



**DISTRICT 7070 NEWSLETTER**  
**NOVEMBER 1, 2015**  
**South Central Ontario, CANADA**

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DG Michael and Jo-Ann Bell

## District Governor's Newsletter NOVEMBER 1, 2015 Be A Gift To The World

### November is Foundation Month In Rotary

My Fellow Rotarians,

November is Rotary Foundation Month, however, I would first like to thank each of you who were able to join us for our 2015 "Be the Change" District Conference this past weekend. Some 300 of you turned out to share in great fellowship, to be inspired and to dialogue with inspirational plenary speakers, to learn from our breakout sessions and to laugh at the comedy of Second City.

Saturday was World Polio Day and we marked the occasion by hoisting a 40 foot End Polio Now sail in front of the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel. Those who were the most fit then climbed the 35 flights of stairs at the hotel to promote our End Polio Now Mount Kilimanjaro climb fundraiser which will take place in June of 2016.

From the Rotary Club of Etobicoke, our thanks to all of you for helping to make our 2015 District Conference a huge success!

In my opinion, our Rotary Foundation (and it is OUR Foundation), provides Rotarians with greater means to do so much more good at home and around the world than we ever could manage on our own. Through District and Global Grants, our Foundation allows us to give a hand up to those in need and to make a greater impact worldwide.

**New** for our District this year is the "**District 7070 Foundation Citation**" which was introduced to your club President at their training sessions this past spring. It was designed as a guideline (much like the Presidential Citation) to assist clubs in planning and setting their Foundation goals for the current Rotary year. To qualify for the citation your club must complete two compulsory and three of five optional goals in order to receive this recognition. If your club completes all five of the optional goals then you will receive the Foundation Citation with distinction. Did you know that District 7070 is one of the top Districts in Canada for supporting our Foundation? Well we are, and I would like to thank each and every one of you for your continued support of OUR Rotary Foundation.

**Together we will "Be A Gift to the World"**

Best wishes,

*Michael*

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



## From District Governor Elect Jim Louttit

Dear Fellow Rotarians,



Attending 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 next 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.

I am heading up the District 7070 Rotary International Convention Committee to Seoul, Korea ( May 28 to June 1, 2016) and it would be my pleasure to visit your Rotary Club and do a presentation with a video about the convention. If you are a Rotarian and a travel agent putting together pre or post convention tour options, please get in touch with me and I will be happy to include this information in my presentations.

I can be reached at [jvlperu@gmail.com](mailto:jvlperu@gmail.com).

Be sure to go to the Rotary International Convention website <http://www.riconvention.org/> today.

It's your chance to connect with Rotary members from around the world. You'll build new relationships and exchange ideas across cultures. You'll also be able to: Enhance your professional skills; Network to find a project partner; and Participate in a meaningful service project.

Experience the hospitality of this world-class city at one of the most beautiful times of the year. Plan now to: Visit UNESCO World Heritage sites; Sample traditional Korean fare; and Experience Seoul's vibrant nightlife.

The Seoul convention will be a unique experience highlighted by once-in-a-lifetime activities arranged by the Host Organization.

Committee: Tour Korea with local Rotary members; Enjoy stirring music and dance performances by local artists; and Show off your talents at the Rotary Family Talent Contest.

<b>Name of Event</b>	2016 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL SEOUL CONVENTION
<b>Period</b>	Saturday, May 28 ~ Wednesday, June 1, 2016
<b>Venue</b>	KINTEX – Goyang-si, Gyeonggi-do Province
<b>Host</b>	Rotary International · Rotary International Seoul Convention HOC
<b>Theme</b>	Connect With Korea-Touch The World.
<b>Participants</b>	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. And in the next few weeks, take a look at the District 7070 Website [www.rotary7070.org](http://www.rotary7070.org) for lots more on the 2016 Rotary International Convention.

*Jim*

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



## Rotary International President Ravi Ravindran's Monthly Message – November 2015

### Dear Fellow Rotarians:



Onesunny morning at the end of June 1991, a van drove through the busy, rush-hour streets of Colombo, Sri Lanka. Winding through traffic to a northern suburb, the van arrived at the Forward Command Headquarters of the Defense Ministry. Security guards stopped it for inspection. When they did, the two suicide bombers driving the van detonated their cargo: thousands of kilograms of plastic explosives.

The roof of the building was blown off completely. Debris was strewn for blocks. In total, 21 people were killed and 175 people injured, among them many pupils of the girls' school next door. More than a kilometer away, the blast shattered every window in my home. My wife raced toward the sound of the explosion – toward our daughter's school.

Our daughter was then nine years old. That morning, she had forgotten her pencil case at home. At the moment of the blast, she was coming out of a stationer's shop, admiring her new

pencils. Suddenly her ears were ringing, the air was filled with sand, and everywhere around her people were screaming, bleeding, and running. Someone pulled her into the garden of the badly damaged school, where she waited until my wife arrived to bring her back to our home – its floors still covered with broken glass.

