



# Rotary

## District 7070



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**DG Michael and Jo-Ann Bell**

**District Governor's  
Newsletter  
MAY 1, 2016  
Be A Gift To The World**

**May is Youth Service Month In Rotary**

**My Fellow Rotarians,**

May is Youth Service (formerly called New Generations) Month in Rotary, when Rotary Clubs around the world focus on youth services, Rotaract, Interact, RYLA, Youth Exchange, Camp Enterprise, Adventures in Citizenship and in our District - Earlyact.

All clubs and districts are encouraged to undertake projects that support the fundamental needs of youth who are our next generation of Rotarians - young people up to the age of 30 - by improving their life skills to ensure a better future, while recognizing the diversity of their needs.

The fifth avenue of service, Youth Service, supports the next generation through a series of structured programs: Interact (high school), Rotaract (college - age to 30), Rotary Leadership Awards (spring retreat), Earlyact (public school), Spelling Bees (public school), Camp Enterprise (high school), Adventures in Citizenship (high school) and Rotary Youth Exchange (high school). Rotary's Menu of Service opportunities (e.g. Children at Risk, Health Care, Literacy & Numeracy) are also included in Youth Service.

Does your club have a plan? Are you executing your club's plan to create and focus on our youth? They are the next generation of Rotarians. They are the future of Rotary.

Here are a few suggestions: Invite young people from your community to a special club meeting. Listen to their ideas about how Rotary can assist them to make a better world. Take the time to discuss the great Rotary programs for youth such as RYLA or Camp Enterprise and introduce them to Earlyact, Interact and Rotaract. There are opportunities for you and your club to make a real difference to the lives of many young people. Not sure how to get started, please contact your Assistant District Governor for more details.

My thanks to the Rotarians in District 7070 for all of their hard work and efforts on behalf of Youth Services.

Remember, that together, we will **"Be A Gift to the World"**

Yours in Rotary,

*Michael*

**District Governor Michael Bell** at [mjbell925@gmail.com](mailto:mjbell925@gmail.com)



# From District Governor Elect Jim Louttit

Dear Fellow Rotarians,



The 2016 Rotary International Seoul Convention is fast approaching and registrations are continuing to exceed expectations. The original goal of 40,000 attendees has already been surpassed and they are getting close to the 50,000 mark. So, if you are considering going, this is your **last chance** to make up your mind and register.

As of April 25, we had 25 paid registrations from D7070 to attend the Convention. Hotel accommodations are still available but the list is narrowing. And you can still get a return flight to Seoul at approximately \$1,200 CAD.

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

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



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

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

*Jim*

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

- [View the schedule highlights](#)

## Watch this month's Convention Minute video

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

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

## Rotary International President Ravi Ravindran's Monthly Message – May 2016



**Dear Fellow Rotarians:**

Some years ago, in the Kano plains of Kenya, a well-meaning development agency took on the task of improving water availability to a rural community. Committees were formed, meetings were held, and the local people were consulted. The main need the community identified was improved delivery of water for irrigation and livestock. A plan to meet this need was created, and the work was soon begun, exactly as the community representatives had requested.

Yet once construction began, it was met by immediate protest from groups of community women, who came to the site and physically blocked workers from building diversion channels. Upon further investigation, the agency realized that the water it was diverting for farming came from a source that dozens of families relied on for water for cooking, drinking, and washing. The entire project had to be scrapped.

Why? Because it had never occurred to a single member of the all-male team in charge to consult the local women. At every stage, it was assumed that the men knew the needs, spoke for the community, and were able to represent it. Clearly, this was far from the case. The women knew the needs of the community, and its resources, far better – but their opinion was never sought.

We have had women in Rotary for only the last quarter of our history, and it is no coincidence that those years have been by far our most productive. In 1995, only 1 in 20 Rotarians were women; today, that number has risen to 1 in 5. It is progress, but it is not enough. It is only common sense that if we want to represent our communities, we must reflect our communities, and if we want to serve our communities fully, we must be sure that our communities are fully represented in Rotary.

Rotary's policy on gender equality is absolutely clear. Yet nearly one-fifth of our clubs still refuse to admit women, usually by claiming that they simply cannot find women who are qualified for membership. I would say that any Rotarian who makes this argument, or believes it, himself lacks the two most basic qualifications for Rotary membership: honesty and good sense.

A club that shuts out women shuts out much more than half the talent, half the ability, and half the connections it should have. It closes out the perspectives that are essential to serving families and communities effectively. It damages not only its own service but our entire organization by reinforcing the stereotypes that limit us the most. It leads our partners to take us less seriously, and it makes all of Rotary less attractive to potential members, especially the young people who are so crucial to our future.

To tolerate discrimination against women is to doom our organization to irrelevance. We cannot pretend that we still live in Paul Harris' time, nor would he ever want us to. For, as he said, "The story of Rotary will have

to be written again and again."Let us see to it that the story we write in Rotary is one of which he would be proud.

*Ravi*

K. R Ravindran

**President, Rotary International**

## Rotary Foundation Chair, Ray Klinginsmith's Monthly Message - May 2016 – The TRF centennial celebration - ready for launch in Seoul

**Dear fellow Rotarians,**



The 100th anniversary of The Rotary Foundation will occur in June of next year, and a full year of activities is planned leading up to it, starting with the 2016 convention in Seoul and culminating with the 2017 convention in Atlanta. I remember well the excitement of the Rotary centennial in 2004-05, and I hope that Rotarians worldwide will treat the Foundation's centennial with the same enthusiasm!

The centennial celebration will launch at the Seoul convention, and the entire general session on Tuesday morning will feature the Foundation's programs. However, it is the activities of clubs and districts that will determine the success of the centennial celebration. To assist in the planning of centenary events, the Rotary Resource Center in the House of Friendship in Seoul will offer Rotarians helpful materials and ideas. For Rotarians who are unable to attend the convention, the same materials will be available for download at <http://www.rotary.org/foundation100>. The cool kit includes:

- Ideas and activities for clubs and districts
- Promotional flier and bookmark for the centennial book, *Doing Good in the World*
- Promotional postcard
- Sample press release for clubs to promote local activities
- History of The Rotary Foundation Power Point
- Centennial letterhead, logo, and Power Point template
- Centennial video (highly recommended)

Rotary would not be as strong and vibrant as it is today without the tremendous support of The Rotary Foundation, and it is now time to celebrate its 100th birthday. Rotary is a grassroots organization with more than 35,000 clubs, most of which have directly benefited from support of The Rotary Foundation. Therefore, I truly hope that all of you – and your clubs – will show your appreciation for the Foundation that Rotary created for the purpose of Doing Good in the World!

