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DG Michael and Jo-Ann Bell

District Governor's Newsletter

JUNE 1, 2016

Be A Gift To The World

June is Rotary Fellowships Month

My Fellow Rotarians,

This is not to be confused with fellowship in Rotary.

Rotary Fellowships are independent groups of Rotarians, family members, program participants and alumni who share a common passion. Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends from around the world. Fellowship activities vary widely. Members come together around hobbies or interests such as cricket or jazz, or vocations such as writing or medicine. Some groups are purely social while others use their fellowships for service projects. Why don't you take a moment to go online at My Rotary and look into joining a fellowship or starting a new one. Your life will be enriched if you do.

I can't believe that as I am writing this, June, my last month as District Governor is staring me in the face. What an incredible journey the past few years have been, leading up to and including my time as your District Governor. I want to thank each and every Rotarian in the District for the support and encouragement that you have given to both Jo-Ann and myself throughout this journey. I am humbled to have been of service to such an outstanding District as 7070. Your dedication to improving the lives of others at home and around the world is unsurpassed.

When confronted with global tragedies this year such as the Syrian Refugee crisis or the wild fires of Fort McMurray, you were there to support with your time and your resources to help make a positive difference. And when we asked you to join with us in recognizing and celebrating the hard work and dedication of Bill & Delphine Patchett to our district, you came out to our luncheon and you helped us to raise over \$575,000 for the Polio Plus program. Thank you for this overwhelming support.

I had the distinct pleasure of meeting Usha Saboo, wife of 1991-92 RI President R.K. Saboo, in San Diego during District Governor training and I wish to share with each of you something that she shared with me:

When you give of your time in service, you touch lives, When you give of your resources, you uphold lives, When you give of your time and of your resources with love and compassion, you yourself become a "Gift to the World"

Thank you again for all that you have done and for all that you are doing in the name of Rotary and I join with you in welcoming and supporting incoming District Governor Jim Louttit as we look forward to another exciting and successful year in District 7070.

Yours in Rotary,

Michael

District Governor Michael Bell at mjbell925@gmail.com



From District Governor Elect Jim Louttit

Dear Fellow Rotarians,



The **2016 Rotary International Seoul Convention** is on right now. I hope to see you all real soon after this very exciting week in Seoul, Korea.

I am experiencing Rotary's internationality, exchanging ideas with fellow members, and discovering new avenues – and potential partners – for service.

Check the our District Facebook Page and the www.rotary.org website for the daily happenings here in Seoul. It really is Rotary's biggest event of the year.



Be a Gift to the World.

Jim

District Governor Elect Jim Louttit at jvlperu@gmail.com [Sign up for convention updates](#)

- [View the schedule highlights](#)

The 2016 Rotary Convention: Follow the action with [#Rotary16](#), view photos and videos and get involved: <http://www.riconvention.org> and at <http://www.riconvention.org/en/seoul/live-coverage>



Save the date! Take advantage of an **extra-special early registration rate of \$265** for the **2017 Rotary International Convention**, where we will celebrate the **centennial of The Rotary Foundation**.

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.

We're offering the special rate in honor of Foundation visionary Arch Klumph and his birthday of June 6, as well as the \$26.50 first contribution to the endowment fund that grew into The Rotary Foundation.

Join us in Atlanta! Mark your calendar to **take advantage of the special registration rate of \$265, available only from May 28 to June 6, 2016** at riconvention.org

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

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



Dear Fellow Rotarians:

British writer and Royal Air Force pilot Roald Dahl was also an avid photographer who carried his beloved Zeiss camera on his many adventures. At a time when each photograph had to be laboriously developed by hand, on film or glass plate negatives, he amassed a collection of hundreds of images. In later years, these photographs served as a visual record of his travels, a way to document his experiences and share them with others. Yet he always spoke of his memories as being far more vivid than the photographs could ever reflect. So many events and experiences, he said, were simply impossible to capture; they could not be adequately conveyed in images or words.

Language may fail, and photographs fade; minds are fallible, and details are lost. But some experiences, as Dahl said, never dim; they stand out in our memories, even after decades, as a wall of flame. They rear up forever over the landscape of our past, dividing our lives into what came before and what came after.