Sri Lanka today is peaceful and thriving, visited by some two million tourists every year. Our war now is only a memory, and we as a nation look forward to a promising future. Yet so many other nations cannot say the same. Today, more of the world's countries are involved in conflict than not; a record 59.5 million people worldwide live displaced by wars and violence.

In Rotary we believe, in spite of all that, in the possibility of peace – not out of idealism, but out of experience. We have seen that even the most intractable conflicts can be resolved when people have more to lose by fighting than by working together. We have seen what can happen when we approach peace-building in ways that are truly radical, such as the work of our Rotary Peace Fellows. Through our Rotary Foundation, peace fellows become experts in preventing and resolving conflict. Our goal is that they will find new ways not only to end wars but to stop them before they begin.

Among the hundreds of peace fellows who have graduated from the program, two from Sri Lanka, one from each side of the conflict, studied together. In the first weeks of the course, both argued passionately for the rightness of their side. Yet week by week, they grew to understand each other's perspective; today, they are good friends. When I met them and heard their story, they gave me hope. If 25 years of pain and bitterness could be overcome by Rotary, then what, indeed, is beyond us?

We cannot fight violence with violence. But when we fight it with education, with understanding, and with peace, we can truly ***Be a Gift to the World.***

**Ravi**

K. R Ravindran

**President, Rotary International**

## Rotary Foundation Chair, Ray Klinginsmith's Monthly Message - November 2015 – Have you ever wondered - Why is November our Rotary Foundation Month?



**Dear fellow Rotarians,**

It is well established that The Rotary Foundation is the focus of attention in the month of November, and we try our best to publicize our Foundation programs and to raise money to fund the programs during the entire month! But why November?

The idea started in May 1956 when the RI Board designated the week of 15 November as Rotary Foundation Week. The designation was firmly in place by 1961 when I was a Rotary scholar in South Africa, and most of the southern African clubs featured programs about the Foundation that week. I also observed the same focus when I returned home and joined the Rotary club in

my hometown of Unionville, Mo.

Many of our clubs at that time scheduled low-cost meals at their meetings during Rotary Foundation Week and donated the savings to the Foundation. It was a good way to produce Foundation funds at a time when most contributions were still made by clubs, not by individual Rotarians. But why did the RI Board select the week of 15 November in 1956 and then expand it in 1982 to the whole month of November, starting in 1983-84?

My speculation is that the initial decision in 1956 was based on the realization that many clubs in the Northern Hemisphere, particularly the large clubs, were not fully active during their summer months of June, July, and August. Therefore, it was best to wait and give time for the clubs to educate their members each year about the Foundation. And since the Foundation contributions were coming from the clubs, it gave the clubs time to raise the money, but still send it to the Foundation in the first half of the Rotary year for investment purposes. This was a win-win situation for both the clubs and the Foundation!

Regardless of whether my speculation has merit, Rotary Foundation Month has been, and will continue to be, a critical factor in the success of our Foundation. It is the month that our clubs and districts continue the tradition of educating our Rotarians about the amazing quality of our Foundation programs and seeking the needed contributions to make the world a better place.

Our Foundation is a premier organization, and it owes its success to the support of Rotarians, many of whom have gained their appreciation of Foundation programs during the traditional emphasis on such programs in November. The importance of Rotary Foundation Month should not be discounted, and I hope that all of our clubs will feature the Foundation during the month of November. It is a significant and productive tradition, and we encourage all Rotarians to take the time to attend their club and district Foundation events this month.

**Embrace the tradition! Celebrate the Foundation!**

*Ray Klinginsmith*

**Ray Klinginsmith**

**Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair**

## SHELTERBOX News For November 2015

**From: Ron Noseworthy, Chair, ShelterBox Canada**



**Disasters don't take time off. Neither do we.**

So far in 2015, ShelterBox has responded to a disaster or crisis in 22 locations around the world. That translates to just over two disasters each month so far this year. Let's take a closer look at the impact made with three of our recent responses



## NEPAL EARTHQUAKE

ShelterBox responded to the 2015 Nepal Earthquakes which first occurred on April 25. To date we have provided emergency aid for more than 15,000 families. Families in remote areas, who completely lost their homes, were provided tents, while ShelterKits were distributed to people living in urban areas.

Two Canadian ShelterBox Response Team members were deployed to assist. Read the full deployment report [here](#)



## SYRIAN REFUGEE CRISIS

In March 2011, civil uprising against President, Bashar al-Assad began the Syrian civil war which has displaced more than 12.2 million people. Four years later, this is the worst humanitarian crisis the world has faced since the end of the cold war. This disaster displaced more people than the Philippines Typhoon Haiyan, Haiti earthquake, Japanese earthquake and Hurricane Katrina combined.

ShelterBox has assisted more than 8,000 families in the region. Read more about our response in the Syrian region [here](#)



## FLOODING IN MALAWI

Throughout the course of a year, the landlocked country of Malawi is regularly hit by floods and droughts. 2015's deluge is said to be the worst in 40 years as a month's worth of rain fell in just 24-hours. An estimated 230,000 people were affected as entire villages were washed away by the floods.