*Ray Klinginsmith*

**Ray Klinginsmith**

**Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair**



## May is Youth Service Month

### What Is your Rotary Club doing to focus on Youth Service in May 2016?

May is Youth Services (formerly called New Generations) Month when Rotary Clubs, around the world focus on youth services, Rotaract, Interact, RYLA, Youth Exchange and in our District - Earlyact.

Rotary International and our District Governor, Michael Bell, in particular, is encouraging all clubs in District 7070 to undertake projects that support the fundamental needs of the youth who are our next generation of Rotarians— all young people up to the age of 30 — by improving their life skills to ensure a better future, while recognizing the diversity of their needs.

Be sure to read his letter at the beginning of this District newsletter.

As District Governor Michael has stated, here are the challenges: Does your club have a plan? Are you executing your own plan to create projects focused on Youth – our Next generation of Rotarians?

**Every day, you can make a difference. Not just in May, but every day in the Rotary Year.**

## Connor Visser Inducted into The Rotary Club of Courtice

This news article is the best way to celebrate the start off the month of May - Youth Service Month in Rotary District 7070 by announcing that Connor Visser has just be inducted as a Rotarian in the Rotary Club of Courtice. April 8 was a very proud day for Marie Visser, the President of the Rotary Club of Courtice, and her family today.

As you may know, her family is all about Rotary, so inducting the youngest into the Rotary Club of Courtice, on April 8, 2016, was the cherry on the cake. Rotarian and grandfather Lou Davidson started it all and now the they are all Rotarians and he couldn't be prouder. Connor's grandmother, Nanna (and Rotarian) Sharon Davidson, Connor's sponsor looked like she was going to burst as she placed Connor Visser's Rotary pin on him!

Marie wishes to thank all of the fellow Rotarians and family who came to share this special moment with the family , all in the Rotary Club of Courtice.

Here are just a small sample of Connor's many accomplishments:

He brought EarlyAct (Rotary for elementary school aged youth) to Canada. He was the Charter President of the first District 7070 EarlyAct Club at Dr. G.J. MacGillivray Public School and provided support for the establishment of many more in the District. In fact, Connor traveled the District speaking to Rotary Clubs about why they should sponsor EarlyAct, Interact and Rotaract Clubs and continually champions the benefit of engaging youth in service.

At the age of 10, he was invited to speak to 400 Rotarians about youth and their role in sustaining Rotary where he met with and spoke on stage with Lieutenant Governor David Onley. He has made presentations at 5 District Conferences and 4 District Assemblies.

Connor educates students about Polio and has raised almost \$1200 with the first Purple Pinkie Project at Dr. G. J. MacGillivray school. To date, through Connor's continued involvement, the Dr. G. J. MacGillivray EarlyAct Club has hosted 6 Purple Pinkie Projects and raised almost \$10,000. In May, Courtice Secondary School will host it's first Purple Pinkie Project.

He has provided pivotal technical support on the Afghan School Connect Project.

He has educated youth and adults on Aids transmission, the disease and the cure at District 7070 Aids Awareness event.

Connor maintains high academic standards and continues to provide leadership at all levels of Rotary. He was presented with a Rotarian of the year award for his consistent commitment to "Service Above Self" and he was the youngest President of the Interact Club of Clarington and continues sits on Past District Governor Bill Patchett's

District 7070 Rotary Foundation fundraising team.

**Congratulations to Connor for becoming a Rotarian. We are all very proud of you.**



With Spenser Visser, President Marie Visser , Connor Visser, Rotarian and Nanna Sharon Davidson and Rotarian and Grandfather Lou Davidson.

Rotary Club of Courtice President Marie Visser, Delphine Patchett (Past District Governor Bill Patchett's wife who came from Cobourg for the induction ceremony) and Rotarian Connor Visser



## Club of The Month for May 2016 is: The Rotary Club of Scarborough

**From: DG Michael Bell, DGE Jim Louttit and DGN Neil Phillips and DGND Mary Lou Harrison:**

**It is springtime in District 7070 and we can think of no better way to raise awareness of springtime in our District than to recognize the accomplishments of the Rotary Club of Scarborough and their many activities. Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Scarborough being selected as the FIRST Club of the month in 2015-2016 as we all strive to “Be A Gift To The World”!**

Here is their story:

### **Rotary Club of Scarborough Springs Into Action!**

Springtime – and especially April and May - seem to be busy months for our Rotary Club. We start off with visits to local schools, to give out Rotary Dictionaries to Grade 5 Classes. Donna Worden of our Club has done this for several

years, with our success measured by the smiles on the faces of the students. Their Dictionary is often the first book they own, and their teachers create assignments to use it in class and at home.



Because we gave Dictionaries to a specific Grade 5 Class last year, their teacher, My Linh Coleman, stayed in touch with, and visited our Club. In addition, My Linh helped with our first Kids Against Hunger Meal Packing Session, last October. From there, My Linh had her Grade 5 Class raise funds to take part in our next Meal packing session, held on April 16 of this year. Some of her students, and their parents, took part in this session, which also included Rotarians, friends and members of our community, organized and led by President Elect Gerard Baribeau. A Total of 21,384 Meals were packed, with distribution of 6,480 Meals going to the Depkor School in Ghana, 8,640 Meals going to the Philippines, and the remaining 5,400 Meals going to the Daily Bread Food Bank in the GTA. The school children raised \$1436.59 of the funds needed for the meal supplies.



Some of these volunteers are shown in the enclosed photo.

