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District Governor's
Newsletter
APRIL 1, 2017
Rotary Serving Humanity

My Fellow Rotarians,

Spring has now sprung and I trust everyone is looking forward to the long-awaited season that always seems to put a spring in everyone's step. I know I am.

April is Maternal and Child Health Month in the Rotary world and one of the great causes Rotarians are involved with. An estimated 5.9 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, inadequate health care, and poor sanitation — all of which can be prevented. Rotarians globally provide education, immunizations, birth kits, and mobile health clinics. 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.

This is a complex issue, of course, but I am proud that Rotarians continue to be involved, deeply committed and constant with support to help ease this social travesty. I know that Maternal and Child Health means a great deal to you and that your input, advocacy and actions are further reaching than just this month.

Through The Rotary Foundation, we are reaching mothers and children in need by giving communities the help and training they need to take control of their own maternal and infant health care. All this information is available for your viewing on the RI website. Read about some of the amazing things Rotarians are making happen, such as what is happening in Haiti, a country with the highest maternal and infant mortality rate in the western hemisphere, where Rotarians provided a fully equipped medical jeep to reach mothers and children in remote areas.

You may want to know more about this and may wish to become more hands-on. I urge you to reach out. There will be fellow Rotarians that you can confer with. The networking is yours for the asking.

And, as you know, this is what we do ***“Rotary Serving Humanity”***.

Yours in Rotary,

Jim

District Governor Jim Louttit at jvlrotary@gmail.com



From District Governor Elect Neil Phillips



My Fellow Rotarians,

Spring is here, and that gets everyone thinking of....the Rotary District Assembly. :-)

This year, it's being held at the BMO Institute for Learning on Saturday, May 13, from 8.00 – 14.00. Register from the District website, on the home page/right. <http://rotary7070.org/>

What is the District Assembly, and why should you attend? The annual district assembly is the major leadership training event in each Rotary district of the world.

Workshops offer motivation, inspiration, Rotary information and new ideas for club officers, directors and key committee chairs 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. Hear from the current District Governor as to what we've achieved in the current year. Hear from the incoming District Governor of the program theme and emphasis of the new RI president for the coming year. With the next year our hosting the International Convention, it's an exciting year. Another important feature of the assembly is a review of the finances, and approval by the Presidents-Elect of the District budget for the next Rotary year. The success of each Rotary club is frequently determined by the club's full representation and participation in this annual meeting. This year, we have sessions and workshops on conflict management, fundraising, Toronto 2018 convention how-tos, public image, Foundation Walk, Conference, youth programs, the environment and more. It's not just for Club officers, but any Rotarians keen on learning more about their district. If you think of the autumn conference as the "why" we do what we do, look at the spring assembly as being the "how".

The agenda is still being finalised; details will be available soon. Register now and we'll forward details directly to your inbox.

The cost to attend is \$75, which includes lunch. Note the cost of the day is partially subsidised by the district to encourage attendance. All new/recent Rotarians (those who joined from January 1st, 2016) are applicable to receive a \$35 discount - so their cost to attend the Assembly is reduced to \$40. This is a great way for newer Rotarians to get engaged Register now - before you forget. Any Rotaractor, Interactor or Youth Exchange Student also have a reduced price, of \$35.00. While the Assembly is primarily geared to Rotarians, those wishing to learn more about Rotary may choose to attend with their sponsor Rotary Clubs.

The Atlanta convention is drawing nearer. About 120 Rotarians from our District are going. It's not too late to register: <http://www.riconvention.org> If you are joining us, please also support us for by volunteering at our Toronto 2018 booth: <http://www.rotary2018.org/>

Neil

Regards,

Neil Phillips

District Governor Elect 2017-18

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Rotary International President John Germ's Monthly Message – April 2017



Dear Fellow Rotarians:

Globally, in developed as well as in developing countries, child mortality is on the decline and life expectancy on the rise. In 1960, 182 of every 1,000 children born died before turning five; today, that number is down to 43. A child born in 1960 could expect to live an average of just 52 years; by contrast, a child born this year can expect to live to 71. Then as now, the factors most likely to determine a child's fate are set at birth: where he or she is born, the educational and economic condition of the family, the availability of medical care. Yet one of the most important advances in public health has reached every country and must now reach every child: immunization. The use of vaccines has, in many parts of the world, nearly eliminated diseases that once were widespread, such as diphtheria, tetanus, and rubella. Thanks to vaccines, 20 million lives have been saved from measles since 2000. Smallpox has been eradicated - and polio

is next.

Thirty years ago, there were an estimated 350,000 cases of polio per year worldwide. As this issue of The Rotarian went to press, only 37 cases of polio had been recorded in 2016 - the lowest number in history. All of the other cases, and the paralysis and death they would have brought, were prevented through the widespread use of a safe, reliable, and inexpensive vaccine.

Overall, the World Health Organization estimates that immunization prevents an estimated 2 million to 3 million deaths every year. It also averts a tremendous burden of disability and economic loss. Yet we could be doing so much better: An additional 1.5 million deaths could be avoided by improving vaccine coverage worldwide.

This month, from April 24-30, we join WHO, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in celebrating **World Immunization Week**, raising awareness of the incredible impact that vaccines have had on global health. This year's theme is "Vaccines Work" - and they do. Increased use of vaccines has broader repercussions for public health: controlling viral hepatitis, reducing both the need for antibiotics and the development of antibiotic-resistant microbes, and reaching more children and adolescents with essential health interventions. In every part of the world, routine immunization is as crucial as ever to ensure that all children have the best chance at a healthy future.

In an uncertain world, vaccines offer something remarkable: a way to protect our children throughout their lives. By working together to safeguard all children against polio and other preventable diseases, **Rotary is truly Serving Humanity** - now and for generations to come.

John

John F. Germ

President, Rotary International

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



Rotary Foundation Chair, Kaylan Banerjee's Monthly Message - April 2017 - Centennial celebrations spread the word

Dear fellow Rotarians,



In communities worldwide, Rotarians are finding creative ways to celebrate The Rotary Foundation centennial and showcase our Foundation's century-long commitment to doing good in the world.

Rotarians have arranged for a commemorative postage stamp to be issued in Pakistan, sponsored a cruise on the Danube River with some proceeds going to our Foundation, and sold bottles of wine with "100 Years Doing Good in the World" printed on the label in Vancouver, B.C. And, of course, there have been scores of centennial dinners. In Arch Klumph's hometown of Cleveland, Rotarians gathered to celebrate the centennial and honor the father of The Rotary Foundation with a banquet and concert by the Cleveland Orchestra. In addition to raising more than \$2.1million for our Foundation, the event paid tribute to

Klumph's virtuosity as a flutist.

