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

My Fellow Rotarians,

December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month in the Rotary world. The eradication of polio continues to be the priority for Rotary. You have seen the ads "We Are This Close To Ending Polio" and we are! This year to date, there have been 33 reported cases, including 4 in Nigeria, of the world poliovirus type 1 vs. a total of 74 cases in 2015. To learn more on how you can help to end polio forever, check out the articles on Disease Prevention and Treatment further in this Newsletter with the following link: <https://www.endpolio.org/>

A large thank you to PDG and District Foundation Chair Bill Patchett for hosting the D7070 Presidents' Meeting and Foundation Dinner on Wednesday, November 16. It was a success with over 100 people in attendance. Our keynote speaker PDG Ron Denham was met with two surprises following his talk. First, he was presented with the **Rotary District 7070 Dr. Bob Scott Disease Prevention Award for 2015-16** and second, he received the **Rotary Foundation Citation For Meritorious Service Award**. Congratulations, PDG Ron.

We are now close to being halfway through this Rotary year. How is your Club doing with:

- the election of your President and Directors for 2017-18?
- input of your Club goals into Rotary Club Central?
- advancement of the requirements for achieving a Presidential Citation?
- a strategy for the DG Membership Challenge?

Those are some things to consider before we are into the second half of this Rotary year.

Most of us have had many blessings in our lives and as Rotarians, giving is an intrinsic part of who we are. We strive to make our communities and the world a better place by lending a friendly hand-up, by providing hands-on assistance and of course by raising funds for a multitude of needs, projects, purposes. I know you will certainly join me, especially at this time of the season, by being hyper-vigilant in not only giving thanks each in our own way, but also by doing what we Rotarians do best; serving in whatever we can to help those less fortunate.

A Happy Holiday Season to All.

Yours In Rotary,

Jim

District Governor Jim Louttit at jvlrotary@gmail.com



From District Governor Elect Neil Phillips

My Fellow Rotarians,



A large contingent of Rotarians from our District is going down to the convention in Atlanta. Not only is it the Rotary Foundation's centennial – but we'll be there *en masse* to support the Toronto2018 booth. This is the "official" kick-off for our own convention. The Host Hospitality Night is already sold out. A tour of the Centers for Disease Control has been added as a new event. Our Zone Dinner at the aquarium (I'll be there) still has space: <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50077/SitePage/beyond-borders-dinner-atlanta> Many of the hotels are booked out solid – so if you're planning on going, I'd suggest reserving a hotel quickly. As of this writing, Rotarian Mary Lach had a few left from a second block held for our district. Contact her directly if interested (mlach@sunsations.com).

More information and registration links for the convention can be found here:

<http://www.riconvention.org/>

It seems like we just finished one District Conference, yet already a team is busy preparing for the next. Register for the 2017 conference now to get a great earlybird discount. Held in Niagara-on-the-Lake, you'll especially want to book your room at White Oaks – before they sell out. All info can be found from the district website, or the following link: <http://rotary7070conference.org/> Rumour has it DG Jim's going to drive down and tour wine country on a Harley.

Wishing everyone the best for year-end celebrations and time with your family, in whatever form they may take. And for many of you – happy travels.

Yours In Rotary,

Neil

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

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



Dear Fellow Rotarians:

I joined Rotary as an engineer. There are almost as many classifications in the profession of engineering as there are in Rotary, but I happen to be a mechanical engineer. A mechanical engineer calculates the heating and cooling loads for a new building, makes sure the right lights are in the right places, and plans the plumbing so your hot water pipe doesn't end in a drinking fountain.

Mechanical engineers don't stand out in a crowd, and they don't call attention to themselves with what they do. You probably haven't thought much about the engineers who designed the buildings you use, the car you drive, or the traffic patterns you follow. But every time you get in an elevator, turn the key in your ignition, or cross the street when the light says go, you are entrusting your life to an engineer somewhere whom you've never met. You trust that your elevator will open at the floor you want it to. You trust that your car will start and stop as it should. You trust that the traffic light is going to turn red before the walk light goes on. Every day, you put your life in the hands of people whose names you do not know and whom you might never meet. You might not think about them at all - but they touch your lives every day.

I could draw the same parallel to any number of other vocations - ordinary occupations with the same kind of lifechanging impact. In so many ways - some of which we see and some we don't - our vocations allow us to help other people live better, safer, and healthier lives. Just like the work we do in Rotary.

Through our vocations and in our clubs, in our communities, and across continents, we are touching the lives of people we don't know and might never meet. And in every part of the world, every single day, whether they know it or not, people are living better, safer, and healthier lives because of the work of Rotary.

The people we help might not have met a single Rotarian. They might not even know that Rotary exists. But they are drinking clean water from a bore well that Rotary dug. They're learning to read with books that Rotary gave them. They're living lives that are better, happier, and healthier - because of ***Rotary Serving Humanity***.

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 - December 2016 – Responsible investing for doing good

Dear fellow Rotarians,



Rotarians frequently ask if The Rotary Foundation practices socially responsible investing by screening or restricting certain investments based on social, environmental, or political criteria. The answer is yes - and no.

Yes, the Foundation considers both financial and social returns when making an investment decision. Our Investment Committee encourages our investment consultant and its managers to invest in companies that comply with laws, regulations, ethical standards, and national or international norms and are aligned with Rotary values.

We also consider how each of our investment managers incorporates socially responsible investing as part of their process. Currently seven of these managers, responsible for about 36 percent of the Foundation's total assets, were signatories to the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment. These principles offer possible actions for incorporating environmental, social, and governance issues - such as climate change, public and workplace safety, and shareholder rights - into investment practice. Following these principles could reduce risk, improve returns, and better align our portfolio with our mission.

Does this mean the Foundation will categorically exclude specific companies or industries from investment? That's where the "no" part of my answer comes in. Given Rotary's diverse membership and its various cultural beliefs, agreeing on such restrictions would be extremely difficult.

The Trustees of The Rotary Foundation and the Rotarian financial experts on our Investment Committee take their job very seriously. Rotarians have entrusted us with millions of dollars that they have designated to do good in the world. Our capacity to provide clean water and education, improve health care and economic development, and promote peace depends heavily on our investment income. So it is especially important that we invest your gifts wisely.

Because The Rotary Foundation belongs to all of us, we believe strongly in transparency. To that end, we have posted a wealth of information on www.rotary.org. You can find audited statements for the Foundation for the past three years and tax returns for the past six years, along with extensive material on investment practices, philosophy, and historical returns. I hope this detailed information will reinforce your confidence in our Foundation and inspire your continued generosity.

Kaylan Banerjee

Kaylan Banerjee

Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair

Our Rotary Foundation

From Bill Patchett, Chair District 7070 Rotary Foundation Committee

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Here we are in December 2016, and what better time than now, to ask **all** Rotarians to think about supporting our Rotary Foundation. You will be making a difference in so many ways throughout the world. Rotarians do make the world a better place.