That metaphor has stayed with me throughout the past year as I have traveled the world for Rotary. For indeed, this entire year has stood, and will always stand, as a wall of flame in my mind, dividing my life into before and after. When I think back over these 12 months, I see a bright kaleidoscope of images cascading before my eyes, day after day, week after week. The anxious parents in Chandigarh, India, hovering at the bedside of the child recovering from lifesaving heart surgery. The bright flags of Nepal fluttering over an entire village that had been rebuilt after the devastating earthquake. The feeling of awe in St. Peter's Square at the Jubilee of Rotarians celebrated by Pope Francis. Joyful gatherings around the world, in so many countries, in so many languages - with friends I had never before met, my brothers and sisters in Rotary.

To serve as president of Rotary International is a colossal undertaking, one that cannot be truly conveyed in images or words. It is a wall of flame that will burn forever in my memory, dancing with light, shifting in shadow. A thousand images jostle together in my mind, a thousand recollections, a thousand emotions. Together, they form a great mosaic; together, they show the bright and glorious work of your hands.

As this Rotary year draws to a close, I am prouder than ever to be part of this great organization: one that makes the world not poorer, but richer; replaces despair with hope; raises up those whom fate has brought low; and is a gift to so many, while allowing each of us to **Be a Gift to the World.**

Ravi

K. R Ravindran **President, Rotary International**

Rotary Foundation Chair, Ray Klingensmith's Monthly Message - June 2016 - At the end of the movie -the cowboy rides away

Dear fellow Rotarians,



Western movies were the most popular film genre for several decades, and they were well known around the world. In many of them, after a victorious battle between the good guys and the bad guys, the hero would accept the appreciation of his friends and supporters - and then ride off alone into the sunset. I won't be alone due to my Rotary friends, but I will be riding into the Rotary sunset on June 30, and I can't avoid the comparison, because my life has been much like a movie for more than 50 years. From the time I was selected as a Rotary Scholar in 1959, good things started happening for me, and they have continued in much the same way as they did in the heartwarming movies of yesteryear.

Due to my Rotary Foundation scholarship to study in South Africa, my life has been an amazing adventure. I never dreamed when I was sailing from New Orleans to Cape Town on a Lykes Line freighter ship in 1961 that I would be the presiding officer at the 2011 Rotary Convention in that same port city of New Orleans exactly 50 years later. But it happened, and I truly have a deep appreciation and passion for The Rotary Foundation.

I also am fortunate that I found a way to utilize my farm heritage with the music and lyrics of "Cowboy Logic" and the wisdom of the Code of the West as recited in the book Cowboy Ethics. It has been a signal honor to play a role in the fantastic story of Rotary as it has emerged onto the world stage. But above all else, I am proud to acknowledge that I am a living, breathing product of The Rotary Foundation - because I was a Rotary Scholar.

Ray Klinginsmith

Ray Klinginsmith

Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair

June is Rotary Fellowships Month

What Is your Rotary Club doing to focus on Rotary Fellowships in June 2016?

Rotary Fellowships are groups of Rotary members, spouses, and Rotaractors who

- Share a common interest in recreational activities, sports, hobbies, or professions
- Further their vocational development with others in the same profession or field
- Enhance their Rotary experience by exploring new opportunities and making connections around the world

HOW ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS OPERATE

- Each fellowship functions independently of Rotary International, establishing its own rules, dues requirements, and administrative structure.
- Membership is open to Rotarians, spouses of Rotarians, and Rotaractors.
- Fellowships must have an international scope, with active members in at least three countries.

Fellowships:

- Enable Rotarians to make lasting friendships outside their own club, district, or country
- Contribute to the advancement of Rotary's public image and identity
- Serve as an incentive for joining Rotary and for continuing as a member

Rotary has fellowships for any interest. Find one on page 59 of the June 2016 edition of *The Rotarian* magazine. Or find one that suits you at www.rotary.org/fellowships or if you would like to start a new fellowship, write to rotaryfellowships@rotary.org.

