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DG Michael and Jo-Ann Bell

District Governor's
Newsletter
JANUARY 1, 2016
Be A Gift To The World

January is Vocational Service Month In Rotary

My Fellow Rotarians,

A Very Happy New Year to all Rotarians in District 7070. Let 2016 be our best year ever.

January is Vocational Service Month in Rotary. It goes back to the very beginning of Rotary in 1905 - Business leaders bringing their business skills into Rotary and using them to make a positive difference in the lives of others in their own communities and around the world.

We continue and expand upon that work today, with local initiatives such as Camp Enterprise, Rotaract, Interact, Earlyact, take a student to work day and our very own Rotary at Work project.

From a broader perspective, we have programs such as Youth Exchange, Global Grant Scholars, Peace Scholars and Vocational Training Teams, just to mention a few.

Our strength comes from the variety of our vocations and so I encourage each of you to look at whatever vocations might be missing from your clubs' rosters, as an opportunity to build and strengthen, not only our clubs and networks, but to strengthen our local communities as well.

Rotarians serving our communities at home and around the world through our motto of:

“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

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,



As of December 29, 2015, we now have 22 Rotarians from D7070 attending the Rotary International Convention in Seoul. For those of you thinking of attending but not yet registered, 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 this year's event, including venues, housing, speakers and entertainment, breakout sessions, preconvention 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.

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

Jim

District Governor Elect Jim Louttit at jvlperu@gmail.com

- [Register before 31 March and save](#)
- [Sign up for convention updates](#)
- [View the schedule highlights](#)



Rotary International President Ravi Ravindran's Monthly Message – January 2016



Dear Fellow Rotarians:

There is a story told in my Hindu tradition of two sages, Shaunaka and Abhipratari. They were worshippers of Prana, the wind god. One day, the two men were about to sit down to lunch when a poor student knocked on their door, asking for food.

"No, boy, do not bother us at this hour," was the reply. The student was surprised but very hungry, so he persisted.

"Tell me, honored sirs, which deity do you worship?" . "Prana, the wind god," they answered impatiently.

"Do you not know that the world begins and ends with wind, and that wind pervades the entire universe?"

The two sages were by now very irritated by their impertinent guest. "Of course we know it!", they replied. "Well, then", continued the student, "if Prana pervades the universe, then he pervades me also, since I am but part of the universe. He is also in this hungry body, which stands before you begging for a bite to eat! And so in denying food to me, you deny it to the very deity whom you say you serve."

The sages realized the student spoke the truth and invited him to enter and share their meal. For they understood, at that moment, that by opening the door to one who sought their help, they were not only serving that individual - but reaching toward a larger goal.

Our experience of Rotary is, for the most part, based in our own communities. We meet every week in our clubs, in the same places, with the same familiar friends. While almost all of us are involved in some way or other in international service, the Rotary we see and share from day to day feels very local. It can be easy to lose sight of the larger picture - of what our service truly means.

Every impact you have as a Rotarian, individually and through your club, is multiplied by the power of our numbers . When you feed one person who is hungry, when you educate one person who is illiterate, when you protect one child from disease, the impact may seem small. It is anything but. For it is only through the power of numbers, through the power of our individual actions and gifts, that we can have the impact we seek: to truly Be a Gift to the World.

Ravi

K. R Ravindran

President, Rotary International

Rotary Foundation Chair, Ray Klingensmith's Monthly Message - January 2016 - Cowboy Logic – and the Code of the West

Dear fellow Rotarians,



"Cowboy Logic," as sung by Michael Marrin Murphey, has been one of my favorite songs for many years because of its happy music and thoughtful lyrics. It has relevance to Rotary because of its emphasis on honesty and hard work, but I did not fully appreciate its application to our organization until I read Cowboy Ethics by Jim Owen.

Jim was aware that the unwritten Code of the West was a powerful and positive force shaping the ethical behavior of cowboys in the Western states of the USA, and he distilled the code into 10 guiding principles. They are succinctly and aptly stated, and they align closely with The Four-Way Test, one of the hallmarks of Rotary.

Three of the principles are particularly applicable to the PolioPlus program. In the 30 years since the program was launched, Rotarians have remained steadfastly committed to the goal of polio eradication, even though it has taken much longer and been more expensive than anyone originally imagined. But we stuck with it, and now the goal of ending polio is clearly in sight. Along the way, we have fulfilled three of the principles of the Code of the West: "Do what has to be done", "When you make a promise, keep it," and "Always finish what you start."

Two other principles have special relevance for The Rotary Foundation as a whole: "Take pride in your work" and "Ride for the brand." Through their support of Foundation programs, from the first ambassadorial scholarships in 1948 to newer initiatives such as the Rotary Peace Centers and the Future Vision plan, Rotarians have truly made the world a better place. And because Rotarians have "ridden for the brand" through their creative work and generous contributions, these programs have been highly successful, enhancing members' ability to take pride in their work. Therefore, I do not need to ask Rotarians for their loyalty to the Foundation. Instead, I want to thank them for their amazing loyalty!

