



# Rotary

## District 7070



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District Governor's  
Newsletter  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2016  
Rotary Serving Humanity

**My Fellow Rotarians,**

I cannot believe the last two months have gone by so quickly and I have now visited 31 of our Clubs as part of the formal visit schedule. It has been great to attend all these meetings, whether it be breakfast, lunch or dinner and have the opportunity to meet and speak our District members who are doing great things in their communities. No wonder our District is well known within the Rotary world for the good we do, serving humanity. And I look forward to visiting the remaining clubs over the next two months.

**September is Basic Education and Literacy Month.** Did you know that worldwide, 67 million children have no access to education, and more than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate? Rotarians worldwide support educational projects that provide technology, teacher training, vocational training teams, student meal programs, and low-cost textbooks to communities. Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.

Literacy will be featured in the 3R Hub at the District Conference and will include literacy puzzles and a vocabulary challenge. As well, there will be an interactive challenge to demonstrate Canada's literacy performance compared to OECD countries.

To learn more about Rotary's work in basic education and literacy and/or if you are interested in joining the District Literacy Committee, please contact our District Literacy Chair, Dennis Bayley at 905-985-1342. And you can also check out:

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/learning-reference/about-rotary/basic-education-and-literacy>

There is also an interesting article on dyslexia in this month's (September) The Rotarian. Henry Winkler, whom you know as "The Fonz", was interviewed about his issues with dyslexia. Also check out Foundation Trustee Chair Kalyan Banerjee's message "Literacy offers the key to a better future" on page 59.

**REV UP ROTARY**

Our **2016 District Conference** is quickly approaching. The dates are Friday, October 21 and Saturday, October 22 with voluntary activities on Sunday, October 23. The venue is the Sheraton Parkway Hotel on Hwy #7 in Richmond Hill.

Check out our website at [www.rotary7070.org](http://www.rotary7070.org) for more information and registration details.

I look forward to seeing you all there.

Yours In Rotary,

*Jim*

District Governor Jim Louttit at [jvlrotary@gmail.com](mailto:jvlrotary@gmail.com)



## From District Governor Elect Neil Phillips

**Greetings Rotarians,**



I'm leading the District 7070 contingent to Atlanta, which is sure to be a larger group this year - so in usual Rotarian fashion, that creates exponential opportunities for fun. Still thinking about whether to join us in Atlanta next year for the Rotary International Convention, June 10-14, 2017?

If you're thinking of coming and would like more information, join us at the information night being held at The National Club in Toronto the evening of September 20th. Contact Mary Lach for details and to sign up, if you're interested in attending ([mlach@sunsations.com](mailto:mlach@sunsations.com)).

After a first block of hotel rooms for Rotarians in our district quickly sold out at the Sheraton, Mary has secured a second block at the Hotel Indigo Atlanta Downtown (USD \$209 per night). If you're interested, please contact Mary to reserve one of these additional rooms before they're gone. Due to overwhelming pre-registrations for Atlanta, room availability is already getting tight.

Last month I mentioned our friends at the Rotary Club of Peterborough Kawartha were looking at chartering a flight for the convention. This is well in planning stages, and several have already signed up. Return flight from Peterborough scheduled June 8th - June 15th. Imagine, a whole plane full of Rotarians!

This round-trip Charter flight has been arranged by Len Lifcus, President Elect of the Rotary Club of Peterborough Kawartha ([705 313 6022](tel:7053136022)) and Scott Stewart of Stewart Tours ([800 561 4275](tel:8005614275)) for Rotarians in South Eastern Ontario wishing to attend the 2017 RI Convention in Atlanta. Joan Kingston of the Whitby Sunrise Club, represents Stewart Travel in the Whitby Office ([905 240 6344](tel:9052406344)). Joan will be at the June 20th info night, or contact her directly for more details ([jkingston@trenttravel.ca](mailto:jkingston@trenttravel.ca)). More details can be found here: <http://trenttravelclub.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Rotary-Flight-from-Peterborough-Flyer.pdf>

More information and registration links for the convention can be found here: <http://www.riconvention.org/>

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*Neil*



Neil Phillips

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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](http://riconvention.org)

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

## Rotary International President John Germ's Monthly Message – September 2016



### Dear Fellow Rotarians:

In the summer of 1917, only a few months after the United States entered the first world war, Rotary held its eighth annual convention in Atlanta. Although many Rotarians at the time thought the convention should be canceled, the Board of Directors ultimately agreed with Paul Harris that it should continue as planned. In the midst of such uncertainty and fear, Harris penned, as part of his convention greeting, some of the mostquoted words in Rotary:

*Individual effort when well directed can accomplish much, but the greatest good must necessarily come from the combined efforts of many men. Individual effort may be turned to individual needs but combined effort should be dedicated to the service of mankind. The power of combined effort knows no limitation.*

Fittingly, it was at this convention that then President Arch C. Klumph proposed a Rotary endowment fund “for the

purpose of doing good in the world.” The power of combined effort was joined by a new power: that of combined resources. It was a combination that has proved unstoppable and has been behind so much of Rotary’s work for the last 100 years. Today, it is difficult to imagine Rotary without its Foundation. It was the Foundation that turned Rotary from an organization of local clubs into an international force for good with the power to change the world.

In this Rotary year, we are marking the centennial of our Rotary Foundation in the city where it all began: Atlanta. Our 108th Rotary International Convention promises to be one of the most exciting yet, with inspiring speakers, great entertainment, and a wide array of breakout sessions to help you move your Rotary service forward. And of course, we’ll be celebrating the Foundation’s centennial in style.

Whether you’re a regular convention goer, haven’t been to one in a few years, or haven’t yet attended your first, the 2017 convention will be the one you won’t want to miss. Atlanta is a great destination in its own right, with great food, friendly people, and many local attractions to enjoy. But the real reason to come to the convention is always the convention itself, and the people, ideas, inspiration, and friendship you’ll find there. To learn more, and save money on registration, visit [www.riconvention.org](http://www.riconvention.org). See you in Atlanta

*John*

**John F. Germ                      President, Rotary International**

ON THE WEB: Speeches and news from RI President John F. Germ at [www.rotary.org/officepresident](http://www.rotary.org/officepresident)



## Rotary Foundation Chair, Kaylan Banerjee’s Monthly Message - September 2016 – Literacy offers the key to a better future

**Dear fellow Rotarians,**



A few months ago, I read a story in this magazine about a man named Carl Sanders, a member of the Rotary Club of Kenosha, Wis. Sanders had developed a successful painting business despite the fact that he could not read – a shameful secret that he struggled to keep to himself.

This story surprised me a little. I tend to think of illiteracy as a problem that mainly afflicts people in poor countries, not U.S. Rotarians. But Sanders’ situation is not so uncommon. Even in a wealthy country like the United States, millions of people lack basic reading skills.

