts to join and bring new ideas on board.

Sister or twin clubs is one aspect which ICC promotes. Currently, sister or twin clubs are being established between Canada and Turkey and between Canada and Italy. It is in that manner that peace is being promoted as Rotarians endeavour to create closer ties by coordinating projects, friendship and peace between Rotarians, Districts and Clubs in different countries and even different continents. Through hands on projects, ICC's create a platform of peace between countries not only in the same region but even beyond. Rotaractors are also encouraged to participate.

The ICC National Coordinator of Canada, Nevine Yassa, together with parties from district 2451 signed a proclamation between both countries to acknowledge the bilateral future cooperation. Mrs. Yassa, a member of the Rotary Club of Scarborough, attended the Inter-Country Executive Council which took place on October 1- October 2, 2015 at Rotary International Headquarters, in Evanston, Illinois, where the signed proclamation has been presented to the Executive Council of Inter-Country Committees.

One of the issues that evolved from this conference was a proposal "The Challenge for Peace" presented by Past District Governor Anton Polsterer of Austria (and the past Chair of the Rotary Inter-Country Committees). This is a competitive program for new hope. It is a proposed project for bilateral clubs' activities for peace building through programs, initiatives using programs and initiatives fitting into the 6 Rotary areas of focus and the mission of ICC. The goal of this project is to create an environment for peace by improving mutual understanding between people of two countries. The deadline of submitting the project has been extended to end of November 2015. This proposal has been forwarded to Districts 7070 and 7810.

Mrs. Yassa then visited Egypt and met with Inter-Country Committee Coordinator Mr. Tawfik Zayed ,and communicated with Mr. Mohamed Delaware, Regional Zone Coordinator about prospective projects between both countries. A draft is in the works regarding prospect projects on water and sanitation, as well as economic and community development in the slums of Egypt. The proposed projects will be sent to both districts with the objective of attracting interest from clubs to participate in their implementation.

She looks forward to seeing more districts being involved in ICCs from around the world promoting our main goal which is Peace.



Nevine Yassa & R I Pres Ravi



The Rotary Inter Country Committee Executive Council

REMINDER: District 7070 Climb to End Polio Now:

Let's all help 2 District 7070 Rotarians \$100,000 to aid in the polio eradication program by climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro



Assistant District Governor Raffy Chouljian (Scarborough) and Jennifer Boyd, President, of the Toronto Don Mills Rotary Club and Chair of the District 7070 World Polio Day Committee are going to climb Mount Kilimanjaro and they are asking for District 7070 Rotarians and their friends to help them raise \$100,000 for the End Polio Now Campaign.

Raffy joined Rotary in 1998. He served as President of his club in 2001 – 2002 and is currently an Assistant District Governor.

Jennifer Boyd joined Rotary in 2011 after hearing about the work Rotarians had done to eradicate Polio from the world. She is the Office Manager of Scarborough North Dental Group and is currently serving as the President of her Rotary Club. She is the Chair of District 7070's World Polio Day committee.

After many years of supporting the Rotary International Polio Eradication Program, both Raffy Chouljian and Jennifer Boyd wanted to take part in the immunization clinics hands on. Earlier this year, they joined a group of Rotarians from District 7070 and traveled to India to take part in the National Immunization Days vaccinating children against Polio.

Following the days of administering vaccines to young children, and seeing first hand the difference the vaccines have made in these communities, they have decided to raise \$100,000 to aid in the Polio eradication effort.

"It took us 10 seconds to say yes" says Jennifer Boyd, referring to her Team and their decision of climbing Mount Kilimanjaro to raise funds for Polio eradication. "In 1985 Rotary International made a promise to the children of the world to eradicate Polio! We are so close to eradicating this horrible disease from the world and what better way to kick it into full gear than to climb Mount Kilimanjaro".

Can you help them Conquer Polio, Conquer Kilimanjaro by donating to the Polio Fund through Rotary International?

Here's how: email maral@conquerpolio.org with your name, your Rotary Club name and pledge amount. Then send your cheque to Rotary International. Please mark on the memo line 2016 Kilimanjaro Polio Climb.

