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District Governor's
Newsletter
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Rotary Serving Humanity

My Fellow Rotarians,

We have now come to that time of year where we start a new Rotary year.

First, sincere congratulations to Past District Governor Michael Bell as his successful year comes to an end. His leadership was evident throughout the year, working to make your club the best and most vibrant that it could be. He encouraged all to "Be A Gift To The World" and to use our talents, expertise and leadership to transform the lives of others.

Earlier this year incoming RI President John Germ unveiled the new 2016-17 theme "Rotary Serving Humanity" quoting Rotary's founder, Paul Harris, saying "serving humanity is the most worthwhile thing a person can do" and that "being a part of Rotary is a great opportunity to make that happen". This theme represents what Rotary is all about. I look forward to working with you in your mission of serving humanity this coming year, whether it be locally or internationally or continuing to work to eradicate polio. As RI President John said "let's take this opportunity to change the world for the better, through Rotary's service to humanity".

As our District is showing a positive growth trend over the last two years, one of my goals for 2016-17 is to continue this increase in membership, ending the year up net 50 members. I believe this is doable and am asking that YOU make the "ASK" to someone you know who will make a good Rotarian. As we will be celebrating The Rotary Foundation Centennial this year, another goal for 2016-17 is to raise \$1,000,000. During the past century, Rotarians have been changing lives and improving communities throughout the world and this is something worth celebrating. More to come!

It is an honour and privilege for me to be your District Governor for 2016-17. I am looking forward to visiting your club to share with you my goals for our District this year, and to learn of your passions in serving humanity in your community and internationally. We have a great District Team and they, being the District Executive, District Committee Chairs, and Assistant District Governors are here to support you throughout the year and to ensure you and your club are having fun while making your club attractive and relevant. I encourage you to network with them, get to know them and use them to further the good work you are doing.

This will be an exciting year as we move to "**Rev Up Rotary**", the theme for this year's District Conference. Along with the District Team, I am here for you, to represent you and promote Rotary within your community.

Working together with **Rotary Serving Humanity**.

Yours In Rotary,

Jim

District Governor Jim Louttit at jvlrotary@gmail.com



Let's meet Jim:

Jim Louttit became a Rotarian in early 2005 as a founding member and Second Vice-President of the Rotary Club of Lima Sunrise in District 4450. After leaving Peru in 2007 to return to Canada, he joined Toronto Sunrise in District 7070 serving as President in 2010-11 and is currently the Club's Foundation Director. He is also a member of the Paul Harris Society and a Major Donor.

His involvement at the District 7070 level includes past Chair of the Membership Committee, past Chair of the Microfinance Committee and he is also a member of the Long Range Planning Committee. At the international level, Jim is the Vice-Chair of the Rotarian Action Group Chairs Committee, past President of the Rotarian Action Group for Microfinance and Community Development, Past Chair of the Rotarian Action Group for Microfinance and Community Development Advisory Board, member of the Water & Sanitation Rotarian Action Group and member of the International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians.

Jim is the President of JVL Global Corp, a financial services consulting company specializing in microfinance after previously working for Scotiabank in their International Banking Division. His work with Scotiabank took him to Latin America for seven years where he had executive roles with the bank in El Salvador and Peru.

He is also active in several other organizations serving as President of the Toronto International Microfinance Summit, past President of the Peruvian-Canadian Chamber of Commerce, and Vice-President of MTCC No. 1170.

Jim's passions are his five grandchildren, two children, golf and microfinance.

From District Governor Elect Neil Phillips

Dear Fellow Rotarians,



Well after another successful Rotary International convention, this one in Seoul, South Korea, it's already time to think of *next year's* convention.

The upcoming RI convention will be held June 10-14, 2017 in Atlanta, Georgia. It marks the 100th anniversary celebration of The Rotary Foundation. Several keen Rotarians will already have registered early June when a special \$265 fee was offered, in honour of the first donation to the Foundation of \$26.50. But if you missed that, never fear – early registration pricing is available through the end of this year. More information can be found here: <http://www.riconvention.org/> I hope several of you will be able to join me!

Many of us will be going to Atlanta to promote the 2018 convention, of course being held here in our district, in Toronto. In fact, the countdown is truly starting, with our own convention now only 24 months away. I know the Host Organizing Committee is hard at work – watch these pages for ways in which you can help. We'll need every one of you!

Neil



Neil Phillips

District Governor Elect 2017-18 at NPhillips@dng-marketing.com



At the 1917 Rotary Convention in Atlanta, President Arch Klumph announced his dream of creating a Rotary endowment fund. In 2017, we will celebrate the good work Rotarians have done over the past 100 years -- because one man dared to dream.

Join us in Atlanta! Mark your calendar at riconvention.org

Be sure to check out this video: [2016-17 RI President John F. Germ invites you to Atlanta](#)

Let's meet Neil:

Neil Phillips has been a Rotarian since 1998, when he was asked to join The Rotary Club of Toronto (RCT) by his CEO, himself a member. His exposure to Rotary predated this by several years, as his firm was involved with Rotary events and often used them as client appreciation evenings. He has worked in the marketing logistics, uniforms/branded merchandise and product co-packing & 3PL industries for three decades, and has been with DGN Marketing Services (currently President) for more than 20 years.