At an evening meeting, on April 12, we featured speakers from our own Club. Joan and John Barrett had just returned from a trip to Laos, where they joined Steve Rutledge, Whitby Sunrise Rotarian, in some small outlying villages. Steve has been working for 6 years on getting clean water to these villages, and also with building schools and dormitories for them. John helped on the physical side of these projects, and Joan met with classes of girls, to teach them about sanitation and water usage. In addition to sanitary supplies, our Inner Wheel sent many items for the children to enjoy. The days were very hot, and it was difficult for Joan and John to adapt to local food and customs, but Steve guided them well. To help these families, we can purchase a Water Filter for CAD \$100.00, and Steve will send a photo of the family who gets the filter, with the donor's name on the Canadian flag label. To support Steve's work, and Joan and John's participation, the Rotary Club of Scarborough is matching every donation of a Water Filter made between April 12 and May 3, up to a total of Water Filters for 20 families.

Still in April, we have four Rotarians attending the Rotary Learning Institute on April 23, at different levels. Since one is a new member, his tuition is free – a real bonus. And tuition has been paid for our candidate for RYLA, for the week of May 15-20. This year, our student is already a Rotaractor, so we're sure she'll have lots to tell us on her return.

Still with Youth, we are again participating in the Paul Harris Scholarship Program, with five Scarborough Rotary Clubs.



This programs provides five \$2500.00 scholarships to Scarborough students who have met the criteria in school and in community leadership service.

Then we run our Camp Enterprise the weekend of May 13-15, still at Claremont Conservation Centre. We have run this event for 38 years, and host 30 students from local high schools. From the letters they write after their experience, we feel that Camp Enterprise is a highlight of their year, and they tell us the same thing when they address our Club.

It takes the concerted efforts of a number of Rotarians to successfully run this Camp, so those members will not be able to join others at the District Assembly on May 14. We're sure they will have stories to tell, and we'll update them on the Assembly, at our next meeting.

Also in May, we will select the recipients of our Service Above Self Awards to local Police, Firefighters, and EMS Workers who have been selected by their peers as deserving of special recognition.

At present, we're working with the other Scarborough Rotary Clubs to have a special Scarborough Citizenship Day event on Canada Day, to be followed by walking in the annual Scarborough Canada Day Parade. And before you know it, we'll be holding our 14th Ribfest, July 29 to August 1. But that's a story for another time. As always, there is lots to do to "Be a Gift to the World" in Rotary.

## REMINDER: Club of the Month:

**From District Governor Michael Bell, DG Elect Jim Louttit, DG Nominee Neil Phillips and DG Nominee Designate Mary Lou Harrison**

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

In fact, it has been available to all Rotary Clubs in District 7070 all year. Where have you been for the last two years? To encourage "Service Above Self" throughout the District, the District Governor and future Governors have decided to share stories about the clubs which exemplify our motto.

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

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

The esteemed panel of **the four G's (District Governor Michael Bell, DG Elect Jim Louttit, DG Nominee Neil Phillips) and DG Nominee Designate Mary Lou Harrison)** will make the decision, and it will then be entered on to the District 7070 website as "Club of The Month" and featured right here in the District Newsletter.

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

## Important Rotary Dates in May 2016: Youth Service Month

May 14 – District 7070 Training Assembly, BMO IFL Building, Toronto

May 18 - Rotary Club of Don Mills 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party

May 28 – June 1 – Rotary International Convention, Seoul , Korea

May 31 — Last Day to register Rotarians in your Rotary Club for the District 7070 Leadership Award

May 31 — Last Day to register your Rotary Club for the District 7070 Foundation Citation

## District 7070 Rotaract News and their April 2016 Newsletter

**From Kelly Ku, District 7070 Rotaract Representative**

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

Here is a link to the April 2016 District 7070 Rotaract Newsletter: <https://www.smores.com/pxkca-rotaract-district-7070-newsletter>

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

To the extent possible, please see if your club can help sponsor Interactors and Rotaractors to attend. It would be ideal to invite youth exchange students and past RYLA participants as well. After all, they are all future Rotarians! And here is the link to the District Rotaract Conference registration: <https://www.smores.com/01pas>

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

Thank you.

*Kelly Ku*

**District Rotaract Chair**

## Request For Assistance – from the Rotary Club of Barrie

**From District Governor Elect Jim Louttit:**

My fellow Rotarians,

The Rotary Club of Barrie in District 7010 is looking for clubs who may have an interest in participating in a Milk Project in Ethiopia. They have the lead role on a global grant application working with the Rotary Club of Addis Ababa West to provide 400 children in the Edget Besira Primary School with morning milk and bread as most of the children come to school with an empty stomach due to their families/guardians having difficulty finding for survival let alone for the healthy development of their children. Ethiopia is currently facing a severe drought and a milk feeding program will go some small way to helping some of these children stay alive.

For more information, please contact DGE Jim Louttit at [jvlrotary@gmail.com](mailto:jvlrotary@gmail.com).

## Our Rotary Foundation

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

**Dear Fellow Rotarians,**

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

All Rotary Clubs in District 7070 have committed, again this new Rotary year, to donating at least \$20.00 PER Rotarian to **PolioPlus**.

**Has everyone in your Club, this Rotary Year, donated the \$20.00 per Rotarian for the eradication of Polio?** This

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

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

Has your Club sent in your objectives to the District 7070 Rotary Foundation Committee, for the 2015-16 and the 2016-17 Rotary Years yet?

If we want to reach our goal, 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  
District 7070 Foundation Chair  
Past District Governor 7070 2006-2007  
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 will officially kick off in May at the Rotary Convention in Korea. Incoming leaders are already planning to lead their districts in the celebration. They received encouragement from Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Ray Klingensmith during Rotary's annual training event in San Diego. [Watch a video about the centennial.](#)

## LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ROTARY FOUNDATION CENTENNIAL

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

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

## ROTARY DISTRICTS MOBILIZE TO SUPPORT SURVIVOR OF ECUADOR, JAPAN QUAKES

### Helping earthquake victims in Ecuador, Japan

Rotary members are among the first to reach out and offer help in times of disaster, including in Ecuador and Japan, where earthquakes have killed hundreds of people, injured thousands, and caused billions of dollars in damage. Rotary districts in both countries have established relief funds, and members are collaborating with governments and other agencies to direct assistance where it is needed most.

After a series of three earthquakes -- two in Japan and one in Ecuador -- killed hundreds of people, injured thousands, and caused billions of dollars in damage late last week, Rotary members in those regions have created disaster relief funds to help survivors.

In Ecuador, the powerful 7.8-magnitude quake that struck Saturday night has killed more than 400 people, with 2,500 injured. Those figures are expected to rise.