Sanders’ story had a happy ending. He shared his secret with a fellow Rotarian, who steered him to a local literacy program and encouraged him as he tackled his reading lessons. Our Rotary Foundation wants to create more such happy endings, and there is no shortage of people who need them. Today, more than 750 million adults are functionally illiterate globally.

In 201516, our Foundation awarded 146 global grants totaling \$8.3 million to support basic education and literacy

projects worldwide. These projects vary considerably – from providing computers and school supplies in Ghana to sponsoring an afterschool homework program in the U.S. to developing a literacy and mentoring program for Roma girls in Bosnia, a project that addresses the gender imbalance that exists in many parts of the world.

In my country, Rotary has been on a literacy mission for the past few years. India has a population of 1.2 billion and is about 75 percent literate. Illiteracy occurs mainly in rural India, where most people live. So Rotary in India joined hands with the government to eliminate illiteracy, especially among women, because literate women raise literate families, ensuring a better future for all. Indeed, the numbers are staggering, and when it is done, the impact could be incredible.

As we observe Basic Education and Literacy Month in September, let's think about the millions of people whose chances for success remain blocked by illiteracy. Our Foundation is helping many of them, but with Rotarian support and involvement, we can do so much more.

*Kaylan Banerjee*

**Kaylan Banerjee**

**Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair**

## **SAM OWORI IS SELECTED TO BE 2018-19 ROTARY PRESIDENT**



The 2016-17 Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International has unanimously nominated Samuel Frobisher Owori, of the Rotary Club of Kampala, Uganda, to be the president of Rotary International in 2018-19. He will be declared the president-nominee on 1 October if no challenging candidates have been suggested.

Owori says he sees in Rotary "an incredible passion to make a difference." As president, he plans to "harness that enthusiasm and pride so that every project becomes the engine of peace and prosperity."

Owori's chief concerns as a Rotary leader are membership and extension. Since he served as district governor, the number of clubs in Uganda has swelled from nine to 89. He urges past, present, and future leaders to work together to engage more women, youth program participants, alumni, and community members to increase Rotary's membership in the coming years.

"There are many places which need Rotary and numerous potential members who have never been invited," he says. "The problem is Rotarians who got in and closed the doors."

Owori is chief executive officer of the Institute of Corporate Governance of Uganda. Before that, he was executive director of the African Development Bank, managing director of Uganda Commercial Bank Ltd., and director of Uganda Development Bank. He has studied law, employment relations, business management, corporate resources management, microfinance, and marketing at institutions in England, Japan, Switzerland, Tanzania, and the United States, including Harvard Business School.

Since becoming a member in 1978, Owori has served Rotary as regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, regional RI membership coordinator, RI Representative to the United Nations Environment Program and UN-Habitat, and RI director. He has been a member or chair of several committees, including the International PolioPlus Committee, the Drug Abuse Prevention Task Force, and the Audit Committee. Most recently, Owori served as trustee of The Rotary

Foundation, chair of The Rotary Foundation's Finance Committee, and a member of the Investment Committee. Owori is a Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation, and he and his wife, Norah, are Major Donors and Paul Harris Fellows.

## Our Rotary Foundation

**From Bill Patchett, Chair District 7070 Rotary Foundation Committee**

**Dear Fellow Rotarians,**

Here we are in September 2016, 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 me and entered them in to Rotary Club Central, 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 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*

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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"](#)

## ROTARY RECOMMITTS TO ENDING POLIO IN NIGERIA

**From Michael K. McGovern, International PolioPlus Chair on Aug 11, 2016**

The World Health Organization has confirmed two cases of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) in Nigeria, the first cases in the country since July 2014. After passing a year without a case of the wild poliovirus, Nigeria was removed from the list of polio-endemic countries in September 2015. These cases – from two local government areas of Borno state – occurred in July 2016.

The Government of Nigeria – in partnership with the Global Polio Eradication Initiative – will take immediate steps to respond quickly to the outbreak to prevent further spread of the disease. This response will include emergency vaccination campaigns to boost immunity in impacted and at-risk areas, and reinforced surveillance activities to ensure we detect all strains of polio. Because polio knows no borders, steps will also be taken to protect surrounding countries, to ensure all children are vaccinated and to reduce the risk of the spread of the disease.

This news is disappointing for all Rotary members - and particularly those in Nigeria - who worked so hard to help the country stop polio. However, Rotary remains steadfast and fully committed to fighting polio anywhere children remain at risk, including Nigeria and Africa.

Rotary members remain resilient in the face of challenges. Today, we roll up our sleeves and redouble our effort to rid the world of this devastating disease. Rotary members in Nigeria are already hard at work to support the outbreak response, and our network will also be tapped to quickly protect children in surrounding countries.

The World Health Organization is confident Nigeria can end polio. The program has overcome outbreaks before, and we have the tools to do so again in Nigeria. Rotary will not stop its efforts to ensure that every child is born into a polio-free world where they are safe from this paralyzing disease.

## District 7070 Climb to End Polio Now: Raffy's Story



### From Raffy Chouljian, Rotary Club of Don Mills & District 7070 Assistant Governor

My fellow Rotarians,

In 1982, Rotary International eradicated polio from the Philippines. Since then, Rotary has contributed more than US\$1.5 billion to help immunize more than 2.5 billion children against polio, and helped secure over US\$7.2 billion from donor governments. This year, we are on the verge of eradicating polio from the face of the earth. There have only been 19 children paralyzed with the wild polio virus this year. The last paralysis occurred on June 18. Two months have passed without a single case of polio induced paralysis. We must continue vaccinating children for three more years before the world will be declared polio-free in 2019.

This year, Jennifer, Ryan, Viji and I climbed Mt Kilimanjaro to raise funds to help eradicate polio. We have raised over \$500,000 to date. Please donate today. You may go to our website to donate [www.conquerpolio.org](http://www.conquerpolio.org). You will receive a tax receipt for your donation. For Rotarians, we are recommending you donate directly to Rotary International, <http://www.endpolio.org/donate>, to qualify for Paul Harris credits. Once a donation has been made, simply let us know the amount. Your donation will be matched two-to-one by both our Canadian Government and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. If you have already donated in honour of our Climb, THANK YOU. Please email us with the amount of your donation so that we may record it.

The attached article, about our Climb and Rotary, will be published next month in the Ontario Dental Association Journal. We also appeared on Rogers Daytime Toronto and Richmond Hill before our climb and will be appearing again in October. (Visit our website, [www.conquerpolio.org](http://www.conquerpolio.org), to view pictures and video.) If your club would like Jennifer and I to come and talk about our Climb and/or polio eradication, please let us know.