In his Rotary career, Neil has had the opportunity to serve in many different capacities and at many different levels. In 2012-13 Neil was President during RCT's Centennial year, the culmination of his second three-year term on the Board. This was an incredibly active year for RCT, and involved numerous media appearances across all platforms, many ceremonial events, and a great deal of engagement across District 7070 (as well as other districts). He is a member of the Rotary Club of Toronto Foundation, a Sustaining Member of The Rotary Foundation and a member of the Bequest Society. Within RCT he has been awarded the Club Builder and William Peace Award, with multiple Paul Harris Fellow designation, and the Distinguished Service Award. On the heels of completing his term as Club President, Neil took on the positions of Assistant Governor and District Chair for Rotaract – roles in which he held until moving into the role of District Governor Elect this year.

In the community, Neil has had volunteer roles outside of Rotary, including board member positions with his tennis club and World Literacy of Canada.

Neil is an inveterate traveler who has explored all seven continents (with an eccentric definition of “*off the beaten path*”), and has had his photography and writing published in several publications. More recently, he has been studying and teaching wine. This past two years he became a French landowner, busy learning phrases like “*tout a l’égout*” as he restored their historic home as a rental property.

Neil is of British heritage, his parents emigrating from England directly after having both served in World War II. He has lived in British Columbia, Quebec and Ontario; and while sometimes conflicted about referring to himself as a *Torontonian*, calls Toronto his home today. He lives with his partner, Mardi Michels, who by coincidence was a Rotary Exchange Student (Australia to Belgium) in her youth. Mardi is a French teacher, cooking (baking) instructor and food writer. They have their own Rotary “PET”, Cleo (an adopted Burmese cat).

Rotary International President John Germ's Monthly Message – July 2016



Dear Fellow Rotarians:

Today, we look ahead toward a Rotary year that may one day be known as the greatest in our history: the year that sees the world's last case of polio. Wild poliovirus caused only 74 cases of polio in 2015, all of them in Afghanistan and Pakistan. As we continue to work tirelessly toward our goal of eradication, we must also look beyond it: preparing to leverage our success into even greater successes to come.

It is tremendously important to Rotary's future that our role in the eradication of polio be recognized. The more we are known for what we've achieved, the more we'll be able to attract the partners, the funding, and, most important, the members to achieve even more. We're working hard at RI headquarters to be sure that Rotary gets that recognition. But it can't all happen in Evanston. We

need you to get the word out through your clubs and in your communities about what Rotary is and what we do. We need to be sure that our clubs are ready for the moment when polio is finally eradicated – so that when people who want to do good see that Rotary is a place where they can change the world, every Rotary club is ready to give them that opportunity.

We know that if we want to see **Rotary Serving Humanity** even better in the years ahead, we'll need more willing hands, more caring hearts, and more bright minds to move our work forward. We'll need clubs that are flexible, so that Rotary service will be attractive to younger members, recent retirees, and working people. We'll need to seek out new partnerships, opening ourselves more to collaborative relationships with other organizations.

Looking ahead, we also see a clear need to prioritize continuity in our leadership. We in Rotary are all playing on the same team, working toward the same goals. If we want to reach those goals together, we all have to move in the same direction — together.

Every day that you serve in Rotary, you have the opportunity to change lives. Everything you do matters; every good work makes the world better for us all. In this new Rotary year, we all have a new chance to change the world for the better, through **Rotary Serving Humanity**.

John

John F. Germ

President, Rotary International



Rotary Foundation Chair, Kaylan Banerjee's Monthly Message - July 2016 – Celebrate 100 years of doing good

Dear fellow Rotarians,



The start of a new Rotary year is always an exciting time. We have a new inspirational theme, new club officers, and exciting new projects to work on. In 2016-17, we also have a very special occasion to celebrate: the 100th anniversary of our Rotary Foundation.

Since 1917, when Arch Klumph proposed an endowment "for the purpose of doing good in the world," The Rotary Foundation has grown into a world-class humanitarian organization. Few other charitable foundations can claim a 100-year history – all the more impressive when you consider its humble beginning of only \$26.50. The fact that our Foundation now has \$1 billion in assets is a testament to the remarkable generosity of Rotarians worldwide. I often wonder just what our

Foundation will look like when all Rotarians, everywhere, give it their sustained support.

I hope each of you will take the time to consider our Foundation's many successes, achievements we can all be proud of. Over the past century, we have provided \$3 billion to tackle a wide range of problems, large and small, in thousands of communities worldwide. Our global and district grant projects are saving and transforming lives, and we are educating scholars and training professionals to carry on this vital legacy.

Our centennial offers an ideal opportunity to remind our members –and tell the rest of the world – about our Foundation's rich history of humanitarian work. It's time that everyone knew about our leading role in the battle to end polio, a fight that Bill Gates and others agree would never have been possible without Rotary's extraordinary dedication. Let's also spotlight the many ways we're fighting other devastating diseases, providing cleaner and safer drinking water, spreading education by promoting literacy, and helping local economies grow.

However you celebrate our Foundation's centennial, I hope you will make that celebration as public as possible. Hold an event that involves your entire community and showcases The Rotary Foundation's good work. You'll find many ideas for centennial celebrations at www.rotary.org/foundation100.

RI President John Germ's theme, ***Rotary Serving Humanity***, speaks directly to the work of our Foundation, which for years has enabled Rotarians to embrace humanity and serve those in need. This year, let's commit to sharing those inspirational stories, just as we continue to write more and more of them.