Rotary District 4400 established a service fund to raise money for relief efforts. Contact [District Governor Manuel A. Nieto Jijon](#) for information on how to donate.

In Japan, District 2720 created a disaster relief fund after two quakes hit southwestern Japan, causing landslides and killing dozens. Contact [District Governor-elect Masami Maeda](#) to learn how to donate.

## PolioPlus Update

**From Marilyn Axler: District 7640 Public Relations Chair**

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/628421827177269/?ref=fb\\_target&fref=fb](https://www.facebook.com/groups/628421827177269/?ref=fb_target&fref=fb)

- The globally synchronized switch from the trivalent to bivalent oral polio vaccine: the first stage of objective 2 of the Polio Eradication and Endgame Strategic Plan 2013-2018, is underway between April 17 and May 1 . Follow a live update of which countries have undergone the switch here. Learn more about the rationale for the switch through this series of videos.
- The Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on immunization (SAGE) met on April 12 to 14, to discuss polio eradication. The official report from their meeting is available here.
- The final communique of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Istanbul Summit: adopted by OIC Heads of State and Government, reaffirmed the importance of preserving the health and wellbeing of children as a duty of parents and society as prescribed by Islam, and appealed to religious scholars and leaders to support polio eradication efforts.

- The World Health Assembly (WHA) Report on Poliomyelitis has been published. The report summarises the status against the Polio Endgame Plan and Resolution WHA68.3, adopted by the WHA in May 2015.
- Around the world, countries that remain vulnerable to polio are continuing to vaccinate children and build immunity, as shown in Jordan through this series of photographs.

### **Poliovirus Weekly Update as on – April 20, 2016 - World Wide as Reported by WHO:**

Total number of wild poliovirus cases in 2015: 74

Wild Polio Virus case reported in the past week World Wide in 2016: 1

Total number of wild poliovirus cases in 2016 remain at: 11

1 New Case of WPV1 was reported from Afghanistan (in the past week in Shigal Wa Shelten district of Kunar province with onset of paralysis on 27 March.)

No New Case of WPV was reported from Pakistan. (The most recent case was reported in Bannu district, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, with onset of paralysis on 22 March).

**OFFICIALLY REPORTED WILD VIRUS CASES ON – April 20, 2016 in Endemic Countries:** 11 (Compared with 22 in the same period in 2015)

Afghanistan: 3 cases in 2016 (compared with 1 for the same period in 2015)

Pakistan: 8 cases in 2016 (compared with 21 for the same period in 2015)

**OFFICIALLY REPORTED WILD VIRUS CASES ON – April 20, 2016 in Importation Countries** continues at 0 (Compared with 0 in the same period in 2015)

Officially reported cVDPV cases on – April 20, 2016 - World Wide as Reported by WHO.

New cVDPV cases reported in the past week for 2016: Nil

Total global cases in 2016 move to: 3 (compared with 1 for the same period in 2015)

Total global cases in endemic Countries in 2016: 0 (compared with 1 for the same period in 2015)

Total in non-endemic countries in 2016: 3 (compared with 0 for the same period in 2015)

- Lao People's Democratic Republic: 3 cases in 2016 (compared with 0 for the same period in 2015), onset of paralysis of most recent case: 11-Jan-16.
- Myanmar: 0 case in 2016 (compared with 0 for the same period in 2015), onset of paralysis of most recent case: 05-Oct-15
- Guinea: 0 case in 2016 (compared with 0 for the same period in 2015), onset of paralysis of most recent case: 02-Oct-15
- Madagascar: 0 case in 2016 (compared with 0 for the same period in 2015), onset of paralysis of most recent case: 22-Aug-15
- Ukraine: 0 case in 2016 (compared with 0 for the same period in 2015), onset of paralysis of most recent case: 07-Jul-15
- Nigeria: 0 case in 2016 (compared with 0 for the same period in 2015), onset of paralysis of most recent case: 16-May-15
- Pakistan: 0 case in 2016 (compared with 1 for the same period in 2015), onset of paralysis of most recent case: 09-Feb-15

- Total global cases in 2015: 32

- Total in endemic countries: 3

- Total in non-endemic countries: 29

The report is from: Manjit S. Sawhney

Rotary International

2011-15 Chairman South East Asia Regional PolioPlus Committee

2009-17 Member India National PolioPlus Committee

2008-17 Director Rotary Action Group on Polio Survivors



## SHELTERBOX News For May 2016

From: Ron Noseworthy, Chair, ShelterBox Canada



### UPDATE: ShelterBox Response Team Member and Rotarian, Ron Noseworthy, delivers aid in Fiji

The South Pacific Island nation of Fiji was hit by a devastating Category 5 storm, Cyclone Winston, on Feb. 20 & 21. The strongest storm to ever make landfall in the southern hemisphere, with winds of 320 km/hr and storm surges up to 12 meters high, it cut a path of destruction through the central islands of the Fijian archipelago. Close to 350,000 people (1/3 of the population) were negatively affected and 42 killed.

It has been logistically challenging to reach the remote islands of Fiji, which consist of some 330 islands spread across 120,000 sq. km of the South

Pacific. Based in the capital city of Suva, our ShelterBox response concentrated on the Eastern and Northern Division Islands. We delivered our aid to the widely dispersed islands working with the New Zealand military and Pacific Ocean aid organization, Sea Mercy.

Because of the dispersed nature and large numbers of islands affected, we split our ShelterBox Response Teams into small groups in order to reach more islands. My ShelterBox Response Team, consisting of Mark van Alphen (The Netherlands) and myself, traveled approximately 350 km with our ShelterBoxes aboard a naval vessel, to the remote island of Vanua Balavu. It is one of the furthest islands from the governing and transportation hub of the city of Suva.

Cyclone Winston made a direct hit on Vanua Balavu, with the eye of the storm passing across the center of the island wreaking havoc and destroying about 70% of the homes in 14 small villages on the island. The destruction was massive: uprooted trees, destroyed building and homes, trees and vegetation stripped of branches, fruit and leaves and gardens uprooted. Most homes were wood frame construction and were completely leveled, while the concrete block buildings lost their roofs and suffered cracked walls.