Our ShelterBox response team members, including two Canadians, delivered 1,224 ShelterBoxes and 650 ShelterKits, along with tarpaulins and extra solar lights. Read more about the deployment [here](#)



## CURRENT DEPLOYMENTS

ShelterBox is currently working in 5 countries: Cameroon, Nepal ,Niger , Tanzania , Syrian Region

Monitoring: Afghanistan, Pakistan, the Philippines, Central African Republic

For more information on these deployments visit our [website](#)

**To learn more or support ShelterBox's efforts, please visit us online at [www.shelterboxcanada.org](http://www.shelterboxcanada.org)**

For information about volunteering with ShelterBox Canada, visit us at [www.shelterboxcanada.org](http://www.shelterboxcanada.org) or call 1-855-875-4661

ShelterBox Canada donation designation options can be viewed on our website at [http://www.shelterboxcanada.org/donate\\_form.php](http://www.shelterboxcanada.org/donate_form.php)

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Best regards

**Ron Noseworthy**

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ShelterBox Response Team Member

Past President Rotary Club of Kenora

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## HIP (Honoring Indigenous People) News Update: November 2015

### HIP Board

We are pleased to welcome three new Rotary members to our HIP Board, Lisa Farano (Collingwood Georgian Bay), Meagan Berlin (Kingston Cataraqui) and Janet McLeod (Peterborough). Look for their information to be posted on our HIP website in the next few weeks.

Two of our current HIP Board members, Lorne Kenney and Bill Gray, are stepping aside. We would like to thank them for their outstanding work over the past few years getting HIP off the ground. Thank you! Both will participate on our HIP Advisory Board and Aboriginal issues in their area.

### HIP Website

Please have a look at our website ([www.rotaryhip.com](http://www.rotaryhip.com)) for regular updates. There are a lot of links to other organizations and is a great "go-to" site. Rotary HIP Facebook has been set up so "like us on Facebook". Pass on our news and activities to your fellow Rotarians, friends and associates and get them involved.

### Rotary News

At the Rotary District 7070 Conference, held at the Harbour Castle Westin Hotel, Toronto, ON on October 24<sup>th</sup>, we were spellbound by an outstanding panel discussion on *Aboriginal Education and Awareness*. The discussion focused on what aboriginals need and how HIP can assist. We saw a most informative and inspiring video made especially for the conference with a message from the Rt. Hon. Paul Martin, former Prime Minister of Canada. The panelists, Dr. Suzanne Stewart (Dene), Director of Aboriginal Education at OISE, Tim Thompson, former director of Education, AFN (Assembly of First Nations) and Sherry Campbell, CEO, Frontier College did an outstanding job informing Rotarians.

On November 27<sup>th</sup>, the Rotary Club of Toronto will be hosting a luncheon with guest speaker, First Nations National Chief, Perry Bellegarde. Please consider inviting your friends, associates and contacts. You should have received an earlier copy of the invitation. Please feel free to circulate. Tickets are \$50.00. If you would like to attend, tickets must be purchased prior to the luncheon through the Rotary Club of Toronto directly ([office@rotarytoronto.on.ca](mailto:office@rotarytoronto.on.ca)).

If your club is or has held an event, please email Julie Dunaiskis ([julie@eccgroup.ca](mailto:julie@eccgroup.ca)) a brief summary so we can post on the HIP website ([www.rotaryhip.com](http://www.rotaryhip.com)) and provide an update in upcoming newsletters. We look forward to hearing about the many club activities.

### Approved Projects

Check the HIP website ([www.rotaryhip.com/Contact & Donations/Approved Projects](http://www.rotaryhip.com/Contact%20&%20Donations/Approved%20Projects)) to see full project descriptions. We hope you or your club can support this or any of the projects mentioned as follows:

Our newest HIP Approved Project is the **Pen Pals' G.R.A.N.D. Project - Grand River Arts: Neighbourhood Dialogue.**

In 2006/2007, a teacher from Six Nations began a relationship project reaching out to a class in Caledonia to begin a pen pal initiative between the youth. Organizations, schools, teachers and students have supported and have approximately 1800 youth involved annually. Young people will come together to co-create reconciliation-themed artwork, in the spirit of mutual respect, friendship and peace. Art teachings will be taught by a group of volunteers, guest artists and paid alumni of the program. It is hoped that the Two-Row Wampum relationship will build into creating a space for arts-based relationship building. The final exhibition will travel to local communities through an offer by OCAD who will play host to the final exhibition. The young artists' team and Pen Pal Alumni will compile questions to ask select peers who have participated in the project.

*The Ask:* \$11,625 will cover art supplies, space rental and honorariums to the elder, teaching artists and alumni.

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**Neskatanga Playground Equipment** - Support is required to replace their current community equipment in the amount of \$50,000. Several clubs lead by The Rotary Club of Toronto and a foundation have joined but further support is required. Every community has a playground. They deserve one too. Please consider supporting this project. Contact Chris Snyder ([snyder@eccgroup.ca](mailto:snyder@eccgroup.ca)).