Kaylan Banerjee

Kaylan Banerjee

Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair

District 7070 Rotaract Conference a tremendous success

From: Mark Chipman, 2016-17 District 7070 Chair of Rotaract

My Fellow Rotarians,

As incoming District 7070 Rotaract Chair, taking over the reins from District Governor **Elect** Neil Phillips, I had the privilege of attending the 2016 District Rotaract Conference held at York University on June 11 to celebrate the end of an exciting Rotaract year.



The theme of the conference “Discovering your NEMO (New Experiences, Meaningful Opportunities)” said it all! What a truly inspiring day! I was enlightened by keynote speakers Austin and Natasha Bonke, informed by the many plenary session discussions, humoured by the jokes of is Jasmine Jasani and Dishan Ratnajothi (you guys really need to host your own radio show!) and entertained by Samantha Joy Nonnan and Ohon Rahman. To District Rotaract Rep, Kelly Ku, as well as the Planning Committee (Weiting Xu, Attilio Jonathan Ronzani, Dennis Lam, Chanelle Schryer, and photographers Marissa Magneson and Ortheta Anan): take a bow....you should be extremely proud!!! I look forward to working with Melisa Okanavic (incoming District Rotaract Rep) and having another awesome Rotaract year.

Mark

Mark Chipman, District Rotaract Chair

For the latest Rotaract News , be sure to go to their website: <http://www.rotaractd7070.org/>

Note from District Governor Elect (and 2015-16 District 7070 Rotaract Chair) Neil Phillips:

It was another outstanding Rotaract year, and I thank all the Rotaract Club Presidents for their efforts – and their sponsor Rotary Clubs for all their support. You're in great hands with Mark taking over the reins, so I know 2016-17 will be another banner year.

Our Rotary Foundation

From Bill Patchett, 2015-16 Chair District 7070 Rotary Foundation Committee

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Here we are in July 2016, the start of a new Rotary Year. And what better time than now, 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.

Has your Rotary Club committed, again this Rotary Year, to donating at least \$20.00 PER Rotarian to **PolioPlus**.

Has everyone in your Club, this Rotary Year, made that same commitment to personally donate \$20.00 for the eradication of Polio? Again, 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 Club sent in your objectives to the Past District Governor Michael Bell, this year's Chair of the District 7070 Rotary Foundation Committee, for the 2016-17 Rotary Year yet? I sure hope that your Rotary Club has **set your goal for contributing at least \$ 100.00 US for each member of your club for Annual Giving to the Annual Programs Fund of the Rotary Foundation.** I hope all 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?

If we want to reach our goal for this year and next, we would like to see \$ 100.00 US 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 Past District Governor Michael Bell 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
Past District 7070 Foundation Chair
Past District Governor 7070 2006-2007
Past End Polio Now Coordinator Rotary International Zone 24

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Are You Preparing to celebrate The Rotary Foundation's centennial

A celebration of The Rotary Foundation centennial in 2016-17 officially kicked off in May at the Rotary Convention in Korea. Incoming leaders are already planning to lead their districts in the celebration. They received encouragement from last year's Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Ray Klingensmith during Rotary's annual training event in San Diego. [Watch a video about the centennial.](#)

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ROTARY FOUNDATION CENTENNIAL

The Rotary Foundation turns 100 in 2016-17 ! Our Foundation stands at the forefront of humanitarian service, having supported thousands of projects to provide clean water, fight disease, promote peace, and provide basic education — as well as the historic project dedicated to eradicating polio worldwide.

- [Learn more about the history of The Rotary Foundation](#)
- [Find information on how to celebrate and download resources](#)
- [Purchase centennial commemorative book, "Doing Good in the World"](#)

District 7070 Climb to End Polio Now: June 2016



Let's all help 4 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, **Ryan Fogarty** of the Toronto Don Mills Rotary Club and **Viji Leger**, Past President of the Woodbridge

Rotary Club are going to climb Mount Kilimanjaro.

ATTENTION ROTARIANS IN DISTRICT 7070: WE WANT YOUR HELP !!!

From Jennifer Boyd

As we begin our journey to Tanzania and our adventure up Kilimanjaro, we would like to thank you for your contribution to our climb. We have raised \$90,000 so far and we hope to reach our \$100,000 while we are away or shortly after returning. It is because of your help that we are so close to making this world a polio-free one! While we are away you can follow us at one or all of the addresses below. We are planning to do live video feeds back if possible to facebook which will be open to the public.

Website: conquerpolio.org

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/conquerpolio.org/>

Twitter: @ConquerPolio

Thank you again and see you all once we return.

Sincerely,

Jennifer

We are asking all District 7070 Rotarians to ask your friends, relatives, neighbours and business associates to help them raise \$100,000 for the End Polio Now Campaign. They have raised \$90,000 so far and need all Rotarians and their families to help spread the word and ask for donations. It comes at a time when making history is literally just around the corner. Every dollar donated to the climb will actually turn into a \$5 donation to the End Polio Now campaign. How can this be? Both the Government of Canada and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announced they will match all donations 2 for 1. This means that every dollar donated becomes \$5.

They will start their climb between June 18 and 21 and hope to reach the summit on June 25. Watch the District 7070 Facebook page for photos and updates on their climb. And

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.