The intensity of the storm was terrifying for those in its path. I spoke with one of the surviving families who said they had warning that Cyclone Winston was approaching, but because they had been through a number of cyclones in the past and did not understand the ferocious strength of a category 5 storm, they did not abandon their wood frame home. When the walls of their home began to collapse, they ran with their children for a concrete community building. They said that when the metal roof of the community center blew off, their children cried out in terror. The effects of this trauma, especially for the children, will be with these people for a very long time.

It is very important to children's recovery that life is normalized as soon as possible. Returning to school is a big part of this normalization process. Many school buildings & teacher's homes were destroyed or badly damaged and a

number of teachers had to leave the island. Large tents were supplied to serve as classrooms and we provided the teachers in need of accommodation with tents and supplies to allow them to return to the island and their classes.

The Fijian people are very resilient and extremely grateful for our assistance. It was heartwarming to see that ShelterBox aid not only brought them physical comfort and security but that it also lifted their spirits and gave them hope and the will to carry on and rebuild their homes and their lives. We could not provide this life sustaining aid and the hope that goes with it without the generous support of our many donors.



Ron Noseworthy      ShelterBox Response Team

Member and Past President of The Rotary Club of Kenora

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## Using social media to expand your event's reach

In the days leading up to International Women's Day on March 8, organizers of a Rotary event at the World Bank used social media and web pages to promote an event that was also streamed live. **Thirteen times** as many people watched the event online as attended in person, proving the value of the Internet in expanding an event's reach.

## Rotary shop moving to new platform

Starting May 1, the Rotary shop will be available on a new platform. Users may experience some downtime during the transition. Read more about the change and [how to contact us with questions](#).

## Council grants clubs greater flexibility

The 2016 Council on Legislation may well be remembered as one of the most progressive in Rotary history. Council members, including District 7070's representative, Past District Governor Ted Morrison, granted clubs more freedom to determine their meeting schedule and membership, and approved a per capita dues increase of \$4 a year for three years to enhance Rotary's website, improve online tools, and add programs for clubs. [Read more about the Council](#), [see photos](#), and download [vote totals](#).

## Club Visioning – A Thing for Your Club to Consider?

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

### **Why do we need vision?**

Visioning facilitation helps a Rotary Club to develop its own vision and then sets out the steps necessary to achieve that vision. It is worth noting that the result is not a vision set out by the District or Rotary International. Instead, the

result is a vision designed and endorsed by the Club's own members. This vision will help to ensure consensus, continuity and consistency in the Club leadership and programming, to set the stage for future progress.

### The Process

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Further contact

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

## REMINDER: Save the Date: May 18, 2016 – For A Celebration

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

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



### HIP Website

Please look at our website (<http://www.rotaryhip.com/>) for regular updates. There are many links to other organizations and is a great "go-to" site. The Rotary HIP Facebook has been set up so "like us on Facebook". Pass it on to your Facebook friends. You can find the icon on our [www.rotaryhip.com](http://www.rotaryhip.com) website. Pass on our news and activities to your friends and associates and get them involved.

**Blog:** There are a variety of news items that have been added recently. Keep checking back for regular updates. Go to ([Rotary HIP - Blog](#)).

**Links:** We added a new link ([Rotary HIP - Links](#)) to an organization, OCA(*Ontario Camps Association*). They are very interested in putting local Indigenous people and camps together to begin building partnerships and friendships throughout the summer. They are also creating an Indigenous resource page to be used by OCA members so it's another avenue to share information about historical issues and culture past and present. At the OCA Conference recently, a panel discussion was held bringing together indigenous peoples and camp professionals to talk about representation and programming at camps. John Andras, Chair of The Rotary Club of Toronto Aboriginal Service Committee, served on the panel along with Anne Taylor, Cultural Archivist, Curve Lake First Nation Cultural Centre among several other well respected presenters.

**Photos:** We have added several several photos into our photo album on our website ([Rotary HIP-Photo Album](#)). You will see the Neskantaga children enjoying their donation of skates and the new playground equipment that has arrived in the community for installation once the snow melts. As well, One Laptop per Child has sent a couple photos of their recent successes.

### **Newsletters**

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

### **Resources - Films & Documentaries**

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

### **Rotary News**

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

District 7080 clubs are involved in the First Nations School Breakfast Program run by ONEXONE Foundation ([ONEXONE - Hunger program - Be part of the solution](#)). Click on "hunger" icon on the home page to read about the program. An application has been submitted for a Rotary Matching Grant. ONEXONE is committed to increasing nutrition, food literacy, and scholastic success in First Nations communities. 600,000 balanced breakfasts are served each year. A good breakfast enhances learning significantly.

If your club is or has held an event or been involved in an event or project, please email Julie Dunaikis ([julie@eccgroup.ca](mailto:julie@eccgroup.ca)) a brief summary so we can post on the HIP website and provide an update in upcoming newsletters. This will help other clubs and provide a sense of how we are involved. If you have been sent a questionnaire to learn of your activities, please return.

### **Request a Speaker**

Would your club like to have a HIP representative speak at an upcoming meeting? If so, please contact Julie Dunaikis ([julie@eccgroup.ca](mailto:julie@eccgroup.ca)) with available dates and we will co-ordinate for you. We have established a great relationship with the Chiefs of Ontario. They are willing to arrange for speakers.

### **Approved Projects**

Check the HIP website ([Rotary HIP - Approved projects](#)) to see full project descriptions. We hope you or your club can support any of the projects mentioned as follows. We need much more financial support. Please join in. Not only will you help the project become reality and assist with the educational needs but you will learn a lot as well.

Here is a new project: **One Laptop per Child Canada**

OLPC Canada provides 21st century educational tools to Aboriginal students nationwide. To date, OLPC has connected more than 60 Aboriginal education programs and 9,000 students to technology designed with children in mind. Please help raise awareness and financial support about this initiative by sharing their video we have posted to our website under Films & Documentaries. It takes a network to connect a child. Learn more at: [www.olpccanada.com](http://www.olpccanada.com). Better still, provide some financial support. This is a natural Rotary project.

Other projects:

- The Pen Pals' G.R.A.N.D. Project - Grand River Arts: Neighbourhood Dialogue
- Better Hearing in Education for Northern Youth - The Rotary Club of Guelph
- Wawahte Documentary -Subject Indian Residential Schools - "Telling the Story"
- Pelican Falls First Nations High School, Sioux Lookout

### **What do First Nations People Need and Want?**

A group of young people in Attawapiskat came up with some very poignant suggestions. To see them, go to our website Blog. ([Rotary HIP - Blog](#)).