Yours in Rotary,

Raffy

As the sun came up on June 25, Jennifer Boyd, Ryan Fogarty and I reached the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. It was the culmination of a year of planning, training and fundraising. We conquered Kilimanjaro and raised \$500,000 to help Rotary International eradicate polio.

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**Day 1.** We are all excited to get going. Along with training, each member of our team had purchased almost \$5,000 in gear for this climb. We felt ready to conquer the mountain. About halfway up, a 12-year-old girl passed us wearing a dress and flip flops...



**Day 2.** It's only our second day, and I am already feeling tired. I was so focused on where I placed every step that I didn't really see my surroundings. I asked Jennifer (facetiously), "Why are we doing this?" With no hesitation, she replied, "Do you recall that two-week-old girl I held and vaccinated in India last year?" After that, I focused on the image of Jennifer holding that baby girl, and of our 1,000 donors who supported us back home. I am determined not to let anyone down.

Climbing Kilimanjaro is not just a physical challenge, it is also very much a mental challenge. The challenge is to not quit, and to push your body and pursue your goal. It is a true test of willpower. Our inspiration, Conquer Kilimanjaro, Conquer Polio, was so strong, there was no quitting for anyone on our team.



**Day 3.** We woke up to the sight of majestic Mount Kilimanjaro. We had camped above the clouds, at 3600 metres, and were seeing the peak for the first time. We were energized. Our goal was within reach.

We awoke on Day 3 to this sight – our first view of the peak of Kilimanjaro.

After that initial excitement, everything becomes a blur.

Not feeling quite so energetic; every step is an effort. Nonetheless, we push on.

**Day 4.** After hiking for five exhausting hours, we reached the base camp. The altitude started to affect me today and I couldn't eat. We "slept" for a couple of hours before starting our final ascent at 11:30 p.m. (Our Day 5.)

**Day 5:** Unable to keep any solid foods down, we started our longest day – in the dark, each of us wearing a headlamp. Once again, I focus on the pair of boots in front of me. It's cold. Windy. I am panting like a dog with every step. We are all sleep-deprived and I am experiencing nausea, headaches and tingling fingers from the



high altitude. Our pace is glacial: one half-step at a time. We finally reach the first peak at dawn. Our guides take our picture, high-five us and ask if we want to continue or return down the mountain. We continue, and in another two hours we reach the true summit. This climb was the steepest we had encountered. It's probably best that we climbed in the dark. Less intimidating.

Mission accomplished: An exhausted but happy Ryan Fogarty, Jennifer Boyd and Raffy Chouljian on the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro.

We were happy to have reached the summit, but were so exhausted, it was anti-climactic. Our bodies were oxygen-deprived, and we were desperate to get back down as soon as possible.



Ryan, however, had one thing to do before we began our descent. To everyone's surprise, he pulled out his flashlight and removed a ring he had kept hidden there all week. He dropped down on one knee and proposed to Jennifer. After she said yes, Ryan quipped, "Sweetheart, it's all downhill from here."

Believe it or not, descending is not easier than ascending. The entire way up, you are focused on the pair of boots in front of you, carefully watching every step you take, too afraid to look around. (Apparently, at one point, we had hiked along a sharp drop. Fortunately, I was too oblivious to notice my surroundings most of the time, except when we stopped.) But coming down is more painful. Our muscles screamed from the lack of oxygen. The soles of our feet hurt with every step. Unfortunately, there was no alternative but to continue hiking. We had to climb halfway back down the mountain today – 16 hours of hiking. By the end of Day 5, we'd walked approximately 30 kilometres, half of them in bitter-cold, sub-zero temperatures.

**Day 6:** I was able to eat again, which was good, since we still had seven hours of hiking ahead, to get back to our bus. Wincing with every step. Our guides asked me several times, if I wanted them to carry my pack. They offered to get me a jeep to drive me the rest of the way back down the mountain. I declined both. I was determined to complete this challenge on my own. And I did.

### **Our Guides**

We travelled with the excellent Zara Tours. They organized our climb, picked us up at the airport, guided us up Kilimanjaro and back, and took us on a five-day safari, before driving us back to the airport.

The support team on our climb, which included nine porters, three guides, a cook and a waiter, were wonderful. All we had to do was carry our snacks and clothes for the day. Everything else was taken care of. When we reached camp each day, our tents were already set up and lunch was ready. Every morning, one of the staff members woke us up with hot tea, served in our tent, and a basin of hot water to wash.

### **Polio -- The Reason Behind Our Climb**

Rotary International started vaccinating children against polio in 1979. Rotary vaccinated six million children in the Philippines and eradicated the disease there. With the success of this program, in 1982, Rotary International committed to immunize all of the world's children against polio.

Polio is a highly infectious disease that primarily affects children under the age of five; it can cause paralysis within hours. About one in 200 becomes irreversibly paralyzed, usually in the legs.

In 1985, just under 1,000 children were paralyzed with polio every day in 125 countries. Today, we have less than 50 a year in two polio-endemic countries – Afghanistan and Pakistan. It is hoped that the world will be certified polio-free by 2019, and that we will have eradicated this disease once and for all.

As of June 29, 2016, only 17 children have been paralyzed this year due to the wild polio virus. We are so close to eradicating the disease; please continue to support Rotary International's 30-year effort to conquer polio. Your donation will be matched two-for-one by both our Canadian Government and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. To donate, visit [www.conquerpolio.org](http://www.conquerpolio.org).

### **What's next for Team SND?**

(We named our Rotary team SND, after my dental office, Scarborough North Dental Group.) On summit day we all swore "Never again." However, just as I've heard happens with childbirth, one soon forgets the pain and only the positive memories of accomplishment and pride remain. We did it! Together, we saved more than 500,000 children from ever contracting this paralyzing and debilitating disease.

I would like to thank Anthony Melia for coaching, training and mentoring us during the last year. A special thank you to my teammates Ryan Fogarty and especially Jennifer Boyd, who inspired us to reach outside our comfort zones and conquer Kilimanjaro. Last, thank you to our more than 1,000 donors who collectively enabled us to raise \$500,000.

## **EARTHQUAKE IN ITALY:**

From District Governor Jim Louttit

I am sending this note on behalf of DG Jim to all Club Presidents in District 7070 and to the Advisory Board. I am calling on all Rotarians in District 7070 for your assistance as we all respond to the earthquake that struck on Wednesday, August 24 at 1:36 am GMT near the north-eastern Italian city of Perugia, killing at least 240 people.

We will be providing as much information to you as we can. As you can well imagine, updates are coming through as we speak and District 7070 will be providing you with more information on possible fundraisers shortly. For example, I have already been in contact with President Renata Pancini from the Woodbridge Rotary Club and we have been speaking with District Governor Claudio De Felice of D2080 (near Rome) as to their needs.