Be sure to ask your friends, relatives and neighbours, who are not Rotarians to support this worthy cause too.

Ask them to please visit the 2016 Rotary District 7070 Kilimanjaro Climb to End Polio at : www.conquerpolio.org and **DONATE TODAY** .

Past District Governor Art Hillier – We will miss you

From Grant Southwell, Secretary, Trenton Rotary Club:

It is with deep regret and profound sadness that I announce the passing last night, Monday, June 13, 2016, of one of our members, Art Hillier. Art was a Past President of the Trenton Rotary Club in 1987-88 and a Past District Governor of District 7070 in 1992-93 (I believe). Art Hillier has been ill for some time but through it all, he never complained and often mentioned that he was still interested in serving on our weekly duty roster if he was able to attend.

Beloved husband of Jean Hillier for 64 beautiful years. Loving father of David, Cindy, Robert, Richard, Cathy and their spouses. Proud Pop of 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Art will be truly missed by his siblings Wally, Bernie, Cecil, Albert, Clayton, Hazel, Sharon and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Art was a proud and dedicated Rotarian in the community.

Art will be missed. We are sad to see him go. God Bless.

Secretary Grant Southwell

From Past District Governor Brain Thompson:

PDG Art was a favourite of mine, and was very inspiring and encouraging to me when he was DG (1992-93). This is sad news indeed. One thing I'll never forget about him was the way he answered the call for help from war-torn Bosnia during the Christmas / post-Christmas season of 1992, and how he rallied support from the district. We shipped winter clothes overseas in record time. . Art was a capable, compassionate leader.

Brian

Here is a link to The Rotarian magazine showing Art's accomplishment to aid those in Bosnia.

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=MzIEAAAAMBAJ&pg=PA55&lpg=PA55&dq=rotary+district+7070+art+hillier&source=bl&ots=rvyDsz9D7P&sig=lt1uKVxN0-nP1PLZcSEiv9Zdhgo&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwj4jM-U9KrNAhWJyyYKHxwJAs0Q6AEILzAD#v=onepage&q=rotary%20district%207070%20art%20hillier&f=false>

PDG Bill Patchett and Delphine receive Award

From Rhonda Cunningham, Executive Director Northumberland Hills Hospital Foundation



During the Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) Foundation's recent annual meeting, Bill and Delphine Patchett were recognized with the highest honour available to NHH supporters. The prestigious **Doctor of Philanthropy** award recognizes those who have made a significant difference in the care our medical team is able to provide to our community. The Patchett's were officially gowned by their family physician, Dr. Ari Haukioja. The nurses at NHH described the Patchett's as "wonderfully compassionate and very generous." One nurse shared that the Patchett's always provide positive feedback for the care they are provided and noted that this makes her feel appreciated.

The time, energy, and support the Patchett's have extended to the hospital are greatly appreciate and makes Bill and Delphine worthy recipients of this honour.

SHELTERBOX News For July 2016

From: Ron Noseworthy, Chair, ShelterBox Canada





Rotary Youth Exchange Students raise funds for ShelterBox Canada

This past April the Rotary Youth Exchange students in District 5360 raised over \$27,000 for ShelterBox Canada! The students held an international dinner with local community members and Rotarians to ensure that no family is left without shelter after a disaster.

The group was made up of both inbound and outbound students who came together with their Rotary Clubs to tackle such an impressive fundraising goal. Each student was awarded a ShelterBox Youth Exchange Challenge pin and certificate to thank them for their amazing fundraising efforts. Everyone at ShelterBox Canada would like to extend a huge thank you to all those who

helped make this event a success!

If your Rotary District is interested in learning more information about the ShelterBox Canada Youth Exchange challenge please get in touch at youthexchange@shelterboxcanada.org

Deployment Update: Sri Lanka



In May, Sri Lanka experienced a cyclone that caused major torrential rain fall and landslides that buried whole villages in meters of mud.

“The landslides came so fast. All we could hear for about an hour was rocks crashing. Sometimes it was as loud as an atomic bomb.”

Our ShelterBox team is in Sri Lanka and is working with the military and the local Rotary network to establish camps for people who have been displaced from the landslides and flooding. ShelterBox aims to support over 300 households with ShelterBoxes and other needed aid items.

From ShelterBox Canada to Rotary: Thank you

Everyone at ShelterBox would like to extend a big thank you to all of the Rotary Clubs, Rotary Districts and individual Rotarians across Canada who have supported our efforts in the 2015-2016 year.

So far this year, Rotary Clubs have donated over \$425,000 to support families who have lost everything after a disaster. On behalf of the ShelterBox team and those we serve, thank you.