Your friends who are not Rotarians will like to support this worthy cause too. Ask them to please visit: www.conquerpolio.org

REMINDER: A Second Round of Applications for District Grants - Deadline is December 31, 2015

From District 7070 Rotary Foundation Grants Chair, Lars Henriksson

The cheques for this year's District Grant projects were presented to the Clubs at the recent District 7070 Conference. According to the rules for the District Grant process, the District also requested funds for projects that come up during the year, and as a result, we continue to invite Clubs to submit project applications for District Grants.

Please, visit the District's website www.rotary7070.org to download a copy of the application form.

You may also want to contact PDG Lars Henriksson, District Grants Sub-Committee Chair if you have questions or comments, either by email lars@norditrade.com or tel. [416-489 8438](tel:416-489-8438).

Please, forward applications to lars@norditrade.com no later than December 31, 2015.

Grants Qualifications for 2016-2017 Rotary Year:

In order to be eligible for the Rotary Foundation grants program, each Club needs to qualify.

Place: Oshawa Golf Club, 160 Alexandra Street, Oshawa, Ontario

Date: Saturday, February 6, 2016

Who: 2 Club Members from each Rotary Club (and one can be the President Elect) who will be at pre-PETS the same day). Note: your club member should be the Rotary Foundation Champion from your Rotary Club.

We are running the Rotary Foundation Qualification Seminar for the 2016-17 Rotary Year in conjunction with Pre-PETS on Saturday, February 6, 2016 at the Oshawa Golf and Curling Club. In order to be eligible for the Rotary Foundation grants program, each Club needs to qualify. They do that by having **at least** two members attending the Qualification Seminar. It can be President Elect and one more person. Agenda to follow.

Rotary Day of Dialogue – Nov 21 in District 5040 Vancouver, BC

Rotarians from District 5040 gathered in Vancouver on November 21, 2015 for “**A Rotary Day of Dialogue**” - a unique opportunity for Rotarians in District 5040 to come together and share ideas on how to grow membership, increase service and expand knowledge of Rotary. **Past District Governor Chris Offer** was very instrumental in putting the Day together and he has shared, on vimeo.com, a series of videos that I know will help you and your Rotary Club. They can all be downloaded and shared with your club members. Take a look;

Webinar of The Rotary Foundation: <https://vimeo.com/146814070>

Rotary Day of Dialogue # 2 – Engaging New Generations: <https://vimeo.com/146854478>

Rotary Day of Dialogue # 3 – Keeping Our Clubs Healthy: <https://vimeo.com/146958211>

Rotary Day of Dialogue # 4 – Engaging young Professionals : <https://vimeo.com/147143976>

Rotary Day of Dialogue # 5 – Why Support Interact? : <https://vimeo.com/147145349>

Nominations for the position of District Governor for the Rotary year 2018-2019

From: District Governor Michael Bell

Hello Everyone,

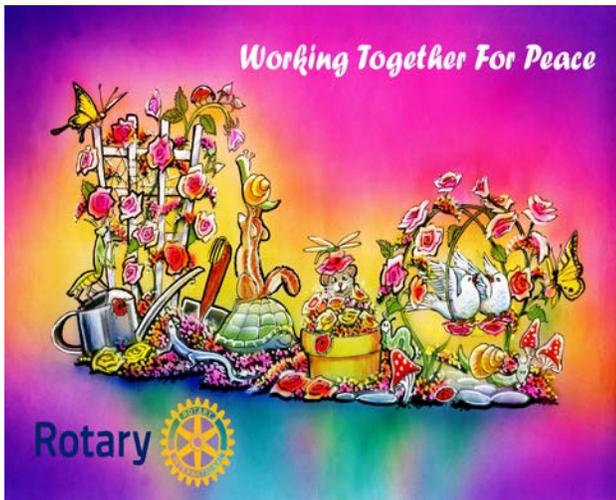
One of the strengths of Rotary and District 7070 is our succession planning. You will find attached a nomination form for the position of District Governor for the Rotary year 2018-2019. If you are interested or you think a member of your Club or District committee is interested please encourage them to apply. The mandatory qualifications are that the Rotarian must have been a Past President of a Club and at time of office have been a member of Rotary for a minimum of 7 years.