### **Upcoming Events**

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

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

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

Do you you have vacation plans yet? If the answer is no, you may be interested in spending a week (July 14-21) on a remote First Nations reserve. This is the third trip to be organized by the local youth and past participants have found the trip to be life-changing. Twenty-five travellers will be welcomed to Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation (KI) to experience life and daily activities in their community. You can find out further details on our blog.

### **Ongoing**

You can access 8th Fire hosted by Wab Kinew (<http://www.cbc.ca/8thfire/2012/03/wab-kinew.html>).

CBC Radio every week day has a very informative program called *Unreserved* hosted by renowned Aboriginal broadcaster Rosanna Deerchild. Check your local listings for the time. For the GTA, it is on at 1 p.m. It is filled with a vast array of stories, interviews and issues.

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

### **Message from HIP Chair, Chris Snyder**

The Rotary Club of Toronto recently hosted a Kairos Blanket event. This was created by an ecumenical group called Kairos aimed at promoting understanding and awareness of Indigenous Peoples. The event starts with participants representing Indigenous Peoples standing on blankets which represents Turtle Island (Canada).

Two Indigenous people, Tim Thompson, who is on the HIP Board and LuAnn Hill, on our Project Committee, along with Ed Bianchi from Kairos read the script explaining the events affecting Indigenous Peoples that had occurred since the arrival of the Europeans.

This relationship started in a friendly way depicted by a Wampum Belt. This Belt marked the agreement reached between the Europeans and Indigenous Peoples moving along and working together in a peaceful and co-operative manner.

Then came a series of events - disease (smallpox), treaties made and broken, land being taken away, the Indian Act,



the outlawing of celebrations, the defining of status and non-status Indians, residential schools and ensuing intergenerational trauma.

During this ceremony, the blankets(land) were reduced in size and the people were slowly taken off the floor showing their decreased number.

Afterwards, we sat in a circle and discussed actions being suggested.

It was a moving and emotional event. District Governor(7070), Michael Bell in his reflections said he was glad to see it was ended with positive ideas and actions being put forward.

We are all saddened to hear stories such as what is happening in communities such as Attawapiskat, however, there are, though, many positive activities taking place. Unfortunately, it is the negative stories that make the news.

HIP's educational and awareness initiatives fall into the positive action category, however for many, the awareness piece is not yet there to spur involvement and action.

Kairos is an excellent awareness raising ceremony for everyone. It can be made available to groups of 15-50 people. Rotary clubs are perfect candidates. It runs for about 45 minutes with an optional but important after circle of the same length. There is no charge, however, an honorarium is appropriate. We charged \$10/person.

If you are aware and want to do something just go to our website (under resources)and look for our projects and 13 ways you can get involved otherwise the Kairos Blanket exercise is a good starting point.

To follow up, you can contact Ed Bianchi at [ebianchi@kairoscanada.org](mailto:ebianchi@kairoscanada.org) or me [Chris@eccgroup.ca](mailto:Chris@eccgroup.ca).

Sincerely, **Chris Snyder** Chair, HIP [snyder@eccgroup.ca](mailto:snyder@eccgroup.ca) 416-364-0181 Ext. 2501

## District 7070 Rotary Leadership Institute wraps up another successful Rotary year at Seneca College in Toronto

What an exciting day at District 7070's Rotary Leadership institute's April 23 , 2016 Parts One , Two and Three at Seneca College's Finch Campus, with over 70 attendees. The link, below has 81fantastic photos from Assistant Governor Aziz Saleh (and PastDistrict Governor Brian Thompson) . I am sure you will recognize many of them. The next sessions will be held next Rotary year in Belleville at Loyalist College, in Oshawa at the Oshawa Golf & Curling Club, and again at Seneca College, in Toronto. Watch the District website [www.rotary7070.org](http://www.rotary7070.org) and our District 7070 Newsletters for details how you can join in the fun , learn more about Rotary and exchange ideas with your fellow Rotarians from Southern Ontario. A very special thank you to past District Governor Ted Morrison and to all of the session leaders.



Graduates of Rotary Leadership Part One on April 23, 2016 – Congratulations !!!

Rotary Leadership Institute (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. In addition to the specific leadership skills sessions, all the RLI sessions have a leadership component.

The overriding goal of the courses for club Rotarians is to create ENTHUSIASM for Rotary by opening up to them the world of Rotary outside of their own clubs and also showing them the great potential of Rotary service for the benefit of the world that can be furthered with excellent leadership in our clubs.

RLI is a general education program, and graduates of RLI bring a greatly enhanced background in Rotary back to their clubs and Districts.



Congratulations to the graduates of Part Three. They have complete all 3 Parts of the Rotary Leadership Institute  
For a look at lots of photos from Assistant Governor Aziz Saleh (and Past District Governor Brian Thiompson) , please go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1081711195226050.1073741864.112777545452758&type=3>

**REMINDER: District 7070 Training Assembly – May 14, 2016 BMO  
Institute for Learning Address: 3550 Pharmacy Ave, Toronto, ON  
M1W 3Z3 - Please register on line TODAY !**

### **What is the District Training Assembly?**

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

Some of the most experienced district leaders conduct informative discussions on all phases of Rotary administration and service projects. The sessions give all participants valuable new ideas to make their club more effective and interesting. Normally eight to ten delegates from each club (officers, directors, committee chairs, etc.) are invited to attend the training session.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Save the date: **May 14**. Your club president will have more details that will allow you to register on the [www.rotary7070.org](http://www.rotary7070.org) website TODAY.

## 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 January 31, 2016, there are 1,222,340 Rotarians in 35,122 Rotary Clubs in the world. And, As of December 29, 2015, there are 201,342 Rotaract members in 8,754 Rotaract Clubs in the world and there are 441,278 Interact members in 19,186 Interact Clubs in the world.