Ray Klingensmith

Ray Klingensmith

Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair

January is Vocational Service Month

From: Ian Lancaster, Chair, District 7070 Vocational Service Committee

A Short History Lesson

January is Vocational Service Month on the Rotary calendar. Vocational Service is at the heart of Rotary, which was founded on the classification system of membership. Business and professional life are the bedrock of Rotary, and Vocational Service is a major force in promoting honour, integrity, and trustworthiness in business.

Originally only one representative from each business or profession was invited to join a club. Paul Harris felt that if several members of the same profession were to join, they would either sit together and "talk shop" or compete against each other for other members' business. The idea of "trade-boosting" was gradually eliminated and by 1912, Rotarians were no longer required to exchange business with one another.

The Forgotten Avenue of Service

Of Rotary's five Avenues of Service* – Club, Vocational, Community, and International – Vocational is difficult to define,

so it is sometimes called the “Forgotten Avenue of Service”. One reason is Club, Community, International and Youth Service activities usually involve groups of Rotarians. They enjoy the fellowship of Club Service, the satisfaction of serving the needs of their communities, and the hope that their International Service promotes world peace and understanding. But Vocational Service – the second Avenue of Service -- is generally conducted by individual members.

Service Above Self

Rotary’s early leaders often cited the Golden Rule – “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you” – as the guiding principle of Rotary’s Vocational Service. By the time the National Association of Rotary Clubs held its first convention in 1910, the networking emphasis had begun to shift. The majority of clubs told the new Civic Committee that Rotary should move from being a booster club to improving their communities. The concept of “he profits most who serves his fellows best” became “he profits most who serves best”. This idea morphed into “Service, not Self” and finally, it became the Rotary slogan we know today -- “Service Above Self”.

In 1940, Rotary International defined the Object of Vocational Service “to encourage and foster: high ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society.” Today’s Rotarians still pride themselves on being able to use their professional stature and knowledge to make things happen worldwide, wherever there is a need for change.

The Atorkor Vocational Training Institute in Atorkor, Ghana is a Rotary Club of Picton Vocational Services project supported by many District 7070 Rotary Clubs. The classrooms currently teach English, math and business. The workshops in this building are also equipped to cover Batik, dressmaking and tailoring. Facilities will be constructed to provide training in the skilled trades of masonry, plumbing, carpentry and electrical installation.

The Rotary Code of Ethics

Back in 1912, when Glenn Mead succeeded Paul Harris as President of Rotary International, he recommended a code of business ethics be formulated to contribute to the advancement of business morality. At that time, there were no consumer protection laws or truth-in-advertising statutes. Fraudulent and deceptive business practices were the norm. The unwritten law was caveat emptor, “Let the buyer beware.” Since the adoption of the Rotary Code of Ethics in 1915, at least 145 national industrial codes of conduct practice have been adopted as a direct result of the influence of Rotarians.

The Four-Way Test

Rotary’s current code of ethical conduct – The Four-Way Test – was developed during the Great Depression, by a Rotarian, Herb Taylor, from the United States, as a four-part ethical guideline that helped him rescue a beleaguered business.. The code’s four points are simple and direct – “Of all the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?”

The Four-Way Test was officially adopted by Rotary in 1943 and has been translated into the languages of over 100 countries. It appears on highway billboards, in schoolrooms and on the walls of businesses, in labour contracts, courtrooms and halls of government. It’s even on the moon, in the form of a Four-Way Test pin planted on the surface by astronaut Buzz Aldrin!

The Heart of Rotary

Vocational Service remains at the heart of Rotary. In 1987-88, RI President Charles C. Keller reinvigorated the Avenue by appointing the first Vocational Service Committee in 50 years. The committee redefined how clubs could more effectively participate in Vocational Service and drafted the new Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions.

Today, with over 1.2 million members in more than 33,000 clubs in nearly 200 countries, Rotary provides humanitarian service, promotes high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build international understanding, goodwill and

peace.

An exciting, and fairly new project -- [Rotary at Work](#) – is championed by District 7070 Rotarians Joe Dale and Mark Wafer. It encourages Rotarians from Ontario Districts 6290, 6400, 7070 and 7090 to create employment opportunities and fill vacancies in their businesses with individuals who have a disability. Rotary at Work connects employers to local employment agencies if needed.

For more information on getting involved in the Vocational Service committee or a project, contact

Ian E. Lancaster, Chair at ielancaster@explornet.ca.

* The author would like to thank David C. Forward: A Century of Service (2003) as part of the material for this article.

What Vocational Service projects is your Rotary Club doing? What are your plans?

Vocational Service focuses on:

- Adherence to and promotion of the highest ethical standards in all occupations, including fair treatment of employers, employees, associates, competitors, and the public.
- The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, not just those that are pursued by Rotarians.
- The contribution of your vocational talents to solving the problems of society and meeting the needs of the community.