A submission from your Rotary Club shall be in the form of a resolution, adopted at a regular meeting of your club, properly certified by the secretary, and accompanied by a resume or biographical sketch of the suggested Rotarian. I would be happy to personally speak to any candidate who would like to discuss this further.

NOTE: The nomination forms are due to me by January 15, 2016 and the interview date will be around mid-February, 2016.

Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee's Ninety Second Gift to Rotary

From Walt Stephens, 2016 Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee Chair



As Chair of the Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee, I am given the opportunity to promote that part of my life I call Rotary to the world in forty-five to ninety seconds. As Rotarians we change people's lives and give them hope where there is none. Many times in order to achieve our goals we must find a way to have people of different backgrounds sit down at the table and negotiate a safe environment for our volunteers to work. This year's entry will highlight Rotary's efforts to create a more peaceful world.

Since Rotary returned to the Tournament of Roses Parade in 1980, the New Year's Day pageant has become a highlight on the Rotary calendar. Seen in Pasadena by over 700,000 people, television coverage of the floral extravaganza reaches about 80

million more around the world, providing Rotary with the valuable opportunity to showcase our programs and activities.

'Be A Gift To The World' will be RI President, Ravi Ravindran's theme for this year. The Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee is a gift to Rotary. Although the float is not a project of Rotary International, the success of the float is a tribute to the dedication of the Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee consisting of volunteer Rotarians from across North America. Our efforts, supported entirely by voluntary financial contributions from Rotary clubs across the United States and Canada, 2016 will make this the 37th consecutive entry in the Tournament of Roses Parade. The Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee is proud to provide this Rotary recognition campaign tool as a gift to Rotary International and the 1.2 million Rotarians who dedicate our lives to making a positive difference in that place someone calls home.



Yours In Rotary Service,
Walt Stephens,
2016 Rotary Rose Parade
Float Committee Chair

The Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee is proud to submit its 37th consecutive entry in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses, Rose Parade on January 1, 2016. This whimsical and lovely garden is a design which blends RI's 2015-2016 theme "Be A Gift To The World" and the Rose Parade theme of "Find Your Adventure" by focusing on the greatest gift and adventure of all – attaining world peace.

"Find Your Adventure" is a theme that has grown out of a unique partnership between the Pasadena Tournament of Roses and the U.S. National Park Service. The 2016 Rose Parade will help shine light on the centennial celebration of USA national parks. The Rotary Float is under 35' and could do justice to the grandeur of the Waterton – Glacier International Peace Park. So to emphasize the individual efforts of Rotarians to promote peace in their own small corner of the world, the float depicts a peaceful yet whimsical garden. Other than our Rotarian participants, the float is host to butterflies, squirrels, dragonflies, and most importantly doves of peace.

The 2016 float will feature four riders and at least eight outwalkers representing Rotarians who have participated within Rotary International and/or their district in Peace Conferences; Peace Scholars and/or participation in the Rotarian Action Group for Peace. Complete biographies and photographs of the riders and outwalkers will be posted when selected. The three that have been selected to date include RI President K. R. Ravindran (aka Ravi) and his wife Vanathy and Chair of the Rotary International Peace Conference for 2016, Rudy Westervelt.

Does Rotary International pay for the float? Rotarians, Clubs and Districts in the United States and Canada donate all of the money to pay for the float.

How are the contributions used? Approximately ninety-three percent of the money raised goes to costs directly into building, decorating and entering the float in the parade. The balance of the funds raised pay for business, banking, insurance and other miscellaneous costs related to the float and hosting the RI President while attending the parade and other related activities. None of the money raised for float construction is spent on professional staff or committee perks.