Ron Noseworthy ShelterBox Response Team

Member and Past President of The Rotary Club of Kenora

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

HIP (Honoring Indigenous People): Highlights from the June 2016 Newsletter



Message from HIP Chair, Chris Snyder

Attitudes Towards Aboriginal Peoples

You may have read some of the findings of the recent Environics Institute Aboriginal Peoples Study about attitudes towards Aboriginal Peoples. This study was sponsored by 7 groups and polled non-Aboriginal people across the country. I would encourage you to read it

http://www.uaps.ca/wp-content/uploads/2010/02/UAPS_Summary_Final.pdf

Many of the findings were not surprising, however, some are worth mentioning here:

- 1) I was surprised only 66% of non-Aboriginals were aware of residential schools and only 42% have heard or read anything about the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Few knew about any of the calls to action. You can reference the TRC Report on our HIP website (links).
- 2) There is solid support for several recommendations relating to truth and reconciliation. 91% supported increased educational funding to match provincial contributions to education equal to non-Aboriginals. 90% supported mandatory teaching of Indigenous history and culture in the schools to non-Aboriginals. 87% supported funding to protect Aboriginal languages. These findings show there is great support for HIP's focus - education and awareness.
- 3) There was also strong support for increased Aboriginal representation in government and increased funding for housing and water.
- 4) Most people thought Aboriginal history and culture were part of a defining characteristic of what makes Canada unique. Less however than multiculturalism, healthcare and the land.
- 5) 69% thought Indigenous Peoples were discriminated against.
- 6) There is a growing level of knowledge of Aboriginal Peoples and a high percentage of people want to learn more. A majority of non-Aboriginals have now had some direct contact with Indigenous. Increasing contact, the report says, will further improve understanding.
- 7) A majority of people have improved impressions brought about in large part because of contact with Indigenous Peoples and their culture and learning more. A minority of people have negative views of Indigenous Peoples. This is more pronounced in the prairie provinces. Those that do, cite perceived tax breaks and other rights and privileges, reliance on government handouts, that Aboriginal People are lazy and corrupt, alcoholism and substance abuse, criminal activity, militant or violent protests and not taking advantage of opportunities.

Overall, the report showed there is an improvement in attitudes towards Indigenous Peoples for Indigenous People. There is, though, a long way to go not just to improve our views but in the creation of opportunities. I encourage you to Be Part of the Change. 84% of Canadians believe individuals have a role to play in the reconciliation process. Please take the opportunity this summer for you and others you know to learn and experience more. One conversation or action/day does wonders.

HIP Board

We are delighted to welcome two new members to the HIP Board - John Andras from the Rotary Club of Toronto and David Newman from the Rotary Club of Winnipeg.

John has a long history of working with Indigenous Peoples, most recently as Chair of the Rotary Club of Toronto's Indigenous Committee and a member of HIP's Advisory Board. John is extremely well known in the Indigenous community and has championed many projects and connected many people.

David is also passionate about working with Indigenous Peoples. He has been doing this for many years. David is a former Manitoba Cabinet Minister and his portfolio included responsibility for Indigenous Peoples. His appointment will add momentum to expanding our education and awareness initiatives in western Canada.

Both John and David bring considerable passion and experience to HIP'S Board and gives us representation in six Rotary districts.

We will be adding more Indigenous members shortly. For details, go to our website.

HIP Website

Please look at our website (<http://www.rotaryhip.com/>) for regular updates. There are many links to other organizations and is a great "go-to" site. The Rotary HIP Facebook has been set up so "like us on Facebook". Pass it on to your Facebook friends. You can find the icon on our www.rotaryhip.com website. Pass on our news and activities to your 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 added a new link ([Rotary HIP - Links](#)) to an organization, *OCA(Ontario Camps Association)*. They are very interested in putting local Indigenous people and camps together to begin building partnerships and friendships throughout the summer. They are also creating an Indigenous resource page to be used by OCA members so it's another avenue to share information about historical issues and culture past and present. At the OCA Conference recently, a panel discussion was held bringing together indigenous peoples and camp professionals to talk about representation and programming at camps. John Andras, Chair of The Rotary Club of Toronto Aboriginal Service Committee, served on the panel along with Anne Taylor, Cultural Archivist, Curve Lake First Nation Cultural Centre among several other well respected presenters.

Photos: We have added several photos into our photo album on our website ([Rotary HIP-Photo Album](#)). You will see the Neskantaga children enjoying their donation of skates and the new playground equipment that has arrived in the community for installation once the snow melts. As well, One Laptop per Child has sent a couple photos of their recent successes.

Newsletters

Our monthly HIP newsletters can now be found on our HIP website ([Rotary HIP - Newsletters](#)).

Resources - Films & Documentaries

A page has been added on the website for films & documentaries ([Rotary HIP - Films & Documentaries](#)). Please have a look. If you have recently viewed a film or documentary or read a book with an indigenous theme or message, please email Julie Dunaiskis (julie@eccgroup.ca) and Janet McLeod (jmm@nexicom.net) to add to our list.

Reading

We have updated our reading list which can be found on our website [Rotary HIP - Reading](#) You could select a few to add to your summer reading.

Rotary News

The Rotary Club of Waterdown's *Oh Canada Ribfest* on July 1st are pleased to welcome back the Sky Dancers from Six Nations. The dancers will perform at 2 p.m. These events will create awareness of the culture and traditions. We hope you can drop by. Check out the website for event details: [Six Nations Sky Dancers Returning](#).

In April, the Rotary Club of Bowmanville hosted Dr. Dawn Lavelle Harvard (President of the Native Women's Association of Canada). A large number of individuals were in attendance including an MP and MPP, members of the RCMP, local police and Bethseda House, clergy and many other guests. As well, four members of the club travelled to Thunder Bay to attend the Mattawa Graduation and Bursary Awards ceremony on June 2nd. Great work by the club and congratulations to all graduates and award winners!

