



ROTARY DISTRICT 7010 SERVICE PROJECTS REPORT

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Vocational Service Month

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

The Holiday Season came and went for some of us with great speed and here we are in the Rotary world thinking not only about how we best use the last 6 months of 2017-2018 but as well, what are we going to do in 2018-2019. As the Director of Service at the District 7010 level, my wish for all Clubs is that they remember they are here to serve. After all, our Rotary motto is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders. As in previous reports I continue to encourage all clubs that have interesting and novel service oriented (community, indigenous, international and vocational) service projects to share their information. What you share with other members, can affect both your club and other clubs! Please send the information to me at dawn@straka.ca. The next Report will come out in April 2018.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Dawn Straka

Member, Rotary Club of Peterborough Kawartha and Director of Service Projects, District 7010

2018 New Year's Resolution by Sean Hogan, Rotary Zone 24 West Public Image Coordinator

Rotarians are dreamers. We dream of making a difference. We dream of a polio-free world. We don't merely change with the world — we are the change makers. To quote a previous Rotary theme: We Make Dreams Real. Rotarians are people of action, who join leaders to exchange ideas and take action. But we don't do a very good job at getting our stories told and heard. So as you make or review your 2018 New Year's Resolutions, add these points to the list:

1. Build a public image / public relations committee in each District. Not just one person, but a group who deal with all aspects of promotion and who can provide both resources and trainers for Rotary clubs and members.
2. Remember that people join and stay in Rotary for the friendships and community service, and incorporate those messages into all of your Rotary promotion and communication.
3. Your primary audience and your sales force are your Rotary members. Engage your members through your spring training, conferences, events and communications. Give them knowledge and resources, inspire them and ask them to share Rotary stories.
4. Use and promote Rotary resources — including the People of Action materials and more at the Rotary Brand Center, Rotary's social media channels (YouTube, Vimeo, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram), and websites (Rotary Images, Rotary Voices, Rotary Ideas, Rotary Showcase).
5. Continue to encourage clubs to record their service and their successes on Rotary Club Central so that we can attract support from partner organizations.
6. Engage Rotarians in the Rotary community through Rotary Action Groups and Rotary Fellowships.

And the final resolution: Do Good in the World & Share Your Rotary Stories!

Indigenous Focus District Service Report by Don Watkins, Chair, D7010 Indigenous Focus Committee

Bev Sellars, (a third generation residential school survivor and a six year local Chief from Soda Creek who attended St. Joseph's Mission at Williams Lake, BC. wrote in her autobiography, They Called Me Number One, that "While all the harm and damage cannot be repaired, there is much that can change if non-Aboriginals, individuals and governments abandon the assumption that they know what is best for Aboriginal people".

This quote for me is a call to interaction between First Nation and non-native Canadians to gather together, to listen to each other, to share our stories. The Rotary Club of Peterborough Kawartha's 6 day Adventure in Understanding canoe trip provides one example of a format that allows time for youth of different backgrounds and cultures to share in a non-confrontational interchange of ideas while jointly experiencing the wonders of the natural environment.

It is my hope that as the District Training Seminar and the Rotary Weekend approach for 2018 many of our Clubs will accept the challenge to reach out and seek a meaningful relationship with their First Nations neighbours. The first challenge is simply to say hello. Attend local events like a Pow wow or public presentations by Aboriginal speakers. Let your interest in building new/better relations be known to your friends and in your community.

Suggested program ideas:

Find out more about the Rotary Club of Uxbridge (D7070) recent support of a one-week summer science program in Timiskaming First Nation, Quebec. As the first reserve created in Canada, the Algonquin community is located right on the border of Quebec and Ontario and 60% of their traditional territory is in Ontario.

Invite a representative of the Barrie-Kempfenfelt Rotary Club to describe their experience in support of "One Laptop per Child" to provide 12 laptops to Sandy Lake Reserve children.

OR

Learn more about "HAIG" - Headwaters Indigenous Awareness Group – a group that was formed last January by Orangeville's United, Presbyterian and Anglican churches because they decided they needed to do what they could to respond to the recommendations of Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

OR

Learn about Gibimishkaadimin 2017: A Journey of Reconciliation, a social justice project of Bloor Street United Church in partnership with other United Churches and supported by the Aboriginal Ministries Circle of The United Church of Canada. <https://torontoconference.ca/2017/11/gibimishkaadimin-2017-reconciliation-journey/>

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"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." — Mahatma Gandhi

Community Service Report by Shelly Duben, Chair Community Service Committee

As of late December, there are not a lot of updates for Community Service. The Community Service pages on the District 7010 website have been updated with the most recent presentations and information shared at Rotary Leadership Weekend. In August, an email was sent to all club presidents, presidents-elect and community service chairs in the district to remind them of the new District Community Service Project and provide information about it. Club presidents were asked to email me as the Community Service chair if their club was planning to participate and in what way. Unfortunately, the response was quite underwhelming. I only heard back from 2 club presidents asking for further information. Another email was sent in early December to clubs reminding them to email me if they have decided to participate in the project. Please see the next page for the information collected so far. Also it would be great if the AGs could promote this project in their areas.