Why do we enter a float in the Rose Parade? Paul Harris said, "In the promotion of Rotary, it is important to reach large numbers and you cannot reach them privately." When Rotary International's directors approved the first entry in the parade over 37 years ago, they saw in it an unrivaled opportunity to bring Rotary's name into public view. They reasoned that an eye-catching float would capture the interest of network commentators and remind the world, of Rotary's good works. And so it has! Last year the Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee had a viewing audience; over 53 million in the United States and 28 million around the world in more than 220 territories. The Tournament estimates that more than 700,000 are present live on the parade route: 100,000 view the floats as they are decorated; and approximately 60,000 view the post-parade floats. For the 37th consecutive year the Committee again proudly presents its float to North America and the world. And each year, more clubs enthusiastically contribute financial support to this most important Rotary public relations project.

(Editor Note: be sure to tune into KTLA -TV for in depth viewing on Jan 1)

Donations can be made at the following link: <http://www.rotaryfloat.org/contributions.html>

Questions? Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee, Inc. Email: chair@rotaryfloat.org

Rotary Adventure In Citizenship Program: May 1 - 4, 2016

This annual event provides a unique opportunity for a selected group of young Canadians to come together and gain a better understanding of our country.

Through meetings with political leaders, senior officials and others, they learn a great deal about the workings of our democratic institutions. Through meeting one another and having discussions among themselves, they learn to appreciate the diversity of Canada and the privileges and responsibilities of Citizenship.

"Rotary Adventure in Citizenship" Coordinator: Margot Nicholls. She can be reached at : **Rotary Club of Ottawa**, c/o Margot Nicholls, Box 553, 1748 South Russell Road, Russell, Ontario K4R 1E7

Phone: 613-860-1521 **Fax:** 613-445-6438 **Email:** admin@rotaryottawa.com www.rotaryottawa.com

The program evolves from year to year in response to the changing political agenda of the country and to new opportunities.

The following is a brief description of a typical program:

Day 1: The Adventure begins with introductions and our opening plenary session with a keynote speaker and a mock election for the program's Prime Minister is announced. After lunch, the Adventurers will enjoy a tour of the city and its many historical sites, followed by a visit to a national museum. The first day will end in the Province of Quebec with a French Canadian traditional dinner and music provided by a group of Quebec fiddlers.

Day 2: The students will spend the morning in discussions with the Speaker and staff members of the House of Commons and tour the Parliament Buildings. They prepare for election style debates later in the day. The afternoon program will include an opportunity to meet with Foreign and Canadian Diplomats from the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. The evening ends with an informal supper and an Adventurer run talent show highlighting the student's diverse talents!

Day 3: Students spend the morning discussing the importance of social engagement; an important topic for their afternoon election! They will interact with local Rotaractors as well as national and international leaders in social justice. After lunch, there will be an interactive presentation on voting, human rights, and peace and conflict resolution. The day will close with the announcement of the Programs' Prime Minister, followed by a dinner/dance.

Day 4: The Adventurers will attend a special sitting of the Citizenship Court where they will have the privilege of participating in and witnessing new Canadians receiving their citizenship. The program will close with a farewell lunch where our guest speakers are the Adventurers themselves (the Prime Minister, plus representatives from each province and territory). The students are joined by our host families and other dignitaries for our final farewell.

Responsibility of Sponsoring Rotary Club

- Apply for a reservation in the 2016 Rotary Adventure Program by submitting the reservation form with the \$650 fee by the deadline date Dec 18, 2015. (Only the first 200 clubs can be accepted).
- Wait for the acceptance of your application. Upon acceptance of your application, proceed with the selection of the student.
- You will be advised by January 16, 2016 if your application has been accepted. If your application is not accepted, your registration fee will be returned.
- Name of student to be sponsored by your Club must be provided to the Rotary Club of Ottawa no later than March 7, 2016. All required forms will be supplied to you with notification of acceptance.
- The sponsoring club is responsible for paying the registration fee of \$650 and air, train, or bus fare from the student's home to Ottawa and return.

Responsibility of Rotary Club Of Ottawa

- The Rotary Club of Ottawa is responsible for any costs incurred for accommodation, meals and transport of the participants during the program in the national capital area.
- Host families will be provided in the national capital area beginning Saturday, April 30 until Wednesday, May 4, 2016. The Host Family will provide bed and breakfast and ensure that the student is transported to and from the program daily. There will always be two or more participants placed with each Host Family.