Birgit Wartenberg of the Rotary Club of Belleville reports that the Indigenous Peoples Partnerships Committee presented their 2015/2016 *Indigenous Professional Development Bursaries* to two university students (\$1,000 each) and two college students (\$500 each). They continue to work with a school in Fort Hope and last year provided hockey equipment and arranged for an outdoor rink. They plan to engage students from an early age in order to keep them busy.

If your club is or has held an event or been involved in an event or project, please email Julie Dunaiskis (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. If you have been sent a

questionnaire to learn of your activities, please return.

Request a Speaker

Would your club like to have a HIP representative speak at an upcoming meeting? If so, please contact Julie Dunaikis (julie@eccgroup.ca) with available dates and we will co-ordinate for you. We have established a great relationship with the Chiefs of Ontario. They are willing to arrange for speakers.

In the News

- a 2-page article about HIP was in the Canadian edition of The Rotarian. Go to our blog to read.

Approved Projects

Check the HIP website ([Rotary HIP - Approved projects](#)) to see full project descriptions. We hope you or your club can support any of the projects mentioned as follows. We need much more financial support. Please join in. Not only will you help the project become reality and assist with the educational needs but you will learn a lot as well.

Here is a new project: Dolly Parton Imagination Library

Some years ago, Dolly Parton established a foundation to provide one book/month to marginalized children from age 0-5. This is the period when the human brain through the connecting of neurons goes through the greatest period of development. A child who is exposed to love, holding and kindness will turn out much differently than a child who is shunned or beaten or is exposed to violence.

A child being read to in addition to helping them start to read will discover colours, shapes, stories, stimulation and benefits from being held.

This program was started in the US but has spread to Canada.

The first partnership with Indigenous Peoples in Canada involved the old District 7070 Healthy Beginnings initiative, the Rotary Club of Toronto, the Dolly Parton Foundation and the James Bartleman literacy initiative.

Books are now supplied to Sandy Lake by the Rotary Club of Toronto in northern Ontario. Many other sponsorships across Canada have grown out of this initial partnership.

HIP has just entered into an agreement with the Dolly Parton Foundation, OISE and Native Child and Family Services of Toronto to provide these books to approximately 200 Indigenous children in the GTA. The program will cost about \$10,000 - \$50/child. The Rotary Club of Uxbridge already has come up with the first \$2,500.

If you would like to participate in this or any other Dolly Parton Foundation program, please contact Chris Snyder. You can also check further details on the link: [Canada | Dolly Parton's Imagination Library](#).

Elephant Thoughts - Good News

Elephant Thoughts is a leader in First Nations and Inuit educational programs. A team of professional educators incorporate First Nations and Inuit values, culture, special needs and specific disciplines into all programs. Their programs teach and integrate traditional and contemporary knowledge.

The Ask - Elephant Thoughts was seeking \$3,000 in funding to support a one week summer science camp program in Timiskaming First Nation, Quebec. HIP is providing the money. As the first reserve created in Canada, this Algonquin community is located right on the border of Quebec and Ontario and 60% of their traditional territory is in Ontario. The Elephant Thoughts Summer Camp has been travelling to First Nations and Inuit communities nationwide since 2004 to deliver high energy, high quality science and technology themed programming to help engage and empower participants between the ages of 9-13. The aim of the program is to help promote the "Big Ideas" relating to all fields of science and technology while creating awareness about traditional culture and indigenous science practices. Participants are encouraged to develop confidence to ask questions and gain a better understanding of how the world around us works through hands-on materials and equipment. The goals of the summer camp are to promote science and technology, solidify a working foundation of scientific principals and methods and to encourage and excite participants to enter careers in science and technology.

There are other camps so if you want to find out more, contact Lisa Farano @ lisafarano@rogers.com.

Other projects:

- One Laptop per Child Canada
- The Pen Pals' G.R.A.N.D. Project - Grand River Arts: Neighbourhood Dialogue
- Better Hearing in Education for Northern Youth - The Rotary Club of Guelph
- Wawahte Documentary -Subject Indian Residential Schools - "Telling the Story"
- Pelican Falls First Nations High School, Sioux Lookout

What do First Nations People Need and Want?

A group of young people in Attawapiskat came up with some very poignant suggestions. To see them, go to our website Blog. ([Rotary HIP - Blog](#)).

Upcoming Events

Art Show - July 1-14, 2016, Ben Navaee Gallery, Toronto

Local artist, Dianne Patychuk will be hosting an art show with proceeds supporting the youth of Neskantaga First Nation. Dianne says " as we celebrate Canada Day, the new work in this show uses pieces of local land (gathered weathered wood, birch bark, sand) to honour indigenous history and to draw attention to the Toronto land deal (1787/2010), other treaty rights, settler obligations and what undoing colonialism means to ownership and use of the land. Check out the link for location details: Ben Navaee Gallery Toronto

Do you you have vacation plans yet? If the answer is no, you may be interested in spending a week (July 14-21) on a remote First Nations reserve. This is the third trip to be organized by the local youth and past participants have found the trip to be life-changing. Twenty-five travellers will be welcomed to Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation (KI) to experience life and daily activities in their community. You can find out further details on our blog.