During January, Rotarians are encouraged to focus on this important avenue of Rotary service. Discussions on vocational service can lead to projects that not only develop the ethical consciousness and vocational skills of Rotarians but also the talents within their communities. Vocational Service Month is an opportunity to begin year-long vocational service activities, ranging from Rotary discussions to awards to community projects.

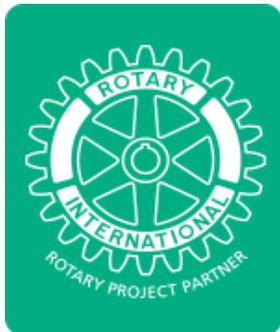
Following are some suggested activities to undertake during Vocational Service Month:

- Devote the first meeting in January to examining the second Avenue of Service, including The FourWay Test and The Declaration of Rotarians in Business and Professions. After expanding members' awareness, solicit their input in planning projects for the remainder of the year.
- Introduce a "mini-classifications talk" series in which each member gives a five-minute talk on his or her vocation. Schedule one speaker for the beginning of each meeting until everyone has made a presentation. The purpose of these talks is to promote vocational awareness among Rotarians and help them recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations.
- Present a vocational award to someone in the community who has exemplified outstanding professional achievement while maintaining very high ethical standards. Promote the presentation within the community, and consider making it an annual January event.
- Invite experts to give a presentation on the vocational needs of the community and develop a project in response to those needs. Possible projects could focus on developing character, providing career information to youth, mentoring small businesses, or organizing workshops that provide employees with new skills.

SHELTERBOX News For January 2016

From: Ron

Noseworthy, Chair, ShelterBox Canada



Rotary and ShelterBox Make A Difference

Rotary clubs and Rotarians across Canada raised over \$1,014,000 for ShelterBox Canada in 2015. This money has been used to help thousands of people around the world.

In January 2015 ShelterBox responded to severe flooding in Malawi. Over the course of our response, 1400 families were assisted. One lady named Eliza, is blind. Instead of having to move her into an unfamiliar tent, ShelterBox Response Teams used a ShelterKit to repair her home so that she could stay in her home, a place she knows by touch. ShelterBox has diversified its aid to ensure that in every case we can provide the best option possible.

When a ShelterBox Team returned to Malawi eight months later to evaluate how effective the aid was, our teams were so pleased to see that beside almost every ShelterBox tent, the majority of a new permanent home had been built. ShelterBox aid provided immediate shelter, and also helped these families rebuild their lives. Village leaders told our teams "You came when no one else did, we would do anything for ShelterBox because we are so thankful for your support."

Thank you to everyone who helped make this and every other one of ShelterBox's responses possible

Current Deployments

ShelterBox is currently responding in: Tanzania – Conflict (Refugees from Burundi) ; Cameroon – Conflict; Niger – Conflict (Refugees from Nigeria) ; North Korea – Storms; Syria; Iraq; Greece – Conflict/Refugee Crisis ; Afghanistan – Earthquake

With colder winter months to come, ShelterBox is also sending winterized aid kits to the Syrian region. For families left out in the cold, warm safe shelter is more important than ever.

To learn more or support ShelterBox's efforts, and for more information about volunteering with ShelterBox Canada please visit us at www.shelterboxcanada.org or call 1-855-875-4661

For clubs or individuals making donations, please fill out our donation form which can be found on our website. This ensures we have the right information. Thank you very much for your support.

http://www.shelterboxcanada.org/donate_form.php

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Best regards

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Important Rotary Dates in January 2016:

January 1 - For the 37th consecutive year the **Rotary Rose Parade Float** Committee again proudly presents its float to North America and the world . 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. 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. (Editor's Note: be sure to tune into KTLA -TV for in depth viewing on Jan 1)

January 9 – District 7070 Advisory Board Meeting – Go To Meeting – 8:30 am to 10:00 am

January 15 – District 7070 Governor Application Filing Deadline

January 15-16 — Presidential Conference: Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution, in Ontario, California, USA

January 16 - District 7070 Membership Workshop - CALLING all Membership Chairs, Presidents, Presidents-elect and other Rotarians interested in Club Membership . How does your Rotary Club feel these days? Does it need revitalizing? Do you want to strengthen your club membership? Join us for a **District 7070 Membership Workshop** to learn what is working in other districts and clubs AND return to your Club with actionable ideas!

When? - Saturday, January 16th from 8 a.m. to 1:40 p.m.

Where? - Whitby Library, Central Branch, 405 Dundas Street West (Highway 2), Whitby, ON L1N 6A1
(Phone: [\(905\) 668-6531](tel:905-668-6531))

Who should attend? - Membership Chairs, Presidents, Presidents-Elect and other Rotarians interested in Club Membership

Cost? - No charge if you register and attend; \$20 if you register and are a no show (we will find you!)

Limited to the first 50 people who register.