One possible project is the construction of a school in one of the cities that was destroyed by the earthquake. Rotarians will be doing the work and will be looking for funds to cover the cost of materials. Just one in discussion.

Also President Renata is going to Italy on the 28th until September 8 and will be meeting with DG Claudio and visiting several clubs while there.  
Yours in Rotary,

DG Jim Louttit

Here are two letters from RI Director Dean Rohrs and RI Secretary John Hewko as follow ups to DG Jim Louttit's previous letter to keep you informed.

Dear Rotarians of Zone 24 and 32. Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone in Italy who has been affected by the devastating earthquake. Please see the enclosed letter from Rotary International General Secretary John Hewko with the latest news from the Rotary Leadership in Italy. I will keep you updated as further information becomes available

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Dear Rotarians,

Rotary members worldwide stand together with the people of Italy, showing an outpouring of support in light of this week's deadly 6.2 magnitude earthquake, which struck on Tuesday evening in central Italy, killing over 240 people in the historic towns of Amatrice, Accumoli and Pescara. Many residents have fled their homes and are camping on open ground at night, as numerous powerful aftershocks followed.

As we mourn this terrible loss of life, Italian Rotarians are already actively engaged, providing engineering, medical and psychological assistance. The two districts directly affected are D2080 and D2090. DG Paolo Raschiatore (D2090) and DG Alessandro Vignani (D2071, nearby) emphasized that the emergency response is well in hand and that there are no immediate needs for outside assistance at this time.

Rotary's project partner ShelterBox is working with their affiliate ShelterBox Italy, operated by local Rotarians, to assess the regions impacted by the Italy earthquake. A ShelterBox Response Team has been deployed to the impacted communities and updates can be monitored on [www.twitter.com/shelterboxpress](http://www.twitter.com/shelterboxpress). For updates about the impacted communities one can write to [rotaryrequest@shelterbox.org](mailto:rotaryrequest@shelterbox.org) or visit [www.shelterbox.org](http://www.shelterbox.org) to assist with the relief effort.

The Italian governors have already agreed that they are going to put together a project involving all 13 Italian districts. As per Rotary best practices, they are carrying out a community assessment to determine the precise needs that this project should address. In conversations with Rotary staff, they mentioned the work of Italian Rotarians in the aftermath of the l'Aquila earthquake in 2009, which gives them confidence that in the coming weeks they can devise a worthwhile and valuable project.

We appreciate all your support in working with Rotarians to help the people of Italy rebuild their lives and communities. The Italian governors will keep us apprised of their plans and needs as they evolve. At Rotary headquarters, we will be sharing that information on [rotary.org](http://rotary.org).

Best regards.

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John Hewko     General Secretary

## September Is Basic Education and Literacy Month

### What is your Rotary Club doing to support this important Rotary Foundation Area of Focus?

Basic education and literacy is one of The Rotary Foundation's six areas of focus. We know that basic education and literacy are essential for reducing poverty, improving health, encouraging community and economic development, and promoting peace.

Consider these facts:

- If all women completed primary education, there would be 66% fewer maternal deaths.
- A child born to a mother who can read is 50% more likely to survive past the age of five.
- If all students in low-income countries left school with basic reading skills, 171 million people could be lifted out of poverty, which would be equivalent to a 12% cut in world poverty.

The world is making good progress in this area. According to a 2014 United Nations Millennium Development Goals progress report, literacy rates among adults and youths are on the rise and the gender gap in literacy is narrowing. But pressing global needs remain:

- 58 million children worldwide are out of school.
- Even after four years of primary schooling, as many as 250 million children cannot read and write.
- 781 million adults are illiterate.

Rotary supports activities and training to improve education for all children and literacy for children and adults.

Area of Focus Statement of Purpose and Goals:

The Rotary Foundation enables Rotarians to ensure that all people have sustainable access to basic education and literacy by:

- Involving the community to support programs that strengthen the capacity of communities to provide basic education and literacy to all;
- Increasing adult literacy in communities;
- Working to reduce gender disparity in education;
- Supporting studies for career-minded professionals related to basic education and literacy.

Parameters for Eligibility:

The Rotary Foundation considers activities targeting the following to be within the scope of the basic education and literacy area of focus:

- Access to quality basic primary and secondary education;
- Educating adults in literacy;
- Providing training in teaching literacy, curriculum development and school administration;
- Strengthening educational experience through improved materials and facilities;
- Community management of education systems;
- Vocational training teams supporting the above activities;
- School desk purchases, when accompanied by a detailed and verifiable plan to improve basic education and literacy;
- Scholarships for graduate-level study in programs related to basic education and literacy.

The Rotary Foundation considers activities targeting the following to be outside the scope of the basic education and literacy area of focus and as such are not eligible for global grant funding:

- Projects that consist exclusively of equipment purchases;
- Projects that provide tuition or school supplies without the means for the community to provide these in the future.
- Discover how other Rotary members are supporting education on Rotary Showcase
- Support an education project on Rotary Ideas

## World Polio Day, October 24, 2016

What is your Rotary Club in District 7070, doing on October 24, 2016, to tell the world that Polio is being eradicated and that Rotary is leading the way?

There are many ways to bring to the attention of Rotary's fight to end Polio world wide. :

- Have World Polio Day, October 24 proclaimed in your community, by your city or town council
- Hand out fliers as we did last year at TTC and Go station locations
- Have the End Polio Now or Rotary flag fly high at City Hall in Toronto or in your town or city on October 24.
- Have a walk in your town to show your club's support.

If you would like more information and wish to help, please contact World Polio Day Chair for District 7070, Jennifer Boyd, at [jennifer.boyd@hotmail.com](mailto:jennifer.boyd@hotmail.com)

## **WORLD POLIO DAY TOOL KIT**

Learn about polio eradication, how to get involved, and how to make your voice heard on World Polio Day. Check back soon for additional resources.

- [How to celebrate World Polio Day](#)
- [Event Planning Guide](#)

## **WORLD POLIO DAY SOCIAL MEDIA GRAPHICS**

Share these graphics on your social networks to raise awareness and support for the final push to end polio. Check back soon for the resources listed below.

- [World Polio Day social media messages](#)
- [World Polio Day share graphics](#)
- [World Polio Day Facebook cover photos](#)
- [World Polio Day Twitter cover photo](#)

## **MEDIA AND ADVOCACY**

Rotary and its partners cannot end polio alone. We need your help to secure support from governments, nongovernmental organizations, corporations, and others. Check back on the <http://www.endpolio.org/worldpolioday> website soon for the resources listed below.