District 7070 Rotaract News and their May 2016 Newsletter

From Kelly Ku, District 7070 Rotaract Representative

The news highlights from the Rotaract clubs in our district can be seen on the link below and also at www.rotaractd7070.org. Please share this link with your club members and spread the Rotaract love.

Here is a link to the May 2016 District 7070 Rotaract Newsletter: <https://www.smore.com/3k2v7>

To all of the Rotarians: please reach out to the Interact and Rotaract clubs that you sponsor and invite them to the **2016 District 7070 Rotaract District Conference at York University on June 11, 2016.**

Discovering Your N.E.M.O (New Experiences, Meaningful Opportunities) is taking place on June 11th at the TEL Building at York University Keele Campus. It is a full day conference beginning at 9 am and ending at 9 pm. We will have several breakout sessions, most of which will be lead by Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors from our District. In addition, we will be chartering the D7070 Rotaract Club, announcing the new DRR and Rotaract Chair, giving out

Awards and much more!

To the extent possible, please see if your club can help sponsor Interactors and Rotaractors to attend. It would be ideal to invite youth exchange students and past RYLA participants as well. After all, they are all future Rotarians! And here is the link to the District Rotaract Conference registration:

<https://www.smore.com/app/reporting/out/3k2v7?u=http%3A%2F%2Fbit.ly%2F2016DRCNEMO&t=http://bit.ly/2016DRCNEMO&w=w-6596167061&i=&l=l-7956161093>

Please share this link with your club members and spread the Rotaract love.

Thank you.

Kelly Ku

District 7070 Rotaract Chair

Our Rotary Foundation

From Bill Patchett, Chair District 7070 Rotary Foundation Committee

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Here we are in June 2016 – Rotary Fellowships Month. 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.

All Rotary Clubs in District 7070 have committed, again this 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 you 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 met your goals 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? 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 2016-17 Rotary Year yet?

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 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
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Past District Governor 7070 2006-2007
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Are You Preparing to celebrate The Rotary Foundation's centennial

A celebration of The Rotary Foundation centennial in 2016-17 will officially kick 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 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"](#)

PolioPlus Update

From: Kris Tsau, Advocacy Specialist with PolioPlus at Rotary International:

I'm pleased to share good news released today by Marie Claude Bibeau, Canada's Minister for International Development and La Francophonie, that **Canada has released \$19.9 million to support polio eradication activities in Nigeria**. The announcement was made in conjunction with a Women Deliver Conference which the Minister is attending in Denmark. <http://news.gc.ca/web/article-en.do?nid=1065809>

These funds represent the latest payment from the \$250 million commitment made at the 2013 Vaccine summit. That commitment was through 2018, though it is noteworthy that Canada has largely disbursed most of the commitment well ahead of schedule. I do not have the exact figures about how much of the \$250 million has been paid to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. Updated figures should be released by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative next week.

I also take this opportunity to report on meetings that were held with officials in April 2016.

From April 20-22 I, Past RI President Wilf Wilkinson, PolioPlus Advocacy Specialist Kris Tsau and Evan Zelikovitz joined with Michel Zaffran and Violaine Messenger from WHO, and Reza Hossaini and Marina Ponti from UNICEF to meet with Canadian officials to discuss Canada's continued leadership. The three-day series of meetings included a range of political officials, bureaucrats and technical officials within Global Affairs Canada. It also featured a

parliamentary breakfast for World Immunization Week, focusing on polio eradication.

The series of meetings held by Rotary, UNICEF and WHO were the first formal engagement of the new administration. Partners highlighted Canada's unique role as the first country with the vision and investment in a polio free world, and the historic opportunity to continue that leadership through the finish line. This was well received. A specific figure for support was not proposed by the partners during these meetings, particularly since the updated GPEI budget remains to be published. However, the partners did identify upcoming opportunities during which Canada's continued support could be prominently profiled, including World Polio Day, the 2016 summit of the Francophonie in Madagascar in November, Canada's 150th anniversary in 2017 (during which Canada's role in polio eradication could be highlighted among national achievements), and the G7 summit which Canada will host in 2018 and which will also happen around the time of Rotary's 2018 convention in Toronto.