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

Has everyone in your Club, this Rotary Year, made that same commitment to personally donate \$20.00 for the eradication of Polio? Again, this Rotary Year, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will match our contributions on

a 2 for 1 basis. And the Government of Canada is also matching your donation on a 2 for 1 basis. **Your one dollar becomes 5 dollars !** And we sure would like every Rotarian in District 7070 to do the same in 2016-17. Yes, we are very close! You are making a difference !

Has your Club sent in your objectives to me and entered them in to Rotary Club Central, for the 2016-17 Rotary Year yet? I sure hope that your Rotary Club has **set your goal for contributing at least \$ 100.00 US for each member of your club for Annual Giving to the Annual Programs Fund of the Rotary Foundation.** I hope all District 7070 Clubs that **have** already made that commitment to the Rotary Foundation and I hope that all of you will keep up the good work to reach your goal. This is where we get our money for Grants. Last year, we did have 100% in commitments met. Has your Club made plans to make that donation yet? **Are your goals and plans in Rotary Club Central?**

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

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

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

Many thanks to all of you for your support.

Bill

William R. Patchett 2016-17 District 7070 Foundation Chair
Past District Governor 7070 2006-2007 Past End Polio Now Coordinator Rotary International Zone 24
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Are You Preparing to celebrate The Rotary Foundation's centennial

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

[Watch a video about the centennial.](#)

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ROTARY FOUNDATION CENTENNIAL

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

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

District 7070 Rotary Foundation Dinner

Meeting for Club Presidents and Club Foundation Directors / Chairs

Hosted by Bill Patchett, District 7070 Rotary Foundation Chair, Past District 7070 Governor in 2006-2007 and the End Polio Now Coordinator Rotary International Zone 24

November 16, 2016 at The Oshawa Golf and Curling Club, Oshawa, Ontario

We all thank **PDG Bill Patchett** for hosting all of the Rotary District 7070 Club Presidents and their Rotary Club Rotary Foundation Directors/Chairs at The Oshawa Golf and Curling Club, to an excellent meal, on November 16, 2016, during Rotary Foundation Month. Bill followed up with some of the best speakers in the Rotary World today to tell us all about all of the good that is done with our donations to the Rotary Foundation. We heard from Dr. Bob Scott, the Immediate Past Chairman of the International Polio Plus Committee and Past District Governor, current District 7070 Chair of the Rotary Foundation Grants Program Lars Henriksson, and Past District Governor Ron Denham, the Chair Emeritus of WASRAG (Water and Sanitation Rotary Action Group) and Past District Governor Michael Bell. .

Here are some Highlights:

District Governor Elect Neil Phillips welcomed all of the Rotary District 7070 Club Presidents and their Rotary Club Rotary Foundation Directors/Chairs tot The Oshawa Golf and Curling Club and sent out a special welcome to **Past Rotary International President Wilf Wilkinson** and **Past Chair of the Trustees of the Rotary Foundation, Dr. Bob Scott** and to the many Past District Governors who continue to serve our District 7070 so well.



PDG Bill Patchett is still looking for the commitment from 100% of the clubs in our district to make a commitment to donate funds to End Polio and to The Rotary Foundation for this new 2016-17 Rotary year. The address to which to send your contribution is The Rotary Foundation Canada, c/o 911600, P.O. Box 4090, Stn. A, Toronto, On M5W 0E9. Please indicate Annual Fund or Polio on the memo line.

Bill has another draw for Polio : Tickets \$10 each or 3 for \$20 for a Rado Swiss watch worth \$4,000 and there will be a second and third prize too. All proceeds to the PolioPlus Fund of The Rotary Foundation..

Bill announced that starting next Rotary year, with Bill's help, Past District Governor Michael Bell will be the Chair of the District 7070 Rotary Foundation Committee, PDG Lars Henriksson (Grants), PDG Mike Cooksey (Stewardship) , PDG Ted Morrison (Club visits & Foundation Programs), Devon Biddle (Tresurer), Bill Patchett with help from Carol Seabrook Ferguson (Major Gifts). Bill noted that our Rotary Zone 24 is number One in the world in givings to eradicate Polio and District 7070 is number 3 in the Zone 24 (all of Canada and part of northeastern USA).

District Governor Jim Louttit talked about his membership goal of net 50 members in the District this year. We are at plus ten, and in addition 40 more Rotarians when the new Rotary Club of Toronto Danforth is chartered on Dec 9. If you want to go to Charter Night, please send a note to PDG Ted Koziel at tkoziel@northernalarm.com . Tickets almost sold out.



Jim reminded everyone that our District 7070 goal for donations to the Rotary Foundation this year is \$1 million.

He thanked everyone for attending the District Conference and has had 90% positive feedback from those who attended and filled out the survey.

PDG Dr. Bob Scott, gave an update on the [Global Polio Eradication](#) Initiative and its partners: Rotary, The WHO, the CDC, UNICEF, The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and the governments of the world. Bob Scott thanked the Gates Foundation, who continue to match 2 for 1 every new dollar Rotary commits to polio eradication, up to \$35 million per year, through 2018. He thinks that the funds from the Canadian Government, doing the same 2 to 1 match, may be used up thanks to our donations. Bob took us back to the days when there were 1,000 new cases of polio per day in the world to today. Bob noted that only Afghanistan and Pakistan and Nigeria remain with polio cases. In the 2016 Calendar Year to date: there have been a total of 32 new cases: 12 in Afghanistan; 16 in Pakistan; and 4 in Nigeria. Bob said that there are still many challenges: the missed children; the killings of some of the volunteers (75 to 80 in Pakistan alone); gaps in polio surveillance; and the funds so much needed to get the job done. He even mentioned Mosul, with war still waging. But when the fighting subsides, vaccinators are there administering the vaccine. He thanked Rotarians. He told us that since Rotary started, 10 million cases of polio have been averted; 1.5 million deaths have been averted. He summed it all up by saying,



“without YOU, we could not do it”.

PDG Lars Heriksson, our District 7070 Grants Chair gave us a brief description of how the money raised from the Rotary Foundation, is kept for three years and then given back to Rotarians to use. Half of the funds raised from our District come right back to us to spend on Global and District Grants. He added that there are many Humanitarian Grants that are resulting in many service projects world wide.. He noted that the Canadian Government has put forth money for \$1.2 million in grants for humanitarian projects each year for the next 4 years. He encouraged Clubs to work together in the District to pool their grant applications on a project. He encouraged everyone to contact himself, during the grant application process. He handed out grant cheques for local and international projects to the Rotary Clubs of North Scarborough, Richmond Hill, Woodbridge, Toronto Sunrise (coming with Lars soon), and to Whitby Sunrise (as a result of the initiative by Rotary Club of Ajax President Ken Hurst and Ray Richardson at the 2016 District 7070 Conference). He said the money for District Grants are now completed but there are funds available for Global Grants.