- [Sample Press Release](#)
- [Outreach Guide and Key Messages](#)
- [Sample Letter to the Editor](#)
- [Template Invitation Letter](#)

## **ROTARY DAY AT THE UNITED NATIONS – NOVEMBER 12, 2016**

12 November 2016      United Nations Headquarters      New York City

Rotary Day at the United Nations is our annual event highlighting the critical humanitarian activities that Rotary and the UN lead around the world.

Organized by the [Rotary representatives](#) to the UN in New York and attended by more than 1,500 Rotarians, Rotary youth program participants, UN officials, representatives of humanitarian organizations, friends, and guests, this event showcases the many ways that clubs and districts can make a positive impact in their communities while addressing some of the most pressing international challenges.

RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS, RESILIENT SOCIETIES

In keeping with Rotary President John F. Germ's theme, Rotary Serving Humanity, and with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals, this year's Rotary Day at the United Nations focuses on how Rotary and the business world can work together to improve lives.

Responsible Business, Resilient Societies, this year's UN Day theme, centers on economic and community development. We'll address ways that Rotary, in partnership with the business sector, nonprofits, and the international community, is promoting stable and peaceful societies through equitable economic development.

#### HOW TO REGISTER

Registration information will be available in August. To learn more, visit [Rotary Day at the UN](#).

#### ROTARY RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS AWARD

The Rotary Responsible Business Award recognizes extraordinary Rotary members and business partners who have improved communities by providing employment opportunities, job training, mentoring, and innovation.

District governors nominated Rotarians, Rotaractors, Rotary Peace Fellows, and business partners whose efforts in the community have had a measurable impact. Award winners will be announced in September.

For questions about the award, contact [responsiblebusiness@rotary.org](mailto:responsiblebusiness@rotary.org). And be sure to see the letter from past District Governor Doug Vincent at the end of this newsletter for even more details.

#### RESOURCES & REFERENCE

- Watch a video from [UN Day 2015](#)
- Meet [Rotary's Global Women of Action](#)
- Discover Rotary's [history with the UN](#)
- Learn more about the [UN Sustainable Development Goals](#)

## SHELTERBOX News For September 2016

From: Ron Noseworthy, Chair, ShelterBox Canada



### **A ShelterBox Team has been deployed to Italy following a 6.2 magnitude earthquake near Perugia.**

The earthquake struck on Wednesday at 1:36 am GMT near the north-eastern Italian city of Perugia, killing at least 240 people. This was a shallow quake in a mountainous area, with tremors felt as far away as Rome.

Since the initial quake shook central Italy early Wednesday morning, hundreds of aftershocks have been reported. One woman, from a town hit by the earthquake spoke to the CBC and said that "everything is destroyed, there is no town anymore." The damage and death toll is expected to rise as rescue workers continue to dig through the rubble.

A ShelterBox team has been assembled, trained in humanitarian response to make an initial assessment. They have arrived in Italy and are making their way to the remote mountainous area, southeast of the town of Perugia.

Luca Della Volta, a Rotarian and president of ShelterBox Italia, the affiliate organization in Genoa, will accompany the response team. Della Volta is working with the Rotary Club of Rieti in District 2080, the club closest to the earthquake-affected sites, and will meet with officials of the Italian Civil Protection Department, fire department, and Red Cross to coordinate efforts. With aid held across several European sites, we'll be able to react speedily if families are left without shelter.

ShelterBox is an official Project Partner of Rotary International. It is the best Rotary-way to impact the lives of families affected by disasters in Italy and around the world. Our work would not be possible without the generosity of Rotarians and Rotary clubs across Canada and around the world. Thank you so much for your support.

**We are impatient to see a world where no family is left without shelter when disaster strikes, and we know you are too.**

You can help us to help the desperate families in Italy and around the world by donating to ShelterBox Canada and encouraging your members to contribute. We can not do it without your help. Donate today online at [www.shelterboxcanada.org](http://www.shelterboxcanada.org), by phone [1-855-875-4661](tel:1-855-875-4661), or by mailing a cheque to 159 Jane Street, Office 2, Toronto ON, M6S 3Y8.

From all of us at ShelterBox Canada, thank you so much for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

**Stephanie Christensen**

Executive Director, ShelterBox Canada

## **ShelterBox Launches New Hero Program to Recognize Rotary Clubs**

With a new Rotary year comes changes to programs! ShelterBox Canada is pleased to introduce to you the updated ShelterBox Hero program.

A ShelterBox Hero is a Rotary Club that has identified the continuing need to prepare for disasters and respond at a moment's notice. ShelterBox Hero awards are given out based on each club's annual support of ShelterBox Canada. The purpose of these awards is to thank each club across Canada for their support in ensuring no family goes without shelter. All donations made by the club, fundraising events and individual club members count towards your Hero award total.

Every ShelterBox Hero will be recognized. Each Hero will be awarded a certificate at their District Conference, digital banner for their website and will receive recognition on the ShelterBox Canada website. If your club wants any more information about the new program changes or wants to see your status for your next conference get in touch by emailing us at [support@shelterboxcanada.org](mailto:support@shelterboxcanada.org)

### **From ShelterBox Canada to Rotary: Thank you**

**Ron Noseworthy**          ShelterBox Response Team

Member and Past President of The Rotary Club of Kenora

**ShelterBox Canada – 159 Jane St Office 2, Toronto, ON M6S 3Y8**

Email: [support@shelterboxcanada.org](mailto:support@shelterboxcanada.org) Phone: 647-352-1930 [www.shelterboxcanada.org](http://www.shelterboxcanada.org)  
[http://www.shelterboxcanada.org/donate\\_form.php](http://www.shelterboxcanada.org/donate_form.php)

**HIP (Honoring Indigenous People): Highlights from the HIP**

# Newsletter



## Save the Date - October 21st

October 21, 2016 - The Rotary Club of Toronto will host guest speaker, The Right Honourable Paul Martin for their lunch at 12:15 p.m. @ The Fairmont Royal York Hotel, Toronto - cost is \$55. Please order tickets directly through the club office by calling 416-363-0604. This is the same weekend as the District 7070 Conference. Plan to come to lunch first. This will be a great way to start the conference. Mr. Martin will be speaking on Indigenous education, its importance, what it looks like and what we can do about it. Mr. Martin is a great fan of Rotary and was instrumental in obtaining significant funds for polio when he was prime minister. He had polio as a child.

## 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](http://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](#)).

## Photo Album ([Rotary HIP - Photo Album - Rotary HIP](#))

We have added a few photos from Kashechewan's Paddling with the Cree pre-trip training. Please take a look of some of the other photos as well.

## 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](mailto:julie@eccgroup.ca)) and Janet McLeod ([jmm@nexicom.net](mailto: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.

## Links ([Rotary HIP - Links](#))

We have added a new link - the National Film Board with mention about the Aboriginal Peoples Channel. The NFB link provides documentaries directly available and some you can obtain for an event possibly showing to your audience then discussing.