#### ***Wawahte Documentary of Indian Residential Schools "Telling the Story"***

It is hoped the film can be distributed in local school districts across Canada. If you know of or can engage a school to participate in a screening of the documentary, please contact Bob Wells ([rwells6@bell.net](mailto:rwells6@bell.net)) to arrange. We look forward to hearing about students becoming aware and knowledgeable about the residential school system.

**Pelican Falls First Nations High School, Sioux Lookout** - *The ask is for support to purchase a new school van. Due to lack of local transportation, the school van is a necessity to transport students to medical appointments, school sports events etc. Their current van is becoming unreliable.*

#### ***Better Hearing in Education for Northern Youth - The Rotary Club of Guelph***

Dr. Lynne McCurdy, an audiologist along with other audiologists is co-ordinating a project that hopes to improve the lives of Inuit youth in Qikiqtani(Baffin) region of northern Canada. Hearing loss in aboriginal populations can be 32-40% higher than non-aboriginal Canadians. The inability to hear, whether caused by hearing loss or poor acoustic environment, can interfere with a child's development of spoken language, reading, writing and academics. Children with hearing loss are unable to fill in gaps when they don't hear exactly what is said so miss necessary aspects of learning. The use of Soundfield amplification, when used as an educational tool, allows the speech of the teacher to be accessible to all children in the classroom and be heard at a uniform speech level.

*The Ask - \$240,000 over 2 years for equipment and networks of support to ensure sustainability.*

### **Upcoming Events**

November 23rd - Mady Centre, Barrie, ON - *An Illuminating Conversations Event* with speaker Robin Jones, the Provincial Negotiator for First Nations Police Services, Tactical Incident Commander of 500 high-risk incidents and Police Chief of the Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service.

#### ***You Were Asking...***

There was a higher Aboriginal turnout in the recent election realizing that voting does not undermine their sovereignty. There are now 10 Aboriginal members of parliament - up from 7. The Liberal government has pledged to have an inquiry into missing and murdered Aboriginal women and to have annual meetings with Aboriginal leaders.

Last month, we referred to clause 53 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls To Action as the most important clause for people to read. Here is the link:

([http://www.trc.ca/websites/trcinstitution/File/2015/Findings/Calls\\_to\\_Action\\_English2.pdf](http://www.trc.ca/websites/trcinstitution/File/2015/Findings/Calls_to_Action_English2.pdf)) but better still here is the actual clause. It calls for getting involved. I hope you will!

### **HIP Membership**

The HIP membership continues to grow. New members are always welcome. Check our website

([www.rotaryhip.com/Activities/Friends & Supporters](http://www.rotaryhip.com/Activities/Friends%20&%20Supporters)) to see who is registered. Is your name listed?  
You can join today by selecting ([www.rotaryhip.com/Contact & Donations/Become a Member](http://www.rotaryhip.com/Contact%20&%20Donations/Become%20a%20Member)) on the HIP website.

Donations are also accepted and can be done by letting us know ([www.rotaryhip.com/Contact & Donations/Make a Donation](http://www.rotaryhip.com/Contact%20&%20Donations/Make%20a%20Donation)) page. Cheques are to be made payable to HIP.

Sincerely

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

## Night of 1000 Dinners for Landmine Eradication

From: Hugh Williams, Rotary Etobicoke

Is Your Club Planning a “Night of 1000 Dinners”?! Say “YES”!

It's easy to do; it's engaging; it will make a meaningful difference; and, we have lots of resources to help you make it happen. Landmines are still an issue in many of the poorest places in the world.

Set aside November 27, Black Friday evening to do more than spend, but give(!) by having a Night of 1000 Dinners (N1KD) event. If that date won't work, don't worry – landmines can be eradicated **any evening that's convenient** for you.

Get your N1KD info here: <http://www.dynamicplanet.com/Rotary/N1KD.pdf>

Please let me know if your club is planning something and if you need any help with speakers, videos, or materials. LANDMINES NEWS... Mozambique was recently declared landmine-free and several of the heroes were rats! Not double-crossers, but furry critters. Here's a video: <http://canadianlandmine.org/video-landmine-sniffing-hero-rats-in-action>. Communities in countries like Sri Lanka, Cambodia, Angola still live with this silent killer in their backyards. So the work continues!



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## News from WASRAG – November 2015



### World Toilet Day: November 19

World Toilet Day is a day to take action. It is a day to raise awareness about all the people who do not have access to a toilet - despite the human right to water and sanitation. Of the world's seven billion people, 2.5 billion people do not have improved sanitation. One billion people still defecate in the open. Women and girls risk rape and abuse because they have no toilet that offers privacy.

It is a day to do something about it. Want [tools to help](#)?

