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DG Michael and Jo-Ann Bell

District Governor's
Newsletter
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Be A Gift To The World

April is Maternal and Child Health Month In Rotary

My Fellow Rotarians,

Maternal & Child Health is one of the six areas of focus established by the Trustees of the Rotary Foundation. These six areas of focus reflect critical humanitarian issues and needs that Rotarians are addressing worldwide.

Under the focus on Maternal & Child Health, Rotarians are improving the lives of mothers and children by, reducing the mortality rate for children under five years of age, reducing the maternal mortality rate, improving access to essential medical services and trained health care providers for mothers and their children, and supporting studies related to maternal and child health.

According to the World Bank, 310 women die in Uganda for every 100,000 live births, compared with just 21 in the United States and 12 in the United Kingdom. Infants fare even worse in Uganda with 45 out of every 1,000 infants never reaching the age of 1 as compared to 6 in the United States and just 4 in the United Kingdom. In rural Haiti Rotarians are improving access to essential medical services for mothers and children aimed at reducing the number of children who die under the age of 5 each year because of malnutrition, inadequate health care and poor sanitation. This number is currently estimated to be 7 million per year.

Just as Rotarians are committed to the eradication of Polio worldwide, we are also dedicated to improving the lives of our fellow human beings by providing a hand up to those in need.

My thanks to the Rotarians in District 7070 for all of their hard work and efforts on behalf of Maternal & Child Health issues

We are in this together and **Together we will "Be A Gift to the World"**

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 fast approaching and registrations are continuing to exceed expectations. The original goal of 40,000 attendees has already been surpassed and they are getting close to the 50,000 mark. So, if you are considering going, **now** is the time to make up your mind and register.

As of March 28, we had 25 paid registrations from D7070 to attend the Convention. One of the things I am looking at organizing is a get-together for the visitors from 7070 during one of the evenings. So if you interested in attending the convention, this could be another event for you.

On hotel accommodations, there are still rooms available but the list is narrowing.

I also checked Star Alliance and you can still get a return flight to Seoul at approximately \$1,200 CAD.

For those of you thinking of attending but not yet registered, the annual convention is a perfect way to experience Rotary's internationality, exchange ideas with fellow members, and discover new avenues – and potential partners – for service.

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



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

The Host Organizing Committee for the Rotary International Convention 2016 looks forward to welcoming you to Seoul, Korea. Explore the world-class city of Seoul and discover its rich culture at the Rotary Convention May 28 - June 1, 2016. Connect with new ideas and new friends, and come away with a renewed commitment to **Be a Gift to the World**. Register today!

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

- [View the schedule highlights](#)

Watch this month's Convention Minute video

In the first Convention Minute video, 2016 (Seoul) Convention Committee Chair Ian H.S. Riseley shares news about convention speakers and other exciting events planned in Korea. Download the promotional kit to encourage club members to attend.

- [Watch the video](#)
- [Download the promotional kit](#)

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



Dear Fellow Rotarians:

Many years ago, in Kolkata, India, I had the chance to meet Mother Teresa. She was an incredible woman with an incredible force of personality. When she walked down the street, the crowd parted in front of her like the Red Sea. Yet when you talked to her, if you mentioned the tremendous things she had done, she almost did not engage in this topic at all. By many reports, if you asked her what her greatest achievement was, she would answer, "I am an expert in cleaning toilets."

The answer was both humorous and absolutely serious. Her business was caring for others. Toilets had to be cleaned, so she cleaned them. There was no question of a job being beneath her. Helping people who needed help was her work, and there was nothing higher, nothing in the world more important than that.

So one day, when an elegantly dressed man came to Kolkata looking for Mother Teresa, the nuns who answered the door informed him that she was at the back of the house, cleaning the toilets. They pointed the way, and indeed he found Mother Teresa scrubbing the toilets. She said hello, assumed he was there to volunteer, and began explaining to him how to hold the toilet brush correctly and how not to waste water. Then she put the brush in his hand and left him standing there, in his expensive suit, alone in the lavatory.

Later, the man came out, found Mother Teresa again, and said, "I have finished; may I speak with you now?" "Yes, certainly," she said. He took an envelope out of his pocket and said, "Mother Teresa, I am the director of the airline, and here are your tickets. I just wanted to bring them to you personally."

That airline director told that story again and again for the rest of his life. He said those 20 minutes spent cleaning toilets had filled him with the greatest joy he had ever known - because by putting his hands to Mother Teresa's work, he became part of that work. For those 20 minutes, he cared for the sick just as she did: with his own hands, his own sweat.

That is exactly the opportunity that Rotary gives us. We might not do what Mother Teresa did – give up our lives, our homes, our families. But for 20 minutes, 20 hours, 20 days of the year, we can be like her.

We can do the work that others will not with our hands, and our hearts, and our sweat, and our devotion – knowing that what we do is the most important work in the world.

Ravi

Rotary Foundation Chair, Ray Klinginsmith's Monthly Message - April 2016 - Rotary is big - but still accessible to individual Rotarians

Dear fellow Rotarians,

The numbers are impressive: Rotary comprises more than 35,000 clubs with 1.2 million members in 200 countries and geographic regions. It's big enough to be a major partner in the eradication of polio, the largest health initiative ever undertaken!

Despite its size and reach, Rotary is accessible to members through their individual clubs, which provide outstanding opportunities for friendship, fellowship, and networking at the local level. As a result, most Rotarians think of their involvement as primarily local, with ideas for service projects limited to their communities. They should recognize that, with the assistance of The Rotary Foundation, the sky is the limit!