PDG Ron Denham, Chair Emeritus of WASRAG (Water and Sanitation Rotary Action Group) presented a new way to give to the Rotary Foundation specifically called “Hope For Millions – Water and Sanitation Major Gifts Initiative”. Ron said that today 663 million people still lack access to safe water and 2.4 billion people still have no sanitation. 8,000 children still die every day. Women and children, usually girls spend 6 hours a day hauling water. They miss school and drop out. . 40 billion hours are spent hauling water. BUT Rotarians are liberating women and children from hauling water: digging wells and bore holes, rainwater harvesting, household filters purifying water, SODIS (solar water disinfection) , sand , earth and concrete dams, and pipeline distribution. And Rotary has helped these same women start small businesses. Ron said that Rotary has provided water but so much more, by helping improve life and livelihood : People create economic value, Micro-bank gives them

confidence and hope, Crops and livestock flourish, Food supply is assured, poverty reduced, Children are healthier, and Youth, especially girls, are being educated. He wants us to do so much more. He encouraged us to think bigger: to embrace the entire WASH environment. Empower the community, Build capacity, change behaviour, Collaborate: clubs, governments, NGOs, to

Develop robust linkages with local authorities and to Think “development” not “charity”.

He encourage us to donate to the WAS MGI (water and sanitation major gifts initiative) - A Rotary Foundation program for major donors with Endowed and Term Gifts., The Goal of \$25 million over 3 years with Spendable earnings for Global Grants in Annual Programs Fund., Current initiatives include WinS, US AID, Mali. And working with Wasrag. He told us about Elizabeth, who used to haul water, now grow cabbages in her own business and earns \$1,500 per year for one reason – to send her daughter to school.

Ron encouraged everyone to join WASRAG at www.wasrag.org and those who are going to the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta to join him on May 27, 2017 for the Convention for WWS 9 World Water Summit 9 and see WASRAG in action .

SPECIAL AWARDS PRESENTATION:

PDG Rob Leek had the pleasure of announcing and presenting the **Rotary District 7070 Dr. Bob Scott Disease**



Prevention Award for 2015-16. This award is made to a Rotarian, Rotary Club or a friend of Rotary who, in the judgment of the District Governor, made a significant contribution to disease prevention and treatment in Rotary District 7070 and beyond. Since this award has been created two years ago, there have been two recipients: Bill Gates, Jr. (for 2013-14), and William Patchett (for 2014-15). This award is not necessarily given annually.

District 7070 named the award to honor Dr. Bob Scott, past PolioPlus Chair and past RI vice president, for his work as Rotary's global ambassador in support of Rotary's fight to end polio. During his eight years as RI PolioPlus Chair, Bob and his wife Ann traveled thousands of miles around the globe. He is credited with having raised millions of dollars from world leaders in the fight to end polio. The award will be presented in Dr. Scott's name to individuals or organizations who have made a difference in the health and wellbeing of others on a local, national or international level.

And the 2015-16 awardee is PDG Ron Denham. As Chair Emeritus of WASRAG the Water and Sanitation Rotary Action Group, Ron Denham has addressed the United Nations on the need for water programs .He first joined Rotary in Welland in 1958 moving to the Rotary Club of Toronto Eglinton in 1964. He was club president in 1973-74 and District Governor in 1993-94. Ron is an Arch Klumph Society member and was presented with the "Service Above

Self" Award by RI in 2005. In 2014, Ron spoke to the United Nations, New York, about the importance of clean and potable water in changing the lives of millions around the world. For a number of years Ron has been the General Coordinator of the RI Water Resources Task Force assisting clubs around the world to be involved in water and sanitation projects in Kenya, Ethiopia, Uganda, Ghana and other countries. Since 2007, WASRAG has grown to 1,800 members and WASRAG has helped over 2 million people with Rotary's effort to clean safe water and sanitation programs throughout the world.

Past District Governor Michael Bell handed out **Rotary Foundation Awards to District 7070 Rotary Clubs** who achieved some major milestones in their donations to The Rotary Foundation in 2015-16:

TOP THREE PER CAPIITA CLUBS IN ANNUAL PROGRAMS FUND GIIVIING

Banners are given to the top three per capita giving clubs in each district. To be eligible, clubs must achieve a minimum \$50 per capita. This annual banner recognition is awarded at the conclusion of the Rotary year. This year the third highest amount per capita donated to The Rotary Foundation, in District 7070 went to the **Rotary Club of Cobourg**; the second highest club was the **Rotary Club of Woodbridge**; and the highest amount per capita donated to The Rotary Foundation, in District 7070 went to **The Rotary Club of Toronto Don Mills** (at \$655.86 US per member). Congratulations to all three outstanding clubs.

100 PERCENT ROTARY FOUNDATIION SUSTAINIING MEMBER CLUB BANNER

Rotary clubs must achieve a US\$100 per capita **and** every active member of the club must personally contribute US\$100 or more to the Annual Programs Fund during the Rotary year. This annual (Every Rotarian Every Year) banner recognition is awarded at the conclusion of the Rotary year, and is based on active membership as of June 30, 2016. For 2016, there were two Rotary Clubs to achieve this goal. Congratulations to **The Rotary Clubs of Aurora and North Scarborough**.

100 PERCENT ROTARY FOUNDATIION GIVING CLUB

This annual banner recognition is awarded at the conclusion of the Rotary year, and is based on active membership as of June 30, 2016. Rotary clubs, in which every member contributes to The Rotary Foundation and the average contribution is at least US\$100 per capita or more to any Rotary Foundation gift designation. For 2016, there were 14 Rotary Clubs to achieve this goal. Congratulations to **The Rotary Clubs of Toronto Don Mills, Woodbridge, Cobourg, Aurora, North Scarborough, Parkdale High Park, Port Hope, Scarborough Bluffs, Toronto Humber, Toronto Skyline, Toronto West, Toronto Sunrise, Wellington and York..**

END POLIO NOW: MAKE HISTORY TODAY CAMPAIGN CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

This annual CERTIFICATE recognition is awarded at the conclusion of the Rotary year, and is based on active membership as of June 30, 2016 and given to Rotary clubs that contributed more than US \$1,500 to Rotary's Challenge to End Polio. Congratulations to **The 23 Rotary Clubs of Ajax, Alliston, Bowmanville, Cobourg, Colborne, Etobicoke, Northumberland Sunrise, Oshawa-Parkwood, Picton, Port Hope, Richmond Hill, Scarborough Twilight, Toronto, Toronto East, Toronto Leaside, Toronto Don Mills, Toronto Earls court, Toronto Sunrise, Uxbridge, Whitby, Whitby Sunrise, Willowdale and Woodbridge.,**

SPECIAL AWARDS PRESENTATION:

Rotary Foundation Citation For Meritorious Service Award

Past District Governor Michael Bell also made the following major announcement at the Presidents Rotary Foundation Meeting:

My Fellow Rotarians,

The Trustees of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International award the "Citation For Meritorious Service" annually to those who have rendered outstanding service to the Foundation. The handsomely gilded certificate is signed by the

Trustee Chairman and mounted on a wooden base. The award is given for active service to the Foundation; one who has contributed only financially is not considered for this award. One Rotarian only per district is eligible to receive this award each year.