I hope you find this information interesting and useful. I encourage you to share the good news about the release of funds with Nigeria, and to "Like" and/or otherwise indicate your appreciation and support through the social media channels of your choice.

Kind regards,

Kris

Kris Tsau

Advocacy Specialist | PolioPlus

Editor's Note: Only 14 cases of polio have been reported this year and two polio-endemic countries remain. Find out how a new approach is putting us on the brink of ending this disease forever: <http://on.rotary.org/1T6Dlpn> also at <http://www.polioeradication.org/>

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 !!!

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 \$60,000 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** .

2016 ROTARY COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION GRANTS CLUBS GREATER FLEXIBILITY

Representatives from Rotary districts around the world met in Chicago in April to revise Rotary policies. They approved changes that give clubs greater flexibility in when, where, and how they meet and the types of membership they offer.

Why are these changes needed?

In some parts of the world, Rotary continues to grow at a rapid rate. In others, membership has been declining and the average age of members is increasing. Over the past 15 years, Rotary has carried out pilot programs that have explored innovations in membership, classification, and the club experience. Consistently, in research and in the experiences of members, we have found that when clubs have more freedom to determine how they hold their meetings, who they invite to membership, and what defines engagement, the club is more vibrant and more able to grow. All Rotary clubs will now be able to adopt the new options the Council approved by amending their bylaws. Clubs that wish to continue to follow their traditional requirements for meetings, attendance, structure, and categories of membership may do so.

Flexibility in meeting frequency, format, and attendance

Council on Legislation representatives voted overwhelmingly to eliminate limitations on how Rotary clubs conduct their meetings. They also recognize that club health is not determined by attendance alone. The RI Board and Council representatives agree that individual clubs should be able to:

- Determine the best day and time for their meetings
- Change or cancel a meeting, if the need arises
- Count service projects or social events as meetings
- Choose whether to gather in person, meet online, alternate between online and in-person meetings, or even use both formats at the same time (for example, a member could participate in an in-person meeting online through video chat)
- Amend their bylaws to either relax or tighten attendance requirements and policies of terminating members for poor attendance

Rotary clubs now have the option of reducing their meeting frequency as long as they meet in some way at least twice per month. They are still expected to forward attendance reports to the district governor within 15 days of the last meeting of each month. The recent Council on Legislation decisions do not modify the current rules of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution. Clubs that want to adopt these changes will need to amend their bylaws. Clubs that wish to continue to adhere to the traditional requirements regarding meetings, attendance, structure, or categories of membership may do so.

E-clubs and Rotary clubs

Having decided to give all Rotary clubs greater flexibility as to how they meet, the 2016 Council concluded that it was no longer necessary to label them as either e-clubs or traditional clubs. For that reason, references to e-clubs have been removed from Rotary's Bylaws and the Standard Rotary Club Constitution, but e-clubs may continue to name

and brand themselves as e-clubs to emphasize that they meet exclusively or primarily online.

Flexibility in Membership Types

The RI Bylaws and Standard Rotary Club Constitution provide for two types of membership: active and honorary. By amending their bylaws, clubs may offer additional membership types that are desired in the community, such as associate, corporate, family membership or others.

Rotary International will continue to record, and grant all of the benefits of membership to, active members only who pay RI dues

Clubs that offer additional membership categories should report these members to Rotary International as active and are responsible for paying said members' RI dues

Clubs and districts set their own policies about these members' other financial obligations (club and district dues, meal costs, etc.), attendance requirements, and service expectations and reflect these policies in their bylaws

Clubs determine how they accept former or transferring members, including whether they allow current Rotaractors to join

Dual Membership for Rotaractors

The Council amended the Rotary International Bylaws to permit Rotaractors who meet the qualifications of membership to join a Rotary club while remaining Rotaract members. We hope that giving qualified young leaders a way to maintain their involvement in Rotaract, along with giving Rotary clubs greater flexibility in the format and frequency of meetings, will facilitate Rotaractors' transition to Rotary clubs. As members of the family of Rotary, Rotaractors are committed to the world community and share Rotary's goals of furthering service, world understanding, and peace.