Every great idea in Rotary has started in the mind of an individual. Even the success of End Polio Now can be traced to a few notable Rotarians around the world: Clem Renouf of Australia, for example, proposed a large corporate project to increase Rotary's visibility, while U.S. Rotarian John Sever identified polio as a worthwhile target. Each had an idea that was accepted and supported by other Rotarians, and polio will soon be eliminated from the world as a result.

When Rotarians begin to think of service projects beyond the size and scope of their clubs, they have access to district and global grants from The Rotary Foundation. They also have access to a team of Rotary volunteers at the district level, starting with their district governors and district Rotary Foundation chairs, to help them along the way. They also have the support of regional leaders, including the regional Rotary Foundation coordinators, and the entire Rotary staff in Evanston, Ill., and in the international offices.

Who knows where the next great ideas for Rotary will come from? Since Rotary is a grassroots organization, they are likely to come from individual Rotarians. It behooves all of us to encourage good ideas within the six areas of focus and direct local Rotarians with good ideas to The Rotary Foundation's resources. After all, it is the mission of the Foundation "to enable Rotarians" to **do good in the world** !!

Ray Klinginsmith

Ray Klinginsmith

Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair

April is Maternal and Child Health Month

What Is your Rotary Club doing to focus on Maternal and Child Health in April 2016?

At least 7 million children under the age of five die each year due to malnutrition, poor health care, and inadequate sanitation. To help reduce this rate, we provide immunizations and antibiotics to babies, improve access to essential medical services, and support trained health care providers for mothers and their children. Your Rotary projects ensure sustainability by empowering the local community to take ownership of health care training programs.

[Watch how Rotary helps bring health care to mothers and newborns in rural Haiti](#)

Through grants from The Rotary Foundation, Rotarians improve access to essential medical services for mothers and their children. These efforts are aimed at reducing the number of children under age five who die each year because of

malnutrition, inadequate health care, and poor sanitation – a figure that is currently estimated at 7 million.

According to another estimate, more than 80 percent of maternal deaths can be prevented with access to reproductive health services and trained health care workers. Rotarians provide education, immunizations, birthing kits, and mobile health clinics to support these causes. Women are taught how to prevent mother-to-infant HIV transmission, how to breast-feed, and how to protect themselves and their children from disease.

Encourage your friends , relatives, neighbours, and business associates to:

- [Join Rotary](#) and help save mothers and children. AND TO
- [Give now](#) to support maternal and child health.

READ NEWS ABOUT ROTARY'S WORK TO PROMOTE MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH, ONE OF ROTARY'S 6 AREAS OF FOCUS

- [Training nurses to save mothers and babies in East Africa](#)
- [Empowering mothers by preventing injuries](#)
- [Health camp reaches mothers and children on remote island](#)

RESOURCES & REFERENCE

- [Browse Rotary Showcase](#) for member projects reaching mothers and children
- [Find a project](#) to sponsor on Rotary Ideas
- [Contact](#) Rotary's manager for maternal and child health

Important Rotary Dates in April 2016:

Maternal and Child Health Month

April 23 — Rotary AIDS Walk in Belleville

April 30 — Rotary AIDS Walk in Toronto

District 7070 Rotaract News and their March 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 March 2016 District 7070 Rotaract Newsletter: <https://www.smore.com/zp68t-rotaract-district-7070-newsletter>

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. 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/01pas>

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

Thank you.

Kelly Ku

District Rotaract Chair

Our Rotary Foundation

From Bill Patchett, Chair District 7070 Rotary Foundation Committee

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Here we are in April 2016 – Water and Sanitation 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 new Rotary year, to donating at least \$20.00 PER Rotarian to **PolioPlus**.

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

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

Has your Club sent in your objectives to the District 7070 Rotary Foundation Committee, for the 2015-16 Rotary Year yet?

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

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

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

Many thanks to all of you for your support.

Bill

William R. Patchett
District 7070 Foundation Chair
Past District Governor 7070 2006-2007
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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"](#)

Institute equips regional leaders to advance Rotary's story

Regional leaders from around the globe gathered at Rotary World Headquarters in Evanston in early March to learn how to help members strengthen clubs, enhance Rotary's image, advance humanitarian projects, and tell Rotary's story. Many of the participants were impressed to learn about new tools available on Rotary.org. Read about [the four-day training event.](#)

Rotary Peace Fellows poised to change the world

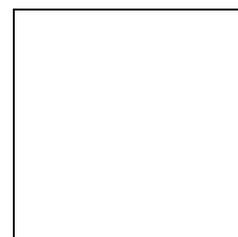
In just over a decade, the Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 900 fellows for careers in peace building. Teree Bergman, an assistant regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, writes about the legacy of the program, and how your support helps equip graduates to be catalysts for peace in the world.

- [Read Bergman's blog post](#)
- [Make a gift to the Rotary Peace Center](#)
- [Learn about Rotary Peace Fellowships](#)

Live updates from the Council on Legislation

Representatives from Rotary clubs worldwide will gather in Chicago, April 10 – 15 to consider changes to the policies that guide Rotary International and its member clubs. We'll be providing live updates and vote totals from the Council on Legislation on Rotary.org beginning on April 11. District 7070's delegate is Past District Governor Ted Morrison.