- The names, addresses and phone numbers of the host family will be supplied directly to the student prior to their departure for Ottawa.

Choosing the Participants

- Sponsorship of participants in this program is limited to Canadian Rotary Clubs, and a club may sponsor only one student between the ages of 16 and 18. The maximum number of students to be accepted in the 2016 program is 200, and we reserve the right to limit the number of applications from any region of Canada in the interests of maintaining a reasonable geographical balance
- The Rotary Adventure Program is recognized in the Nation's Capital for the quality and the enthusiasm of the students that participate. This is as a direct result of the selection process utilized by the sponsoring Rotary Clubs. We encourage all participating Clubs to continue to give special attention to the selection of their representatives. Strong candidates contribute to the overall experience of everyone involved.

Some of the Rotary Clubs in District 7070 may be very familiar with this program. It applies to 16 – 18 year-olds. I'm sure it would help some students who have aspirations for studying history and politics at the post-secondary level. I'm also thinking it could be seen as an investment in outbound Youth Exchange students, to help them represent our country even better, or possibly those who could qualify for an exchange but can't go for some reason. It might provide some feedstock for Interact, Rotaract and the RYLA program, too.

Remember the deadline to register for the program is December 18, 2015.

Students can be selected in the New Year, once registered clubs have had their participation confirmed by the Rotary Club of Ottawa. There are only 200 spots available across Canada.

Google: [Rotary Adventure In Citizenship](#)

Resources & reference for you to use in your Rotary Club

- [Rotary Voices: Stories of service from around the world](#)
- [Rotary Leader: Helping club and district officers achieve success](#)
- [Rotary Images: Download photos to use in your club or district publications](#)

Rotary at a Glance:

As of Sept 30, 2015, there are 1,224,261 Rotarians in 35,187 Rotary Clubs in the world. And, there are 194,028 Rotaract members in 8,436 Rotaract Clubs in the world and there are 429,203 Interact members in 18,661 Interact Clubs in the world.

Rotary Leadership Institute for 2015-16

No Charge to First year Rotarians

From Ted Morrison, Past District Governor and Chair of District 7070 Rotary Leadership Institute

To My Fellow Rotarians,

THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ROTARY AND SHARE YOUR IDEAS WITH OTHER ROTARIANS. AND IT IS A GREAT LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR NEWER ROTARIANS. SIGN UP ONLINE TODAY.

FOR ALL ROTARIANS WHO HAVE JOINED A ROTARY CLUB IN DISTRICT 7070 IN THE SINCE JULY 1, 2014: OUR ROTARY DISTRICT WILL PAY YOUR TUITION FEE FOR ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE PART ONE !!!

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS SIGN UP ONLINE ON THE WWW.ROTARY7070.ORG WEBSITE TODAY.

The cost is \$70 per Rotarian per course. This cost covers course materials, coffee breaks and lunch. Usually the Rotary club covers the cost for their members to attend since the club will be the beneficiary of a more knowledgeable membership.

Remaining Courses for 2015-16:

Part I and Part II and Part III will be held on April 23, 2016 at Seneca College (Finch Campus) , Toronto. Ontario (8:30 am to 4:00 pm)

Registrations are NOW being accepted for the remaining session for 2015-2016 on a first-come, first-serve basis on line at the www.rotary7070.org website by signing in and signing up and paying your \$70 for your course.

A minimum of 18 participants is needed for a course to run.

If you have any questions, please contact Past District Governor Ted Morrison by email ted.sharron@rogers.com or by phone 905-623-3810. Please do not be disappointed. Register TODAY.

THE COMMONWEALTH RECOMMITS TO END POLIO FOR GOOD



November 29, 2015

Pictured left: RI President Ravi, Commonwealth Secretary-General Baroness Patricia Scotland, Nigerian Minister of Foreign Affairs Geoffrey Onyeama, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, and Maltese Prime Minister Joseph Muscat

World leaders met at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) to show support for the global effort to eradicate polio. The disease, which remains endemic in just two countries, is poised to be the second human disease ever

eradicated, after smallpox.