### Raising Funds for WASH Projects



Thinking of raising funds for a club or district WASH projects? We love to hear your ideas! The best events do more than just raise money - they raise awareness of the water, sanitation crisis too. Read on to learn about District 7710's novel approach. [Read More ...](#)

### Rotary WASRAG Seminars

Many of you may have missed this recent series of webinars focussing on WASH in Schools. We're happy to tell you that all three of the webinars were taped and can be accessed as follows:

Webinar 1: - An Introduction to Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH) in Schools [Recording](#) [Slides](#)

Webinar 2: - WASH in Schools: Behaviour Change through Hygiene Education: [Recording](#) [Slides](#)

Webinar 3: - Engaging Your Community through WASH in Schools: [Recording](#) [Slides](#)

### Help Wanted: WASRAG Website Manager

Do you have a passion for WASH? Do you want to help ensure that Rotary's WASH projects are sustainable and will bring long lasting benefits to communities in desperate need? We may have just the opportunity you are looking for!

Wasrag is in the final design stages of building its new website: [www.wasrag.org](http://www.wasrag.org). Our new site is built on a Drupal base and will provide a number of services to Wasrag members and other WASH-minded persons in the Rotary world. Users will be able to

- Post their projects and seek partners;

- Team up with other clubs and search for volunteer opportunities.
- Enter their background data into our volunteer database and give us a pool of talent that we can draw upon when specific opportunities arise.
- Access Technical Guides to help with their projects and located experts in many WASH fields.

And much more.....

Our new site will be Wasrag's face to the world. We need a Rotarian with strong skills in managing websites. Someone who can keep the site current and will ensure that dated material is updated or removed. The Website Manager will monitor the site and make sure that problems are dealt with promptly. Some experience with Drupal would be a huge asset.

Needless to say, in Rotary tradition, this is not a paid position. But, you will be part of a dedicated team that seeks to resolve the world's water, sanitation and hygiene crisis. If this appeals to you and you have the requisite skills, please drop us an email at [info@wasrag.org](mailto:info@wasrag.org) and tell us about yourself!

### Mark Your Calendar!

WASRAG's World Water Summit 8 is scheduled for Friday May 29th, 2016 in Seoul, Korea, immediately before the Rotary International Convention. The annual Summit is a great opportunity to learn, share, meet others passionate about WASH, and find out about others successes and failures and lessons learned. Mark the date! Registration will open soon. For more information contact us at [WWS8](#)

### 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 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!

**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.

**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 become a member, simply click on the button.

**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.



## New Rotaract E-Club Coming to District 7070

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

There is excitement brewing in Rotary District 7070!

The District 7070 Rotaract Chair, (and District Governor Nominee) Neil Phillips, officially announced at the Rotary District 7070 Conference, on October 24, 2015, that the District 7070 is creating a Rotaract E-Club.

An e-club is an internet-based club that meets virtually and conducts its projects and events through the web. Our district wants to grow its Rotaract membership base while addressing the need to retain Rotaractors who leave their academic-based Rotaract clubs upon graduation.

There is a missed opportunity here, since approximately 5% of Rotaractors worldwide join Rotary.

An e-club will help bridge this gap as graduating Rotaractors can still be members, regardless of where they move to after they complete their studies. The club will offer Rotaractors a chance to get involved and make a difference without the commute and provide the opportunity to mingle with Rotaractors across the District. The President-elect designate is Anmol Mirpuri, a Rotaractor from the Rotaract Club of York University. She is very excited to begin the journey of establishing a new club!

To receive more information regarding the e-club, please fill out this form: <https://rotaract.typeform.com/to/SKFDrP>.

We challenge all Rotarians in our district to reach out to any Rotaractors from clubs you have sponsored, who may no longer be involved. Contact RYLA participants and past youth exchange students who have returned from abroad. These individuals are the future of Rotary and we need to try our best to keep them engaged and involved.

Stay tuned for more details about the charter night for the first Rotaract E-Club in District 7070!

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Warmest regards,

Kelly Ku, District Rotaract Representative (DRR), Rotaract District 7070 [www.rotaractd7070.org](http://www.rotaractd7070.org)

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Here is a photo of some of the Rotaractors from the District 7070 Rotaract Clubs at the Rotary District Conference Oct 23-25, 2015 at the Westin Harbour Castle.

## Highlights from the District Conference 2015

Congratulations to District Governor Michael Bell, the Rotary Club of Etobicoke, and the entire 2015 District 7070 Conference Committee, chaired by Paul Roeser for a fantastic conference at the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel Oct 23-25. We now know that we can Be the Change and really make a difference in so many people's lives all over the world.

Throughout the weekend, the House of Friendship offered Rotarians a chance to see some of the many District club projects and a chance to network with the exhibitors. And on Saturday, Rotarians had a chance to do a real "Hands On" service project – packaging 15,000 meals for the Kids Against Hunger Canada which will feed the needy indigenous children in northern Ontario.