With all of this change, is Rotary putting its reputation and brand at risk?

While the enactments adopted by the 2016 Council increase clubs' flexibility in meetings and membership categories, they don't permit clubs to deviate from Rotary's essential elements:

We are still business, professional, and community leaders. Our qualifications for membership have not changed.

The Object of Rotary, our basic tenets, have not changed.

Our essence statement — join leaders, exchange ideas, and take action — have not changed.

Our values of fellowship, integrity, diversity, service, and leadership have not changed.

The Four-Way Test, one of our most important distinguishing features, has not changed.

The changes the Council did make are not a threat to the quality of Rotary's membership. Instead, they empower clubs to adapt to a changing environment to remain relevant in our second century of service.

When do these changes take effect?

Changes take effect 1 July 2016. Now is the time to begin discussing what changes, if any, your club might pursue to make them more relevant to current members and the business, professional, and community leaders you seek to attract.

Lieutenant Governor of Ontario visits Oshawa

Her Honour the Hon. Elizabeth Dowdeswell, the 29th Lieutenant Governor of Ontario visited the City of Oshawa and the Rotary Club of Oshawa, on Friday May 20, 2016. Her Honour attended meetings with Oshawa Mayor and Oshawa Rotarian John Henry in the morning, followed by a special Rotary Club of Oshawa luncheon meeting at the Oshawa Jubilee Pavillion. In attendance included Rotarians and guests of both Rotary Clubs in Oshawa, many civic officials, including the Mayor John Henry and Rotary District 7070 Governor Michael Bell. In the photo, is Her Honour the Hon. Elizabeth Dowdeswell, in the centre of the front row. Oshawa Rotary Club President Geoff Lloyd is to the left of Her Honour. A great photo by our Rotary District 7070 Assistant Governor Aziz Saleh!



Let's Help Fort McMurray Recover and rebuild !

From District Governor Michael Bell

Greetings District 7070 Rotarians:

We now have an opportunity to have our contributions for the rebuilding efforts of Fort McMurray matched dollar for dollar.

The Rotary Club of Toronto has pledged to match, dollar for dollar all donations made through their club up to a maximum of \$15,000.00. Please see the link below for the Rotary Club of Toronto.

<https://cause2give.unxvision.com/EDMWeb/DonationForm.aspx?FormID=390&LanguageID=1>

In addition, **The Rotary Club of Etobicoke** will also match, dollar for dollar, all contributions made through their club up to a maximum of \$10,000.00. To contribute by credit card please email: dedwards@hvqp.ca To contribute by cheque, please send your cheque made out to the Rotary Club of Etobicoke, Fort McMurray Relief Fund to:

Mr. Don Edwards
1157 Spragg Court
Mississauga, Ontario
L5C 2Z9

Rotary's strength has always been in finding and fulfilling long term sustainable solutions for problems. We have and continue to do this around the world. Here is an opportunity for us to do this at home. Thank you for your support.

Together we will "Be A Gift to the World"

Michael

DG Michael Bell

Past, Present, and Future District 7070 Governors meet for Dinner

District Governors (past, present & future) gathered at the [Scarboro Golf and Country Club](#) on Tuesday for a fabulous meal and wonderful fellowship. Thank you to PDG Brian Thompson for the great photo!



Rotary Club of Oshawa still needs your help to send books to First Nations Reserves

The Rotary Club of Oshawa's book program for Canada's First Nations Reserves that may expand to a wider area once it gets going full steam. Right now Oshawa Rotarian Gordon Dowsley is getting books from people and institutions and some new from publishers. He still has over 5,000 to ship and he needs your help.

They are looking for people going to either Thunder Bay or Timmins to take more boxes located in Dundas, Ontario, to the depots there for distribution to the reserves. Their partners, the law students at Lakehead University have arranged for them to be flown in free of charge and designated people will be there to receive them. We have also sent books in by road and still have more to send.

The first load went by air to the Sandy Lake Reserve in January. Another community was helped by road. The Rotary Club of Oshawa is currently in the process of establishing a new library in a community which can also be reached by road. The objectives of the program draw support from all sectors. Another wonderful aspect is that everything is donated. This is Rotary at its best bringing wide spread benefits provided by volunteers with no budget.