Congratulations, to Ron Denham!!!!



L to R: PDG Ron Denham and PDG Michael Bell as Ron receives the Rotary Foundation Citation For Meritorious Service Award

Best wishes and thank you Ron,

Michael

Past District Governor (2015-16)

WHAT IS NEXT FOR THE DISTRICT 7070 ROTARY FOUNDATION COMMITTEE:

PDG Michael Bell announced that starting next year, with Bill's help, Michael will be the Chair of the District 7070 Rotary Foundation Committee, PDG Lars Henriksson (Grants), PDG Mike Cooksey (Stewardship) , PDG Ted Morrison (Club visits & Foundation Programs), Devon Biddle (Tresurer), Bill Patchett with help from Carol Seabrook Ferguson (Major Gifts).

2015-16 Annual Fund raised	\$267,288	2016-17 Annual Fund Goal	\$300,000
2015-16 Polio Plus Fund raised	\$162,816	2016-17 Polio Plus Fund Goal	\$200,000
2015-16 Endowment Fund raised	\$132,964	2016-17 Endowment Fund Goal	\$500,000
2015-16 Total USD	\$609,956	2016-17 Total Goal	\$1,000,000

Thank you to Bill Patchett for making this evening , November 16, 2016, a Rotary Foundation Night to remember.

District 7070 Rotary Foundation Million Dollar Dinner May 3, 2017

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

My Fellow Rotarians,

District 7070 is hosting a Million Dollar Dinner on May 3, 2017 at a venue to be announced in Toronto .

Keynote Speaker: Rotary International President Elect Ian Riseley

A Million Dollar Dinner is a celebration event designed to recognize all Major Donors and Bequest Society Members whose outright gifts or commitments are \$10,000 or greater. Our goal is to show that District 7070 is committed to our Rotary Foundation by raising a minimum \$1 Million US Dollars in 2016-17.

Here are just some of the ways that you can get invited to attend this exciting event:

- if you are or become, between July 1st, 2016 and May 7th, 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 1st, 2016 and May 7th, 2017, you will be our guest at this event.
- if you make a donation of \$200.00 or more to the Polio Plus Program between July 1st, 2016 and May 7th, 2017 you will be our guest at this event.
- all donations between July 1st, 2016 and May 7th, 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 our Rotary Foundation and want further information please contact one of the following:

Mr. Bill Patchett patch@eagle.ca
or Ms. Carolyn Ferguson carolyn.ferguson@rotary.org
or Mr. Michael Bell mjbell925@gmail.com

You all will be our guests. Please join us. Many thanks to all of you for your support.

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.

Stay tuned for more details as they become available.

Up to Date News on Rotary Foundation Grants

From Lars Henrikkson, Chair District 7070 Rotary Foundation Grants Committee

At the November 16 District 7070 Rotary Foundation Awards Dinner in Oshawa, Past District Governor Lars Henrikkson, our Chair of the District 7070 Rotary Foundation Grants Committee announced the awardees of four additional district grant projects.

Richmond Hill

Toilets for Mbahe Primary School, Tanzania (\$4,500)

The Richmond Hill Club in cooperation with the Rotary Clubs of Newmarket, Toronto West, Woodbridge and York are building new toilets for the students at the Mbahe Primary School in the Kilimanjaro Region of Tanzania. The current toilets are completely worn out, leaving the students with no privacy when going to the toilets.

North Scarborough

Adopt A School – Integrated Thinking Camp (\$750)

This project is taking 4 classes of Grade 6 & 7 students on a tour to University of Toronto to expose the students to higher studies. The aim is to encourage the students to stay in school and see themselves continue to university studies.

Whitby

Hurricane Relief for Les Cayes and are in Haiti (\$4,500)

The Rotary Club of Whitby together with a number of Clubs in the District will work on building basic shelters and make quick repairs to schools in areas in Haiti hard hit by the recent hurricane. The work will be done in cooperation with local Rotarians in Haiti. The Whitby Club has been working in Haiti for a number of years; hence, their coordinating role for this project.

Woodbridge

Care for Seniors, Vaughan (\$1,000)

This project by the Rotary Club of Woodbridge will provide safe and caring environment for elderly diagnosed with early stage of Alzheimer's or Dementia. Through person-centered interventions, participants will gain and develop essential skill and abilities to maintain self-care and self-assistance

Start planning District Grant projects for the 2017-18 Rotary year

Clubs should start planning for District Grant projects for next Rotary year. The application form is available on the District's website. The matching formula remains the same as the last couple of years, encouraging Clubs to cooperate. Funding will increase with the number of Clubs in the project.,

Applications received by May 15, 2017, will be eligible to be included in the District's Spending Plan, our application to the Rotary Foundation for a District Block Grant. Further information on the program will be given at the Foundation Qualification Seminar in February 2017.

Yours In Rotary,

Lars

Lars Henriksson, Chair District 7070 Rotary Foundation Grants Committee

The Canadian Centre for Refugee and Immigration Health Care receives the 2015-16 Wilf Wilkinson Peace Award

From Past District Governor Rob Leek, Chair Wilf Wilkinson Peace Award Committee

The Wilf Wilkinson Peace Award was inaugurated following Rotary International Past President Wilf Wilkinson's term as our leader in the 2007-2008 Rotary year. It was commissioned to honour him for his specific efforts in supporting the fourth object of Rotary, namely the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace.

The award is made annually to a Rotarian, Rotary Club, friend of Rotary, or group in District 7070 that has, in the judgement of the District Governor, made a significant contribution to defending, preserving, nurturing, and promoting a culture of peace and non-violence.