Following the Friday evening of fun and fellowship and lots of karaoke at Rotary Club sponsored Hospitality Suites, our District 7070 Rotary Youth Exchange students were led in carrying their country flags from their host countries, together with the Rotary flag, and the flags of Canada and the USA (the home country of the Office of the Rotary International President). Our first keynote speakers were introduced by Chris Snyder, Rotary Club of Toronto, (and Chair of the Rotary initiative Honouring Indigenous People): Dr Suzanne Stewart, Tim Thompson and a video from the Rt. Hon. Paul Martin and moderator Rotarian Sherry Campbell opened our eyes to the history and background of education of our indigenous people (including the residential schools) and showed how we could help. One way is for your Rotary Club and you to join HIP, and also to assist with Paul Martin's Martin Aboriginal Education Initiative. The audience was absolutely spellbound during the entire presentation.

Excellent break-out sessions followed on Youth Issues, Team Building, Faces of Literacy, and Re-Aquaintance Room, and of course Membership Matters, and then, at lunch, we heard presentations from Past District Governor Bill Patchett on the Rotary Foundation and Past District Ted Morrison on The [Rotary Council On Legislation](#) next April 2016.

Our keynote speakers for the afternoon featured youth empowerment. We heard from [Joe Roberts](#) and his "[The Push for Change](#)" and his [Walk With Joe](#) campaign emphasizing his cross Canada trek pushing a shopping cart in 2016 and raising awareness and funds to help end youth homeless across Canada, and we heard from [Marc Kielberger](#) of [Free The Children](#) and the [We Days](#) that are carried out all over the world.

Afternoon break-out sessions included a Polio Update (from Dr. Bob Scott); Toronto's History; Youth Mental Health; Rotaract. And The Council on Legislation.

At 4:00 pm, the October 24 turned to District 7070 World Polio Day Chair Jennifer Boyd and Dr Bob Scott as we celebrated World Polio Day and hundreds of Rotarians help raise a red 40-foot End Polio Now Sail, in front of the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel. Be sure to check out the District 7070 Facebook Page and look for photos and the album [2015 World Polio Day](#). A very special thanks to Rotary District 7070 Chair of World Polio Day Jennifer Boyd and her team.

Following that, many Rotarians got in some practice for the District 7070 End Polio Now Climb of Mount Kilimanjaro in 2016, by climbing the 34 flights of stairs inside the harbour Castle. Quite a feat.

The Saturday Gala Dinner and the Second City Revue were fantastic.. Many great reports from Rotarians and their guests. And even more Hospitality Suites. Thank you everyone.

On Sunday morning, Past District Governor and Chair Emeritus of [WASRAG](#) ( the Water and Sanitation Rotary Action Group) [Ron Denham](#), talked about the [Bugiri WASH School Project](#). It was followed by Performance Through Partnership and Para Pan Am athletes Robbi Weldon and Audrey Lemieux, (moderated by Rotarian Jack Fleming of Etobicoke).

And Shelterbox Heroes were given out special awards by Shelterbox Ambassador and Oshawa Rotarian Geoff Lloyd to Rotary clubs who have donated continuously to [Shelterbox](#) over the years. A Hero is a Club that commits to provide at least 1 box/\$1,200 per year for three or more years.

It has been said that a picture is worth 1,000 words. Well thanks to Rotarians Assistant Governors Aziz Saleh and Mary Lou Harrison and a few others, there are over 675 photos on the Rotary District 7070 Facebook page under photos and look for the 2015 Rotary District 7070 Conference album. Thank you all for putting on the photos. Here's an idea. Go into Facebook and add a description to the photos. Lots of fun by lots of Rotarians,

And see you all at the Sheraton Parkway Tower North in Richmond Hill on October 21 and 22, in 2016 as District Governor Elect Jim Louttit and his team help us **Rev Up Rotary** and Re-Ignite, Re-Charge and Re-Imagine at the [2016 Rotary District 7070 Conference](#).

## November is Rotary Foundation Month

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

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

November marks Rotary Foundation Month for the Rotary world and all of us in District 7070 and it is a great time to ask all Rotarians to think about supporting our Rotary Foundation. You will be making a difference in so many ways throughout the world. Rotarians do make the world a better place.

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

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

**Has your Club sent in your objectives for The Rotary Foundation Committee for the 2015-16 Rotary Year yet?**

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

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

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

And a special reminder to all Rotary District 7070 Club Presidents and to your club's Rotary Foundation Chairs , that the annual Rotary District 7070 Presidents Club Rotary Foundation Dinner Meeting is on Wednesday November 4, 2015 from 6 to 9 pm and the Oshawa Golf Club, 160 Alexandra Street in Oshawa .

Many thanks to all of you for your support.