In economic terms, we have a surplus of books here and a scarcity up north. They badly need volunteers to move the product to the distribution points.

So please join the transportation network - anyone travelling to Thunder Bay or Timmins at any time during the year please contact Gordon Dowsley in the Rotary Club of Oshawa. Email: gdowsley@yahoo.com and phone: [905-576-3636](tel:905-576-3636)

SHELTERBOX News For June 2016

From: Ron Noseworthy, Chair, ShelterBox Canada



Maria describes her Ecuador earthquake horror



For Maria Bele Artiaga, a wife and mother in her 50s, the massive earthquake that ripped apart much of Ecuador on April 16th was her second brush with a major earthquake. She vividly described her narrow escape to ShelterBox Response Team members who were there to help Ecuadorians recover and rebuild.

Standing in front of what little remains of her family home on the outskirts of Portoviejo in the Manabi province Maria explained her story. It was early evening a little over three weeks ago when the 7.8 magnitude earthquake that

killed 659 people and injured almost 28,000 began. It was felt as far away as Colombia and Peru, and in the following 24 hours there were 55 aftershocks.

Maria was alone in her house that evening, watching TV. Her husband and son were out. "The entire house was shaking. I felt disorientated like I was in a whirlpool and everything was spinning and twirling around me. I ran outside, it was dark, I stumbled and fell heavily to the ground."

ShelterBox was able to provide Maria with life-saving aid so that she can rebuild her home and life once again.

The ShelterBox Response Team was able to provide shelter for 2,600 households after the devastating earthquakes. With your support, ShelterBox was able to provide a range of aid items such as Shelter Kits to help rebuild, water filters, solar lights and mosquito nets. A ShelterBox team is set to return to Ecuador in the next month to conduct monitoring and evaluation tests to ensure that we met the needs of those affected.

Follow Tim and his trek for ShelterBox



On June 4, 2012 Sharon and Tim Bridgman set off from the North Cape of Norway to cycle unsupported and self-funded around the world. The husband and wife team from Devon, England were riding to raise awareness and support for ShelterBox. Their goal was to raise roughly \$18,000. They rode through Scandinavia, Eastern Europe and East Africa to Cape town in South Africa, passing through 23 countries and covering 15,939 miles.

On April 26th, 2014 in a remote area in south west Bolivia, Sharon was hit by a 4x4 and was killed instantly. Tim was devastated at the loss of his wife and best friend. His desire to continue to help ShelterBox became even more important

because so many people lose the ones closest to them in an instant from disasters.

Now, two years after Sharon's passing, Tim is making his final leg of his journey through the west coast of Canada before ending his trek in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska. He has now cycled through 39 countries, covering nearly 33,000 miles, climbing 500 KM and has been an inspiration to countless people along the way with his story of hope, loss, courage and fortitude.

Tim has arrived in Canada and is cycling from Vancouver up through Smithers, Bob Quinn Lake and Whitehorse. Tim will be stopping in 26 Canadian cities on his way to Alaska and will be visiting local Rotary Clubs along the way to share his story and his passion for ShelterBox. You can follow Tim's amazing journey on his live blog north2northcycletour.wordpress.com

Ron Noseworthy ShelterBox Response Team
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HIP (Honoring Indigenous People): Highlights from the June 2016 Newsletter



Message from HIP Chair, Chris Snyder

Bad News Good News

If you focus on what appears in the news about Indigenous Peoples, you could easily conclude it is all bad...the suicides, more children in foster homes, poverty amongst Indigenous Peoples particularly on the reserves, the cost of food, the number of Indigenous Peoples in jails, possible new claims from residential schools survivors, water issues - the list goes on. None of this is new.