Some Rotarians are honoring the Foundation by sponsoring global grant projects. They are fighting dengue fever in Indonesia, providing sanitation facilities in Colombia, and promoting early detection of breast cancer in Turkey. Rotaractors and Interactors have answered the call to perform 100 acts of good this year in honor of the centennial. They are donating blood, visiting the elderly, and volunteering at food pantries, to name just a few of the activities this challenge has inspired.

By celebrating this milestone, we are sharing our success stories with the world. In 2016, cable news channel CNBC named The Rotary Foundation one of the "Top 10 Charities Changing the World;" citing our PolioPlus program as well as our financial health, accountability, and transparency of reporting. In addition, the Association of Fundraising Professionals named The Rotary Foundation the World's Outstanding Foundation for 2016.

Our centennial year is not over yet. You still have time to plan a special event, make a centennial contribution, and add more acts of good. In June, I hope you will join me for the biggest centennial celebration of the year at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta.

Kaylan Banerjee

Kaylan Banerjee

Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair



District 7070 Rotary Foundation Chair, Bill Patchett's Monthly Message - April 2017

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Words alone cannot express my gratitude and appreciation for the tremendous support that all of you have given me over the many years of my being your District 7070 Rotary Foundation Chair.

We will end up with \$ 800,000.00 for Foundation this Rotary year. My goal is one million dollars which we WILL achieve. This is thanks to the new Arch Klump Society members and our Million Dollar Luncheon. I am ecstatic to know that I will conclude the position of the Chair of the Rotary Foundation for our District 7070 on this note.

The statistics in this monthly report show how very well we are doing.

I must also thank Past District Governor Michael Bell and District Governor Jim Louttit for their staunch support.

Regards,

Bill

Here we are in **April 2017**, 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.

Let me start by saying congratulations on a job well done! Some of you have gone far beyond your commitment. Perhaps, the Presidents of the other clubs could talk to their Executive and Club members and bring their commitment to the point in which their goal meets the **100% mark** by the end of June 2017. I really am most appreciative of the 100% participation of our clubs. Many thanks. We are unique in this achievement.

Here is a reminder to every Rotarian:

How many of you have entered your Club's objectives in to Rotary Club Central, for the 2016-17 Rotary Year yet? How much have you raised so far this Rotary year?

Has your Rotary Club committed, again this Rotary Year, to donating at least **\$20.00 PER Rotarian** to **PolioPlus**. Have your Club members made their donations? **Has everyone in your Club, this Rotary Year, made that came commitment to personally donate \$20.00 for the eradication of Polio?** How much have you raised so far this Rotary year? Again, this Rotary Year, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will match our contributions on a 2 for 1 basis. And we sure would like every Rotarian in District 7070 to do the same in 2016-17. Yes, we are very close! You are making a difference !

And 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**. Thank you to PDG Lars Henriksson, our Grants Chair who conducted the 2017-18 Grants Qualification Seminar, on February 11, in Oshawa. We are ready to go for next year. 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 our Rotary 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. I hope to see you at the the 100th Anniversary of the Rotary Foundation Luncheon Celebration, featuring keynote speaker, Rotary International President Elect Ian Riseley, on Sunday May 7, 2017 from Noon until 4:00 pm at the Scarboro Golf & Country Club, 123 Scarborough Golf Club Rd., Scarborough, Ontario.

Bill

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How are You Celebrating The Rotary Foundation's centennial

A celebration of The Rotary Foundation centennial in 2016-17 officially kicked off in May 2016 at the Rotary Convention in Korea. Incoming leaders are already leading 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"](#)

Deadline for 2017-18 District Grants fast approaching

From Past District Governor Lars Henriksson, District 7070 Rotary Foundation Grants Chair

Clubs interested in applying for District Grants for projects they plan to do in the 2017-18 Rotary year need to complete their applications no later than May 31, 2017. Applications should be made on a special form, available on the District's website (www.rotary7070.org)

District Grants can be used for both local and international project. Projects can be of various size, but most are in the \$3,000 -15,000 range. To encourage cooperation between Clubs, the funding formula will give more funds to projects with several participating Clubs.

For more information please visit the District website, or contact PDG Lars Henriksson, lars@norditrade.com

Did your Club miss the Grants Seminar in February? Catch-up at the District Assembly!

From Past District Governor Lars Henriksson, District 7070 Rotary Foundation Grants Chair

Clubs that want to take advantage of the Rotary Foundation's Grants program must be qualified. To be qualified, a Club must do the following

- have at least two of its members attend a Qualification Seminar, organized by the District, and
- sign a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU)

Our Qualification Seminar took place in Oshawa Saturday, February 11, 2017. If your Club didn't send two members to that Seminar, you need to have two members attend the 'Catch-up' Seminar at the District Assembly, Saturday, May 13, 2017. We will actually run two one-hour seminars at the Assembly. One will focus on Global Grant projects, the other on District Grant projects. Attending either will count towards the Club being qualified.

Registration is done on the District's website.

For questions or more information, please contact PDG Lars Henriksson, lars@norditrade.com

FROM COAST TO COAST:

AFRICA UNITES TO TACKLE THREAT OF POLIO

News From the Global Polio Eradication initiative dated March 23, 2017

More than 190,000 polio vaccinators in 13 countries across west and central Africa will immunize over 116 million children over the next week, to tackle the last remaining stronghold of polio on the continent. The [synchronized vaccination campaign](#), one of the largest of its kind ever implemented in Africa, is part of urgent measures to permanently stop polio on the continent.

All children under five years of age in the 13 countries – Benin, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria and Sierra Leone – will be simultaneously immunized in a coordinated effort to raise childhood immunity to polio across the continent. In August 2016, four children were paralysed by the disease in security-compromised areas in Borno state, north-eastern

[Nigeria](#), widely considered to be the only place on the continent where the virus maintains its grip.

“Twenty years ago, Nelson Mandela launched the pan-African ‘Kick Polio Out of Africa’ campaign,” said Dr Matshidiso Moeti, WHO Regional Director for Africa. “At that time, every single country on the continent was endemic to polio, and every year, more than 75 000 children were paralysed for life by this terrible disease. Thanks to the dedication of governments, communities, parents and health workers, this disease is now beaten back to this final reservoir.”

Dr Moeti cautioned, however, that progress was fragile, given the epidemic-prone nature of the virus. Although confined to a comparatively small region of the continent, experts warned that the virus could easily spread to under-protected areas of neighbouring countries. That is why regional public health ministers from five Lake Chad Basin countries – Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Niger and Nigeria – declared the outbreak a regional public health emergency and have committed to multiple synchronized immunization campaigns.