January 17-23 — International Assembly, San Diego, California, USA

February 6 - Pre PETS (President Elect Training Seminar) in Oshawa, 8 am to 3 pm

February 6 – Rotary Foundation Grants Seminar - in Oshawa

February 23 – Rotary's Birthday (Does your club have plans to tell the world about Rotary on our Special Day?)

India Introduces the Inactivated Polio Vaccine

Shri J P Nadda, the Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, launched the injectable Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV) in India in November, announcing that "... at this momentous milestone, India remains committed to Global Polio Eradication."

The Health Minister stated that in a landmark step to provide double protection to our children and securing our gains of polio eradication, the Government of India is introducing one dose of IPV into its routine immunization program

alongside the oral polio vaccine. The vaccine will initially be introduced in six states: Assam, Gujarat, Punjab, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, and Uttar Pradesh. New evidences now clearly show that IPV and OPV together will further strengthen the children's immune system and will provide double protection against polio, explained the Health Minister.

The South East Asia and Pacific region was declared polio-free in 2014 after three years with no cases in India. Yet with bordering Pakistan still reporting cases of polio, the introduction of IPV into routine immunization programmes will provide an important boost to the immunity of children in India against all types of poliovirus.

By the end of the year, more than 80 % of the global birth cohort will be routinely receiving due to the largest globally synchronised vaccine introduction in history.

"We are utilizing the opportunities to intensify our efforts to ensure full immunization of all children in the country. Every new vaccine introduction gives us the added opportunity of health system strengthening. As part of this introduction we have trained our health officials and frontline health workers", Shri J P Nadda said.

The Health Minister thanked and congratulated all state governments and the supporting organizations like WHO, UNICEF and Rotary International etc. for partnering in this endeavour. He expressed his gratitude toward the frontline health workers for achieving unique success of polio eradication in the sphere of public health.

Smt. Poonam Khetrpal, Regional Director, SEARO (WHO) stated that launching IPV in India is a historic moment and will further cement India's achievements on polio to date. She said it is necessary step to eradicate polio virus from the world. She also applauded the Government of India for its commitment to eradicate polio.

Mr. Michael McGovern, International PolioPlus Committee of Rotary International commended India for its success in keeping the country polio-free, and said that Rotary will always support the country's polio eradication efforts. Rotarians across India played an essential role in stopping polio in India, and are making just as important a contribution to keeping the country polio-free.

Mr. Louis-Georges Arsenault, UNICEF Representative for India commended the strengthening of India's immunization programme by introduction of IPV and termed this as a "monumental step". He reiterated commitment and support of UNICEF in India's immunization endeavors.

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Norway, and the United Kingdom are generously supporting the introduction of IPV in routine immunisation schedules in 72 Gavi-supported countries, while Canada is supporting its introduction in other lower-middle income countries. The top ten government donors to GPEI include the USA, the UK, Japan, Germany, Canada, the Netherlands, Norway and Australia.

The [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) (GPEI) is led by national governments and spearheaded by the World Health Organization (WHO), Rotary International, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), with the support of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Since its launch at the World Health Assembly in 1988, the GPEI has reduced the global incidence of polio by more than 99%. The GPEI receives financial support from governments of countries affected by polio; private sector foundations, donor governments, multilateral organizations, private individuals, humanitarian and nongovernmental organizations and corporate partners.

- See more at: <http://www.polioeradication.org/mediaroom/newsstories/India-Introduces-the-Inactivated-Polio-Vaccine/tabid/526/news/1331/Default.aspx#sthash.diPoPZZE.dpuf>

HIP (Honoring Indigenous People) News Update: January 2016



[HIP Website](#)

Please have a look at our website (www.rotaryhip.com) for regular updates. The Rotary HIP Facebook page 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.

Blog: There are a variety of news items that have been added recently. Keep checking back for regular updates. Go to ([Rotary HIP - Blog](#)).

Links

We have added two new organizations under Links. The first is *Kairos Canada* ([Home - KAIROS Canada](#)). Please take a look at the Blanket Exercise. This is an excellent cultural program aimed at groups of 20-30. The second is *Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Canada* ([Canada | Dolly Parton's Imagination Library](#)). This program provides a book a month to children age 0-6

Resources - Films & Documentaries

A page has been added on the website for films & documentaries ([Rotary HIP - Films & Documentaries](#)). We have added a couple powerful YouTube videos called "Ask Me" and "It's Not Your Fault" along with several links. Please have a look. 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

On Friday, November 27th, the Rotary Club of Toronto hosted guest speaker, former Rotarian, AFN National Chief, Perry Bellegarde in Toronto. There were a total of 350 attendees and was a great event to spread awareness and goodwill.

As well, the Rotary Club of Toronto has agreed to provide \$3,500 towards the Imagination Library at the Sandy Lake First Nation Reserve in Northern Ontario. The club has also agreed to provide certificates to speakers. The funds will go towards delivering books to children age 0-6.

