



ROTARY DISTRICT 7010
SERVICE PROJECTS REPORT
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September 2017 is Basic Education and Literacy Month
October 2017 is Economic and Community Development Month

Dear Fellow Rotarians, It has been close to 10 months since the last Service Projects Report came out. Needless to say there have been some requests and some Clubs that have asked us to do publicity for them. With that in mind, I will be editing the information that has come my way and ask that other District 7010 Clubs or individual Rotarians send me information about their **Community, Indigenous Focus, Vocational and World Community Service projects**. Involving others in what you are doing not only helps you but spreads out one's ability to "make a true difference"! Please address all enquiries and information to myself, dawn@straka.ca . The next report will come out in early December, 2017.
YIRS, Dawn Straka (Director, District 7010 Service Projects)

On August 18th, 2017 the Rotary Service and Engagement Staff at Rotary International shared the following few paragraphs: "Rotary is founded on the ideal *Service Above Self*. It is rooted within our guiding principles and at the core of club activity. Every day, you take on service projects and initiatives to address community needs. Although members come from diverse backgrounds representing a cross-section of professionals and business leaders, Rotarians work together to advance international understanding, goodwill, and peace through **service**."

To plan effective projects, it's important to understand community needs and leverage project resources. Take advantage of the Rotary assets below to help strengthen your initiatives:

- Collaborate with subject matter experts from a **Rotarian Action Group (RAG)** or lend expertise to empower Rotary members to make their service projects more impactful. RAG members help clubs and districts plan and implement high-impact projects within their respective area of expertise. To get involved, check the group directory or view a list of action groups and contact the one you're interested in. Read about their inspiring service in the [Rotarian Action Groups annual report](#).
- A **Rotary Community Corps (RCC)** can enhance community engagement and ensure project sustainability by empowering local leaders to pioneer change. RCCs are teams of non-Rotarian community members – men and women who may be farmers, teachers, shop owners, or even retirees – who work in partnership with Rotary clubs to improve their communities. They are committed to their communities' long-term development, and bring enthusiasm, creativity, and sustainability to the projects they design and carry out. By organizing an RCC, you can make a tremendous, long-term impact in a community.
- The **Avenues of Service** are part of Rotary's guiding principles and are the foundation of club activity. District committees for **community, international, and vocational** service are great resources to help you plan successful humanitarian activities and implement projects. District committee chairs are well-positioned to help fellow Rotarians by suggesting innovative approaches to address community needs, identifying service-related resources, linking clubs to mentors or subject matter experts, and publicizing initiatives undertaken by clubs.

In District 7010 we have a number of very resourceful Chairs and other Committee members who are anxious to work with Clubs and individual Rotarians seeking service projects and helping resolve project issues. These Rotarians are:

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Vocational Service Chair Position is currently 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 and a few hours every month, please contact Dawn Straka at 705-295-6375 or dawn@straka.ca.

An Interesting Service Opportunity in Honduras

The **Rotary Club of Peterborough's** World Community Service committee is seeking District members to join a team of 16 to 18 Rotarians and/or friends of Rotary on a Rotary project in Honduras. We have eight committed people already. Rotarians from our club and district have travelled to Honduras many times without any issues related to personal safety. We are considering travelling from approximately Feb. 10 to Feb. 23, 2018. The plan is to work on Rotary projects for 8-9 days followed by 3 days of fun in Roatan.

We plan on building community gardens in two villages utilizing sustainable agricultural practices. The gardens will serve as a training centre for the municipalities. We would work with a local expert for general agricultural training. We plan to facilitate training sessions on burn prevention for adults and children, oral health, first aid and more!

We are in the planning stages regarding the trip and projects. Please consider this worthwhile experience! You will enjoy contributing and helping others and enjoy some fun and sun at the same time. Please email me (**Sue Sharp** at ssharp@brantbasics.com) as a show of interest. Don't miss this amazing opportunity!

Haitian Humanitarian Assistance and Relief Team (HHART)

HHART has exciting news for all Rotarians interested in a WCS project! HHART missions are supported, organized and led by Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Wasaga Beach, Rotary District 7010 (central Ontario). The Team's mission is to improve the lives of poor and disadvantaged people (primarily of Haitian heritage) living near Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic by providing much needed medical, dental and other forms of humanitarian assistance.

The dates and cost for HHART missions #10 and #11 have been set. HHART 10 departs Toronto on Sunday 28 January, 2018 and returns on Sunday February 4. HHART 11 departs Toronto on Sunday 4 February 2018 and returns on Sunday February 11. For a limited time, the cost to participate in one of these meaningful overseas humanitarian service missions is set at just \$1,600. This fee provides for an 8-day, 7-night excursion that includes return airfare from Toronto, all ground transportation in the Dominican Republic and accommodation (double occupancy), meals, taxes and gratuities at the all-inclusive Sosua-by-the Sea Resort.

Only 25 spots are available on each mission, each of which will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. A \$100 deposit submitted before 31 September 2017 will reserve your place on the team. Following the deposit, three equal payments of \$500 (due 1 Oct, 1 Dec and 1 Jan) are required.