UNICEF Regional Director for West and Central Africa, Ms Marie-Pierre Poirier, stated that with the strong commitment of Africa's leaders, there was confidence that this last remaining polio reservoir could be wiped out, hereby protecting all future generations of African children from the crippling effects of this disease once and for all. "Polio eradication will be an unparalleled victory, which will not only save all future generations of children from the grip of a disease that is entirely preventable – but will show the world what Africa can do when it unites behind a common goal."

To stop the potentially dangerous spread of the disease as soon as possible, volunteers will deliver bivalent [oral polio vaccine](#) (bOPV) to every house across all cities, towns and villages of the 13 countries. To succeed, this army of volunteers and health workers will work up to 12 hours per day, travelling on foot or bicycle, in often stifling humidity and temperatures in excess of 40°C. Each vaccination team will carry the vaccine in special carrier bags, filled with ice packs to ensure the vaccine remains below the required 8°C.

"This extraordinary coordinated response is precisely what is needed to stop this polio outbreak," said Michael K McGovern, Chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee . "Every aspect of civil society in these African countries is coming together, every community, every parent and every community leader, to achieve one common goal: to protect their children from life-long paralysis caused by this deadly disease."

The full engagement of political and community leaders at every level – right down to the district – is considered critical to the success of the campaign. It is only through the full participation of this leadership that all sectors of civil society are mobilized to ensure every child is reached.

April is Maternal and Child Health Month

What Is your Rotary Club doing to focus on Maternal and Child Health in April 2017?

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 coming up:

- April 8** - **CANCELLED - Asistant District Governor and District Chair Training** - Oshawa Golf Club - Oshawa
- April 22** - **Rotary Leadership Institute** – Parts I, II and III at New Events Centre, Centennial College, 937 Progress Ave., Scarborough 8 am to 4 pm
- April 22** - **Earth Day**
- April 24-30** - **World Immunization Week**
- April 29** - **Rotary AIDS Walks** in Toronto and Belleville: go to <http://rotaryaidswalk.ca/>
- May 6** - **District 7070 Rotaract Conference** at York University:
<https://www.crsadmin.com/EventPortal/Registrations/PublicFill/EventPublicFill.aspx?evtid=d6fd18ab-a715-4c4d-b494-1deec703004a>
- May 7** - **District 7070 Rotary Foundation 100th Anniversary Luncheon Celebration** -- Noon to 4 pm – Scarborough Golf Club
- May 13** - **District 7070 Training Assembly** - in [BMO Institute For Learning \(IFL\)](#) , 3550 Pharmacy Avenue, Scarborough, Ontario M1W 3Z3 - 8 am to 2 pm
- May 14-19** - **RYLA** – Loyalist College , Belleville
- June 10-14** – **Rotary Intenrational Convention** – Atlanta, Georgia

Resources & reference for you to use in your Rotary Club

- [Rotary Voices: Stories of service from around the world](#)
- [Rotary Service Connections: Connect, partner and serve through Rotary](#)
- [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 November 30, 2016, there are 1,227,217 Rotarians in 35,263 Rotary Clubs in the world. And, As of November 30, 2016, there are 226,389 Rotaract members in 9,843 Rotaract Clubs in the world and there are 483,230 Interact members in 21,010 Interact Clubs in the world.

Note: District 7070 is up 29 members from July 1, 2016 thru to Feb 25, 2017

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE TORONTO 2018 ROTARY CONVENTION – SIGN UP TODAY

From: Lorraine Lloyd ,Co-Chair Ambassadors & Volunteer, TORONTO 2018 HOC (Host Organizing Committee)
My Fellow Rotarians,

Please go to: www.rotary2018.org

Go to VOLUNTEER section....follow through to where is mentions Atlanta & click on REGISTER TO VOLUNTEER. We are using a Vroom software system and you'll need to give an email & set up a password. Once you do so, you'll instantly go in the shift area.

FYI - the area to volunteer for Toronto is not LIVE yet and won't be until later. Atlanta signup is our top priority at this point.

There are many shift options for each day. Please volunteer for at least ONE 2- hour shift. If you wish to sign up for several shifts, and multiple days, even better.

We'll be building excitement at our Toronto 2018 Convention booth,located in the House of Friendship, and we'll be handing out Toronto luggage tags or something fun item. Just look for the big TORONTO sign (simiiar to the one at City Hall) in the Hall of Feirndship.

When volunteering on line, don't forget to fill out what size polo shirt you'd like to wear. If you're doing multiple shifts, you'll receive 2 shirts.

FYI - Tourism Toronto will be giving us a short training session in advance.

Keep in mind, that there are **2 opening sessions**: (I) Sunday, June 11th at 10:30-12:30 & (ii) 3:30-5:30.

Generally, but 'not written in stone', we've heard that if you registered for the Atlanta Convention early, you probably are in the first session. (if any issues, we can always switch after we get our registration pkgs).

(There are no volunteers shifts during Closing Session)

My Co-Chair, **Dawn-Marie King has set up the volunteer software** so if you have any major issues, do let us know.

Feedback has been that it's working well.

I look forward to seeing you both in Atlanta.

Cheers,

Lorraine Lloyd

Co-Chair Ambassadors & Volunteers TORONTO 2018 HOC (Host Organizing Committee)

ENTERTAINMENT SUGGESTIONS FOR TORONTO 2018 – ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

From Lynda Ryder, Zone 24 East Rotary Co-ordinator

This is a calling out to Rotarians in District 7070 for entertainment suggestions for the Toronto 2018 Rotary International Cobnvention. I am the co-chair of entertainment for the 2018 Convention and if you could just drop me an email with your suggestions and/or thoughts, our team would consider all possibilities. We are also responsible for entertainment for the House of Friendship – We are hoping to have new entertainment each hour. So far, I have had applications from local choirs; fashion show presenters, martial arts, school bands etc. District 7080 has really taken this project on and sent me a myriad of suggestions.

Thank you all,

Lynda Ryder

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SHELTERBOX News For April 2017



Disasters don't stop – neither do we.

When it comes to disaster relief, the situation is always changing. ShelterBox is constantly monitoring events around the world and we pride ourselves on the ability to respond to disasters at a moment's notice.

Our work would not be possible without the continued support of Rotarians and Rotary clubs across Canada, and around the world. Thank you for your continued generosity and for helping us to respond instantly to provide families with the tools they need to recover and rebuild after disaster.