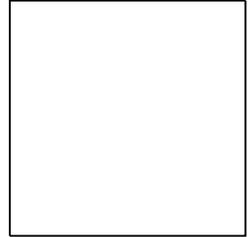
- [Read more about our coverage](#)
- [Brush up on the Council on Legislation process](#)



- [Download 2016 proposed legislation](#)

How to get a free website for your club

Two young Rotary members met at the 2014 Rotary Convention in Sydney and decided to use their digital marketing talents to benefit clubs everywhere. Project Doing Good is offering a home page website template to any Rotary club that requests one.



- [Read more about the offer](#)
- [Go to the Project Doing Good website](#)

SHELTERBOX News For April 2016

From: Ron Noseworthy, Chair, ShelterBox Canada



Desperate need for shelter in Fiji after Cyclone Winston

Cyclone Winston hit the islands of Fiji on February 20th and was the most powerful storm ever recorded in the South Pacific, with winds over 285 km/hr, torrential rain and 12m waves. The cyclone left 42 dead, buildings flattened and crops destroyed. Hundreds of thousands were affected, and 97 schools were damaged or destroyed. A state of natural disaster was declared by the Fiji Government, and they put a call out for international aid.

The United Nations estimates that as many as 350,000 people may have been affected, over a third of the Fijian population. The United Nations

Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) also says that access to fresh water remains a particular concern. 67,000 Fijians had been suffering drought conditions in January due to El Nino, and most of them live in the corridor affected by the cyclone.

ShelterBox has been responding since the Cyclone hit, utilizing prepositioned stock in Fiji as well as New Zealand and Australia. Our ShelterBox Response teams have already been able to deliver tents and ShelterBoxes to families on six remote islands. Canadian SRT, Ron Noseworthy (Member and Past President of The Rotary Club of Kenora) was recently deployed to deliver aid to families after the storm.

More aid is on the way, including 2,000 solar lights that will provide light and safety to communities without power, and 2000 complete ShelterBoxes, but it's not enough. There are still many tiny islands too remote to have received help. We need your support to send more aid to assist families who have lost everything after the storm.

Will you be a ShelterBox Canada Hero Next Year?

The ShelterBox Canada Hero program recognizes the commitments and generous support of Rotary Clubs across the country. Rotary Clubs can become a ShelterBox Hero in one of two ways:

- Donate/fundraise \$1,200 every Rotary year for three consecutive years OR
- Donate/fundraise \$3,600 in one Rotary year

ShelterBox Heroes will be recognized at their District Conference and be presented with a certificate of achievement. While the 2014-2015 Heroes have already been set, it's not too late to get a donation in to be a 2015-2016 hero!

If you want more information about the program or to see how close your club is to becoming a hero, email Tess Widdifield at tesswiddifield@shelterboxcanada.org



Thank you!

Ron Noseworthy

Past Chair, ShelterBox Canada

Past President Rotary Club of Kenora

ShelterBox Response Team Member

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

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

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

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[Phone: 647-352-1930](tel:647-352-1930)

Email: support@shelterboxcanada.org

Website: <http://shelterboxcanada.org>

District 7070 Membership Matters Seminar - April 2, 2016

In January, District 7070 held a one day membership seminar and it was a great success with a waiting list. As a result the District 7070 Membership Committee has decided to hold a repeat seminar for those that could not attend. It will be Saturday April 2nd, 2016 at the same location the Whitby Library.

To register for this event, please go to the District 7070 website and register. [Click here](#)

HIP (Honoring Indigenous People): Highlights of the March 2016 Newsletter

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](#)). The organization, *Canadians For a New Partnership* has started a campaign to build positive and equitable relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples by creating a Declaration signed by fellow Canadians. If you would like to join, the details can be found on our Blog. Also, please see link to the organization's website: [Canadians for a New Partnership](#).

Links: We have added a new link ([Rotary HIP - Links](#)) to an organization, DAREarts. Through arts, this organization is committed to helping Indigenous communities. We have also added link to a report around their successful trip to the Webequie First Nations community. You can find it at ([Rotary HIP - Powerpoint Presentations](#)). Also check the Paul Martin link [Rotary HIP - Links](#) talking about the role of Rotary (HIP). Show it at a meeting and have a discussion.

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 with an aboriginal theme or message, please email Julie (julie@eccgroup.ca) to add to our list. And we recently added some new links to YouTube videos.

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) 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.

Upcoming Events

On April 5th, The Rotary Club of Bowmanville will be hosting Dr. Dawn Harvard, PhD, President of The Native Women's Association of Canada. She will be speaking at their regular meeting @ 7:15 a.m.(Trinity United Church). If you would like to attend, please contact Ted Mann (tedmann@rogers.com).

Dufferin County Cultural Resource Circle - *Truth and Reconciliation Gathering - Building Partnership Through Community Truths* - May 7th 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. - \$45/per person - \$75/per couple. Group rates available. Orangeville Curling Club. For information, please call 519-216-8174 or email dccrc@gmail.com

North American Indigenous Cultural Festival - Toronto, ON - May 21-21, 2016

The Native Canadian Centre of Toronto presents the first annual festival at Downsview Park. There will be a cultural pavilion, food vendors, indigenous vendor market, entertainment and music. Mark your calendar to attend.

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.

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!