The Rotary Club of Scarborough, along with the organization, Kids against Hunger Canada, recently spent an afternoon preparing and packing 14,000 hot meal (rice and casseroles) packages that will be delivered via ice road transport to Sandy Lake First Nation Reserve. The meals will feed residents up to a year. Great work! Check our HIP blog for the full story.



If your club is or has held an event or been involved in an event, please email Julie Dunaikis (julie@eccgroup.ca) a brief summary so we can post on the HIP website and provide an update in upcoming newsletters. This will help other clubs and provide a sense of how we are involved.

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:

- **Pen Pals' G.R.A.N.D. Project - Grand River Arts: Neighbourhood Dialogue.**
- **Neskatanga Playground Equipment -**
- **Wawahte Documentary of Indian Residential Schools "Telling the Story"**

- *Pelican Falls First Nations High School, Sioux Lookout -*
- *Better Hearing in Education for Northern Youth - The Rotary Club of Guelph*

Upcoming Events

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. Check their website for more information: ([Gardiner Museum](#))

Canada's Royal Winnipeg Ballet-Going Home Star-Truth and Reconciliation - Feb. 5 & 6, 2016 - Toronto, ON - After performances in Winnipeg and Ottawa, audiences expressed how they came to understand the true history and legacy of the Indian residential school system. It has opened up dialogues, recognition and understanding about this important part albeit dark part of Canada's history. See link for further information:

([Sony Centre - Events | Sony Centre for the Performing Arts](#))

Truth & Reconciliation Art Show, Toronto - Feb. 12-25, 2016 @ Ben Navaee Gallery ([Dianne Patychuk](#)). 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 \(http://www.cbc.ca/8thfire/2012/03/wab-kinew.html\)](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 ([Rotary HIP - Friends and Supporters](#)) to see who is registered. Is your name listed? You can join today by selecting ([Rotary HIP - Become a Member](#)) on the HIP website. It is never too late!

Message from HIP Chair, Chris Snyder

Being that this is the beginning of a new year, I thought it would be good to reflect on the last 12 months. There have been many positive events for the Indigenous peoples. They include the election of ten indigenous Members of Parliament, two of whom are cabinet members, a decision to go ahead with the inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal women and the Truth & Reconciliation Report with 94 recommendations.

While these are exciting and positive, the real excitement will come from the positive actions we all hope are coming. The news contains much about Indigenous peoples. Unfortunately, some focus on the negative things. We see a number of positive things including announcements on many fronts about education and about aboriginal achievements.

We believe Rotary is doing many good things. A partial list appears below:

- a playground in Neskantaga
- Early Years reading programs in northern reserves
- literacy programs
- a vehicle to transport students in Sioux Lookout
- providing computer tablets and dictionaries to a number of indigenous communities
- supporting the *Save the Evidence Campaign*, an effort to save the Mohawk Institute, a former residential school in Brantford
- support for a children's reconciliation art programme at Six Nations involving both aboriginal and non-

aboriginal children

- several stay-in-school programs in Toronto
- a canoe trip for indigenous and non-indigenous youth in Peterborough
- a children's hearing program in Pond Inlet
- providing university scholarships

There are many in western Canada. Some of the above require financial assistance.

Rotary is in the wonderful position of being able to act. We hope even more Rotarians and clubs will join in this partnership. We have listed 13 ways you can get involved . Click on [Rotary HIP - Resources](#) to find out how.

For many, getting involved requires, becoming more aware and knowledgeable about the Indigenous peoples. There are many ways including our website, newspapers, internet, meeting and getting to know Indigenous peoples. A 2013 Decima survey showed those who have contact with Indigenous peoples were much more likely to have a favourable view than those who did not.

My New Year's Wish is for all of us to make the effort to become more aware and become involved. One conversation or one action per day will do a lot.

Sincerely

Chris Snyder

Chair, HIP

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Rotaract D7070 EClub – District Newsletter Announcement

From Kelly Ku, District 7070 Rotaract Representative



Dear Fellow Rotaractors and Rotarians in District 7070 and beyond,

Almost two months ago, an announcement for the new Rotaract E-Club was made at The Rotary District 7070 Conference! This is exciting news as it demonstrates our district's commitment to supporting Youth Service, one of the Five Avenues of Service.

District Rotaract Chair, Neil Phillips, along with new E-club President Elect-Designate, Anmol Mirpuri and District Rotaract Representative, Kelly Ku, have been working to recruit new members to help launch the new E-club and we need your help. We are asking all Rotarians in our district to reach out to Rotaractors from Clubs you have sponsored, who may no longer be involved. This is a great opportunity for them to jump back in the Rotaract world despite their

geographical location in District 7070. The club is open to all young people ages 18-30, which include RYLA participants, past youth exchange students, and even graduating Interactors. Please note that the youth you reach out to do not need to be involved in a Rotary-sponsored program. Please tap into your rolodex/email list and see who you can inspire to learn, lead, and serve. Let's do our best to engage the youth today and help grow the Rotary family.