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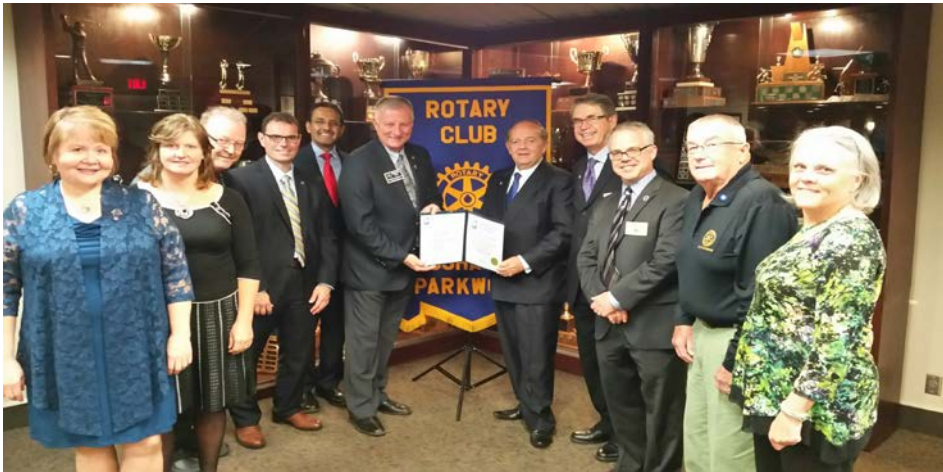
## **World Polio Day, October 24, 2015**

Rotary Clubs all over District 7070, during the week of October 19-24, celebrated World Polio Day 2015, October 24, 2015, as we told the world that Polio is being eradicated and that Rotary is leading the way. A very special thank you goes out to our World Polio Day Chair for District 7070, Jennifer Boyd..

Here were just some of the many ways that we recognized Rotary's fight to end Polio world wide. :

- World Polio Day, was proclaimed in many communities in District 7070: Toronto Mayor John Tory proclaimed October 24 as World Polio Day in the City of Toronto. Mayor John Henry of Oshawa, who just happens to be a member of the Rotary Club of Oshawa proclaimed World Polio Day in Oshawa for the fourth consecutive year. And Durham Regional Chair Roger Anderson proclaimed October 24 as World Polio Day in the Region of Durham for the third year in a row, and thanked all 10 Rotary Clubs (Ajax, Pickering, Uxbridge, Port Perry, Whitby, Whitby-Sunrise. Oshawa, Oshawa-Parkwood, Courtice and Bowmanville).
- And the End Polio Now Sail was raised at the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel in downtown Toronto as Rotarians from 55 Rotary Clubs celebrated World Polio Day at their Rotary District 7070 Conference .And all over the District towns and cities acknowledged Rotary and their work to eradicate Polio on World Polio Day. .





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At the Rotary District Conference , here is Jennifer Boyd, World Polio Day Chair talking to District 7070 Rotary Foundation Chair Bill Patchett . Jennifer is on a mission to fight for the children of the world and help Rotary END POLIO NOW !!!!!





And at the District 7070 Conference , here is District 7070 Governor Michael Bell; , District 7070 World Polio Day Chair Jennifer Boyd; and the Immediate Past Chair of the Rotary Polio Plus Campaign worldwide, Dr. Bob Scott, and behind them a 40 foot End Polio Now Sail.

- And in New York City, Rotary International did a Livestream broadcast on October 23, 2015 to celebrate World Polio Day.
- [Watch our World Polio Day update](#) Celebrities like Emmy Award-winning actress Archie Panjabi and Grammy Award-winning singer Angélique Kidjo joined health officials like Anthony Lake, executive director of UNICEF, in celebrating recent progress in the fight to end polio during our World Polio Day update on October 23, 2015. You can still [watch the update](#) and help us end polio by supporting the [Miles to End Polio team](#).

## A Leader's Attitude is Contagious – For Better or Worse

**From District Vocational Service Chair and Assistant Rotary Coordinator in Rotary Zone 24 East Ian E. Lancaster RN, CPN, CHPCN(C)**

What attitude did you bring to work with you today?

Unfortunately, very few leaders are aware of their attitude at any given moment.

We talk about attitude a lot, but what, exactly, is it? Psychologists define attitude as a learned tendency to evaluate things a certain way. Most people are aware if they don't feel well or if they are hungry, but few have taken their emotional intelligence to a level where they can acknowledge their attitude at a given moment and how it's impacting them and others. One of the greatest gifts you as a leader can bring to a team is self-awareness and an understanding of your attitude and the impact it plays on relationships, the performance of your team, and everyone around you.

Some leaders who are described as having a bad attitude exhibit pessimism, laziness, rudeness, gossip, procrastination, or negativity. Other bad attitudes are developed by events such as an unhappy customer, boss or a team member who undermines your expectations.

The problem with a leader having a bad attitude is that it's like a virus ... it spreads quickly. A bad manager can ruin the work environment and lower morale for everyone. Managers with bad attitudes are also expensive to keep. When their attitude impacts employees, it's usually felt by customers who know that they can find another business with more positive people to service their business needs.

The greatest thing about attitude is that it is the one thing we all have the ability to control. It's a choice. According to Viktor E. Frankl, "Our greatest freedom is the freedom to choose our attitude." Emotional intelligence is the ability to understand that it's not what happens to you that determines your attitude, but how you decide to respond.

So what happens if you or a leader who you work with has a bad attitude? Telling someone that they have a bad attitude doesn't work. Why? Because people will defend their attitude to their death and they have a goal of outliving you. The only chance you have of changing another person's attitude is to change their behaviors and actions.