Message from HIP Chair, Chris Snyder

The federal government has released the first budget of its mandate, committing a total of \$8.4 B over five years for Indigenous peoples. In addition to investments in child and family services, the inquiry into murdered and missing Indigenous women and on-reserve infrastructure, the budget has earmarked \$2.6 B over five years for K-12 First Nations education. In the first year, \$96 M will go towards school infrastructure on reserves and \$287.5 M will go towards core K-12 education at First Nation schools, including \$115 M for special needs education, \$55 M for language and cultural teaching, and \$20 M for literacy and numeracy. Of the total investment, \$824 M over five years is for "implementing transformation" of the on-reserve education system, with \$46 M of that to be spent this year. The budget also removes the 2% overall spending cap that has previously affected funding for Indigenous peoples". While details are not known, the general reaction from the Indigenous community is positive. A large part of this is a result of increased discussions amongst various groups. In this case, between National Chief and Gerald Butts, Mr. Trudeau's principal secretary. According to Mr. Bellegarde, "THEY LISTENED" . A report in the Globe said there were no strings attached. This is what largely defeated the past initiative from the previous government.

An interesting part is the \$55 million for language and cultural training. The importance of this component often escapes non-Indigenous peoples, however, there is a lot of evidence to show cultural training and language education has much to do with keeping young people in school.

At the Thunderchild First Nation in Saskatchewan, they use traditional activities in ice fishing and hide tanning etc. to learn more about biology and anatomy. This has led to a 20% increase in enrolment over the past four years.

There is also plenty of evidence that this training lowers alcohol and drug problems.

While many say it is not enough and does not close the gap to equality, it is a start. Going forward, HIP will be a very key player in helping close this gap through programs which will enhance existing and new Indigenous driven programs.

Please join in this positive move forward and BE THE SOLUTION.

For opportunities, see this letter and continually check our website.

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

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

The Rotary Club of Oshawa has a book program for Canada's First nations Reserves that may expand to a wider area once we get it going full steam. Right now Oshawa Rotarian Gordon Dowsley is getting books from people and institutions and some new from publishers. They are looking for people going to either Thunder Bay or Timmins to take one or more boxes 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 also send books in by road.

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)

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 December 30, 2015, there are 1,217,996 Rotarians in 35,076 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.

You Are Invited to our annual N1KD (Night of 1000 Dinners)

Sponsored by The Rotary Club of Toronto

May 3rd @ 5:30 p.m. The National Club, 303 Bay Street, Toronto, ON

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 Rotary Club of Toronto has been a very big player in the landmine movement. We have contributed a lot of money and bought a demining dog named “Sapper”. Sandy Boucher is the Past Chair of Rotarians For Mine Action and Chris Snyder is the current Chair of The Canadian Landmine Foundation.

You are invited to come to a gathering at:

The National Club

Tuesday May 3rd from 5:30 p.m – 7:30 p.m.

where you will get to hear:

- ✓ Olivia Fernandes speak about her work with landmine survivors in Vietnam
- ✓ Ousmane Diallo from Senegal, a PhD candidate at the Balsille School of International Affairs, talk about landmines and their economic impact in West Africa
- ✓ Get an update of the progress being made on landmines
- ✓ Enjoy the company of your friends
- ✓ Refreshments and canapes
- ✓ Cash bar



The Catch?

We ask you to make a voluntary, tax-receiptable donation to The Canadian Landmine Foundation. The money will be used to assist with the Foundation's mandate of ridding the world of landmines and assisting the survivors. This year, we would like to exceed last year's total.

Please reply to **Julie Dunauskis** at julie@eccgroup.ca no later than **Wednesday, April 27, 2016** if you are able to attend. We hope to see you there.

If you are unable to attend but would like to donate, please make cheque payable to

The Canadian Landmine Foundation and mail to: **Chris Snyder, c/o ECC Group, 100 Simcoe Street, Suite 110, Toronto, ON M5H 3G2.**



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

Save that Water!

A unique commercial that was aired by Colgate during the 2016 Super Bowl will resonate with WASRAG members. You can watch it here:

[Super Bowl 2016: Colgate Commercial](#)

Rotary International 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 TRF 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...](#)

World Water Summit in Korea

Sign up for the World Water Summit in Korea to share ideas and solutions for creating to access to clean water and improving sanitation. Register:<http://on.rotary.org/WWSkorea>

Low Cost Sanitation Workshop

The Troy Rotary Club, District 6380 and the Centre for Affordable Water and Sanitation (CAWST), Calgary, Alberta, will host their popular four-day workshop again this year. This year's program includes theory, instruction and hands-on experience on eco-sanitation, sanitation promotion and hygiene.

The program is being held in Ypsilanti, MI from April 28 - May 1, 2016.

To register and to get more information contact Eileen Heasley at [Vision for Clean Water](#)

Power of Social Media

"Girls in Nashik Schools Don't Quit School after Puberty Any More. Thanks to One Australian!" is the title of an article in [The Better India](#) on the work of Mark Balla in India.

Mark has been working in India to improve WASH services in schools - improved toilets, water, menstrual hygiene management, hand washing etc.

The article has been shared almost 3,000 times on Facebook. Social media is a powerful tool in getting out the word on WASH projects!

Masters Degree in Water Education

UNESCO-IHE is the world's largest international graduate education facility in water. The institute, located in Delft, Netherlands, offers a fully accredited Master and PhD degree program. To learn more about the program visit [UNESCO-IHE](#)

The Rotary Foundation awards annually 10 scholarships to graduate students. For more information of the scholarships visit [Rotary Water Masters Scholarships](#)

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 . . .](#)

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: Awards for YOU to Consider Today:

District Governor Michael Bell encouraged all Club Presidents to carefully review their Club's efforts in achieving the 2015-16 **Presidential Citation**. The deadline for submission directly to Rotary International is March 31, 2016. Here is a link to the criteria: <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/news-media/office-president/presidential-citation> .