Commonwealth member states have been at the center of recent progress against the disease. In 2014, India was certified polio-free after marking three years without a case of polio, an achievement considered by many to be the greatest to date in public health. One year later, in September 2015, Nigeria – Africa’s last country to stop the disease – was removed from the list of polio-endemic countries. Now just two countries – Pakistan and Afghanistan – remain endemic. Commonwealth member state Pakistan accounted for nearly 90% of the world’s polio cases in 2014. However, the country has made noteworthy gains in 2015, reducing its case count by more than 80% since this same time last year.

The 2011 CHOGM meeting saw the Commonwealth call for “accelerating action and financial support to eradicate polio.” At that time, the world had four countries that had never stopped the disease: India, Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan. Thanks in part to the investment and commitment of Commonwealth nations the number of countries still experiencing transmission of the disease has been halved.

The morning session on polio at CHOGM 2015 proved an opportunity for Commonwealth Heads of Government and other leaders to assess the Commonwealth’s collective progress toward polio eradication and to recommit to ending polio forever. The goal of eradicating polio in the next several years also plays well into the theme of this year’s

CHOGM meeting “Adding global value.” Ending polio has strengthened health systems throughout the world, ensuring the legacy of a polio-free world.

Commonwealth member states have invested more than US\$3 billion and provided political leadership in support of global polio eradication. The United Kingdom, Australia, Canada and India in particular have been longtime supporters of the initiative.

Send us your bestshot

Enter *TheRotarian's* annual photocontest for the chance to win prizes and have your photo featured in the magazine.

The contest is open 1 December 2015 through 29 February 2016. For details, go to www.rotary.org/photocontest.

Get Connected, Rotarians !!!

Have you checked out the **new Rotary website**: www.rotary.org

Have you checked out the **Rotary District 7070 website** : www.rotary7070.org

Are you following us on **twitter** @rotary7070

Advertise your business on our new mobile business directory at <http://www.rotarydistrict7070.mobi>

Be sure to “Like” us on **our Facebook Page** : Rotary District 7070

Be sure to “Like” Rotary on their Facebook Page: Rotary International

Have you checked out you Rotary Club website and Facebook Page lately? Is it current? When potential members



Form H: Governor-nominee Data Form

District governor candidate: Please complete and sign this form, have your club secretary sign it, and submit it to the district nominating committee.

Governor year _____ District _____ Zone _____

Title (e.g., Mr/Ms/Mrs/Dr/Rev) _____ Suffix (e.g., Jr/Sr/III) _____

Family name _____ First name _____ Middle initial _____

Call name as it should appear on your badge _____

Male Female Single Married Widowed Divorced

City, country, and year of birth _____

Member, Rotary Club of _____
(official name of club, including country)

RI membership ID number _____ Year you first joined Rotary _____

Current (or former, if retired) classification _____

Current (or former, if retired) firm and position _____ If retired, year of retirement _____

Per RI Bylaws 15.070.3, a qualified Rotarian must have served a full term as club president, or as charter president from the date of charter to 30 June (six-month minimum), at the time of nomination.

Rotary club(s)	Length of membership	Rotary year served as president
_____	_____ Years	_____ - _____
_____	_____ Years	_____ - _____

Phone *(include country/city or area codes)*
 Residence _____
 Business _____
 Mobile _____

Fax *(include country/city or area codes)*
 Residence _____
 Business _____

E-mail address (for RI correspondence and publication in *Official Directory* and *International Assembly Participants* book)

Preferred mailing address*

*If this address is a post office box, please provide an alternate address for courier delivery.