Past winners of this award have included:

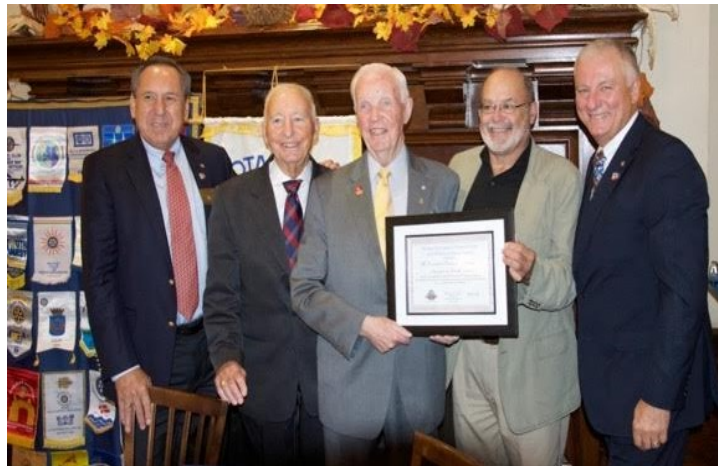
- Jack Layton
- Craig and Mark Keilburger
- Dr.'s Erik Hoskins and Samantha Nutt for their efforts with Warchild Canada.

In October, the award for the 2015-16 Rotary year was presented at a lunch meeting of the Rotary Club of Scarborough. This club's nomination, one of three considered by the judging committee, was invited to attend and receive the award.

The Canadian Centre for Refugee and Immigrant Health Care (CCRIHC), a nationally recognized centre for its programs for the healthcare and wellbeing of refugees, immigrants and newcomers to Canada, was presented with the award. Accepting on behalf of the centre was Dr. Paul Caulford, Founder and Medical Director. Along with Dr. Paul were a dozen or so medical professionals who volunteer at the centre, many of whom are themselves refugees. Past RI President Wilf was in attendance as immediate PDG Michael Bell presented the award.



L to R: Past RI President Wilf Wilkinson, Dr. Paul Caulford, Founder of the CCRIHC, Past District Governor Michael Bell



L to R: DG Jim Louttit; Gene Burns; PRIP Wilf Wilkinson; Dr. Paul Caulford; PDG Michael Bell



PDG Michael Bell holds Award while the medical professionals who volunteer at the centre, look on.



L to R: Awards Committee and PDG Rob Leek; Dr Paul Caulford; Rotarian Gene Burns

December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

What is your Rotary Club doing in the most important endeavour?

Rotary's top priority is the [eradication of polio](#), but our members take on far greater responsibilities to fight disease. They set up health camps and training facilities in undeveloped countries and in communities struggling with HIV/AIDS and malaria. They also design and build the infrastructure for doctors, nurses, governments, and partners to reach the one in six people in the world who can't afford to pay for health care.

Disease prevention and treatment takes on many forms, from supporting studies to helping immunize people to improving drinking water and the sanitation infrastructure. The world relies on Rotary to tackle these global challenges, and to set an example for others to follow.

READ NEWS ABOUT ROTARY'S EFFORTS TO FIGHT DISEASE

- [Polio vaccinators make significant headway in Nigeria](#)
- [Giving voice to those who might otherwise live in a silent world](#)
- [Drug wars, financial setbacks no match for Mexico clinic](#)
- [Family health days help 250,000 in Africa](#)

RESOURCES & REFERENCE

- [Learn more](#) about our efforts to end polio
- [Browse Rotary Showcase](#) for member projects helping to fight disease
- [Find a project](#) to sponsor on Rotary Ideas
- [Contact](#) our manager for disease prevention and treatment

How can flexibility help your club?

Discover how your club can use the new club flexibility policies to adapt your club experience to fit the needs of your members and attract new ones. The policies allow clubs great latitude in deciding when, where, and how you meet.

- [Learn more about the measures](#)
- [Read how one club is applying the measures](#)

The Nakuru WASH in Schools Project- Global Grant

#1416989 - \$135,524 US

From : Jackie Scroggie, Norma Davis and Barb , Rotary Club of Toronto Eglinton

The Rotary Club of Toronto Eglinton is pleased to report that along with our host partner the Rotary Club of Ntinda, we have completed construction and training of the WASH project in 6 schools around Nakuru Kenya.

The focus of this project was to create a Model WASH in Schools program in 3 elementary schools and 3 secondary schools in the impoverished area around Nakuru where we had been building household tanks.

These schools had no access to municipal water supply and limited water storage facilities to capture run off during

the rainy season. The latrines were in poor condition and insufficient for the number of children in attendance. Handwashing facilities were nonexistent. Open defecation was prevalent. The ground water in this area is high in fluoride making well water harmful to drink.

It has been demonstrated that quality WASH in school programs can effectively reduce transmission of diseases, increase school attendance and increase the retention rate of female students to graduation. And so we set to work!

Each School received a 30,000 litre rainwater harvesting tank with required gutters to collect the rainfall during the rainy season. In addition, a new block of latrines for boys and girls with privacy walls and attached hand washing stations were constructed. To encourage the retention of female students, a Menstrual Hygiene Management component was supported in each school with latrines equipped with a wash station and young women receiving health education and a supply of sanitary linens.

We are very pleased with the outcomes of the project and are eager to share our learning with the Rotary world.

This project could not have been possible without the phenomenal support of the following Rotary Clubs in D7070: **Alliston, East York, Oshawa-Parkwood, Port Perry, Picton, Toronto, Etobicoke, Markham Sunrise, Scarborough Twilight, Uxbridge, Whitby Wellington and Rotary Clubs all across Canada from British Columbia to Newfoundland.** We also received generous financial support from Dennis Gray [Markham Sunrise] and Charles Ebert [Pickering] of **Backyard Brands** and **WASRAG Canada**.

We appreciate your generous support!

Barb Jackie and Norma





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 July 1, 2016, there are 1,207,913 Rotarians in 35,399 Rotary Clubs in the world. And, As of May 27, 2016, there are 216,062 Rotaract members in 9,394 Rotaract Clubs in the world and there are 465,474 Interact members in 20,238 Interact Clubs in the world.

Nominations for the position of District Governor for the Rotary year 2018-2019

From: District Governor Jim Louttit

Hello Everyone,

One of the strengths of Rotary and District 7070 is our succession planning. You will find attached a nomination form for the position of District Governor for the Rotary year 2018-2019. If you are interested or you think a member of your Club or District committee is interested please encourage them to apply. The mandatory qualifications are that the Rotarian must have been a Past President of a Club and at time of office have been a member of Rotary for a minimum of 7 years.

A submission from your Rotary Club shall be in the form of a resolution, adopted at a regular meeting of your club, properly certified by the secretary, and accompanied by a resume or biographical sketch of the suggested Rotarian. I would be happy to personally speak to any candidate who would like to discuss this further.

NOTE: The nomination forms are due to me by January 13, 2016 and the interview date will be around mid-February, 2016.