To receive more information regarding the e-club, please fill out this form: <https://rotaract.typeform.com/to/SKFDrP>

Feel free to use this Elevator Pitch to help us recruit:

A Rotaract e-club is an internet-based service club that meets virtually on a bi-weekly basis and conducts its projects and events through the web – as well as connecting with existing Rotaract Clubs. The club will offer Rotaractors a chance to get involved and make a difference without the commute, and provide the opportunity to mingle with Rotaractors across the district. It also provides the following: a space for on-going learning; opportunities to lead and learn new skills; and a great network to connect and have fun with.

Thank you.

Kelly Ku

District Rotaract Chair

District 7070 Rotaract Newsletter for July to December 2015

The Rotaract District 7070 Newsletter has just been released! The newsletter highlights the clubs in our district and events that took place from June to December 2015. There is also information about upcoming Rotaract trips, conferences and information about RYLA. Please share this post with your club members and spread the Rotaract love.

<https://www.smore.com/app/pages/preview/1fn31>

A VIEW *from the NORTH* - From: Rotary Canada Magazine – January 2015 - Our Rotary logo and brand:

From Rod Thomson, Chair , Rotary Canada Advisory Board

I RECENTLY HAD A CONVERSATION with a long-serving Rotarian regarding the Rotary logo and brand. We discussed the human tendency to resist most changes in life, even when the change might be beneficial.

Resistance to Rotary's new look and feel will only slow recognition of Rotary by those outside our organization. These are the people we are trying to recruit as members or engage through service.

Does that make sense? Of course it does not.

If your Rotary club or Rotary district, or even individual Rotarians in your club, still insist on using outdated Rotary brand material - stop!

Every time we use outdated visual references, we miss an opportunity to project today's Rotary into the conscience of the public.

Next time you print advertising material or post to a website, next time you order clothing from a Rotary-licensed supplier, next time you place or refurbish signage in your community, do so using the established materials and guidelines available online through My Rotary.

Tradition is important as a guide. However, if we become bound by it, we will not progress. Using outdated material slows Rotary's growth and obscures our image.

Let's work to make Canada a leader in Rotary and internationally by making sure everything we do helps others recognize and appreciate Rotary.

Rod Thomson ROD THOMSON Chair, *Rotary Canada* Advisory Board **Rotary Club of Semiahmoo (White Rock), B.C.**

Our Rotary Foundation

From Bill Patchett, Chair District 7070 Rotary Foundation Committee

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Happy New Year to everyone. It is the start of a new year and 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 to the District 7070 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.

Bill

William R. Patchett
District 7070 Foundation Chair
Past District Governor 7070 2006-2007
End Polio Now Coordinator Rotary International Zone 24
Email: patch@eagle.ca phone: 905-372-5271

District 7070 Salute to Bill and Delphine Patchett – Feb 28, 2016

From District 7070 Secretary and Past District Governor Bob Wallace

Please keep this date open. District 7070 is planning a Rotary Salute to Bill & Delphine Patchett on Sunday, February 28th, 2016 at 12 noon at the Quality Hotel and Suites, Bloor Street in Oshawa. The ticket price will be \$60.00 per person and details will follow.

The Rotary Club of Bowmanville's Food Packing - Update

From Fred Mandryk, Past President, Rotary Club of Bowmanville

My Fellow Rotarians in District 7070,

ROTARY YEAR 2015 -2016:

The Rotary Club of Bowmanville's Food Packing Initiative continues to succeed. As a satellite of **Kids Against Hunger Canada**, the Rotary Club of Bowmanville partners with Rotary Clubs, InterA Clubs and RotarAct Clubs, High Schools and other community groups throughout District 7070 and beyond.

In this 2015 -2016 Rotary year, events have been staged at our District 7070 District Conference in Toronto; with the Rotary Club of Belleville at Loyalist College; with the Rotary Club of Etobicoke at Salvation Army Temple in Rexdale; with the Rotary Club of Scarborough at Guildwood Community Presbyterian Church; and with the Rotary Club of Toronto West at the Dr. Polanyi High School in Toronto.

Coming in 2016 are Food Pack Peterborough at Fleming Wellness Centre on April 2; with the Rotary Club of Bowmanville and Bowmanville High School on April 8; with the Rotary club of Ajax on April 23; and with the Rotary District 7010 Conference, on October 28, in Bracebridge.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Planning proposals have begun for Food Packing Events to be staged at the Rotary International Convention in the "House of Friendship" in 2018 in Toronto as well as out of the province proposals in Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia in the near future.

The Rotary Club of Bowmanville and Kids Against Hunger Canada staged the first event on October 12, 2012 at the Clarington Central Secondary School. Since then we have sent food to Haiti, Honduras, El Salvador, Peru, Aboriginal Settlements in Northern Ontario and Quebec as well as local community food banks of the sponsoring Rotary Clubs - in total over 500,000 nourishing meals! At \$.30 per meal, that translates into \$150,000 in donations collected.