Upcoming Pow Wows

Six Nations of Grand River(Brantford) - July 22-24, 2016

Wikwemikong Pow Wow(Manitoulin) - Civic Weekend 2016

Chippewas of Rama First Nation(Orillia) - August 20 & 21, 2016

Mississaugas of the New Credit(Hagersville) - August 27 & 28, 2016

Native Harvest Festival Pow Wow(London) - Sept. 17 & 18, 2016

Curve Lake First Nation(Buckhorn) - 3rd weekend in Sept. 2016

Check the Ontario Travel website for other events through the summer.

Ongoing

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

CBC Radio every week day has a very informative program called *Unreserved* hosted by renowned Aboriginal broadcaster Rosanna Deerchild. Check your local listings for the time. For the GTA, it is on at 1 p.m. It is filled with a vast array of stories, interviews and issues.

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!

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

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 March 31, 2016, there are 1,235,100 Rotarians in 35,247 Rotary Clubs in the world. And, As of December 29, 2015, there are 201,342 Rotaract members in 8,754 Rotaract Clubs in the world and there are 441,278 Interact members in 19,186 Interact Clubs in the world.



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

Rotary Foundation Centennial

Starting July 1, 2016, The Rotary Foundation is celebrating its 100th birthday. Lots of special events are scheduled! Significant for WASRAG is the announcement that 10 outstanding global grant projects completed during the 2015-16 Rotary year will be recognized by The Rotary Foundation at the 2017 International Convention in Atlanta.

WASH Resources

The following are some great WASH resources that you might find useful!

[Centre for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology](#)

[The Water Network](#)

[Faecal Sludge Management - Practical Action in South Asia](#)

[Partnership for Handwashing](#)

WASH e-club and Digital Presentation Library

In earlier newsletters we've mentioned Rotary's first WASH e-club. Founded in New Zealand, but with a global reach, the club plans to have it's "launch" meeting in Seoul.

The WASH e-Club is an ideal way for Rotarians with a passion for WASH to keep up-to-date.

To support e-clubs and others interested in online materials, WASRAG is developing a video library of presentations that can be used as meeting topics for e-Clubs and traditional Rotary Clubs. [Read more . . .](#)

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.

Rotary Club of Bowmanville's Public Image - Congratulations

Here is a note from Wayne Routly, Past President of the Rotary Club of Bowmanville and Past Assistant Governor

The attached link to the June 2016 issue of The Clarington Promoter focused on the Clubs June Ribfest. It gets mailed out to all **35,000** residents in Clarington. But look what else the Bowmanville Rotary Club did. The entire current publication focuses on four important PR areas:

1. Promotes the Ribfest event
2. Increases top of mind awareness within our community about Rotary
3. Attracts new members
4. Shows how monies raised from the event are used

In addition, the Rotary Club of Bowmanville continually attempts to partner with as many community organizations as possible and this year a major new one - Canadian Tire Mostport Park.

The **entire** issue focuses on the event and Rotary. It has taken a number of years to get to this point. Check out all 9 pages.

<http://www.claringtonpromoter.ca/> **and look for the June issue**

Editor's Note: I know there are a number of clubs in the District that do Ribfests but I wanted to share where Bowmanville Rotary are with boosting their Rotary Public Image and other clubs might find it interesting particularly in how we approach it. It can be surprising how many people don't know what Rotary is and does so why not promote it more.

Paul Harris Fellows Received by over 25% of The Rotary Club of Oshawa-Parkwood in one special Night

Seven members of the Rotary Club of Oshawa-Parkwood received their Paul Harris Fellow awards on June 7, 2016 at the club's annual Paul Harris Awards Night, it was announced today by Past District Ted Morrison, the club's Director of the Rotary Foundation.

Past District Governor and current Rotary Coordinator for Rotary International Zone 24 East, Lynda Ryder was introduced by Past District Governor Ted Morrison as keynote speaker for the evening. Lynda spoke enthusiastically about Rotary Foundation and the creation of the Paul Harris Fellowship Award. She related the history of both, the changes over the years, as well as the many benefits to the world that have resulted from donations to the Rotary Foundation.

Ted and Lynda proceeded to present Paul Harris Awards to seven (7) members of Oshawa Parkwood. Over 25% of the Rotary Club of Oshawa-Parkwood received their Paul Harris Fellow Awards for contributions to The Rotary Foundation, in this Rotary Year. A huge accomplishment !!

There are several levels of Paul Harris Awards until the \$10,000.00 level is reached - at that level one becomes a Major Donor. The Rotarians of the Club received varying levels at the Paul Harris Night from the first time Paul Harris Fellow award right up to Paul Harris plus 8.

In addition, it was also announced that current member and Past President Dr. Kris Sachdeva had been recognized as Major Donor. That made it 8 Paul Harris Awards in one night for the Rotary Club of Oshawa-Parkwood, a club with only 27 members.

One of the first time Paul Harris Award recipients went to a surprised member Peter Dueck for his 30 years of dedicated service.

Past President Kris Sachdeva was also recognized as a Major Donor to the Rotary Foundation for his major contribution this year and his presentation will be at a later date.

President Mike McLaren thanked Lynda Ryder for her presence and participation in this very important event for the Rotary Club of Oshawa-Parkwood and also thanked Past District Governor Ted Morrison for his preparation for this evening's program. In addition, at the June 22, 2016 District 7070 Awards evening, The Rotary Club of Oshawa-Parkwood also received the District 7070 Rotary Foundation Citation With Distinction, one of 6 clubs in the 54 club District to do so.