Send us your best shot – ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST

Enter *The Rotarian's* annual photo contest for the chance to win prizes and have your photo featured in the magazine. The contest is open 1 December 2016 through 28 February 2017. For details, go to [THE ROTARIAN PHOTO CONTEST](#)

December 9 2016 – Charter Night for The New Rotary Club of Toronto Danforth

From Past District Governor Ted Koziel, Chair of District 7070 Membership Extension

District 7070 is happy to announce the formation of our 55th Rotary Club - **The Rotary Club of Toronto Danforth**. Charter Night Celebrations for The Rotary Club of Toronto Danforth will be held at The Royal Canadian Legion, 9 Dawes Rd in Scarborough on Friday December 9th commencing at 6:00pm. Admission is \$30 per person. Dinner and entertainment will be provided.

Please contact me at tkoziel@outlook.com to make your reservations. Seating is limited and the cutoff date is December 2nd.

Share your evening with Past Rotary International President Wilf Wilkinson, Governor Jim Louttit, meet some old friends and make new ones. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Yours in Rotary.

Ted

PDG Ted Koziel District 7070 Membership Extension Chair

Rotary-UN celebration mixes business with diplomacy

This year's Rotary Day at the United Nations emphasized Rotary's role as a global network of business leaders using the tools of their trades to build a better world. Read about the six Rotary members and two corporate partners who were honored for their inclusive business practices that are bringing employment, mentoring, education, and innovation to their communities.

- [Read more about the honorees](#)
- [Watch the event on UN Web TV](#)

Update your Rotary flag or banner in the Brand Center

Give your Rotary flag or banner a new and professional look with our updated materials, available in the Brand Center. With eight color and background options to choose from, you're sure to find a design that will strengthen your club or district's image.

[Learn more about the Brand Center materials](#)

Toronto 2018 Rotary International Convention Host Committee



November 2016 UPDATE on the Toronto 2018 Rotary International Convention - November 24, 2016

From Michele Guy & Past District Governor Michael Cooksey , Co-Chairs Toronto 2018 HOC

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Excitement is building among Rotarians in the Districts Hosting the 2018 Rotary International Convention (6330, 7010, 7040, 7070, 7080 and 7090). People are asking how they can help out. Clubs are asking if they can participate in Home Hosting. Folks are coming up with all types of entertainment and speaker suggestions. Others want to register and get their hotel accommodations lined up.

It is absolutely fantastic to see this level of interest this far out and we are frankly overjoyed with everyone's enthusiasm.

Toronto 2018 will indeed need a lot of support both with Rotarians registering and attending the convention and also by becoming Ambassadors (Volunteers) at the convention itself.

Right now the Toronto 2018 Host Organizing Committee (HOC) work is still somewhat in the background as we let the Atlanta 2017 Convention build to be a great Rotary International Convention. Highly visible Toronto 2018 elements such as Registration, Hotels, Announcing Speakers, Entertainment and Events will only go live in Atlanta this coming June.

Right now we are putting together the last pieces for our Volunteer Registry system which will allow any and all of the Rotarians in the Hosting Districts to volunteer to help out the Toronto 2018 Convention. Whether it be working on a committee in your area of expertise, acting as an Ambassador welcoming folks to Toronto or being an HOC Venue Ambassador you will be needed. All you will have to do is go to the rotary2018.org website and enter your information to become part Toronto 2018. We will be announcing the launch of the Volunteer Registry as soon as it is up and running.

Sub-committees such as Home Hosting, House of Friendship, HOC Events and Entertainment are starting up and look forward to engaging more Rotarians in the Districts as they build their plans for 2018.

For those who are asking "What can I do now?" The best thing that you could do is register for Atlanta 2017, attend and talk up Toronto 2018 where attendees will find INSPIRATION AROUND EVERY CORNER.

Michelle and Michael

Michele Guy & Michael Cooksey
Co-Chairs Toronto 2018 HOC

ROTARY NIGHT AT THE WHITBY DUNLOPS HOCKEY GAME - NOVEMBER 19, 2016



ANOTHER NIGHT OF ROTARY FUN AND FELLOWSHIP IN DISTRICT 7070



Members and families of 4 Rotary Clubs in District 7070 attended the November 19 night of fun and friendship at the first annual ROTARY DISTRICT 7070 NIGHT at the Whitby Dunlops (of the Ontario Hockey Association Senior AAA Division) hockey game, at Iroquois Park in Whitby. **District Governor Jim Louttit and Oshawa Rotary Club President Margaret Wallace** officiated at Centre Ice for the ceremonial puck drop, with the 2 Captains, while fans and Rotarians cheered them on. It was an ideal venue to meet and greet old and new Rotarians and their families and a fun place to meet all of the Rotarians from neighbouring Rotary Clubs and

enjoy refreshments with them, before the game , during , and after the game.

The Whitby Dunlops, first in their Division of the Ontario Hockey Association Senior AAA loop, defeated the visiting

Dundas Real McCoys by a score of 6 to 3, led by a two goal night by Corey Tamblyn and a 39 save performance by Jason Guy.



A very special Rotary **thank you to Rotarian Ian Young**., current member and Past President of the Rotary Club of Oshawa and owner of the Whitby Dunlops Hockey team. Can't wait for next year.

Here is a link to the Whitby Dunlops website www.whitbydunlops.com

SHELTERBOX News For December 2016



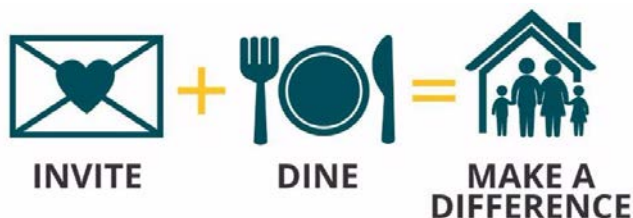
Shine For ShelterBox



As a Rotarian and ShelterBox supporter, you have made a huge difference in the lives of families worldwide. This winter you can share the difference you're making with your friends and family. Through Shine for ShelterBox you can bring together your community, friends and family to help those affected by natural disasters and conflict around the world.

Share the impact of making a difference with friends and family by hosting a Shine for ShelterBox dinner. Invite your friends over, share the ShelterBox and Rotary story and raise funds to help ensure that no family is left without a home this winter

If you are interested in hosting a Shine For ShelterBox dinner to help brighten lives this holiday season, please visit shelterboxcanada.org/shine to order a fundraising pack which comes with all the things you need to make your event a success, and your very own LuminAID solar light! Materials can also be downloaded and printed at home.



Thank you

In 2016 Rotarians and Rotary Clubs across Canada have generously given over \$483,000 to help families survive and recover from disasters around the world. Thank you!

The partnership between ShelterBox and Rotary means so much to us, and we are excited once again in 2017 to make a difference in the lives of thousands of families who desperately need us. Our work would not be possible without the continued support and dedication of Rotarians and Rotary Clubs across the country. Thank you so much for helping us to ensure that no family, anywhere around the world, is without shelter.