Current ShelterBox Deployments:

Madagascar – Cyclone Enawo

ShelterBox teams deployed to Madagascar following the landfall of Cyclone Enawo in early March. The cyclone made landfall as the equivalent of a Category 4 hurricane, packing wind speeds of up to 270 km/hr and bringing heavy rains. Cyclone Enawo is the strongest cyclone to hit the country in 13 years and the Malagasy Red Cross estimated that approximately 720,000 people would be affected directly and indirectly by this intense tropical cyclone.



Somaliland – Drought

A ShelterBox Response Team has been deployed to Somaliland as severe drought drips the region and warnings of famine are declared. Our team is there to assess the suitability of our aid and to get an understanding of the exact numbers of people needing our support. Somaliland has a population of 3 million, half of whom are nomads. Nomad life depends on livestock and the continual search for grazing land. **Already up to 70% of livestock have perished in some areas due to the lack of rainfall.**

ShelterBox Team Lead, James Luxton says, *'[...] It is the widely and thinly scattered nomadic population, constantly on the move, that brings the greatest challenges. Simply finding those in greatest need amid this vast open territory will be a task. We are talking to all the relevant players, aid agencies and government, and will then decide what help ShelterBox is able to offer, and where.'*

Additional Deployments and Monitoring

In addition, ShelterBox is working in Iraq, the Syrian Region, Niger, Cameroon and Mozambique. Our teams are also monitoring Zimbabwe.

Thank you so much to everyone who donated to ShelterBox Canada through [Givesome!](#) Their iOS app just launched this past Monday and we are so grateful for the incredible generosity received from our supporters thus

far. Below is a video from Executive Director, Stephanie Christensen, showing some of the aid that we provide to families in need after disaster. You are helping us ensure that no family is without shelter - thank you!

[Here is a video from ShelterBox Canada](#) Before the official launch, our beta users raised money to provided shelter for those in need. This awesome video was sent out to everyone who contributed.

After you support a project on Givesome, our charitable partners go out and fulfill the projects. You then receive a video showing where your money went and how it helped!

Stay tuned for more videos and go donate now!

<https://www.facebook.com/givesomegives/videos/1856247254663092/>

All the best,

Stephanie Christensen

Executive Director, ShelterBox Canada

And From ShelterBox Canada to Rotary: Thank you !!!

Ron Noseworthy ShelterBox Response Team Member and Past President of **The Rotary Club of Kenora**

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

HIP (Honoring Indigenous People): Highlights from their Newsletter



HIP Website

Please look at our website (<http://www.rotaryhip.com/>) for regular updates. The Rotary HIP Facebook has been set up so "like us on Facebook". Pass it on to your Facebook friends.

Blog: There have been many news items recently that have been added to our blog. Keep checking back for regular updates. One newest item is an article written by

teacher Stacey Whiler outlining the activities of the "Me to We" Club at their school, William Dunbar Public. One highlight was attending the recent Lieutenant Governor reception in February recognizing theirs and other groups' efforts providing assistance to First Nations communities. Click on the link to our blog to read the full report. Also on the blog is an article on Indigenous languages written by Karihwakeron Tim Thompson. Keep checking back for regular updates. Go to ([Rotary HIP - Blog](#)).

Facebook Page: We have also improved our Facebook page. If you would like to be a friend on our Facebook page, click : <https://www.facebook.com/HonouringIndigenousPeoples/> to see our new site. You can like, follow and share.

Photo Album : ([Rotary HIP - Photo Album - Rotary HIP](#)) : New photos have been added to our HIP website photo album.

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. We have many available on our website - some you can just click and watch. If you have recently viewed a film or documentary or read a book with an indigenous theme or message, please email Julie Dunaiskis (julie@eccgroup.ca) and Janet McLeod (jmm@nexicom.net) to add to our list. We have many available on our website - some you can just click and watch.

Reading: We have added to our website reading list a new book "Canada and the Third World: Overlapping Histories" by Karen Dubinsky, Sean Mills and Scott Rutherford. You can read a brief online on the website. Tom Sears has also

suggested "*Spirit Builders*". It is a story of Doug Cato, his organization Frontiers and their work with Indigenous Peoples. Some of you may have known Doug who passed away in 2014. Of note is the recent passing of Indigenous writer, Richard Wagamese. His most recent books "*Indian Horse and Medicine Walk*" are excellent reads. If you have recently viewed a good film or documentary or read a book not on our list with an indigenous theme or message, please email Julie Dunaiskis (julie@eccgroup.ca) and Janet McLeod (jmm@nexicom.net) to add to our list.

Podcasts and other Resources - We add to our podcasts periodically. The most recent is an interview with Kenn Richard, a HIP Director and founder and Executive Director of Native Child and Family Services of Toronto. He speaks of his experiences with young people as well as the Sixties Scoop. We have other podcasts with Paul Martin, Tim Thompson, Chris Snyder and John Andras. Check under resources. We have powerpoint slides you can use as well as our HIP Brochure which are all located under **Resources**. There is also a list of all the reserves in Ontario and the Rotary district they are located in. It would be fantastic if every club developed a relationship with one of these Indigenous communities. If there is no reserve in your community, you might want to pay a visit to a local Friendship Centre.

Rotary News

On February 24th, the Rotary Club of Toronto hosted guest speaker and HIP Board member, Kenn Richard who spoke on the Sixties Scoop.



HIP Board Members - Chris Snyder, John Andras, Kenn Richard and Fred Lawlor

Nicole Patterson of the East York Rotary Club and John Currie, our Director of In-Kind-Gifts and Projects have recently been certified as facilitators for the Kairos Blanket Program. For details go to the link ([Homepage - The Blanket Exercise](#)). Please contact either Nicole at nic.patterson@gmail.com or John at john.wayne.currie@outlook.com to book a program.

Adventure in Understanding will take place on August 27 - September 1, 2017. Applications are now open for youth aged 16-18 years of age. Sponsored and in partnership with the Rotary Club of Peterborough Kawartha, Curve Lake First Nation, Camp Kawartha and the Canadian Canoe Museum, this annual canoe trip brings together Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth to be leaders in sharing and experiencing aspects of Indigenous culture leading to greater understanding and reconciliation. Check the application link on our blog.

The Lieutenant Governor, The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdsell hosted a reception on February 27th in honour of HIP and more specifically the people involved in sending Gifts-in-Kind to the fly-in communities in northern Ontario.

The next day, the Chief, Chris Snyder and Richard McGowan of the Rotary Club of Uxbridge and Executive Director of Emmanuel International had a meeting with the Honourable Jane Philpott, the Canadian Minister of Health. We discussed how we might work together within our respective mandates. Follow up discussions have taken place with her ministry. Areas discussed included promoting the new food guide mentioned above and recreational programs which have both a health and educational component.

