DG MARGARET WALTON'S NEWSLETTER

This is my final newsletter "Putting it Together" for our year together. Thanks to everyone for an amazing year. I was endlessly impressed by the hard work, commitment and fellowship of District 7010 Rotarians

My goals for my year as District Governor were shaped by our theme for the year, Rotary Serving Humanity. Combined with my theme of "Putting It Together" I focused on actions that would bring us together, strengthen our clubs and enhance service to humanity. Below is a report outlining my goals for the year, the actions we took to fulfil them and the results. It was a great year.

Goal	Action	Results
Support and Strengthen Clubs	 Increase membership Improve member diversity Engage members Foster Interact and Rotaract Create new models for membership 	 Membership numbers are down but new processes have been put in place to support clubs. A Rotarian from each of the 8 areas will sit on the membership committee and act as the membership liaison to help clubs. New models for satellite clubs and corporate memberships in place. One successful satellite club is operating. Two new Interact and two Rotaract clubs were chartered. A partnership was entered with the YMCA to jointly sponsor and support new Interact clubs. This will be a model for a new partnership. Diversity in age and gender is improving.
Focus and Increase Humanitarian Service	 Sustain and build contributions to the Foundation Celebrate the Foundation's Centennial Establish a District based international, aboriginal and community project Identify and celebrate local club projects and programs Support club based international projects involving partnerships and travel 	 Goal for Foundation giving was exceeded. Celebrated the Foundation Centennial with a District Foundation dinner that raised over \$20,000 for the Foundation. Thanks to the North Bay clubs. District is supporting ongoing international, indigenous and community projects. Club projects were featured at the District conference Foundation Committee was effective in achieving improved understanding of District grants and increased number of

Enhance Public Image and	 Encourage clubs to contribute to and access Foundation funds Develop and implement a District wide campaign to 	successful applications (see below for qualifying clubs). Contributed \$70,000 of DDF to Polio Plus. Revised and updated District 7010 website – check it out! Thanks to
Awareness	 showcase Rotary Optimize use of social media Promote club based PI programs 	 Bill Hagborg for all his work on this. Reported all my activities on Facebook – had a strong following.
Get Connected	 Build relationships between 7010 clubs Host a friendship exchange Implement VTT Connect with youth Link budget to achievements 	 Attended numerous inter club events. Participated in an amazing exchange with New Zealand District 9290 with 21 fabulous 7010 Rotarians. We are looking forward to the Kiwis return trip in 2018. VTT went to Cambodia in April to strengthen BEL and Kempenfelt school project. Incorporated Rotaract in District Conference with Dragon's Den. Introduced program budgeting to link expenditures to results.
Promote Leadership	 Maximize participation in training Lead by example Showcase success Identify and Train Future Leaders 	 Lead by example – reached out to broaden participation at District level Expanded the role of DAC, by increasing number of meetings and including all Committee chairs. Rotary weekend a great success with an integrated RLI session. Sent 2 future leaders and a youth delegate to Zone in Winnipeg.
Celebrate Rotary	 Focus on Fellowship Maximize RI Convention attendance Host an engaging, inclusive conference 	 Attended many wonderful events that showed fellowship is strong. District 7010 was recognized in Atlanta for having the highest conference attendance of any of the District's in Zone 24— on to Toronto. Despite chair Jean Polak's accident (from which she has made an amazing recovery, the conference was brilliant thanks to Jean and her team

In this year when we celebrated the 100th anniversary of our Rotary Foundation I am pleased to report that the participation in accessing Foundation funds through District grants increased dramatically. Thanks to Sue Cook Kim Giffen and the rest of the Foundation team for making this possible. The District and Global grants that were awarded in District 7010 this year as listed below, show the diversity of work we are doing to serve humanity.