Avoid disappointment! Contact Steve Wallace today to reserve your spot at the incredibly fantastic price of \$1,600 with only \$100 down.

Rotarian Steve Wallace, HHART Chief of Operations, Rotary Club of Wasaga Beach
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Rotary Wheels for Learning (RWFL) Bicycle Distribution Program in Cambodia

The Rotary Club of Gravenhurst has once again committed to supporting this international humanitarian project from January 26th to February 18th 2018. The RWFL is in its seventh year; its aim is to provide bicycles to disadvantaged rural children in Cambodia so they may have the opportunity to attend school. To date, this worthy project has built and distributed more than 5500 bicycles. This year's goal is set at 800 bicycles!

The "RWFL Team Cambodia 2018" will be led by MaryAnne Marshall, Lee Johnson and Mike Cole: this will be their fourth trip to Cambodia and the third as team leaders. This year's trip will see us complete eight bicycle distributions in six provinces of Cambodia; Takéo, Kampong Cham, Siem Reap, Battambang, Kampong Speu, and Kampot. At this point, the leaders are actively looking for team members (both Rotarians and friends) with a strong sense of humour, ability to "go with the flow" and the willingness to immerse themselves into the local customs and culture. While the main focus of the program is bicycle distribution, the members will have plenty of opportunity to experience the cultural wonders of Cambodia. We will be visiting the temples in Angkor Wat, visiting a floating village on the Tonlé Sap Lake, paying our respects at one of the killing fields (Choeunk Ek), taking a cooking class, and enjoying the sandy beaches of Kep to name just a few.

RWFL Team 2018 Overview:

- Location: Cambodia, SW Asia from January 26th to February 18th, 2018 (some flexibility in dates is possible).
 - Approximate Costs: \$3300.00 Canadian (includes airfare, lodgings, meals, in country transport, spending).
 - Team size: 18-20 members (Rotarians and Friends).
 - Requirements: No experience is necessary; we will provide bicycle training and expertise
- For more detailed information, please email rwflteam2018@gmail.com . The deadline is fast approaching!

Yours in Rotary, MaryAnne Marshall, Lee Johnson and Mike Cole, RWFL Team 2018

Greetings from Don Watkins regarding the Indigenous Focus Committee

I have been asked to serve as the 2017-18 Chair for the District 7010 Indigenous Focus Committee. Because D7010 is blessed to have more than 30 First Nations communities within our District boundaries, my personal goal for this Rotary year is to encourage Clubs to “reach out and say hello” to their neighbours. Hopefully initial/renewed contacts in the spirit of friendship will lead to the development of locally focussed joint activities in the future.

If you think this is an appropriate emphasis for D7010 and would like to join with me in encouraging Clubs to consider this goal, I would ask you to consider being a member of the committee. I would like to have a committee of four or five Rotarians. I expect that we will mainly correspond with each other by email and telephone. We may meet in person if all are going to attend a District function.

If you are not interested or available but know of someone else from your Club or Area who might be interested, please let me know.

Yours in Rotary, Don Watkins dswatkins@sympatico.ca

PS. If you see some obvious mistakes in the following list, please let me know so I can correct them.

Rotary Clubs with nearby First Nation Communities

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<u>Rotary Club</u>	<u>First Nation</u>	
Amos	Abitibiwinni Band Council	Pikogan , Que
Bracebridge Bracebridge Muskoka Lakes	Wahta Mohawks, (Mohawks of Gibson)	BALA, Ontario
Chapleau	Brunswick House First Nation Chapleau Cree First Nation Chapleau Ojibwe First Nation	CHAPLEAU, ON CHAPLEAU, ON CHAPLEAU
Elliot Lake	Mississauga #8 First Nation Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	BLIND RIVER, ON MASSEY, Ontario
Englehart	Matachewan First Nation	MATACHEWAN, ON
Gore Bay	Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation M'Chigeeng First Nation (West Bay) Sheguiandah First Nation Sheshegwaning First Nation Whitefish River First Nation Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve Zhiibaahaasing First Nation (Cockburn)	LITTLE CURRENT, ON M'CHIGEENG, ON SHEGUIANDAH, Ontario SHESHEGWANING, Ontario BIRCH ISLAND, Ontario WIKWEMIKONG, Ontario Zhiibaahaasing, Ontario
Innisfil & Lindsay	Chippewas of Georgina Island	SUTTON WEST
Kirkland Lake	Beaverhouse First Nation	KIRKLAND LAKE, ON
Matheson	Taykwa Tagamou (New Post)	COCHRANE, Ontario