The Rotary Clubs of Port Perry, Northumberland, Picton and Port Elgin have recently supported One Laptop per Child. Thank you, Tom Sears, for making the presentations.

Albert Kim has recently agreed to co-ordinate and promote HIP activities in District 7080. This district has US clubs. Their DG lives in the US but grew up in Caledonia, Ontario close to the Six Nations.

Gifts-in-Kind shipments are still being made. One of the shipments was accompanied by the Stanley Cup much to the delight of the community. The Winnipeg Rotary Club has collected skates earmarked for Garden Hill community

What is your club doing ? 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.

Request a Speaker

Would your club like to have a Speaker at an upcoming meeting? If so, please check the list of available speakers on our website under Resources/Speakers List. Or contact our own **District 7070 Rotarian Tom Sears** (tsears@sympatico.ca) to propose a date and a subject you would like the person to speak about i.e. a) about HIP b) a project or c) awareness of the issues. We will help you co-ordinate.

We have lots of outstanding speakers. Go to our website for details

News & Events

See link for the **Government of Canada's budget commitment** for Indigenous education ([Budget targets \\$3.4B for 'critical' needs of Indigenous communities - Politics - CBC News](#)).

There will be a **Hot Docs Film Festival** showing of Lana Slezić's documentary *Bee Nation* about a First Nations spelling bee. It opens at the Hot Docs Ted Rogers Cinema on April 27th, April 28th and May 6th at the Isabel Bader Theatre. Click on the link [Welcome to Hot Docs - Hot Docs](#) to purchase tickets.

On May 16th, **JP Gladu, President and CEO of the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business** will be speaking in Brampton at the 7080 CIRCLE(Community Indigenous Resource Committee for Learning) meeting. Please contact co-chair, Ingrid Sproxton (isproxto@hotmail.ca) for further details.

Congratulations to Maggie MacDonnell, a teacher in Salluit, the second northernmost Inuit community in Quebec. She has just been awarded a special educators' award for her work with the Inuit. It came with a prize of \$1 million. She is using the money to create an environmental kayaking program. Click to get the full story [Canadian Maggie MacDonnell wins \\$1-million Global Teacher Prize - The Globe and Mail](#).

Are you making summer vacation plans for Canada's 150th birthday year? The Ontario Travel website has lots of great ideas focused on Aboriginal Experiences ([Aboriginal Experiences | OntarioTravel.net](#)) as well as several celebrations in Ottawa throughout the summer and fall.

Other : We have a **new HIP Brochure**. It should be saved under our Resources tab ([Rotary HIP - Powerpoint Presentations](#)) by the end of this month. If you would like to use it, you may print and distribute to your networks.

We have also improved our Facebook page and added a twitter handle. We have over 150 FB followers and 60 twitter subscribers to date. If you would like to be a friend on our Facebook page, click :

<https://www.facebook.com/HonouringIndigenousPeoples/> to see our new site. You can like, follow and share.

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. We are also reviewing several new initiatives. When approved, we will be providing a brief outline with a link to the project. All of these projects have been approved by our project committee and have the full support of the Indigenous community.

HIP Membership: *We would like you, your club and friends to become members.* You do not need to be a Rotarian to join. You can join today by selecting ([Rotary HIP - Become a Member](#)) on the HIP website.

Charitable donations can now be accepted online through our website ([Rotary HIP - Make a Donation](#)) and the donor will receive a tax receipt immediately. You may designate funds to a specific project or to general projects focusing on education. Thank you for your continued support of our projects.

Our Message from HIP Chair, Chris Snyder

It is becoming an increasingly accepted fact that learning one's Indigenous language and culture increases educational outcomes exponentially. This has been recognized by the federal government as they have committed considerable money to the teaching of many Indigenous languages. Of late, groups of Indigenous peoples and government policy makers have been meeting to work out what this policy will look like.

One Indigenous person who is part of this is Karihwakeron Tim Thompson, a resident of the Wahta reserve, a HIP Director and former Director of Education for the AFN. Tim has kindly agreed to write about this very important component of Indigenous education. Click to access the entire article ([Rotary HIP - Blog](#)).
Sincerely,

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



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](#)

[Brochures and Presentations](#)

[Calendar Of Events](#)

June 9, 2017 - Atlanta, Georgia, USA World Water Summit 9

June 10, 2017 - Atlanta Georgia, USA WASRAG Annual Meeting

November 19, 2017 - WORLD TOILET DAY <http://www.worldtoiletday.info/>

[New Projects](#)

Rotary India WinS signs MoU

Rotary India has set a goal of implementing a WASH in Schools (WinS) program for 5 million children in 23,000 schools in India. Earlier this month Rotary International President John Germ was present at the signing of a significant agreement between the National Mission for Clean Ganga and the Rotary India WASH in Schools Committee.

Read the [Rotary News](#) to learn more

"Clean Water for Living" is a project of the Rotary Club of Chatham Ontario Sunrise, District 6380

<http://www.wasrag.org/search-projects>

"Clean Water for Living" is a project of the Rotary Club of Chatham Ontario Sunrise, District 6380. Through this project the club asks everyone to do their part to respect and protect water locally. Rotarians are known for their good work on clean water and sanitation projects in less developed countries. During the 2015-16 Rotary Year, the total number of Rotary International WASH grants was 272, and the total funding for the year was over 19 million. Meanwhile, North American Rotary Clubs expended very little energy and very few dollars on local water issues. "Clean Water for Living" asks Rotarians to step up their water commitment: continue clean water and sanitation projects in underdeveloped countries and lead the way in education and demonstration of good water practices locally.

The project's initial emphasis is on the area around the Great Lakes Region of North America. These lakes represents 21% of the world's surface fresh water by volume and 84% of North America's surface fresh water.

The Great Lakes are threatened by manmade issues such as:

* **green algae blooms**

Algae blooms caused by excess phosphorus have contaminated the lake water for drinking. In August 2014 Toledo, Ohio, USA which supplies municipal water from Lake Erie was forced to issue a "do not drink" advisory for parts of three days due to the toxic algae.

* **chemical pollution**

A single drop of oil can contaminates 1 million drops of water.

* **pharmaceuticals**

Great lakes water samples show presence of hormones and antibiotics.

* **micro plastics**

Standard water treatment processes cannot remove the micro beads found in cosmetic products. Micro beads and other degraded plastics particles are found in Great Lakes water samples.