District Governor Michael Bell encouraged all Club Presidents to carefully review their Club's efforts in achieving the 2015-16 **District 7070 Rotary Foundation Citation**. Please ask your Club President to share the criteria with all of your members . The deadline for submission to DG Michael is May 31, 2016.

District Governor Michael Bell encouraged all Club Presidents to carefully review their Club's efforts in achieving the 2015-16 **District 7070 Leadership Award**. Please ask your Club President to share the criteria with all of your members . The deadline for submission to DG Michael is also on May 31, 2016.

REMINDER: ROTARY POKER WALKS FOR HIV / AIDS - set for April 23, 2016 in Belleville and April 30, 2016 IN Toronto

The War on AIDS can be won with your help.

More than \$600,000 has already been raised by the walks in Belleville and Toronto and put to work preventing and relieving the searing impact of AIDS on women, children, and men. This year, with your help, we can greatly increase that amount.

THE ROTARY POKER WALKS FOR HIV / AIDS (formerly The Trump AIDS Poker Walks) were originally created by members of the Rotary Club of Belleville, Ontario, Canada in 2007-08, where it continues to be held each spring. In 2010, the Walk was also held in Toronto, now as a multi-club event. By 2011, the Toronto walk involved over 24 Rotary Clubs, 3 Rotaract clubs, Anglican churches and 8 HIV/AIDS organizations, overwhelming support from the community, hours of volunteer time by Rotarians, gifts-in-kind by many of their businesses, and generous corporate sponsors.

Join us. Walk, Eat, Play - and we'll all Win!

Further information can be obtained by emailing, <mailto:toronto@rotaryaidswalk.ca>

For more details, please consult our websites: <http://rotaryaidswalk.ca/> ; <http://toronto.rotaryaidswalk.ca/> and <http://belleville.rotaryaidswalk.ca/>

REMINDER: Rotary Global Rewards

Rotary Global Rewards offers discounts you can use every day to help Rotary members do what they do best, give back. Find a reward:<http://bit.ly/GlobalRewards>

REMINDER: Club of the Month:

From District Governor Michael Bell, DG Elect Jim Louttit and DG Nominee Neil Phillips

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

In fact, it has been available to all Rotary Clubs in District 7070 all year. Where have you been for the last two years?

To encourage "Service Above Self" throughout the District, the District Governor and future Governors have decided to share stories about the clubs which exemplify our motto.

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

If so, please do some bragging and submit a one-page story about your Club (about 300 words) ,and add a few photos, and send it to District Governor Michael Bell. In your story, tell them a bit about the history of your club and some of your major accomplishments and how your club serves Rotary in your community and throughout the world.

The esteemed panel of three (District Governor Michael Bell, DG Elect Jim Louttit and DG Nominee Neil Phillips) 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: Save the Date: May 18, 2016 – For A Celebration

The Rotary Club of Don Mills is celebrating its 60th anniversary on May 18, 2016. Details will follow. Lets all attend this tremendous milestone. May 18, 2016 6:30 PM – 11:59 PM at Lara's Restaurant, 155 Consumers Rd , Unit 106, Toronto M2J 0A3 . For more information, please contact Club President Jennifer Boyd.

Rotary Foundation Grants REMINDER

Important change! April 15, 2016 dead-line for 2016-17 District Grant applications

From Lars Henriksson, Chair, District 7070 Foundation Grants Sub-Committee

My Fellow Rotarians,

The Rotary Foundation provides Rotarians and Rotary Clubs with some wonderful tools to 'do good in the world'. This can be in the local community as well as half-way around the world. It can be everything from small focused projects to large bold projects with life-changing impact. There are two types of grants offered by The Rotary Foundation; Global Grants and District Grants.

Global Grants

Global Grants are designed for bigger, bolder long-term projects. These projects have a Host Club/District, where the project takes place, and an International Club/District. The Host and International partners must be in two different countries. The Clubs and Districts involved in a Global Grant application must also be qualified.

Clubs in D7070 are in most cases the International partner, but we could also be a Host partner for a project in our District. We would then have to find Districts and Clubs outside Canada that would be interested in becoming the International partner.

Areas of Focus

In addition to the Host-International partner relationship, Global Grant projects must be in one of the six areas of focus

- Peace and Conflict Resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water and Sanitation
- Maternal and Child Health
- Basic education and literacy
- Economic and Community Development

Budget requirements

In order to make Global Grant projects bigger and bolder, the Rotary Foundation realized that these projects must be of a certain magnitude to have the desired impact. Therefore, the budget for Global Grant projects must be minimum USD30,000. Furthermore, the amount of funding requested from the Rotary Foundation must be at least USD15,000.

Funding

Global Grant projects can receive funding from the following sources

- Club cash
- District Designated Funds (DDF), funds from the District to match your Club cash contributions. D7070 may match cash contributions from Clubs in D7070 dollar for dollar up to USD5,000 per Club and project. Other Districts most likely have other matching formulas. Always ask Clubs from other Districts that support your project to find out if their District may also provide DDF for your project.
- The Rotary Foundation Award, funds from the Rotary Foundation (min. USD15,000) TRF matches Club cash 50% and DDF 100%.