Attitude is a hidden ingredient in a company's culture and is impossible to measure. Luckily, a positive attitude and culture make it very difficult for others in your industry to compete. Some may even say attitude is everything. It may not be everything but a positive attitude will have a positive impact on productivity, quality, service, innovation, and the emotional bond customers feel with your organization.

The following ten tips will help you as a leader exhibit a positive attitude and build a culture where your team or committee members enjoy working together and sharing their positive attitude:

**Develop a positive vision:** Your vision is the description of your clear mental picture of the future. Leaders with the right attitude have a positive vision of the future and a deep belief they can turn the vision into a reality. What's important to note about vision is that whatever your vision is—negative, status quo or positive—you're going to be right.

**Set goals and take actions daily to turn the vision into a reality:** Leaders with a positive vision set goals and then take the daily actions needed to turn the vision and goals into a reality.

**Choose positive self-talk:** It's impossible to think without using words. And, it's the words we say to ourselves that create our emotions and attitude. It's difficult to have a bad attitude when you're thinking about how blessed you are to be alive and to have wonderful family, friends, co-workers and clients as part of your life. Choose your words carefully!

**Spend your time with other positive people:** It is hard to be negative about life when you only hang out with positive people. On the other hand, it's a lot more difficult to be positive when the five people you spend the most time with are all negative. Choose your associates carefully!

**Focus on job responsibilities, not job functions:** In a recent study identifying the most common career-limiting habits, "It's Not My Job" came in second place. If you want to offer absolutely no help to improving your team or organization, this line says it all. Is the task your responsibility? If no one else does the task and it will negatively impact a customer or another team member if it's not done, it may not be your job, but it's your responsibility.

Be light-hearted: Having the ability to laugh and not to take yourself too seriously when things go wrong helps in maintaining a positive attitude. Learn to laugh often!

Do what you love: When you do what you love each day, you'll never have to get a job and work. It's easy to have a positive attitude when you have passion and love for what you do.

Stay physically fit: When you do what you know you should do and don't do what you know you shouldn't do, you feel better about yourself. When you feel good about yourself, positive thoughts lead to a positive attitude.

Stay focused on results: Every leader has been challenged with some type of personal or family problem that has a significant impact on their attitude. It's easy to let negative feelings caused by these things impact your attitude and drag you down. Don't let them. Stay focused on achieving positive results in your environment. The only thing worse than feeling low about your personal life is combining it with poor results at work.

Listen to others: As a leader, if you listen and observe, you can sense the positive morale of your team. If the team is flat or down, it may be related to *your* attitude. Conversely, when the team is up and highly motivated, there is also a good chance it's related to the attitude of *you*, the leader. Listen, observe and determine what attitude you want to project to your team.

A bad attitude is contagious . . . fortunately, so is a positive attitude. The choice is yours!

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## 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.

Raffy joined Rotary in 1998. He served as President of his club in 2001 – 2002 and is currently an Assistant District Governor.

Jennifer Boyd joined Rotary in 2011 after hearing about the work Rotarians had done to eradicate Polio from the world. She is the Office Manager of Scarborough North Dental Group and is currently serving as the President of her Rotary Club. She is the Chair of District 7070's World Polio Day committee.

After many years of supporting the Rotary International Polio Eradication Program, both Raffy Chouljian and Jennifer Boyd wanted to take part in the immunization clinics hands on. Earlier this year, they joined a group of Rotarians from District 7070 and traveled to India to take part in the National Immunization Days vaccinating children against Polio.

Following the days of administering vaccines to young children, and seeing first hand the difference the vaccines have made in these communities, they have decided to raise \$100,000 to aid in the Polio eradication effort.

"It took us 10 seconds to say yes" says Jennifer Boyd, referring to her Team and their decision of climbing Mount Kilimanjaro to raise funds for Polio eradication. "In 1985 Rotary International made a promise to the children of the world to eradicate Polio! We are so close to eradicating this horrible disease from the world and what better way to kick it into full gear than to climb Mount Kilimanjaro".

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.

Friends who are not Rotarians and would like to support this worthy cause please visit: [www.conquerpolio.org](http://www.conquerpolio.org)

## A Second Round of Applications for District Grants

**From District 7070 Rotary Foundation Grants Chair, Lars Henriksson**

The cheques for this year's District Grant projects were presented to the Clubs at the recent District 7070 Conference.

According to the rules for the District Grant process, the District also requested funds for projects that come up during the year.

Hence, we are inviting Clubs to submitting project applications for District Grants.

Please, visit the District's website [www.rotary7070.org](http://www.rotary7070.org) to download a copy of the application form.

You may also contact PDG Lars Henriksson, District Grants Sub-Committee Chair if you have questions or comments, either by email [lars@norditrade.com](mailto:lars@norditrade.com) or tel. [416-489 8438](tel:416-489-8438).

Please, forward applications to [lars@norditrade.com](mailto:lars@norditrade.com) no later than December 31, 2015.

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