## Rotary News

If your club is or has held an event or been involved in an event or project, please email Julie Dunaiskis ([julie@eccgroup.ca](mailto: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.

Some excellent work being done in the west:

- A presentation and workshop about the work of HIP and the Rotary Club of Winnipeg at the Rotary District 5550 Conference in Gimli.
- Presentation to Pathways to Reconciliation Conference at the University of Manitoba about opening hearts, spirits and minds.
- Rotary clubs provided several Indigenous Students Scholarships to attend University of Winnipeg's Global

College in August 2016.

- Rotary World Peace Partners Festival of Peace and Compassion Sept. 11-25th -events include making gifts with staff of Ma Mawi (a non-mandated child and family services agency) to be presented to the guests attending, sharing in a sweat lodge with staff and participation in Seven Sacred Fires(seven dialogue circles focused on one of the seven Sacred Teachings).
- Building Bridges for Peace 2016 gathering at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights Sept. 25-27th- participation by an Indigenous Elder and presentation of a draft action plan for peace by Rotarians and other peace builders.
- Rotary Joint Zone Institute (24 & 32) Sept. 29-Oct. 2 - participation of Indigenous Elder and youth drummers and blessing by the Elder at gala dinner at the Canadian Museum of Human Rights.
- Working with Winnipeg Police Service to build trust and relationships with urban Indigenous youth.
- Howard Weinstein of Solar Ear met with leaders of Indigenous communities to source out possible leadership to create a business by deaf Indigenous people who would produce solar hearing aids.

### 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](mailto: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.

### Gifts in Kind

We receive many requests to ship things such as clothes, sports equipment, food to fly-in communities. The catch is the cost to get them there. HIP, through John Andras, a HIP director, is negotiating a reduced rate with the transportation companies. We will keep you posted.

### 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.

### 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

HIP Director, Fred Lawlor will be MC at *Spirituality of the Anishinabe: One Mind and One Heart* - Sept. 24-Sept. 25, 2016 - Wilfrid Laurier University [Spirituality of the Anishinabe: One Mind and One Heart | Spiritual Heritage Education Network Inc.](#)

**The National Film Board - as part of Canada's 150th events**, they will be focusing on the priority of National Reconciliation through media initiatives to educate the public and connect Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Canadians. The NFB is hoping to work with organizations that want to hold nation-wide screening events showcasing new and classic titles. Partners are needed to expand their distribution networks. A curated group of films will be selected followed by promotion on how groups and individuals can get involved. If you or someone you know would be interested in organizing a community screening, please contact Donna Cowan - 416-952-8959 to co-ordinate.

### Upcoming Pow Wows

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.

**HIP Membership:** The HIP membership continues to grow. New members are always welcome. Check our website ([Rotary HIP - Friends and Supporters](#)) to see who is registered. Is your name listed? You can join today by selecting ([Rotary HIP - Become a Member](#)) on the HIP website. It is never too late!

### Message from HIP Chair, Chris Snyder

For many, the year starts after Labour Day. While the Rotary year starts July 1st, many clubs do not get going until the fall. With cooler weather (some of us hope for) and the slower time over the summer, many get into the mood of *let's*

*do something.*

There has been much in the news to remind us of the need to work on reconciliation (the setting up of the commission on disappeared Indigenous women, the Sixtys Scoop class action, Gord Downie of the Tragically Hip asking the federal government and all of us to reach out to the Indigenous Peoples).

We, in Rotary, have an opportunity to take action and, in fact, many of us have. Through HIP, we have many ways to get involved. Find a champion in your club. Set up an Indigenous Committee or include it with an existing one, search out the Indigenous community in your area and find out their educational needs (if you have no connections, let us know as we have established connections through the Chiefs of Ontario of all of the Indigenous educational directors and chiefs in the province).

Also, look on our website under ([Rotary HIP - Powerpoint Presentations](#)). We have provided a list of all of the First Nations and contact with reference to our Rotary districts. Create an awareness event for your club and others such as a video with a discussion or the Kairos Blanket Exercise or a speaker (we can help).

Also, please look at our website. We have a wealth of fantastic material including 13 Ways to Get Involved. Click on the link to read ([Rotary HIP - Powerpoint Presentations](#)).

I could go on, however, through Rotary and HIP and our focus on education and awareness, we have a golden opportunity to lead the way in reconciling with the Indigenous community.

Last year, I had the opportunity to interview the Honourable Paul Martin (a great fan of Rotary) about Indigenous education. One of the questions I asked him "*What can we in Rotary do about Indigenous education?*". His reply "*Just do what you have done with Polio*".

Thanks for being a part of the solution.

Sincerely, **Chris Snyder** Chair, HIP [snyder@eccgroup.ca](mailto: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 May 31, 2016, there are 216,062 Rotaract members in 9,394 Rotaract Clubs in the world and there are 465,474 Interact members in 20,238 Interact Clubs in the world.



**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](#)

**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](http://wasrag.org) website, please remember to include the name of your Rotary club and District number. Contact us at [info@wasrag.org](mailto:info@wasrag.org) if you need help with your posting. We have writers ready to help tell your story!

### **Dirty Water In - Clean Water Out**

[H2OpenDoors.org](http://H2OpenDoors.org), a water project of the clubs of Districts 5150 and 5170, has been awarded a Jefferson Award for implementing a water filtration solution into villages needing clean water. Rotarian Jon Kaufman, the passion behind this project, is highlighted in this [video](#) that describes this sustainable filtration technology.

### **WaSH in Cambodia**

Hai-Ryung Sung, Rotary Peace Fellow alumnus, works with Rotary clubs to bring water, sanitation and hygiene project to poverty stricken rural Cambodia, with the goal to improve maternal and child health. To learn more about her initiative ([Read More . . .](#))

### **Rice and Shine**

With an interesting variety of articles on:

- growing rice despite a water crisis;
- an app to track sanitation needs; and
- a recipe for disaster by manipulating water bodies,

the [IndiaWaterPortal.org](http://IndiaWaterPortal.org) website and email newsletter is an excellent resource.

### **Black Rectangle Kills Bacteria**

The USDA Department of Energy and Stanford University are working have developed a sun-activated nanotechnology device that can kill harmful bacteria in water in minutes.

An article in NewAtlas called "["Black rectangle" uses the sun to make water safe to drink"](#) provides a summary of this technology.