- Other non-Rotarian funds. These funds are matched 50% by TRF.

Application

Applications for a Global Grant are made on-line on Rotary's website www.rotary.org. The actual application form can be found at https://grants.rotary.org/s_main.jsp?lang=1#. Applications can be made throughout the Rotary year. Please, make sure you contact the District's Foundation Grants Sub-Committee before you start your application in order to discuss the availability of DDF (District Designated Funds) to match the Club cash contributions for your project. .

Sustainability

One of the most important requirements for a Global Grant application to be approved is that the project is sustainable. The Rotary Foundation has the following definition for sustainability

Providing solutions to community needs in such a way that the benefiting community can maintain the activities after grant funding ends

In short, the project must be able to live on successfully once the Rotary Foundation funds are used up.

Global Grant project mentors

As one of the 100 pilot Districts for the Future Vision in 2010, we are fortunate in D7070 to have a cadre of Rotarians with experience from applying, implementing and reporting Global Grant projects. These individuals are offering to share their knowledge with others interested in applying for a Global Grant. Again, please contact the Grants Sub-Committee for further information and contacts.

District Grants

District Grants are used for short- and medium-term projects. The projects can take place in your local community or far away overseas. There is no requirement for a Rotary connection at the other end. (Still, it may be beneficial to have such a connection.). There is no minimum budget amount for the project.

New Application dead-line for District Grants for Rotary year 2016-17

Applications for District Grants for the 2016-17 Rotary year are made to District 7070 on a special form no later than April 15, 2016. This is a change from last year. The reason for moving up the dead-line for applications is to align our District with the Rotary Foundation's preferred time-plan.

The application form for District Grants can be downloaded from the D7070 website, www.rotary7070.org. The matching formula set up by D7070 encourages cooperation between Clubs; however, a Club can still apply for a District Grant for a project where they are the only Club involved. The matching formula is presented in the application form. It is possible to include Clubs from other Districts than D7070 in the project; however, only contributions from Clubs in D7070 will be matched.

Global Grants vs. District Grants

At a first glance, it may be difficult and confusing to decide which type of grant to apply for. However, three simple questions will guide you. In order to have a potential Global Grant project, you must get Yes to all the following three questions.

1. Is the project between Rotary Clubs/Districts in two different countries?
2. Is the project in one of the six areas of focus? and

3. Is the projects budget >USD30,000 and the TRF Award you are asking for >USD15,000?

If you get Yes to all three questions, you may want to pursue a Global Grant application. If you get No to one or more of the questions, your project doesn't meet the requirements for receiving a Global Grant. However, you may still consider applying for a District Grant.

Government of Canada Funds – the new kid on the block

Last year, the Rotary Foundation Canada and the Government of Canada reached an agreement for a 5-year program, where the Government of Canada makes CAD1,2 million available each year to Canadian Rotary Clubs and Districts for Global Grant projects.

There are a number of restrictions around the availability of the GOC-funds, such as areas of focus, countries and type of activities the funds can be used for. However, so long one can't determine from the guidelines that the project is ineligible for the GOC-funds, it makes sense to apply. The GOC-funds match Canadian Club and DDF contributions. The approved amount of GOC-funds is to be included in the Global Grant application and will be matched 50% by the Rotary Foundation, so the windfall if one's GOC-application is successful, can be quite dramatic. .

For more information on the GOC-funding, as well as the application form for GOC-funds, please visit www.trfcanda.org and click on GOC Programs, or contact D7070 Foundation Grants Sub-Committee.

Conclusion

The Rotary Foundation offers a number of marvelous opportunities for Rotarians and Rotary Clubs to 'do good in the world'. Funds, the result of our Foundation fund-raising, are available for projects of various sizes and formats in the local community or around the world. Please, get involved. If your Club has not been involved previously, a start could be to support a project initiated by another Club.

There are examples in our District where Clubs have started by spending a few hundred dollars, maybe a thousand, as a small partner. A couple of years later, the experience they have gained have made them decide to lead their own project. It is also our experience that Clubs that are involved in Grants projects are more likely to raise funds for the Rotary Foundation.

Please feel free to contact the undersigned, whenever you have questions or comments about the Rotary Foundation's Grants programs.

Yours in Rotary,

Lars

Lars Henriksson , Chair, D7070 Foundation Grants Sub-Committee

lars@norditrade.com Tel. 416-489 8438

REMINDER: District 7070 Training Assembly – May 14, 2016 BMO Institute for Learning Address: 3550 Pharmacy Ave, Toronto, ON M1W 3Z3

What is the District Training Assembly?

In view of the annual turnover of Rotary leadership each year, special effort is required to provide club leaders with appropriate instruction for the tasks they will assume. The annual district assembly is the major leadership training event in each Rotary district of the world. The workshops offer motivation, inspiration, Rotary information and new ideas for club officers, directors and key committee chairmen of each club.

Some of the most experienced district leaders conduct informative discussions on all phases of Rotary administration

and service projects. The sessions give all participants valuable new ideas to make their club more effective and interesting. Normally eight to ten delegates from each club (officers, directors, committee chairs, etc.) are invited to attend the training session.

Another important feature is a review by the incoming district governor of the program theme and emphasis of the new RI president for the coming year. District goals and objectives are also described and plans are developed for their implementation.

The success of your Rotary club is frequently determined by the club's full representation and participation in this annual meeting.