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Water & Sanitation  
Rotarian Action Group



### **Our New Website: [www.wasrag.org](http://www.wasrag.org)**

Have you visited our new website yet? Our new site was launched on November 1, 2015. We've upgraded a number of features, including a more user-friendly project search tool, easier loading for your projects and much more! Be sure to take a look. In the coming weeks we will expand the site in a variety of areas. In the meantime, we appreciate your comments and ideas at [info@wasrag.org](mailto:info@wasrag.org)

### **Rotary Foundation Centennial**

Starting July 1, 2016, The Rotary Foundation is celebrating its 100th birthday. Lots of special events are scheduled! Significant for WASRAG is the announcement that 10 outstanding global grant projects completed during the 2015-16 Rotary year will be recognized by The Rotary Foundation at the 2017 International Convention in Atlanta.

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

### **World Water Summit in Korea**

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

### **WASH Resources**

The following are some great WASH resources that you might find useful!

[Centre for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology](#)

[The Water Network](#)

[Faecal Sludge Management - Practical Action in South Asia](#)

[Partnership for Handwashing](#)

### **WASH e-club and Digital Presentation Library**

In earlier newsletters we've mentioned Rotary's first WASH e-club. Founded in New Zealand, but with a global reach, the club plans to have it's "launch" meeting in Seoul.

The WASH e-Club is an ideal way for Rotarians with a passion for WASH to keep up-to-date.

To support e-clubs and others interested in online materials, WASRAG is developing a video library of presentations that can be used as meeting topics for e-Clubs and traditional Rotary Clubs.



## New Projects

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

## Wasrag needs your membership.

Membership revenue helps cover our administrative costs, website upgrades, training, development of support materials etc. To check whether your membership has expired, email [Anna](mailto:Anna)

To submit stories and pictures our Newsletter, please email: [info@wasrag.org](mailto:info@wasrag.org) to the attention of Wasrag newsletter editors Ian Rumbles and Terri Black.

**\*The Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group (Wasrag)** is pleased to consider partnerships with any corporate supporter. Due to the unique attributes of water sources and water provision, acceptance of corporate support does not imply an endorsement of any particular water technology. Rotarians, Rotary clubs, and Rotary partners must evaluate any technology to determine if it is the best solution for the conditions where the program will be implemented. Wasrag can provide guidance about where different technologies work best, but Rotarians and Rotary clubs must make the final decision about how to implement their programs.

**The Water & Sanitation Rotarian Action Group** is a group of Rotarians whose purpose is to support Rotary clubs to effectively plan, finance, implement, monitor and evaluate water, sanitation, and hygiene programs, where they are most needed in a collaborative, cost-effective, timely, and sustainable manner, true to the principles of Rotary International. Wasrag operates in accordance with Rotary International policy but is not an agency of, or controlled by, Rotary International.

## REMINDER: Awards for YOU to Consider Today – MAY 31 , 2016 DEADLINE

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

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

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

### Sponsored by The Rotary Club of Toronto

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

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

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

Since the Ottawa Treaty banning landmines in 1997, The Rotary Club of Toronto has been a very big player in the landmine movement. We have contributed a lot of money and bought a demining dog named “Sapper”. Sandy Boucher is the Past Chair of Rotarians For Mine Action and Chris Snyder is the current Chair of The Canadian Landmine Foundation.

You are invited to come to a gathering at:

The National Club

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

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

### **The Catch?**

We ask you to make a voluntary, tax-receiptable donation to The Canadian Landmine Foundation. The money will be used to assist with the Foundation's mandate of ridding the world of landmines and assisting the survivors. This year, we would like to exceed last year's total. Please reply to **Julie Dunauskis** at [julie@eccgroup.ca](mailto:julie@eccgroup.ca) **no later than Wednesday, April 27, 2016** if you are able to attend. We hope to see you there.

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

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

## **ROTARY POKER WALKS FOR HIV / AIDS - April 23, 2016 in Belleville and April 30, 2016 in Toronto**

The War on AIDS can be won with your help and your Rotary Club can still make a donation.

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. And on April 30, 2016 in Toronto, more than \$30,000 was raised. Congratulations Rotary District 7070.

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

### **And it is not too late for your Rotary Club to make a donation.**

Further information can be obtained by emailing , <mailto:toronto@rotaryaidswalk.ca> and for more details, please consult our websites: <http://rotaryaidswalk.ca/> ; <http://toronto.rotaryaidswalk.ca/> and <http://belleville.rotaryaidswalk.ca/>

Be sure to go to the District 7070 Facebook Page and check out the Photo Album on the 2016 Rotary Paoker Walks for HIV AIDS in Belleville and Toronto

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1086775378052965.1073741865.112777545452758&type=3>

## **REMINDER: Rotary Global Rewards**

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

## REMINDER: District 7070 Conference 2016

### Are you ready to REV UP ROTARY? October 21 & 22, 2016

You will be when you attend the 2016 District 7070 Conference. Poised to please, inform and inspire the 2016 conference will boast a **3R Hub** where you can explore Rotary projects, exchange information and fuel friendship. It's a different kind of space for you to **Re-ignite, Re-charge and Re-imagine Rotary**. When you aren't in the 3R Hub you'll find yourself being driven by a program of inspiring **TED style talks** from speakers who will have you racing for the open road to do good in the world. See more at: <http://www.rotary7070.org/SitePage/rev-up-rotary-district-conference-2016#sthash.8Bqb8vdE.dpuf>

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

**Click here to book your hotel room.**

Register by the end of May and save money.

## REMINDER: District 7070 Climb to End Polio

Now:



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

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

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

**Be sure to ask your friends who are not Rotarians will like to support this worthy cause too.** Ask them to please visit: [www.conquerpolio.org](http://www.conquerpolio.org)

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

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

My Fellow Rotarians,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Ian Lancaster**

## REMINDER: Mobile Business Directory of the Members of Rotary International District 7070

**From Rotarian Rob MacArthur, a member of The District 7070 District Website Team**

Are you a Rotarian in District 7070?

How would you like to advertise your business on our new mobile business directory for as little as \$10 for the first year?

Check out the site at <http://www.rotarydistrict7070.mobi> to register today!

Are you a consumer looking for a service or business owned by a Rotarian?

Check the site often to see our business directory grow.