**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](mailto:Anna)

To submit stories and pictures our Newsletter, please email: [info@wasrag.org](mailto: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 DG Jim Louttit, DG Elect Neil Phillips and DG Nominee 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 3 G's (District Governor Jim Louttit, DG Elect Neil Phillips) and DG Nominee 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 - A RADAR 139. - PLEASE DONATE TODAY

From Joanne Ashley, Chair of District 7070 RADAR (Rotary Action for the Development of AIDS Responses ) Committee



To donate to RADAR 139 Make your cheque payable to Rotary District 7070 MEMO it to RADAR139, Mail to District Treasurer Devon Biddle at 393 Hillcroft Str. Oshawa On L1G 2M4

Thank you so much

**Joanne Ashley**

EDITOR'S NOTE: **The RADAR139** initiative was created with the encouragement of Past District Governor Bill Patchett, who wanted every club in the District to have the opportunity "to get on the RADAR" and to help alleviate the massive suffering caused by HIV/AIDS. In 2006, \$139 represented the approximate cost to save the life of an HIV+ mother and her baby for one year. Each new Rotary year, every club in District 7070 is asked to contribute a minimum of \$139 to support an HIV/AIDS-related project chosen by the members of RADAR – Rotary Action for the Development of AIDS Responses – our District 7070 AIDS committee. Since 2006, the RADAR139 initiative has supported the work of such organizations as Dignitas International, Mother to Mothers, the Stephen Lewis Foundation and Kids for Cotlands (an orphanage in Capetown, South Africa). Donations of \$139 or more from clubs across the District bring hope, health and dignity to so many each year.

## REMINDER: Rotary Leadership Institute for 2015-16

### No Charge to First year Rotarians

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

To My Fellow Rotarians,

WE HAVE VERY FEW REGISTRATIONS FOR BELLEVILLE ON SEPT 24. UNLESS WE RECEIVE A LARGE NUMBER THIS WEEK, WE MAY BE FORCED TO CANCEL R.L.I. IN BELLEVILLE THIS YEAR.

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

**FOR ALL ROTARIANS WHO HAVE JOINED A ROTARY CLUB IN DISTRICT 7070 IN THE SINCE JULY 1, 2015: OUR ROTARY DISTRICT WILL PAY YOUR TUITION FEE FOR ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE PART ONE !!! ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS SIGN UP ONLINE ON THE [WWW.ROTARY7070.ORG](http://WWW.ROTARY7070.ORG) WEBSITE TODAY.**

### **What Is The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)**

RLI is a grassroots coalition of Rotary districts implementing a leadership development program for "potential" leaders of Rotary CLUBS. RLI believes that excellent CLUB leadership (all types of club leaders) is essential to the future of Rotary in a complex and fast changing world. Most Rotarians have not been exposed to the great scope of Rotary around the world and have not considered what leadership skills are necessary to move Rotary forward. RLI strongly believes that a good Rotary Club leader must know the evolution of Rotary, its current status and activities in the world

and have a vision for what Rotary can be in the future.

RLI provides a three day non-consecutive basic course in both Rotary knowledge and leadership skills, especially for voluntary organizations. RLI follows an adult learning approach with facilitated discussion led by trained Rotary facilitators.

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

**Courses for 2016-17:**

**Part I and Part II and Part III will be held on September 24, 2016 at Loyalist College, Belleville, Ontario (8:30 am to 4:00 pm)**

**Part I and Part II and Part III will be held on November 12, 2016 at The Oshawa Golf Club, 160 Alexandra Street, Oshawa, Ontario (8:30 am to 4:00 pm)**

**Part I and Part II and Part III will be held on April 22, 2017 at Seneca College (Finch Campus) , Toronto. Ontario (8:30 am to 4:00 pm)**

**Registrations are NOW being accepted** for the remaining two session for 2016-17 on a first-come, first-serve basis on line at the [www.rotary7070.org](http://www.rotary7070.org) website by signing in and signing up and paying your \$70 for your course. A minimum of 18 participants is needed for a course to run.

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

**REMINDER: N1KD in Oshawa Nov 24 (Night of 1000 Dinners / Meals for a Mine Free World) Postponed until 2017**

Landmines may be off the front page in Canada but they are still big news in Afghanistan, Cambodia, Bosnia, Syria and Colombia. They maim people every day, stop children from going to school and prevent many from earning a living.

There are over 100 million landmines left either in stockpiles or in the ground – down from 200 million. Accidents are also down. However, the need for support and removal is still there.

Since the Ottawa Treaty banning landmines in 1997, The Rotarians and Rotary Clubs in District 7070 have been big contributors to the landmine movement. **Toronto Rotary Club Past President Sandy Boucher** is the Past Chair of Rotarians For Mine Action and **Chris Snyder, a member of the RC of Toronto**, is the current Chair of The Board of the Canadian Landmine Foundation. And it is time, once again for a call to action, to the Rotarians in District 7070 to help out the Canadian Landmines Foundation.

Chris is encouraging **all Rotary Clubs in Canada to take part and raise funds for the Canadian Landmines Foundation.**

DUE TO A TIMING CONFLICT , THE NIGHT OF A THOUSAND DINNERS , ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 24, 2016, IN OSHAWA, HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL THE FALL OF 2017. WE HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU IN THE FALL OF 2017. THANK YOU.

If you would like to donate in 2016, please make your cheque payable to

The Canadian Landmine Foundation and mail to: Blake Grundy, 1281 Maddock Ct., Oshawa, ON L1K 0C7 .

Thank you for your continued support.

**Dave Andrews**

President

**Margaret Wallace**

President

## REMINDER: Club Visioning – Where is your club going to be in 5 Years?

Rotary Clubs, like any other organizations, need to have a plan for where they are heading. In order to assist Clubs to develop a vision, the District has a team of experienced Rotarians who can facilitate visioning sessions. Since we started the program, five or six years ago, close to 40 Clubs have held sessions. A few Clubs have held two or three sessions, up-dating their vision on a regular basis.

### Why do we need vision?

Visioning facilitation helps a Rotary Club to develop its own vision and then sets out the steps necessary to achieve that vision. It is worth noting that the result is not a vision set out by the District or Rotary International. Instead, the result is a vision designed and endorsed by the Club's own members. This vision will help to ensure consensus, continuity and consistency in the Club leadership and programming, to set the stage for future progress.

### The Process

The facilitation concept we use was developed by Rotarians for Rotarians. Today, it is being used by over 100 Rotary districts around the world. It starts with the Club setting a date for holding a session. A session takes about three hours, so sessions are typically held either in an evening or on a Saturday morning.

A couple of weeks prior to the date, members of the Club are invited to answer a questionnaire how they currently feel about their Club. This questionnaire is on SurveyMonkey and takes about 10-15 minutes to fill out. It is also possible to leave comments to the questions.

At the actual visioning session, the participants are told to place themselves five years ahead. In a workbook, that the facilitation team provides, the members are asked to state what the Club has done by then. In short, members talk about what the Club has done, not what it should do. There are no right or wrong answers for the workbook, which covers all aspects of a Rotary Club. Instead, at this stage members are encouraged to think boldly.