This event provides a continuation of this training for presidents-elect and does not duplicate what you learned at PETS. It also provides you the opportunity to train alongside the rest of your club's leadership team on important and relevant topics.

If you are the **secretary** of your Rotary club, much of the success your club will achieve will depend upon you knowing how to handle the many responsibilities of this important position in a Rotary club. Even for the seasoned secretaries, Rotary is a dynamic organization which is constantly changing to address the needs of Rotary clubs, communities and society in general. Every three years, Rotary International convenes the Council on Legislation which addresses hundreds of changes to the Rotary Club Constitution, Bylaws and Policies that directly impact your club and the role of all club officers, especially club secretaries. Making sure you are up to date on these changes is an important part of your responsibility as secretary. In addition, attending will give you new energy, great ideas and motivation to better serve your club and community as a member of your club's leadership team.

If you are a **director** in your Club, as a director of your club, you have been elected to make decisions that will impact the future of your club. The sessions will help you better understand the issues faced by your club and your officers that you will be asked to vote on as you serve as a director. Additionally, the sessions will enhance your understanding of Rotary, its objects and mission which will strengthen your club.

If you **chair a committee** in our Rotary club, your participation will enhance any member's experience as a Rotarian. Sessions will address specific functions assigned to club committees. The topics may include public relations, membership, service projects, club administration and The Rotary Foundation among others. As a committee chair, you will have the opportunity to share ideas with your peers from clubs across the district which will give you new ideas and motivation for improving your club.

And even if you have served as a **district leader** previously and are assuming a leadership position this year, past district leaders will benefit from updated training as Rotary International continually updates programs and leadership materials. Yearly themes and emphases change, and this meeting provides an opportunity to meet new leaders and develop rapport.

And if you are a **Rotary Club member**, please note that one key to a successful and growing Rotary club is informed and enthusiastic members. Attending Rotary meetings above the club level exposes you to knowledge about Rotary that will motivate you and your club will become stronger and more effective. You will also expand your personal and business network to Rotarians from across the district and you will enhance your personal leadership skills.

Save the date: **May 14**. Your club president will have more details that will allow you to register on the www.rotary7070.org website very soon.

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>

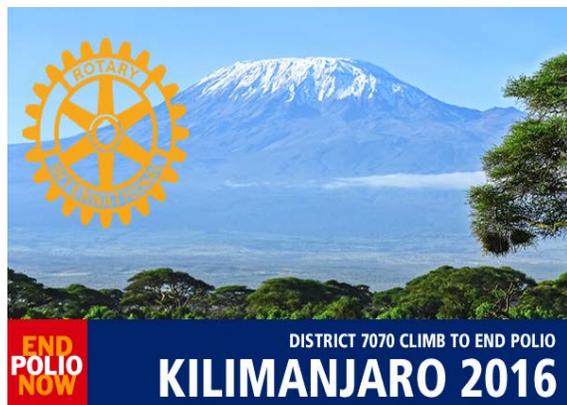
This year's district conference is being held at the beautiful **Sheraton Parkway Toronto North** hotel in Richmond Hill.

[Click here to book your hotel room.](#)

Register by the end of May and save money.

REMINDER: District 7070 Climb to End Polio

Now:



Let's all help 2 District 7070 Rotarians \$100,000 to aid in the polio eradication program by climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro - Assistant District Governor Raffy Chouljian (Scarborough) and Jennifer Boyd, President, of the Toronto Don Mills Rotary Club and Chair of the District 7070 World Polio Day Committee are going to climb Mount Kilimanjaro and they are asking for District 7070 Rotarians and their friends to help them raise \$100,000 for the End Polio Now Campaign.

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

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

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

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards - We need Your Support - Registration Deadline Extended to April 10, 2016

From Ric Williams, Chair, District 7070 RYLA Committee

My Fellow Rotarians,

We deeply appreciate the support and assistance we have received from Rotaract clubs in support of RYLA.

We are again recruiting for candidates for RYLA, and would appreciate **your** help in spreading the news. To that end, we have made some changes to the RYLA page on the District 7070 website.

Please take a look at the link to our RYLA information page.

We have changed the look, content and organization in a way that hopefully makes the RYLA program more transparent and appealing to all users, including participants, candidates, sponsors and other interested parties. I would welcome any feedback and suggestions for use/and or improvement.

<http://www.rotary7070.org/SitePage/rotary-youth-leadership-awards-%28ryla%29-2/welcome>

This has been made available in a remarkably short time through the prodigious efforts of Clark Ferguson and Deborah Murray. Any errors and omissions belong to me.

I would like your help to broadcast this link to all Rotarians , Rotary Clubs, and Rotaract clubs across the district with an announcement that the **deadline for registrations has been extended to April 10.**

Many thanks,

Ric Williams



REMINDER: Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

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

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

What is RYLA?

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

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

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

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

The Award

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

THE CANDIDATE MUST SUBMIT THE COMPLETED FORM BY APRIL 10, 2016 TO:

DISTRICT 7070 RYLA 2016 COMMITTEE

c/o Josie Abbate

10 Constance Drive

Whitby, ON L1P 1N3

giuseppina@rogers.com

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

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,

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

FOR ALL ROTARIANS WHO HAVE JOINED A ROTARY CLUB IN DISTRICT 7070 IN THE SINCE JULY 1, 2014: OUR ROTARY DISTICT WILL PAY YOUR TUITION FEE FOR ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE PART ONE !!! ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS SIGN UP ONLINE ON THE WWW.ROTARY7070.ORG WEBSITE TODAY.