District Grants Approved 2016-17

Feb 04, 2017 Vocational Training Team 2016-17 Rotary Club of BEL \$10,000.00

Aug 25, 2016 Rotary Foundation Centennial & Canada's 150th Clock Rotary Club of Barrie \$2,000.00

Oct 07, 2016 #Jamies4Juniors Kempenfelt Rotary Club \$750.00

Sep 27, 2016 Hutcheson Beach Change Shelter Rotary Club of Huntsville/Lake of Bays \$2,000.00

Oct 01, 2016 HHART 8 Women's Drop-In and Child Daycare Centre Rotary Club of Wasaga Beach and Area \$2,000.00

Oct 01, 2016 <u>HHART 8 Waterworks, Road and Parkette Improvements</u> Rotary Club of Wasaga Beach and Area \$2,000.00

Oct 01, 2016 Project Lifesaver Elliot Lake Rotary Club of Elliot Lake \$2,000.00

Sep 29, 2016 Sustainability project 2 Rotary Club of Peterborough \$1,986.36

Sep 28, 2016 BML Cares – Student Led Service Projects (Priority 2) Rotary Club of Bracebridge-Muskoka Lakes \$1,500.00

Sep 27, 2016 HHART 8 Health Services Rotary Club of Huntsville/Lake of Bays \$2,000.00

Sep 27, 2016 <u>Literacy at Christmas/Adopt a Family</u> Rotary Club of Bridgenorth-Ennismore-Lakefield \$1,250.00

Sep 27, 2016 Furniture for a school in Tokmok, Kyrgyzstan Rotary Club of Peterborough Kawartha \$2,000.00

Sep 26, 2016 Rotary Trail Rotary Club of Innisfil\$ 2,000.00

Sep 26, 2016Learning Rotary Club of Gravenhurst\$2,000.00\$2,000.00

Sep 25, 2016 Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) Forum-priority 1 ROTARY CLUB of NORTH BAY – NIPISSING \$2,000.00

Sep 25, 2016 Marbial School (Haiti) Literacy Project Rotary Club of Peterborough Kawartha \$2,000.00

Sep 24, 2016 barrel gardening in Honduras Rotary Club of Peterborough \$695.67

Sep 22, 2016 Days for Girls Medical Health and Education Rotary Club of Bracebridge \$2,000.00

Sep 22, 2016 <u>Cambodia School and Sewing Program Extension</u> Rotary Club of Bridgenorth-Ennismore-Lakefield \$2,000.00

Sep 21, 2016 <u>Junior Achievement Huntsville Schools (priority 1 for club)</u> Rotary Club of Huntsville, Ontario \$2,000.00

Sep 21, 2016 Water Well for Village of Kajawo, Malawi Rotary Club of Huntsville \$2,000.00

Sep 18, 2016 Interval House - Phase 3 (Priority 1) Rotary Club of Bracebridge-Muskoka Lakes \$2,000.00

Sep 13, 2016 <u>2017 World Affairs Seminar (Education and Social Justice: Shaping the World You Will Inherit)</u> ROTARY CLUB of NORTH BAY – NIPISSING \$2,000.00

Sep 09, 2016 N.Bay Rotary Club Shelter Box Canada Project Rotary Club of North Bay \$2,000.00

Sep 07, 2016 Barrie Huronia Christmas Hamper Rotary Club of Barrie-Huronia \$2,000.00

Aug 31, 2016 Turkey Distribution Rotary Club of Orillia \$2,000.00

Aug 29, 2016 Rotary Centennial Fountain Rotary Club of Washago & Area - Centennial \$2,000.00

Global Grants were issued for a variety of projects including:

Barrie Kempenfelt Club <u>Farmers of The Future</u> GG 16365437
Peterborough Club <u>Training and Educational Assistance in Honduras</u> GG 1747929
Barrie Club <u>Beekeeping in Ethiopia</u> GG1744326
Peterborough Kawartha Club <u>Tavares Gardens</u> GG1635187
North Bay Club <u>Guatemala Literacy Project GG 1642745</u>

The Peterborough and North Bay projects successfully applied for money through the Canadian government's current program to match club's global grant contributions.

Thank you to your all for supporting me throughout my year with a special thanks to my husband and fellow Rotarian Ron who was with me every step of the way.

PDG Margaret