Deployment Update

ShelterBox is currently working in Haiti, Iraq, Syria, Cameroon, and the Philippines. We are also monitoring Hurricane Otto in Nicaragua

Again, thank you so much for your continued support of ShelterBox Canada, our work would not be possible without the dedication of Rotary Clubs across the country. Together with Rotary, we have ensured hundreds of thousands of families have shelter and supplies after disasters.

Sincerely,

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 the HIP 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 are a variety of news items that have been added recently. . Go to ([Rotary HIP - Blog](#)).

Photo Album : ([Rotary HIP - Photo Album - Rotary HIP](#)) : Several recent photos have been added

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

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

Reading: We have updated our reading list which can be found on our website [Rotary HIP - Reading](#)

Links ([Rotary HIP – Links](#)) : We have added a new links. Take a look in our website.

Rotary News

After involvement in several drives in the past year, it became apparent that there is a desire, from people living in Southern Ontario, to reach out to northern First Nations communities by collecting in-kind items needed by communities. The difficulty and cost of transportation were the main hurdles. HIP Director, John Andras, took the bull by the horns.

After consultations with INAC and engagement by Trucks for Change and Wasaya Airlines, HIP has negotiated a no-charge in-kind goods delivery program through Pickle Lake to all communities served by Wasaya. Communities are asked of their specific needs which guide collections and ensures only needed goods are received. It is done with great respect and allows the First Nations leadership to guide and/or reject the donation process.

The Kichenuhmaykoosibinninuwig (KI) community was the first test. Nine skids of targeted donations were collected along with 8 skids of warm outerwear (over 1,100 coats, mitts, toques, scarves, sweaters, snow pants, boots, etc.) to be used in 9 communities. Donations from Toronto, Peterborough and Fenlon Falls were shipped to Gardewine Transport, trucked to Pickle Lake and flown by Wasaya to KI and 8 other communities.

There are additional drives for Kasabonika FN (over 500 mostly new coats), Neskantaga and Bearskin Lake FN that will be using this transportation link over the next month.

If you have in-kind donations, please contact John Andras at jandras@mackieresearch.com.

On Oct. 29th, the Rotary Club of Winnipeg hosted Dr. Cindy Blackstock at a special club meeting. There were 110 in attendance (33 were Rotarians). There was a traditional blessing followed by Dr. Blackstock's presentation on her campaign for equity for aboriginal children and advocacy. You can read about her entire presentation on our website under Resources/Powerpoint Presentations. Great work by David Newman and the committee on organizing this event.

On Nov. 18th, the new Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Manitoba, Dr. Jonathan Black-Branch and HIP Director, David Newman spent a day at Turtle Lodge on Sagkeeng First Nation with about 100 other dominant society leaders known to have an interest in learning from Indigenous Elders about the history, values, laws and spirituality of Indigenous Peoples, but especially about how to lead a good life in balance and harmony in alignment with the Great Spirit and Mother Nature. On the drive back and forth, inspired by the teachings, the Dean, an International Law and non-proliferation and disarmament of nuclear weapons expert and practitioner, and David discussed how Rotarians and Indigenous Peoples locally, regionally and globally working with the international experts like the Dean might raise awareness and build capacity about this increasing threat to humankind. Canada can and must be the world leader. No one else has the credibility or capacity to advance the initiative. What more fitting year to do this than in our 150th anniversary as a country. Stay tuned for a request to HIP and other Rotary groups to support a roundtable discussion in Winnipeg to get the ball rolling led by the Dean of Robson Hall Law School and his international counterparts. A wonderful chance to collaborate to advance the Indigenous world view and service above self Rotary motto when both are urgently needed to be put into action process of nuclear disarmament until fully achieved for the sake of the survival of the whole human family and the health of Mother Earth.

The Rotary Club of Palgrave (and several other groups and individuals) have joined in a partnership project with DAREarts First Roots. DAREarts and the Stratford Festival have formed a team to travel to four northern communities where 30 youth from each community will engage in an intensive week of multi-arts workshops. Each community will share traditional stories involving a bear which will then be showcased.

In August 2017, a new play about a polar bear encountering change on the Canadian northern land will premiere at Stratford. The youths' creative works will be the frame of reference for the production called "The Breathing Hole". We will let you know once we know more about dates. If you would like to partner or support in the \$20,000 cost of this project, please contact DAREarts directly - info@darearts.com.

District 7080 under the terrific leadership of Ingrid Sproxton has a lot going on. You can check their website [Home Page | Rotary District 7080](#) for their report.

District 7090 too has been busy. Of particular note is the Peterborough Kawartha club's project *Adventure in Understanding*. This was a huge success. They recently received a Canada 150 Grant. For details, go to [Rotary HIP - Films & Documentaries](#) and see their videos.

The podcast of Paul Martin's talk to the Rotary Club of Toronto is now available. You can find it under [Rotary HIP - Podcasts](#).

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.

News & Events

New Appointments-HIP Director

We are delighted to advise that **Micheal Hardy** has joined the HIP Board. Micheal is the former director of Tikinagan Child and Family Services in Sioux Lookout and now runs Anishanabwe Health Centre in Thunder Bay. See our website shortly for his full biography.

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.

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.

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. Complete the online form and send us a cheque for \$100 made payable to HIP. By becoming a member, you are saying we like and support what HIP is doing. Here is \$100 to help move the cause of education and awareness forward. Please note, membership payment cannot be done online as it is not tax-receiptable. Please send a cheque c/o 100 Simcoe St., Suite 110, Toronto M5H 3G2 and reference the online form or send a note with your name, address, email and club(if applicable) to the above address. We will send you an acknowledgement and ensure you will receive our monthly newsletter.

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 December 2016 Message from HIP Chair, Chris Snyder

All Canadians are saddened whenever they hear of a young person taking their own life. This holds true of the rash of suicides that take place in many of the fly-in communities in the north. The reasons behind these are complex and the solutions are elusive. Loss of hope is one constant. Another is lack of activities for the young people.

There is a new online initiative being conducted by a number of Indigenous people including HIP Director, Andre Morriseau. It is directed at young people and the organization is called *We Matter* ([WE MATTER | We Matter](#)). This online website contains a number of true stories composed by Indigenous people who have gone through tough times, sometimes attempting taking their own life but have persevered and pulled through. It invites people to tell their own stories online.

One is told by famed author Joseph Boyden who himself tried to take his own life as a young person. I would encourage you to look at it. I found it insightful and inspiring. I am sure it will help many Indigenous young people. On behalf of the Board, I wish you a happy holiday season and may 2017 bring further reconciliation between our

communities.