Club	Children's Centre	Donation/Comment
Barrie	Children's Treatment Centre	The Club reviewed this request and after doing our due diligence we decided not to support this program. Our findings were that this is not an active service provider and is essentially a clearing house directing families to appropriate resources in the community, As we are dealing directly with many of these resources we did not feel it was within our mandate to provide money to a clearing house and its administration.
Bracebridge-Muskoka Lakes	One Kids Place	\$800-1000 for an Upsee Child Walking Harness for the equipment loan program
Englehart	Cochrane Timiskaming Children's Treatment Centre	The club is interested in supporting the project and will be discussing it at the next few meetings. They will let me know what they decide to do in the new year.
Huntsville-Lake of Bays	One Kids Place	The club is interested in supporting the project and will be discussing it at the next few meetings. They will let me know what they decide to do in the new year.
Kirkland Lake	Cochrane Timiskaming Children's Treatment Centre	The sent a \$500 donation to the Rotary Club of Hearst because they were spearheading funding for a camp in our region. This camp is for clients of the Cochrane- Timiskaming Children's Treatment Centre.
Lindsay	Five Counties Children's Centre	The Lindsay Club has been involved with The Five Counties Treatment Centre in Lindsay continuously since 1978. The club has donated over \$350,000 since that time, and is currently are sponsoring one of their holiday fundraisers at a local mall. The club expects the request for funding form shortly for this year.
Matheson	Cochrane Timiskaming Children's Treatment Centre	The club is unable to support this year.
Peterborough	Five Counties Children's Centre	The club is unable to support this year.
Sudbury Sunrisers	Health Sciences North	Over the past 5 years the club has supported the capital campaign at HSN for the NEO kids unit and treatment "clubhouse". They have made two donations to the Kicks for Kids campaign for the clubhouse totalling \$10,000. They have also organized two Paul Harris fundraisers where a portion of the proceeds from each also went to the NEO kids unit. The net from those two fundraisers was 25,000. The recipient of the first Paul Harris chose to give all of the proceeds (\$10,000) to the NEO kids unit and the other recipient gave \$10,000 of the money raised to the NEO unit.

For the second part of the Rotary year, Shelly's goals will include the following:

- Communicate more regularly with Community Service Chairs.
- Continue to promote participation in the District Community Service Project.
- Encourage clubs to share their Community Service projects online by emailing the information to the webmaster.
- Encourage clubs to use Rotary Showcase, the online, searchable database of Rotary club projects.
- Encourage clubs to publicize their community activities.

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World Community Service Report by Lyn Vuorimaki, Chair District 7010 World Community Service Report

"In November I sent out a second request to all clubs, asking for information on any of their International Club Projects. I also stated that all chairs were keen to learn about other projects and this will be possible with a sharing of details. Our goal is to offer an international experience to clubs and members who otherwise wouldn't have the opportunity to be involved. The District website is currently highlighting the district supported project R.E.L.A.Y. (Rotarians Enhancing Learning of African Youth). I am encouraging all Rotarians to learn about this opportunity as it potentially is a 5 year District commitment.

My WCS Committee goal is to continue information gathering from clubs and to publish that on the district website."

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Medical-Dental Mission in the Philippines by Rotarian John VanLaar of the Rotary Club South Georgian Bay

John has written that "Our medical mission this year will involve visits to very poor areas where our Back to School program is operating. The participants will learn what we do in the program and the Alternative Learning system. One day will be a Medical-Dental Mission using our Rotary Dental and Eye mobile. We expect that some 500 patients will come to receive needed medical and/or dental care. The participants will also distribute free eyeglasses. It is sure to be a most interesting trip. A Rotarian from another District has travelled with us 5 times.

The cost of the flight to the Philippines is about 1,000 Canadian dollars return via Air Canada. Two weeks hotel in Cebu is 75 to 80 dollars a night, including breakfast. Most evenings we are invited to different Rotary meetings. The itinerary is 5 days Rotary work and the rest we are happy to bring you to enjoy Cebu, famous of white, fine beaches."

If you require any further information, please contact John VanLaar at 519-599-6766 or at johnvanlaar28@gmail.com

Vocational Service Chair Position is still available

What is Vocational Service? If you are an active, engaged and busy Rotarian, you probably view vocational service as a way of life. It is very much rooted in Rotary's Second Object which encourages Rotarians to foster:

- High ethical standards in business and professions;
- The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and
- The dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

Vocational Service is what distinguishes Rotary from most other service clubs. There are many ways we as Rotarians can put these ideas into action. Some of these ways include:

- Talking about your vocation in your Club and taking time to learn about other member's vocations;
- Using your professional skills to help some community at home or abroad;
- Guiding and encouraging others in their professional development;
- Helping a young person attain his or her career aspirations;
- Practicing your profession with integrity and inspiring others to practice ethically.

If after reading this you feel you value the fact that Rotary International supports the recruitment and retention of members who are business leaders, professionals and community leaders, you may want to explore what the **Role of Chair, Vocational Services** does in District 7010. This position is available almost immediately. Together with the other Service Chairs, the new incumbent while advocating on behalf of Rotary Service that is vocationally oriented will function as a resource to other Rotarians and Clubs. At the same time, the incumbent will learn much about what it means to be part of Rotary beyond the Club level. If you have any interest, please contact Dawn Straka at 705-295-6375 or dawn@straka.ca.