All statements from the participants' workbooks are put on flip charts. A Club session usually generates 30 – 40 sheets. These are then placed on the walls. The participants will have a two-step voting activity. For the second round of voting, the least popular statements in round one are eliminated, giving the participants fewer alternatives to choose from.

As a result of the voting session, a handful of statements from each category will stand out. They will form the basis for developing the Club's Action Plan – the most important part of the visioning process.

It is the Club's responsibility to develop the Action Plan. However, the District, and the Club's Assistant Governor in particular, would be happy to assist. The resources and experience in this field vary from Club to Club. Some are very familiar with these steps; others benefit from assistance from the District's facilitation team.

Our experience is that Clubs find it very useful to hold a visioning session. The format we use in the District seems to work very well. Probably because it was developed by Rotarians, for Rotarians. It is also fairly easy to administer and we have found that most participants really enjoy the session. Planning the future of the Club becomes a fun fellowship event.

### Further contact

If you are interested in holding a Visioning facilitation in your Club, or just have questions in general, please **contact PDG Lars Henriksson**, [lars@norditrade.com](mailto:lars@norditrade.com), tel. 416-489 8483.

## REMINDER: ROTARY BRAND CENTER

### Many people don't know much about Rotary

Together, we can change that.

Despite more than a century of Rotarians creating change in communities around the globe, many people don't understand what Rotary is, how we're different, and why they should engage with us. To thrive in the 21st century, Rotary needs a strong identity. And while every Rotarian's experience is unique, how we tell Rotary's story should be consistent. You can help by following these simple steps.

## **Celebrate our new look and feel**

How can you help keep Rotary's identity strong?

Around the world, you find the Rotary wheel along roadsides, in parks, and on sponsored projects. While no two clubs are exactly alike, our wheel signals that what Rotary represents – people coming together to move our communities forward – is the same everywhere.

Like the Nike swoosh, the power of the Rotary wheel is in its consistency. When an organization refreshes its logo, as Rotary did in 2013, using the updated mark is critically important.

That's why Rotary International created the Brand Center to help clubs use Rotary's refreshed logo consistently and correctly.

Visit [www.rotary.org/brandcenter](http://www.rotary.org/brandcenter) often to find:

- High resolution logos and graphics you can download
- A quick start guide to refreshing your club website
- Photos and videos you can use on your website and on social media to promote membership, Rotary's areas of focus, and polio eradication
- Templates for brochures, newsletters, press releases, and other materials that you can customize to promote your club, project, or event
- [Sample ads for print, billboards, and television](#)

## **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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## REMINDER: 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](mailto:Victoria.A.Parker@icloud.com) | [Ted@TedHarp.ca](mailto:Ted@TedHarp.ca)

[Poster](#)

[Registration Form](#)

## The Rotary Foundation approved our District 7070 District Block Grant

**From PDG Lars Henriksson, our Rotary Foundation Grants Chair for District 7070**

On Friday, August 27, 2016, we got a message from the Rotary Foundation that they had approved this year's Spending Plan for our District. The Spending Plan is our application to The Rotary Foundation for a District Block Grant. The Plan is based on the proposals for District Grant projects submitted earlier in the year to the District. All projects proposed before the deadline were approved by The Rotary Foundation.

We expect to receive the funds from The Rotary Foundation shortly. Once we have received the money, cheques will be issued. The lead Club for each project will receive and be responsible for the total grant amount for the project. Cheques will be presented at the Rotary Foundation Walk, Sunday, September 11, 2016.

A copy of the Spending Plan can be found on the District's website, [www.rotary7070.org](http://www.rotary7070.org).

Along the same lines, the first **Qualifying Seminar for the 2017-18 Rotary year - mandatory for Clubs that want to participate in the Rotary Foundation's Grants program** - will tentatively be held on **Saturday, November 19, 2016**. By moving up the date for the seminar, we hope to make more Clubs interested in participating in the program and give them more time to plan their projects. More information on exact time and location to follow. It will also be posted on the District's website.

Please, feel free to contact **PDG Lars Henriksson**, ([lars@norditrade.com](mailto:lars@norditrade.com)) if you have any questions or comments about the Grants program.

## Your Invitation from PDG Doug Vincent to participate in the Rotary Day at the United Nations on Nov 11-12, 2016

Greetings Rotarians and Friends:

Once again, I am pleased to invite you to participate in our **Rotary-United Nations Day in New York City on Saturday, November 12, 2016**. In addition, on **Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**, **Canadians can participate in a special Canada Session**, hosted by the Canadian UN Ambassador.

The Saturday meeting starts at 8am (registration) at UN Headquarters and will include presentations and panel discussions addressing key humanitarian issues of concern to both the UN and Rotary. Enjoy featured presentations from senior UN staff, affiliated NGO's and Rotary leaders, with panel discussions on our mutual goal of achieving peace. RI President John Germ will participate.

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A separate Young Leaders program is planned and available only to Ambassadorial & Peace Scholars, Rotaract Club Members and select Interact Club members. Be sure to encourage these individuals who may have an interest in global affairs. Note: The regular Youth Program is a separate registration at: [riunday.org/registration](http://riunday.org/registration).

Rotarians and Young Leaders can register at [RotaryUNDay2016.eventbrite.com](http://RotaryUNDay2016.eventbrite.com). I suggest you do this asap, since numbers are limited. Cost is: Rotarian US\$65 and Youth US\$50, including a box lunch. Note: UN tours are not available on Saturday, so those interested in this should do so on Friday morning. [To reserve a guided tour Click](#)

[Here](#)

For the **Canada Session on Friday**, please email me your complete name/address to: DougV@DougVincent.com by October 25, 2016. This is a separate registration from Saturday, which requires security clearances. If space allows, non-Canadian guests are welcome.

As usual, a **Saturday evening dinner** (cruise) November **11<sup>th</sup>** is being planned. All Rotarians, UN Colleagues and friends from around the world are welcome to join us. Please email me if interested <DougV@DougVincent.com> so I can send you the final details and pricing.

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Accommodation is expensive in NYC. There are more economical hotels across the river about 30 minute bus ride away. Many stay at the Quality Inn or Marriott Hotel in, Lyndhurst, NJ and save over \$100. per night. Or if flying, the Comfort Inn in Queens is a convenient-to-subway location.

Join Rotary friends at the United Nations, meet our Canadian UN Ambassador and celebrate Rotary's role in the development of the UN back in 1945. It will be an exciting experience. Rotarians, family members and friends are all welcome.

Hoping you are having a wonderful summer.  
With best regards,  
Doug V

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## Get Connected, Rotarians !!!

Have you checked out the **new Rotary website**: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

Have you checked out the **Rotary District 7070 website** : [www.rotary7070.org](http://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.