Sincerely,

Chris Snyder

Chair, HIP

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The Rotary Rose Parade Float 2017

2017 Float Doing Good in the World [High resolution version for newsletters](#)



The Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee announced its 38th consecutive entry in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses, Rose Parade on January 2, 2017. This colorful traveling dragon carries the six areas of focus throughout the world as shown in the luggage decals and wears a 100 year medallion. This design blends the Tournament of Roses theme "Echoes of Success" honoring those individuals who and entities which have contributed to the success of others with the Rotary Foundation Centennial Celebration theme "Doing Good in the World" which is also the theme of the Float. The 2017 Float promotes and celebrates the 100 years of

The Rotary Foundation. The Foundation empowers Rotarians to travel throughout the world and create and complete projects which serve people in need in six areas of focus which are: promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education, and growing local economies. The spectacular and colorful dragon is clearly a world traveler carrying luggage decorated with the six symbols of the areas of focus. The Dragon also is proudly wearing a necklace with a medallion marked 100 for the 100 years of service.

[Parade Viewer Statistics 2016 Parade](#)

Rotarians, Clubs and Districts in the United States and Canada donate all of the money to pay for the float. Approximately ninety-three percent of the money raised goes to costs directly into building, decorating and entering the float in the parade. The balance of the funds raised pay for business, banking, insurance and other miscellaneous costs related to the float and hosting the RI President while attending the parade and other related activities. None of the money raised for float construction is spent on professional staff or committee perks.

Why do we enter a float in the Rose Parade?

Paul Harris said, "In the promotion of Rotary, it is important to reach large numbers and you cannot reach them privately." Statistics have proven that when Rotary International and/or the Rotary Foundation creates public relations events and promotes Rotary membership increases as well as general knowledge of Rotary. By supporting the Float, you can assist in a public relations effort to do BOTH!

When Rotary International's directors approved the first entry in the parade over 38 years ago, they saw in it an unrivaled opportunity to bring Rotary's name into public view. They reasoned that an eye-catching float would capture the interest of network commentators and remind the world, of Rotary's good works. And so it has! And, this year this effort is doubly important as we are publicizing the 100 years of achievement by The Rotary Foundation!!!

Nearly 70 million households see the Rose Parade, this year held on Monday, January 2, 2017 as the Rose Parade is never held on a Sunday. The Rose Parade is seen by an estimated U.S. audience of almost 42 million households and

an estimated international audience of 28 million households in over 243 territories. The Pasadena Police Department estimates that approximately 700,000 spectators view the Rose Parade in person. Another 144,000 visit the Parade Float Decorating Sites and/or the Post Parade Float Viewing Area where the floats are on display for two days. For the 38th consecutive year the Committee again proudly presents its float to North America and the world. And each year, more clubs enthusiastically contribute financial support to this most important Rotary Foundation public relations project.

RIP John Germ emphasizing at International Assembly the importance of telling the world about Rotary! Support the float which tells over 70 million throughout the world about Rotary -- easiest public relations project you ever tried!

<https://youtu.be/q0hipuVcdyl>

[Rotary Club Donations by Mail](#)

[Individual/Company Donations by Mail](#)

[Donate Online](#)



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Water & Sanitation
Rotarian Action Group



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](#)

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

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 More information and a link to the registration site coming shortly!

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.

Rotaract Club of Durham College – UOIT Meet and Greet on November 17, 2016

Seven new members were inducted into the Rotaract Club of DC-UOIT on Nov 17, 2016 at the downtown Oshawa UOIT Campus at 61 Charles Street in Oshawa. On hand for the event were members of the Rotaract Club of DC-UOIT, members of the two sponsoring Rotary Clubs Whitby-Sunrise and Oshawa-Parkwood, members of the Rotaract Club of York University, District 7070 Assistant Governors Terry Caputo and Emmy Iheme, Rotary District 7070 Chair of Youth Services PDG Doug Byers, District Treasurer Devon Biddle, and District 7070 Chair of Public Image Dave Andrews. Congratulations to President Alisha Gopaul and her executive at the Rotaract Club of DC-UOIT for a fun evening and great freindshp. And a special welcome to all new Rotaract members.



Rotaract Club of Durham College – University of Ontario Institute and Technology Executive for 2016-17

REMINDER: 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

REMINDER - ROTARY ADVENTURE IN CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM APRIL 30 TO MAY 03, 2017

My Fellow Rotarians,

The Rotary Club of Ottawa invites your Rotary Club to sponsor a student to participate in the [67th annual Rotary Adventure in Citizenship Program](#) to be held in Ottawa, the Nation's Capital from Sunday, April 30 to Wednesday, May 3, 2017.

This annual event provides a unique opportunity for a selected group of young Canadians to come together and gain a better understanding of our country. Through meetings with political leaders, senior officials and others, they learn a great deal about the workings of our democratic institutions. Please review the information sheet for a more detailed program and further instructions by [clicking here](#).

We have included a video link to give you a brief overview of the program we offer. View video by [clicking here](#).

Apply for a reservation in the 2017 Rotary Adventure Program by completing our online form by [clicking here](#) or download the Club Registration Form by [clicking here](#).

Upon submitting your online reservation or after completing the downloaded form, please forward the \$650.00

registration fee by the deadline date of **December 16, 2016**. (Only the first 200 clubs can be accepted).

Thank you. **Margot Nicholls**

Program Coordinator/Coordonnatrice du programme

Rotary Adventure in Citizenship Program/Programme Redécouvrons notre citoyenneté du Club Rotary

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REMINDER: Club of the Month:

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

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

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

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

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

If so, please do some bragging and submit a one-page story about your Club (about 300 words) ,and add a few photos, and send it to District Governor Michael Bell. In your story, tell them a bit about the history of your club and some of your major accomplishments and how your club serves Rotary in your community and throughout the world. The esteemed panel of **the 3 G's (District Governor Jim Louttit, DG Elect Neil Phillips) and DG Nominee Mary Lou Harrison)** will make the decision, and it will then be entered on to the District 7070 website as "Club of The Month" and featured right here in the District Newsletter.

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

REMINDER: Rotary Leadership Institute for 2016-17

No Charge to First year Rotarians

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 EARLY NEXT YEAR IN TORONTO.

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 DISTRICT WILL PAY YOUR TUITION FEE FOR ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE PART ONE !!! ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS SIGN UP ONLINE ON THE WWW.ROTARY7070.ORG 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 Seneca College (Finch Campus) , Toronto. 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.

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

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

Why do we need vision?

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

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.

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 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

REMINDER: A Rotary District 7070 Speakers Bureau

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

Guest Speakers or Your Own Club Member Speakers:

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

How about sharing that speaker with everyone in District 7070.

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

Please send the following info:

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

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

To Rotarian Aziz Saleh at azizdsaleh@gmail.com

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

Get Connected, Rotarians !!!

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

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

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** webiste.