It should be noted that many of these issues also affect scores of rivers and smaller bodies of water around the world. There are in fact so many issues regarding clean water and our environment generally that people frequently tune out the discussion. It is for this reason that the Chatham Sunrise Rotary club decided to take the positive approach of identifying and highlighting "Clean Water Champions." "Clean Water Champions" are people and organizations illustrating positive water management practices. In the summer of 2015 the Rotary Club of Chatham Sunrise hired award winning cinematographer Brent Foster of Foster Visuals to create four video vignettes showing successful initiatives in Chatham-Kent to respect and improve the quality of water that ends up in our rivers. These videos along with other information and links to helpful sites are hosted on the "Clean Water for Living" website.

There are many ways in which Rotary Clubs can foster respect for and help protect local water:

- Include a variety of water education and information programs in Rotary meeting schedules each year.
- Partner with local conservation or similar organizations on clean water projects to protect and or remediate local streams, rivers and lakes.
- Identify and celebrate "Clean Water Champions," people and organizations exemplifying positive water management practices.
- Support school water education programs.
- Reduce bottled water use.
- Support elected officials who advocate for responsible water infrastructure investments.
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" **Small acts when multiplied by millions of people can transform the world.**"

Our rivers and lakes have suffered from our lack of respect and care for many decades. Society thought that our water supplies were infinite and that dilution was the solution for any pollution. We now realize this thinking was wrong. We realize the importance of water in sustaining healthy lives. Now is the time for Rotarians to take the lead in demonstrating good local water practices. Chatham Sunrise Rotary asks you to join our "**Clean Water for Living**" movement. Acting together we can transform the condition of our water resources.

Visit our website cleanwaterforliving.com for ideas on how you might do your part.

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

If you are going to the RI Convention in Atlanta: plan on attending the [9th annual WASRAG World Water Summit](#) on Friday June 9th, 2017 - 08.00 am - 12.00 noon

This year's theme will focus on WASH and Women, showing how women and girls are elevating their communities through water, sanitation and hygiene programs .

Keynote Speaker: **Deurence Adhiambo**, Community Development Practitioner, Kisumu, Kenya

"**Lessons learned in WASH projects**" Friday, June 9, 2017 8:30 am - 12:30 pm Atlanta, Georgia, USA

Deurence has a deep passion for empowering rural communities, with a focus on youth and women centered approaches. She has vast knowledge and experience in coordinating, monitoring and evaluating development initiatives using a Human Rights-Based Approach to programming. One of her many projects is a rural mentorship program with underserved adolescent girls where she sources and distributes free sanitary products. Join us in Atlanta the day before the International Convention for the 9th annual World Water Summit. The Water Summit will end a half hour before the Peace Conference begins nearby. Those not attending the Peace Conference-- stay for complimentary afternoon workshops to learn how to get best value for your project **REGISTRATION FEES - EARLY BIRD RATES UNTIL APRIL 3, 2017**

- Wasrag Members: **Early Bird \$60** (\$75 after April 3, 2017)
- Non-Wasrag Members: **Early Bird \$85** (\$100 after April 3, 2017)
(Includes a complimentary 1-year membership to Wasrag)
- Rotaractors: A Special Rate of \$30

Please register [here](#)

It's WASRAG's Tenth Birthday! Join us on Saturday June 10th, 2017

LOCATION: The Arctic Room at the Spectacular Georgia Aquarium, 225 Baker St NW, Atlanta, GA 30313
[Georgia Aquarium Website](#)

4:30 - 5:30 pm - WASRAG's Annual General Meeting: Past RI President and WASRAG Chair Bill Boyd will update everyone on WASRAG's progress - 2007 – 2017!

5:50 – 7:30 pm - A cash bar and complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be offered as we honor individuals who have contributed to WASRAG's success.

We've come a long way - and it was all made possible by a strong, dedicated group of WASH-minded Rotarians. We hope that many of WASRAG's members and friends will attend. We need to provide a number to the Aquarium by June 1st and reservations are required. Please complete this very simple RSVP to confirm your attendance! [RSVP](#)

WASRAG Newsletter On-line Archive

On the WASRAG website we keep back issues of the WASRAG Newsletter on this page
<http://www.wasrag.org/newsletters>.

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.

REMINDERS

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

From District 7070 membership Chair Virginia O'Reilly

At the District 7070 Conference this year, District Governor Jim Louttit issued this challenge to all Rotarians and their Rotary Clubs in District 7070. Where does your club stand on meeting this challenge?

The **CHALLENGE!**

A Club achieves 2 of the following goals:

- A net gain in membership. Small clubs (up to 50 members) must achieve a net gain of at least one member; Large clubs (51 or more members) must achieve a net gain of at least two members.
- Improve the member retention rate by at least 1 percent from last year, Or, maintain 100 percent retention.
- Induct new members under the age of 40. Clubs with up to 50 members must induct a minimum of 2 new members under age 40; Clubs with 51 or more members must induct four.
- The new members must create profiles on My Rotary.

And, a Club achieves 2 of the following goals:

- Hold a visioning session, and Develop a plan based on the session with at least 1st action timeline
- Do a club assessment, and hold an assembly with the entire club to share the findings
- Complete at least 2 changes to improve your club based on findings from a Visioning/Club assessment
- At least 2 members attend a District Membership Seminar.
- Every new member is assigned a mentor who, within 3 months of the new member joining the club, does at least 2 the following 3 things:
 - Meets with the new member to learn about what they are looking for in Rotary and how they can help get them connected and involved;
 - Accompanies them to at least one make-up meeting;
 - Joins them in at least one club activity (e.g., committee meeting, hands on project, etc.).

The **PRIZE! \$5000 – Funds to be used towards a Community project.** all clubs who successfully meet the challenge will be entered into a draw for the prize monies (e.g. 3 prizes of \$2500, \$1500, \$1000)

WHEN? July 1st, 2016 to May 31st, 2017

To All Rotarians in District 7070 – We Need Your Help

Dear Canadian Rotarians:

I am pleased to advise that the match funding from the government of Canada, C\$12 million in total, has been fully paid earlier than expected thanks to the continued generosity and effectiveness of Rotarians in raising funds, and doing so at a rate that was faster than projected.

We are now asking the government for a further commitment which would include a matching contribution to Canadian Rotarian club contributions. It's unlikely that an answer to our request will be heard until the next budget is filed (March 2017 or later).

We would encourage you to thank your MP for Canada's continued support and encourage Canada's continued leadership. Please [click here](#) to download documents* that highlight the rationale for Canada's continued support as well as the history of Canada's leadership and collaboration with Rotary in support of a polio free world. Please feel free to share these documents with your MP and/or use them as a reference for your outreach.

With the centenary of The Rotary Foundation, and the 150th anniversary of Canada, 2017 promises to be a great year. Our continued collaboration may also result in the interruption of polio transmission which would be a fantastic achievement to celebrate at the Rotary International Convention in Toronto in 2018.