There are, though, many good things that are happening. Here are just a few:

- 1) New educational initiatives are taking place everywhere. The federal government announced new money of several billion dollars of which \$55 million will be for culture and language training. Many provinces are revising their school Indigenous history curriculums and teacher training - this includes Ontario.
- 2) Many land claims are being settled in favour of Indigenous Peoples. On April 14, 2016, Camp Ipperwash was returned to their rightful owners, the Chippewas of Kettle Point and Stony Point First Nation along with \$95 million and the cost of clearing the land of landmines. This land was temporarily taken in 1942 and used for military purposes.
- 3) The federal government has announced an inquiry into missing and murdered Indigenous women to be formally established this summer.
- 4) It seems that many Canadian organizations that have hitherto focused on international issues are developing programs with Indigenous Peoples. There is talk that some of the recent money announced by the federal government will be given to these groups on a leveraged matching basis for Indigenous programs similar to international arrangements.
- 5) Many educational institutions and lifelong learning programs are now offering courses on Indigenous history and culture.
- 6) We are accustomed to money being given to Indigenous groups. However, one Indigenous group, the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business (CCAB) recently raised \$100,000 at a recent gala event for the people in Fort Mac. The community of Attawapiskat also raised \$5,000. Several Indigenous communities near Fort Mac took in many evacuees.
- 7) There are scores of churches, schools and not-for-profit groups who have joined in on the reconciliation movement. This includes a Toronto school who will go on a soccer exchange to Attawapiskat. The CBC and Globe and Mail are also doing an excellent job in communicating the issues.
- 8) Look for a major announcement from the Ontario government May 30th. They have also just announced \$22 million for healthcare.
- 9) Rotary /HIP is a big part of the good news.

Our projects are, in general, small but are targeted and based on community asks and often in partnership with other groups. They include but are not limited to a playground in Neskantaga, books, dictionaries, computer tablets, food, clothing and sports equipment being supplied.

Career Days for Indigenous youth, bursaries being awarded, documentaries being distributed, clubs are hosting speakers and Kairos programs which spread awareness, connections are being made, schools upgraded, art programs and literacy programs being funded and better relations are being developed.

There are many other programs going on through Rotary which we do not know about. All of the above is positive news. I believe Rotarians and Canadians in general want to be part of making things happen. However, there continues to be a huge gap.

If you have not yet become involved, please do. Reconciliation is everyone's responsibility. If involved, thanks for being a part of the solution and if not, please join in.

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 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.

Rotary News

Gordon Dowsley of the Rotary Club of Oshawa has over 5,000 books from people, institutions and publishers to be delivered to First Nations Reserves. What is still needed, is a transportation network. He is asking people who are travelling to Thunder Bay or Timmins if they would be able to take a box or two to depots where the books will be distributed to reserves by road or air. Sandy Lake received a shipment in January with another community establishing a library. If you can volunteer to take some much needed books, please contact Gordon at gdownsley@yahoo.com or phone 905-576-363.

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 Dunaiskis (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.

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](#).

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

Barrie Native Friendship Centre Pow Wow Rendezvous - June 11 & June 12, 2016 - Springwater Park

Click on the website [Barrie Native Friendship Centre](#) to get details.

The Rotary Club of Toronto Aboriginal Day Lunch - Friday, June 24th 12:00-1:30 p.m. - Royal York Hotel

The Rotary Club of Toronto is pleased to announce guest speaker, Regional Chief, Isadore Day as part of their annual Aboriginal Day lunch. The ticket cost is \$50 and can be ordered by calling Carol at the Rotary office @ 416-363-0604 or purchased at the door if available. Chief Day is a great speaker and will have a powerful message. We hope you are able to attend.

Buffy Sainte-Marie in Concert - the legendary Academy Award-winning singer-songwriter will perform with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra on June 30th @ 7:30 p.m. at Roy Thomson Hall. Cost is \$27.00. Please see link to order tickets: [Toronto Symphony Orchestra | Select Your Own Seats](#)

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 February 29, 2016, there are 1,227,719 Rotarians in 35,188 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.

Criteria are: Community Impact, Sustainability, Rotarian Involvement and Replicability. To be eligible, the final global grant report must be accepted by June 30, 2016. We know that there are many outstanding WASH projects that would be eligible! Please [contact us](#) at if you have a project that would qualify. [More information...](#)

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.

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 them selves 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 an 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.

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.