Line 1 _____
 Line 2 _____
 Line 3 _____
 Line 4 _____

Country _____



Form H

Alternate mailing address

Line 1 _____
 Line 2 _____
 Line 3 _____
 Line 4 _____
 Country _____

Language Preferences

Language(s) you wish to use for communicating with RI (listed in order of fluency):

Read _____ Speak _____

For each of the following, please choose *one*:

International Assembly sessions

- English French Japanese Korean Portuguese Spanish

Rotary publications produced in 6 languages

- English French Japanese Korean Portuguese Spanish

Rotary publications produced in 9 languages

- English French German Italian Japanese Korean
 Portuguese Spanish Swedish

Rotary publications produced in 12 languages

- Chinese English Finnish French German Italian Japanese
 Korean Portuguese Spanish Swedish Thai

Personal History (please do not use abbreviations)

Business and Professional Organizations (listed in order of importance; use an additional sheet of paper, if necessary):

Organization	Office	Dates Office Held	Dates of Membership
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____

Social and Civic Organizations (listed in order of importance; use an additional sheet of paper, if necessary):

Organization	Office	Dates Office Held	Dates of Membership
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____

Business/Professional Career (please provide a brief outline, including each firm and dates):

Principal Hobbies (list two):



Form H

Spouse Information (if applicable)

 Male Female

Title (e.g., Mr/Ms/Mrs/Dr/Rev)

Suffix (e.g., Jr/Sr/III)

Family name

First name

Middle initial

Name as it should appear on your badge

Phone

E-mail

Fax

Language fluency for International Assembly discussions (choose one):

 Chinese English French German Hindi Italian
 Japanese Korean Portuguese Spanish Swedish

Language preference for RI mailings (choose one):

 English French Japanese Korean Portuguese Spanish

For Rotarian spouses only:

Spouse ID number _____

Member, Rotary Club of _____

Highest office held _____

(official name of club, including country)

Photos

If you are selected as governor-nominee, RI will need a head-and-shoulders photograph of you and of your spouse (individually, not as a couple) for the *International Assembly Participants* book. **Digital photos in high-resolution .jpg format are preferred.** E-mail your photo, along with your full name, district number, and the Rotary year in which you will serve, to dgn.photo@rotary.org. Photos are due by 30 June.

If you choose to submit a hard-copy photograph, it must measure at least 4 x 5 in./10 x 12.5 cm. The photo with your full name, district number, and the Rotary year in which you will serve clearly printed on the back **must** be submitted with this form.

Please indicate how your photos are being submitted:

- Digital photos e-mailed to dgn.photo@rotary.org
 Hard-copy photos attached (**do not staple** photo to this form)



Form H

All signatures on this page must be handwritten (electronic signatures are not acceptable).

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT

I hereby state that I understand clearly the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of the office of district governor as set forth in the RI Bylaws and that I am fully qualified for said office and willing and able, physically and otherwise, to assume and fulfill the duties and responsibilities of that office and to perform them faithfully. Further, I have read and agreed to abide by the district governor code of ethics, as detailed in the Rotary Code of Policies. I understand that if selected, I must attend, for their full duration, the governors-elect training seminar in my zone and the International Assembly to be held the Rotary year before taking office. I have read this form in its entirety and certify that all the information provided on this form is true and correct.

Date

Signature

CLUB'S STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE'S QUALIFICATIONS

The candidate herein mentioned is a member in good standing of the Rotary Club of _____. The club further attests that this member has been duly suggested for the office of district governor under RI Bylaws 13.020.4 and meets the qualifications as specified in RI Bylaws 15.070 and that the club membership information on this form is accurate.

Date

Club Secretary's Name

Club Secretary's Signature

CERTIFICATE OF DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The undersigned members of the District _____ Nominating Committee hereby certify that the candidate whose name appears on this form, to the best of the committee's knowledge, has not violated any of the rules on campaigning, electioneering, or canvassing as stipulated in RI Bylaws 10.060. (If the committee has more than five members, please attach a separate list.)

Names

Signatures

CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION

The Rotarian named on this form is a member in good standing of the Rotary club listed and was duly nominated for district governor in accordance with the provisions of the RI Bylaws.

Date

District Governor's Name

District Governor's Signature

District governor: Please mail, fax, or e-mail *all* pages of this form, including any additional sheets or photos, to your CDS representative by 30 June.