Thanks for your continued work to END POLIO NOW.

*Documents are currently pending translation into French and will be provided as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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PRIP Wilf Wilkinson
President, Rotary International, 2007-08
National Advocacy Adviser for Canada

District 7070 Rotary Foundation 100th Anniversary Luncheon Celebration - Sunday May 7, 2017 – Noon to 4 pm

From Michael Bell , District 7070 Rotary Foundation Chair for 2017-18

My Fellow Rotarians,

Come and join us for a once in a lifetime event.

The 100th Anniversary of the Rotary Foundation Luncheon Celebration, featuring keynote speaker, Rotary International President Elect Ian Riseley.

Sunday May 7, 2017 from Noon until 4:00 pm at the Scarboro Golf & Country Club, 123 Scarborough Golf Club Rd., Scarborough, Ontario.

Please note: **There is a limit of 150 tickets for this event.**

This Million Dollar Luncheon is a celebration event designed to recognize all Arch Klumph Society, Major Donors and recent Bequest Society Members whose gifts or commitments are \$10,000.00 or greater. Our goal is to show that District 7070 is committed to our Rotary Foundation by raising a minimum of \$1 Million US Dollars in 2016-17.

Even if you are not a member of one of the above mentioned groups there is still a way for you to attend this exciting event as our guest:

- if you are or become, between July 1, 2016 and May 7, 2017, a member of the Arch Klumph Society, Major Donor, or Paul Harris Society, you will be our guest at this event.
- if you become a Benefactor or Bequest Society member between July 1, 2016 and May7, 2017, you will be our guest at this event.
- if you make a donation of \$200.00 US or more to the Polio Plus Program between July 1, 2016 and May 7, 2017, you will be our guest at the event.
- all donations between July 1, 2016 and May 7, 2017 earmarked for Polio Plus will be matched 5 to 1 from District Designated Funds up to a maximum of \$50,000 CDN

- if you are considering a gift to the Rotary Foundation and want further information please contact one of the following: Bill Patchett patch@eagle.ca, Carolyn Ferguson carolyn.ferguson@rotary.org, Michael Bel mjbell925@gmail.com

To the Club Presidents and Foundation Chairs: please present this invitation to your club members. You know that we need your assistance to make this dinner successful. Many thanks for your staunch support.

RYLA 2017 – ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS

From: Ric Williams, District 7070 RYLA Chair

TO: Club Presidents, Club Youth Coordinators

Spring may be a distant promise, however, the changes will be with us soon. With that in mind, I would like to invite you to begin the process of nominating RYLA candidates for your club.

RYLA is one of the most successful signature programs for youth in the District, and possibly anywhere else. It is a tested and proven week long leadership program and a gateway recruiting tool for Rotaract and eventually, for dedicated Rotarians. Designed and delivered by competent professionals, it provides skills, motivation, challenge – and a living example for ‘Service above Self’. Cost to the sponsoring Rotary club is \$1,000 per candidate due with application.

The program will be delivered at Loyalist College in Belleville from May 14 to 19, 2017.

Candidates have varied backgrounds and experience, but all are between the ages of 19 – 25, and eager to learn and participate in a life changing experience.

Full information, application forms and background are under the RYLA tab at the District 7070 website.

[http://rotary7070.oorg/50157/Page/ShowSitePage?ClassCode=SitePage&Slug=rotary-youth-leadership-awards-\(ryla\)-2](http://rotary7070.oorg/50157/Page/ShowSitePage?ClassCode=SitePage&Slug=rotary-youth-leadership-awards-(ryla)-2)

Thank you from the RYLA team for your continued support,

Ric Williams District 7070 RYLA Chair

The Rotary District 7070 Conference Committee is running our 3rd Taming of the Dragon - Youth Social Impact Competition.

From Weiting Xu, District 7070 Conference committee, Rotaract Club of York University

To all Rotarians in Distrct 7070,

We're calling for high school students who want to have a positive social impact in their community and beyond. There will be over \$4,500 up for grabs, mentorship opportunities, team training, and personal development experiences.

Students will get to present in front of 100-300 guests ranging from high school peers to industry professionals. Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out as we'd be happy to assist!

Full booklet of competition details is [here](#).

Enlarged infographic is [here](#).

Kindest regards

Weiting Xu

Rotaractors in District 7070 are busily planning the 2017 Rotaract District Conference - May 6th, 2017 at York University

From Melisa Okanovic District 7070 Rotaract Representative

Our theme this year is "**You've Got a Friend in Me: Share YOUR Story!**" based loosely on everyone's favourite Pixar movie franchise, Toy Story. With this theme we want to place a focus on what being a part of the Rotary community means; supporting diversity & inclusion, lending a helping hand to those in need, and ultimately service above self.

As a part of this year's conference we are doing a collective painting activity, where each attendee will get a chance to create a painting with this theme in mind to take home. Not only does this activity get to expose our attendees to a creative and fun fellowship event, it also allows our Committee to donate the supplies remaining (paint bottles, brushes, easels, aprons, etc.) to a local arts organization. In this way, not only are we promoting connection within our District through our conference, but we are also giving back to the community we serve!

However, this activity is currently one of the larger costs for the conference, as it requires purchasing various art supplies for an estimated 150 attendees. With this in mind, I am reaching out to all Rotary presidents that sponsor Rotaract Clubs within the District to help fund this particular activity at this year's conference, as well as the donation that we will be making to the arts organization. If we have additional funds available, we will be able to purchase more supplies than just for our attendees, and be able to donate a greater amount!

We would be appreciative if your club would consider making a donation to fund this cause. We are currently asking for **\$250.00** from each Rotary Club that has sponsored a Rotaract Club, which if hopefully supported by many of the sponsor clubs, will be above and beyond in helping make this a reality at this year's conference! Of course, the Committee is very aware that Rotary Sponsor Clubs contribute funds throughout the year to Youth Services and their respective Rotaract Club, and if this amount is not within the remaining budget we are thankful for any amount that you feel is possible!

If your club is able to support, please feel free to get in touch with , Melisa Okanovic District 7070 Rotaract Representative (melisaokanovic@gmail or [905-807-9501](tel:905-807-9501)) to discuss further details if you have any questions or concerns.

If able to donate, and wanting to do so through e-transfer, please use the email: melisaokanovic@gmail.com

If able to donate, and wanting to pay through cheque, please mail the cheque with the following details:

Melisa Okanovic, 65-34 Mistywood Dr., Stoney Creek, Ontario L8J 2P8

We would also love to see yourself and your club members out at the conference, so please feel free to promote the registration link found here:

<https://www.crsadmin.com/EventPortal/Registrations/PublicFill/EventPublicFill.aspx?evtid=d6fd18ab-a715-4c4d-b494-1deec703004a>

We hope to see you at this year's conference, and with your help make this the best Rotaract conference to date!