	Wahgoshig First Nation, (Abitibi #70)	MATHESON, Ontario
Midland & Penetanguishene	Beausoleil First Nation (Christian Island)	Christian Island, Cedar Point
North Bay	Wolf Lake Band Council	Témiscaming , Que
North Bay Nipissing	Eagle-Village Kipawa Band Nipissing First Nation	Témiscaming, Que GARDEN VILLAGE, ON
Orillia, Orillia Lake Country Washago and Area	Chippewas of Rama First Nation	RAMA, ON
Parry Sound	Wasauksing First Nation, (Parry Island) Moose Deer Point First Nation Shawanaga First Nation	PARRY SOUND, Ontario MACTIER, ON NOBEL, Ontario
Parry Sound Sudbury Sudbury Sunrisers	Henvey Inlet First Nation Magnetawan First Nation	Henvey Inlet First Nation BRITT, ON
Peterborough, Peterborough Kawartha BEL	Curve Lake First Nation Hiawatha First Nation	CURVE LAKE, ON KEENE, ON
Rouyn-Noranda Val d'Or	Longue-Pointe Band Council	Winneway , Que
Sudbury & Sudbury Sunrisers	Wahnapiatae First Nation	CAPREOL, Ontario
Timiskaming Shores	Timiskaming First Nation Temagami First Nation, Bear Island	Notre-Dame-du-Nord , Que Lake Temagami, Ontario
Timmins	Mattagami First Nation	GOGAMA, ON
Val d'Or	Kitcisakik Band Council	Val-d'Or , Que

World Community Service Committee Report

In August I sent out an email to all presidents, secretaries and chairs of international community service committees, asking for information on their international projects. I have received responses from 15 clubs. In compiling this list we will be able to assist one another, with either financial contributions or with Rotarians from other clubs travelling to the project to be able to experience hands on service in another country. Smaller clubs may not be able to sustain a project but this gives opportunity for everyone to get involved. Many of you said the committee hasn't met yet so hopefully so hopefully by now it has. Please remember to send me your information. I look forward to that. YIRS, Lyn Vuorimaki lyn.vuorimaki@gmail.com

Adventure in Understanding (A project of the Rotary Club of Peterborough Kawartha)

What do you get when you put 20 youth, aged 16 to 18 in three canoes with 5 leaders and supplies to last a week in the Kawarthas? ... COMMUNITY!

It all began with a “community cup”. The group deemed it wasteful to each have their own cup and decided to drink from ONE cup. Now that they are all headed back to their homes from Yarmouth (NS) to Pelican Narrows (Sask) they will be sharing their adventures using the hashtag #communitysquadoals .

Their final day – Friday, August 31st – landed them in Curve Lake, where they... celebrated a successful trip at a feast hosted by Chief Phyllis Williams, and planted a ceremonial Silver Maple tree they had brought with them from Peterborough’s Ecology Park.

The group boarded a bus from Curve Lake to the Canadian Canoe Museum in Peterborough, (General Manager, Carolyn Hyslop) toured some of the paddlers through the museum collections and storage facilities. Here, they had an opportunity to learn about the rich history of the canoe, the kayak and other ancient water vessels. After a week on the water, the group expressed a much deeper respect for our early ancestors whose only means of transportation, hunting, fishing and gathering was a canoe. They also developed newfound respect for one another’s cultural differences and unique personalities. Finally, they agreed, an enriched respect for the land and the environment is something that will stick with them always.

“This trip would not have happened without Rotary and Don Canoe”, said Mai lee from Mississauga. “Even though Don wasn’t on the trip with us, we could feel his presence behind the scenes, pulling strings.” She was referring, of course, to Don Watkins, initiator and Chair of the Adventure in Understanding program through the Rotary Club of Peterborough Kawartha.

This is the fourth year the Club, in co-operation with the Canadian Canoe Museum, Camp Kawartha, and Curve Lake First Nation, has offered the experience to local, national, and international students.

When asked if this adventure has changed them, their unified response was “DEFINITELY!” Libardo, a 19 year old International Student from Colombia, South America currently studying at Fleming College had this to say; “These people opened my heart!”

Once the paddlers have had an opportunity to return home, bathe, sleep in their own bed and prepare to return to school, the organizers will be conducting an in-depth questionnaire, designed to get feedback for continuous improvement. Next year’s Adventure in Understanding is planned for Sunday, August 26th to Friday, August 31st, 2018. For more information, please contact: adventureinunderstanding@gmail.com

Update about District 7010 District Grants

Kim Giffen, Chair of District Grants, has prepared a brief summary about this year’s District Grants:

During this 2017-18 Rotary year the District Grants Committee has seen all and reviewed a number of the completed 36 grant applications and I am hopeful that we will be able to approve them all. Two of the applications were projects that were not completed last Rotary year which is one of the requirements of a District Grant. This would be an increase of approximately 25 percent over last year’s number of grants. We also saw an increase in the number of clubs and individual Rotarians that became certified and eligible to apply. Offering the grants webinar was helpful to many. Eight clubs applied for 2 grants: this is on par with last year. We also saw an increase in clubs applying for grants who have not applied before. Next year the deadline for grant application will be earlier than this year. Please ensure you watch for notices about criteria and deadlines related to next year’s grants, especially when information is circulated about the April 20-22 Rotary weekend. Please address all questions to Kim at kmgiffen3@gmail.com .

Be the change you want to see in the world.”—Gandhi