REMINDER: District 7070 Conference 2016

Are you ready to REV UP ROTARY? October 21 & 22, 2016



You will be when you attend the 2016 District 7070 Conference. Poised to please, inform and inspire the 2016 conference will boast a **3R Hub** where you can explore Rotary projects, exchange information and fuel friendship. It's a different kind of space for you to **Re-ignite, Re-charge and Re-imagine Rotary**. When you aren't in the 3R Hub you'll find yourself being driven by a program of inspiring **TED style talks** from speakers who will have you racing for the open road to do good in the world. See more at: <http://www.rotary7070.org/SitePage/rev-up-rotary-district-conference-2016#sthash.8Bqb8vdE.dpuf>

This year's district conference is being held at the beautiful **Sheraton Parkway Toronto North** hotel in Richmond Hill. [Click here to book your hotel room.](#)

Register by the end of May and save money.

REMINDER: Club of the Month:

From District Governor Michael Bell, DG Elect Jim Louttit, DG Nominee Neil Phillips and DG Nominee Designate Mary Lou Harrison

The "Club of the Month" is not a new concept to District 7070. In the past we have asked clubs to brag about themselves but we are a modest group.

In fact, it has been available to all Rotary Clubs in District 7070 all year. Where have you been for the last two years? To encourage "Service Above Self" throughout the District, the District Governor and future Governors have decided to share stories about the clubs which exemplify our motto.

Do you think that your Rotary Club deserves to be named "Club of The Month"?

If so, please do some bragging and submit a one-page story about your Club (about 300 words) ,and add a few photos, and send it to District Governor Michael Bell. In your story, tell them a bit about the history of your club and some of your major accomplishments and how your club serves Rotary in your community and throughout the world. The esteemed panel of **the four G's (District Governor Michael Bell, DG Elect Jim Louttit, DG Nominee Neil Phillips) and DG Nominee Designate Mary Lou Harrison)** will make the decision, and it will then be entered on to

the District 7070 website as "Club of The Month" and featured right here in the District Newsletter.

See more at: <http://www.rotary7070.org/SitePage/club-of-the-month#sthash.LixNq61k.dpuf>

REMINDER: Mobile Business Directory of the Members of Rotary International District 7070

From Rotarian Rob MacArthur, a member of The District 7070 District Website Team

Are you a Rotarian in District 7070?

How would you like to advertise your business on our new mobile business directory for as little as \$10 for the first year?

Check out the site at <http://www.rotarydistrict7070.mobi> to register today!

Are you a consumer looking for a service or business owned by a Rotarian?

Check the site often to see our business directory grow.

Who wouldn't want to do business with a group of business owners that follow The Four-Way Test

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Check out our Facebook link: 7070 Directory

www.rotarydistrict7070.mobi

The Rotary District 7070 Mobile Business Directory has been in operation for over two years. We have several District members listing their businesses. The Directory has had over 6,000 visits annually with a click through rate of over 6%. This means that 6% of those visits did something... they called a business... they clicked on the map to find the business... or they went to the businesses website. In the industry, over 6% is very good. The more members we have participating and sharing the directory, the more exposure it will have and the better success it will have. Any Rotary member of District 7070 can be on the directory for a cost of \$10.00. To look at the directory and to find out more about it, please go to www.rotarydistrict7070.mobi. You can also fill out the form to have your business put on the directory.

If you have any questions, please contact any member of the District Clubrunner Committee.

Is your business missing out on a opportunity?

If you would like more info, please contact Rob McArthur at info@robmac.org.

Editor's Note: A very special Thank You to **Rotarian Rob MacArthur** of our District Website Team who has created the Mobile Business Directory of the Members of Rotary International District 7070

REMINDER: A Rotary District 7070 Speakers Bureau

From Rotarian Aziz Saleh, a member of The District 7070 District Website Team

Guest Speakers or Your Own Club Member Speakers:

Have you heard a good speaker at one of your weekly Rotary meetings? It may even be one of your own Rotary Club members who often are your best Rotary speakers.

How about sharing that speaker with everyone in District 7070.

Perhaps your Club is looking for a good speaker. This is your chance to help. The District 7070 Website Committee has created a **Rotary District 7070 Speakers Bureau** that we will post on the District 7070 website and we need your input.

Please send the following info:

- Speaker's Name and Topic,
- Speaker's Contact information

- A short Speaker Biography

The Name of The Rotarian and your Rotary Club making the recommendation

To Rotarian Aziz Saleh at azizdsaleh@gmail.com

A very special Thank You to Rotarian Aziz Saleh of our District 7070 Website Team who has volunteered to put together the Rotary International District 7070 Speakers Bureau for you to use.

Rotary Foundation Walk - Sunday, September 11, 2016 Brighton Community Centre 75 Elizabeth St., Brighton, ON

Fun for the whole family!

Registration & Refreshments: 8:30am to 9:45am

Explore Beautiful Brighton Walk: 10:00am Relaxed Historical Walk: 10:30am

Lunch and prizes: 12:00pm

Pet Friendly • Prizes, Trivia Observation Contest for Adults & Kids

Save The Date Fun for the whole family!

For additional information, please contact: Foundation Walk Chairs: Victoria Parker & Ted Harp
Victoria.A.Parker@icloud.com | Ted@TedHarp.ca

[Poster](#)

[Registration Form](#)

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 come to your club , they check out your webiste.