All the best,

Melisa Okanovic

Editor's Note: I am sure that the Rotaractors in District 7070 would be most appreciative if any Rotary Club in District 7070 can assist with some funding as a contribution to Youth Service.

ROTARY AIDS WALKS - set for April 29, 2017 Belleville & 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.

Proceeds will fund international and local initiatives by participating Rotary Clubs and NGO's to win the war on HIV/AIDS through education, prevention, treatment, support for orphans, surviving guardians and people living with AIDS. In addition, communities stricken by HIV/AIDS will be assisted in overcoming shortages of drinking water, food, or shelter – essential for recovery and a sustainable future.

Supported organizations have been carefully vetted for their effectiveness and stewardship of funds, and include active participation by Rotarians fighting HIV/AIDS.

THE ROTARY AIDS POKER WALK (formerly The Trump AIDS Poker Walk) was 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!

Coordinator in Toronto is Nick Ryall , nickcryall@gmail.com

Nick is looking for your help, TODAY. If you wish to serve on the Toronto Committee or help on April 29, please contact Nick as soon as possible.

Coordinator in Belleville is Mark Bishop , markbishop2@outlook.com 613-438-1760

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

District 7070 Training Assembly – May 13, 2017 at the 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 13**. Your club president will have more details that will allow you to register on the www.rotary7070.org website very soon.

Rotary International Convention 2018 – Home Hospitality – Your Club's Help Is Needed

From Jackie Davies, Rotary Club of Toronto

On Monday, June 25, 2018 The Host Organizing Committee (that is us – your club and mine) is holding "Home Hospitality". The Committee members, Jackie Davis and Don Bell are now looking for Rotarians and Rotary Clubs in the District, particularly in the GTA, to host Convention delegates for a night of home hospitality. They expect 5,000 delegates to sign up. Jackie or Don Bell will be glad to come to your Rotary Club and tell you how you and your club can participate and host Rotarians from all over the world. She would like every club in the District to participate. Perhaps the clubs outside the GTA could partner with clubs in the GTA and co-host Rotarians. Jackie is looking for one person from each Club in the district to act as a liaison for the Host Operating Committee to get the word from the Committee out to your members. Please provide that name to Jackie or Don as soon as possible. Your club President will have the contact information available in a few days.

Don Bell contact: dongbell@sympatico.ca

Jackie Davies contact: jcdavies@sympatico.ca



Volunteers Needed for the 2018 Convention:

More than 1,200 volunteers will be required to help. And the Host operating Committee is looking to YOU. You can now sign up as a volunteer by going to the <http://www.rotary2018.org> and sign up as a Volunteer.

ATTEND PRESIDENTIAL PEACE CONFERENCE IN ATLANTA

Join us June 9-10, 2017 for the Presidential Peace Conference at the Georgia World Congress Center. We'll celebrate our work on the underlying causes of conflict and our successes in making peace a priority, while also looking ahead to opportunities to continue our commitment.

- [Learn more about the event](#)
- [Register for the conference](#)

CLUB OF THE MONTH:

From District Governor DG Jim Louttit, DG Elect Neil Phillips, DG Nominee Mary Lou Harrison AND District Governor Noiminee Designate Beth Selby

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 three 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 Jim Louttit. 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 4 G's (District Governor Jim Louttit, DG Elect Neil Phillips, DG Nominee Mary Lou Harrison, and DG Nominee Designate Beth Selby)** 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>

ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE - 2016-17

No Charge to First year Rotarians

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR 2016-17 ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

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

To My Fellow Rotarians,

DUE TO THE VERY LOW REGISTRATIONS FOR BELLEVILLE ON SEPT 24, WE WERE FORCED TO CANCEL R.L.I. IN BELLEVILLE THIS YEAR. HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT YEAR IN BELLEVILLE OR ON APRIL 22 AT THE NEW EVENTS CENTRE AT CENTENNIAL COLLEGE, 937 PROGRESS AVENUE, IN SCARBOROUGH.

BE SURE TO REGISTER TODAY.

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 LAST YEAR, 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.

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.

REMAINING Course for 2016-17:

Part I and Part II and Part III will be held on April 22, 2017 at the New Events Centre at Centennial College, 937 Progress Ave, Toronto, ON M1G 3T8 in Scarborough. Ontario (8:30 am to 4:00 pm)

Registrations are NOW being accepted for the remaining session for 2016-17 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.

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.

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**, tel. 416-489 8483.

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 Rotary's Four-Way Test

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.

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

A RENEWED 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.

Come and visit the **new look** on the District 7070 Website at our Speakers' Bureau and let Aziz know how you like it.

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

Please send the following info:

- Speaker's Name and Topic,
- Speaker's Contact information
- A short Speaker Biography

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

To Rotarian Aziz Saleh at azizdsaleh@gmail.com

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

Get Connected, Rotarians !!!

Have you checked out the **new Rotary website**: www.rotary.org

Have you checked out the **Rotary District 7070 website** : www.rotary7070.org

Have you checked out the Rotaract District 7070 **website**: <http://www.rotaractd7070.org/>

Are you following us on **twitter** @rotary7070

Advertise your business on our new mobile business directory at <http://www.rotarydistrict7070.mobi>

Be sure to "Like" us on **our Facebook Page** : [Rotary District 7070](#)

Be sure to “Like” Rotary on their Facebook Page: [Rotary International](#)

Have you checked out **your** Rotary Club website and Facebook Page lately? **Is it current?**

When potential members inquire or come to your club , they check out **your** website.

Additional Rotary Resources:

- [Manual of Procedure 2016](#)
- [2016 Council on Legislation Deliberations and Decisions - PDG Raju Paul, D 5360, Canada](#)
- [Rotary's 2016 International Assembly coverage and resources](#)
- [Download 2016-17 theme logo and materials](#)
- [Download the 2016-17 Presidential Theme and Citation brochure](#)
- [Rotary protocol.doc](#)
- [Resources for club officers](#)
- [Learn more about the Strategic Plan,](#)
- [Download the Strategic Planning Guide](#)
- [Rotarian Fellowships](#)
- [Other Important Rotary Links](#)

Future Rotary International Conventions

2018: 24-27 June, Toronto, Canada

2019: 1-5 June, Hamburg, Germany

2020: 7-10 June, Honolulu, USA

2021: 13-16 June, Taipei, Taiwan

2022: 5-8 June, Texas, USA.