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

Remaining Courses for 2015-16:

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

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

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

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

REMINDER: It is time for your Club to use Rotary Club Central

From Ian E. Lancaster, Assistant Rotary Coordinator at Rotary International Zone 24 East

My Fellow Rotarians,

The recent 2013 Council of Legislation concluded that the Planning Guide for Effective Rotary Clubs form would be replaced by Rotary Club Central (RCC), an online goal setting tool for clubs that is accessed by signing in at www.rotary.org

So how does Rotary Club Central assist us with our clubs and our districts? Rotary Club Central gives the club and district leaders the ability to monitor club progress and achievements in three key performance areas which are as follows:

- Membership initiatives,
- Service activities,
- Rotary Foundation giving.

From a District Level, all district leaders, including the Governor, Governor-Elect, Assistant District Governors, and Committee Chairs can view a summary of goals and achievements for all clubs in their district by clicking on "District View". By tracking the progress of proposed targets, District leaders can quickly identify areas of concern and offer

assistance or prescribe corrective action to achieve the targets.

At the Club level, only the President, Secretary, Treasurer, Foundation Chair, and Membership Chair can edit goals and achievements for the year they are in office. However, all club members can view club goals and achievements for all years. The ability of members to view the club's progress adds a new dimension; the reporting is in real time, clearly defines the achievements and assists the club's leadership in its planning.

In addition to the benefits to Districts and Clubs, the data collected through the RCC progress tool will give Rotary a better way to measure the impact Rotarians are making worldwide.

An added benefit to Rotary Club Central is that trends can be established over the past five years. It includes charts that track membership retention and Annual Fund giving.

Club leaders are encouraged to log in to Member Access and enter their data in Rotary Club Central so that their Club members, the District Governor, and Assistant District Governors can see it. If a club is unable to enter goals, any district leader can input data on behalf of the club. The Club President will be notified by email when any changes are made to their goals.

Rotary Club Central gives us the opportunity to record, monitor and evaluate our clubs, districts and the health of our organization. We are able to discover trends easily without having to set up the database; if corrective action is required, the need for it will be recognized earlier. We will get the opportunity to learn from each other's successes as the successes are realized in Clubs, Districts and Zones.

Rotary Club Central is the dash board – we need only read it for a healthier Rotary.

Ian Lancaster

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.

REMINDER: Toronto Eglinton Rotary Club's Wine Tasting and Silent Auction

Toronto Eglinton Rotary Club invites all Rotarians and their guests in District 7070 to their Wine Tasting and Silent Auction on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at the York Banquet & Event Centre, 1100 Millwood Road, in Toronto, Time is from 6:30 pm to 10: 00 pm. Cost is \$60 (includes wine and food). Auction items include a villa in Brazil, sporting event tickets, high end BBQ, French Champagnes, jewelry, and many gift certificates for fine and fun dining, spa treatments, and much more. Proceeds go to Wounded Warriors Canada and to Rotary water projects in the developing world. For tickets: email Norma Davis at Auction items include exciting items such as 5 days at villa in Brazil; 5 days at a Chalet in Vail, Colorado; Les Paul custom built guitar signed by Canadian Band Big Wreck; a 2-hour Flight Simulator package; Tickets to Blue Rodeo; dinner and golf at the Hunt Club; limited edition art work; French Champagnes; and gift certificates for spa treatments; fine dining and so much more. Proceeds to go to Wounded Warriors Canada, a non-profit organization that supports ill & injured Canadian Armed Force Members and their families and Rotary Water Projects in the developing world. Come out and enjoy a fabulous evening of fine wines, food, superb auction items, and new faces, all while supporting a great cause.

For more information or tickets contact: wkwells@wks.ca or stephenbianco@rogers.com

REMINDER: New tools for the membership tool belt

Looking to enhance your club membership experience? Do you want to find opportunities for growth in your club? Club and district leaders now have a set of updated [Membership Assessment Tools](#) (formerly Club Assessment Tools) to help them strengthen club membership and add value to your club membership experience, so that more people will join and fewer members will leave.

For your convenience, you can download the entire publication, or just the individual assessments that are most relevant to your club.

The individual assessments, which walk users through evaluation and development of an action plan, include:

1. [Representing Your Community's Professions: A Classification Assessment](#)
2. [Diversifying Your Club: A Member Diversity Assessment](#)
3. [Finding New Club Members: A Prospective Member Exercise](#)
4. [Improving Your Member Retention: A Retention Assessment and Analysis](#)
5. [Enhancing the Club Experience: Member Satisfaction Survey](#)
6. [Understanding Why Members Resign: Exit Survey](#)

Historical trends show that there's an increase in membership soon after the new year, so this is the perfect time to consider how you welcome new members into your club. [Read](#) how one club is using our [New Member Welcome Kit](#) to enhance their welcome and orientation.

Building a solid membership foundation

Research shows that new Rotary club members often end up leaving because they are not immediately engaged in their club or not fully educated about Rotary after they join. We also know that a longer initiation period, comprehensive information presented before someone joins, and new member orientation all increase the likelihood that clubs will retain their new members.

Here are three ways to keep new members engaged:

- Assign a mentor
- Explain club culture
- Give them a role

If you have an effective orientation program, tell us what makes it successful. What do new members need to know? What makes them stay? Email us at membershipminute@rotary.org, or add a post in our [Membership Best Practices Discussion Group](#). We look forward to hearing from you.

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.