Thank you everyone for your help and generosity in making this contribution to Rotary International's "Gift to The World". I think you'll agree that the photos tell the story.

Fred Mandryk,

Past President, Rotary Club of Bowmanville



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?

Heres 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: 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 Steet, 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.

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.

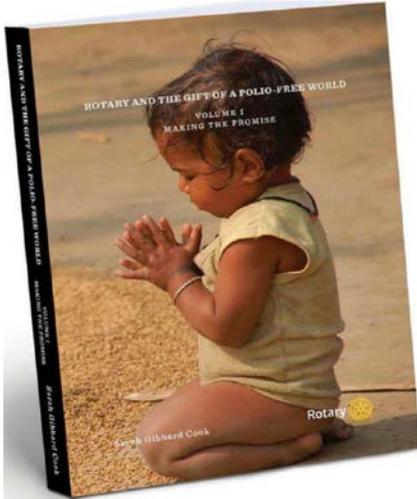
Resources & reference for you to use in your Rotary Club

- [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 October 31, 2015, there are 1,228,076 Rotarians in 35, 221 Rotary Clubs in the world. And, As of September 30, 2015, 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 AND THE GIFT OF A POLIO-FREE WORLD



Making the Promise is the first of a three-volume history of PolioPlus and global polio eradication. Carrying the story into the early 1990s, it explores the roots of the largest internationally coordinated public health effort in history, a gift to the children of the 21st century.

Volume 1: Making the Promise is available in the Rotary Shop for \$15. **ORDER YOUR COPY TODAY!**

shop.rotary.org

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 online 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.**

Rotary Peace fellowship applications available

Find everything you need to apply to be a Rotary Peace Fellow or share the online application with someone in your district who would make a good candidate. Every year, Rotary selects some of the world's brightest and most dedicated professionals to receive fully funded fellowships to study at our Rotary Peace Centers.

- [Visit the application page](#)
- [Watch an animated video on the application process](#)
- [Join a discussion on peace](#)



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

ATTENTION: DISTRICT 7070 CLUB PRESIDENTS AND YOUTH SERVICE COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Do you want a deserving young member of your community to have a unique opportunity for leadership training and personal growth – all under the Rotary Banner? Not just a weekend seminar, but a solid week of total immersion in leadership training that could change a life? That's RYLA.

What is RYLA?

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards ("RYLA") is a program for young people that was officially adopted by Rotary International in 1971. Conducted on a district level, RYLA offers Rotarians a special opportunity to take part in developing qualities of leadership and good citizenship among the young people of their communities.

District 7070, which comprises Rotary clubs from Belleville to Toronto, has conducted RYLA programs continuously for many years. RYLA is a life-changing experience for young people aged 19 - 25. Each club may sponsor qualified individuals to attend a one-week leadership training program, all expenses paid.

The District 7070 RYLA program, "*Leadership Begins With Me*", provides an opportunity for the participants to get to know themselves better and to cultivate the respect and trust of others. They are able to identify their own leadership skills and determine ways to make more effective use of their resources. Their enthusiasm and technique is brought back to the community from which the participants were sponsored, and thus impacts on the young people being influenced by these youthful leaders.

RYLA introduces a large number of young people and their families to the Rotary ideals of service each year. It helps bridge the communication gap between the generations and helps improve relationships among youth groups, families and the community. RYLA also has been instrumental in the formation of Rotaract clubs and complements all other Rotary youth activities.

Objectives

- To encourage and assist selected youth leaders and potential leaders in methods of responsible and effective voluntary youth leadership by providing them with an unforgettable, indelible training experience;

- To encourage continued and stronger leadership of youth by youth;
- To publicly recognize the high qualities of many young people who are rendering service to their communities as youth leaders; and
- To further demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth.

The Award

1. To live for one week (from Sunday May 15, 2016 to Friday May 20, 2016) on campus (at Loyalist College in Belleville) to attend a leadership training course, all expenses paid by the sponsoring Rotary club;
2. An invitation to the candidate to join a meeting of the sponsoring Rotary club to meet Rotarians and to learn something of Rotary; and,
3. A special occasion to attend a meeting of the sponsoring Rotary club, after attending RYLA, to address the Rotarians about the RYLA experience and to be presented with a RYLA certificate in recognition of "service to the community".

THE CANDIDATE MUST SUBMIT THE COMPLETED FORM BY APRIL 1, 2016 TO:

DISTRICT 7070 RYLA 2016 COMMITTEE

c/o Josie Abbate

10 Constance Drive

Whitby, ON L1P 1N3

giuseppina@rogers.com

Application Form: <http://bit.ly/1Nriwre>



Newsletter

Our New Website: www.wasrag.org

Have you visited our new website yet? Our new site was launched on November 1, 2015. We've upgraded a number of features, including a more user-friendly project search tool, easier loading for your projects and much more! Be sure to take a look. In the coming weeks we will expand the site in a variety of areas. In the meantime, we appreciate your comments and ideas at info@wasrag.org

A First for Rotary - a WASH E-Club

With support from WASRAG, a new Rotary e-club is being established with a Water, Sanitation and Hygiene focus. Founded by District 9980 (New Zealand).