Who wouldn't want to do business with a group of business owners that follow The Four-Way Test

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Check out our Facebook link: 7070 Directory

[www.rotarydistrict7070.mobi](http://www.rotarydistrict7070.mobi)

The Rotary District 7070 Mobile Business Directory has been in operation for over two years. We have several District members listing their businesses. The Directory has had over 6,000 visits annually with a click through rate of over 6%. This means that 6% of those visits did something... they called a business... they clicked on the map to find the business... or they went to the businesses website. In the industry, over 6% is very good. The more members we

have participating and sharing the directory, the more exposure it will have and the better success it will have. Any Rotary member of District 7070 can be on the directory for a cost of \$10.00. To look at the directory and to find out more about it, please go to [www.rotarydistrict7070.mobi](http://www.rotarydistrict7070.mobi). You can also fill out the form to have your business put on the directory.

If you have any questions, please contact any member of the District Clubrunner Committee.  
Is your business missing out on a opportunity?

If you would like more info, please contact Rob McArthur at [info@robmac.org](mailto:info@robmac.org) .

Editor's Note: A very special Thank You to **Rotarian Rob MacArthur** of our District Website Team who has created the Mobile Business Directory of the Members of Rotary International District 7070

## REMINDER: A Rotary District 7070 Speakers Bureau

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

Guest Speakers or Your Own Club Member Speakers:

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

**How about sharing that speaker with everyone in District 7070.**

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

Please send the following info:

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

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

To Rotarian Aziz Saleh at [azizdsaleh@gmail.com](mailto:azizdsaleh@gmail.com)

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

## REMINDER: New tools for the membership tool belt

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

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

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

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



## 6. [Understanding Why Members Resign: Exit Survey](#)

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

## Building a solid membership foundation

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

Here are three ways to keep new members engaged:

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

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



## New Rotary Event Planning Guide:

Rotary released a new event planning guide this week. Lots of useful information for clubs and districts in planning events, fundraisers, membership campaigns and much more. It is very good. The guide is available on the Rotary Brand Center at [www.Rotary.org/brandcenter](http://www.Rotary.org/brandcenter) or you can download from:

<https://files.acrobat.com/a/preview/7f285066-f1e3-4b6d-be5b-eeedcd278afc>

## Rotary members attend Jubilee Audience at the Vatican

*Pope Francis thanks Rotary for its efforts to end polio and urges Rotary members to continue vaccination campaigns*



Rotary International President K.R. Ravindran is greeted by Pope Francis following the Jubilee Audience at the Vatican in St. Peter's Square on April 30, 2016. Photo courtesy of the Vatican.

Nearly 9,000 members of [Rotary](#) from across the globe attended the Jubilee Audience at the Vatican in St. Peter's Square on 30 April 2016 at the invitation of Pope Francis.

At the end of the Audience, a delegation of Rotary members - led by Rotary International President K.R. Ravindran - met Pope Francis where he emphasized the importance of vaccinations against polio and urged Rotary to continue.

Pope Francis follows Paul VI and John Paul II in connecting with Rotary to encourage their support of a more peaceful and compassionate world.

"It is a tremendous honor to be part of this Jubilee Audience," said Ravindran. "Pope Francis has inspired men and women throughout the world – regardless of their faith – with his humble acts of kindness. His call to alleviate the root causes of extreme poverty and human suffering transcends religion, age, nationalism and politics. Rotary members from every religion, nation and creed share Pope Francis' spirit of mercy and compassion, which inspires us to act boldly to address the most difficult challenges facing our world today."

By promoting peace, fighting disease, [ending polio](#), providing clean water, sanitation and hygiene, supporting education, saving mothers and children and growing local economies, Rotary members are improving lives and bringing positive, lasting change to communities around the world.

Rotary and its partners in the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) are on the brink of making global health history as polio is slated to become the second human disease ever to be eliminated. Cases of this paralyzing but vaccine preventable disease have plummeted by more than 99.9 percent, from about 350,000 cases a year in 1988, to 74 confirmed in 2015. Since launching its [PolioPlus](#) program in 1985, Rotary has donated US\$1.5 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect 2.5 billion children in 122 countries from polio. More than 13 million people are able to walk today, who would otherwise have been paralyzed from polio.

Pope Francis personally vaccinated a child against polio in Mexico this past February. While he was Archbishop Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Buenos Aires, Pope Francis was named an honorary member of Rotary – making him the first known pope to receive and accept a Rotary club membership.

Visit [rotary.org](#) and [endpolio.org](#) for more about Rotary and its efforts to eradicate polio. Video and still images will be available at <http://rotary.thenewsmarket.com/>.

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## Rotary Clubs in Durham Region help "*Talk for a Cure*" with *Guinness World Record*

On April 30, 2016, in the Region of Durham, Franco Scanga completed 21 different speeches in 14 hours and we are all waiting to hear if he has in fact, set at a new Guinness World Record and raised money for the Canadian Cancer Society. His aim was to raise money for cancer research.

He went for the record on April 30 at a variety of locations across Durham Region. His father, Antonio Scanga, has battled cancer and is the inspiration for Franco's challenge. The Rotary Clubs of Bowmanville, Courtice, Oshawa, Oshawa-Parkwood and the Rotaract Club of UOIT- Durham College all hosted one of Franco's 21 speeches in that 14 hour period. Proceeds go to the Canadian Cancer Society. He hopes to raise \$16,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society by beating the record.

The father of two was inspired to complete this challenge after his father beat cancer for the second time in 2015. A world record is great, but at the end of the day it is secondary," he said in a recent article in *Oshawa This Week*, "I hope by doing this that someone else will get a second chance like my dad did." He drew inspiration for the event from the Canadian Cancer Society's Fearless Challenge, a campaign that encourages people to face their fears in order to raise money for cancer research. Franco wanted to put himself in a fearless challenge to support his dad in a way that was different. He chose public speaking because he always enjoyed speaking in front of people as a child, but as an adult it has become a barrier that he wants to overcome. And it is not too late to help Franco reach his goal. Please link into <http://talkforacure.ca/index.html>



Franco at Speech # 9 at Adelaide McLaughlin House in Oshawa talking to the Rotary Club of Oshawa-Parkwood

## Get Connected, Rotarians !!!

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

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

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

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

Be sure to “Like” us on **our Facebook Page** : Rotary District 7070

Be sure to “Like” Rotary on their Facebook Page: Rotary International

Have you checked out you Rotary Club website and Facebook Page lately? **Is it current?** When potential members come to your club , they check out your webiste.