The new club is seeking charter members from around the world. You can also consider the E-Club as a make-up. Their website is www.rotarywasheclub.org

To learn more about e-Clubs and the WASH e-Club in particular . . . [Read More](#) . . .

A Vision for Clean Water in Lebanon

In October 2015, a team from A Vision for Clean Water spent five days in Aley, Lebanon checking on a Rotary project to bring clean water to public schools in Lebanon. When completed, the project will provide clean drinking water to 300,000 Lebanese children and 300,000 Syrian refugees who attend Lebanon's public schools.

Before the project most public schools in Lebanon were either not equipped at all, or only had very poor and outdated water tanks and no water filtration systems.

Thirteen-year-old, Raghdah Ramadan said . . . [Read More](#) .

Improved Sanitation in Nigeria

Two Rotary clubs in Nigeria worked cooperatively to improve the sanitation for 400 people in Ilesa, Nigeria.

The structure consisted of five toilets and one shower room. The Project which cost less than \$4,000 was started and completed within 100 days .

The new toilet facilities will help prevent cholera and other associated epidemics in the area.

With the assistance of new grants and partnerships the Ilesa club plans to reduce disease in the area by . . . [Read More](#) . . .

Rotary Renovates Hospital Septic System

After a tsunami, a remote hospital in the Solomon Islands had a septic system that no longer functioned properly.

Two Australian Rotary clubs implemented a new septic system that ensured not only a healthier situation for the hospital, but enriched a recently planted tree . . . [Read More](#) . . .

Attending a Rotary meeting at 4:30 a.m.

Mark Balla is well known for his TedTalk "Toilet Humour is Serious Business" Recently he spoke at the Rotary Club of Westfield, New Jersey from Melbourne, Australia, where it was 4:30 a.m. The club started by watching the video and then, using Skype, Mark brought them up-to-date on a Rotary project in India that will impact 50,000 children.

Go to <http://wecannotwait.org> to learn more.

Building a Better Toilet

The SafiChoo is a novel toilet system that takes into account the common preference in Zambia of a squatting position for defecation and in addition the genital washing as a religious and cultural ritual.

Wish for WASH is using crowd funding to obtain funding for beta testing their new toilet in Zambia at IndieGo.com

Jasmine Burton the founder of Wish for WASH wrote an interesting piece in the Huffington Post on the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) in the Social Sector.

Calendar of Events

February 25 - 26, 2016 - Kathmandu, Nepal - Multiple-Use Water Systems (MUS) for Climate Resilience
musgroup.net

April 28 - May 1, 2016 - Ypsilanti, USA - A vision for Clean Water and Eastern Michigan's Sanitation Workshop
avisionforcleanwater.org

May 26, 2016 - Seoul, Korea - Held in conjunction with the Rotary International Conference
<http://www.wasrag.org/wws8-seoul-korea>

July 11 - 15, 2016 - Kumasi, Ghana - 39th WEDC International Conference: Ensuring Availability & Sustainable Management of Water & Sanitation for All
<http://www.wedconference.co.uk/>

New Projects...

We love hearing about your projects and are delighted to relay these great opportunities for Rotarians to get involved in WASH projects! When posting your projects on the wasrag.org website, please remember to include the name of your Rotary club and District number. Contact us at info@wasrag.org if you need help with your posting. We have writers ready to help tell your story!

Wasrag needs your membership.

Membership revenue helps cover our administrative costs, website upgrades, training, development of support materials etc. To check whether your membership has expired, email Anna

To submit stories and pictures our Newsletter, please email: info@wasrag.org to the attention of Wasrag newsletter editors Ian Rumbles and Terri Black.

*The Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group (Wasrag) is pleased to consider partnerships with any corporate supporter. Due to the unique attributes of water sources and water provision, acceptance of corporate support does not imply an endorsement of any particular water technology. Rotarians, Rotary clubs, and Rotary partners must evaluate any technology to determine if it is the best solution for the conditions where the program will be implemented. Wasrag can provide guidance about where different technologies work best, but Rotarians and Rotary clubs must make the final decision about how to implement their programs.

The Water & Sanitation Rotarian Action Group is a group of Rotarians whose purpose is to support Rotary clubs to effectively plan, finance, implement, monitor and evaluate water, sanitation, and hygiene programs, where they are most needed in a collaborative, cost-effective, timely, and sustainable manner, true to the principles of Rotary International. Wasrag operates in accordance with Rotary International policy but is not an agency of, or controlled by, Rotary International.

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 your Rotary Club website and Facebook Page lately? **Is it current?** When potential members