



## ROTARY DISTRICT 7010 SERVICE PROJECTS REPORT

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**Dear District 7010 Rotarians,**

Spring has finally come to District 7010! In fact, once it came the season moved so quickly that we had snow one week and flowers the next. Those of us who made it to North Bay were not disappointed in the content and fellowship of the Rotary Weekend but we cannot say the same about the weather. I trust everyone made it home safe and sound as well as excited about what's happening locally and internationally in our Rotary World. It certainly is a wonderful time to be taking on new roles within our Clubs, our District and elsewhere in the Rotary world as Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation adjusts, adapts and enhances its practices ensuring it remains a leader in the world of service. Our fairly new vision statement reflects where Rotary is going and the impact Rotary wants to have in the world.

**"Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."**

This is the last Service Report that I shall be writing in the role as Director of Service Projects. Over the past 4 years I have seen real growth and change in the way individual Rotarians and Clubs see the meaning of service and serving. Within our own District I have witnessed numerous Rotarians expending significant amounts of caring, leading, encouraging, sharing, guiding and teaching, all making people in our communities and in our world less needy and more independent. Thank you one and all for all you do as Rotarians. Enjoy each and every Rotary experience you assume now and always.

Yours in Rotary,

*Dawn Straka*

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**Shelly Duben** has been Chair of Community Service Projects in District 7010 for the last few years. In that role Shelly's report follows. I am very pleased that Shelly will be assuming my current role as Director effective July 1<sup>st</sup> 2018. Certainly it is with pleasure and respect, I wish her and her new team of Rotarians all the very best as they continue to encourage and support Clubs and our District with their Rotary Service Projects

### **District Community Project**

We are continuing with our District Community Service Project and encouraging all clubs to support their local children's treatment/resource centre. To learn more about the children's treatment centre in your region, please visit the District 7010 website at <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/50040/SitePage/district-7010-community-service-project>. If all clubs support their local children's centre, we will have a great collective impact on the services available for children in our communities.

## **District 7010 International Project:**

We are very pleased to report that the first phase of the District supported International project – R.E.L.A.Y. – Zambia (Rotarians Enhancing Learning of African Youth) has been a great success! A team of 18 volunteers (15 District 7010 Rotarians and 3 non-Rotarians) travelled to Lusaka, Zambia in March to work at a small rural school in the Chinsanshi region. Prior to this project, the school only had one classroom for over 170 students. Two classes attended school in the morning, with one class inside and the other outside under a tree. Two more classes attended in the afternoon. Through the R.E.L.A.Y. project, we were able to build a three classroom block and provide desks, curriculum books, reading books, soccer balls and uniforms, and many other supplies to the school. Team members helped to paint the school and assemble desks, among other things. We worked with children from different grades each day, engaging the students in a variety of indoor and outdoor activities. At the end of each session, every student received a backpack filled with new items including a dress for girls, shorts for boys, a new t-shirt, a pair of “Shoes that Grow” and some crayons. Soccer posts were erected, a new “ventilation improved” pit latrine was built, and water filters were given to the school, our partner Rotary Club and ZOCS (Zambian Open Community Schools). A few of the team members met with school and ZOCS officials, members of local government, health representatives and members of the community to complete a needs assessment to help determine next steps. Through this process, we have already identified some next steps, some of which we were able to act on immediately. For example, through the needs assessment, it was determined that malaria is a serious problem in the area and many families do not have mosquito nets. We were able to arrange for the purchase of mosquito nets for the families of all of the children at the school. Members of the Rotary Club of Bracebridge-Muskoka Lakes (the lead club for the project), will maintain close communication with members of the Rotary Club of Nkwazi (the international partner club) to continue the work in the Chinsanshi region based on the needs determined while in Zambia.

The response from clubs in District 7010 has been great! Team members included Rotarians from the following clubs: Bracebridge-Muskoka Lakes, Bracebridge, Huntsville, North Bay and Parry Sound. Financial contributions were made by 16 clubs, and since our return, 2 other clubs have offered support. This is truly a “district project” with the support received from so many clubs. We are committed to this project for another 3 years and hope that more District 7010 clubs will choose to get involved.

## **District Service Projects Committee Update:**

Starting on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, there will be some changes to the District Service Projects Committee. We also have a few vacancies that we are hoping to fill prior to July 1<sup>st</sup>. Please see below:

Service Projects Director – Shelly Duben  
Indigenous Focus Lead – PDG Don Watkins  
International Service Lead – PDG Michael Duben  
Community Service Lead – Currently vacant  
Vocational Service Lead – Currently vacant

For the 2018-19 Rotary year, we have created new positions called “Service Project Champions”. The intent is to have a Service Project Champion in each of the areas of the District. The “job description” is as follows:

### **Service Project Champions:**

The Service Project Champions will work with the Director of Service Projects and Service Project Leads to support service projects in their own Area in the District.

**Role may include:**

- In consultation with the Service Project Director, develop and implement a plan for supporting Clubs in your area
- Visit clubs in your area to learn more about their service projects and how the District can promote and support these projects
- Offer to present at your area Clubs regarding District Service projects or about planning and implementing successful service projects (PowerPoint presentations will be prepared for your use)
- Report back to the Service Projects Committee regarding Club activities and Club visits
- Attend Rotary Weekend so that the Service Projects committee (Director, Leads and Champions) can meet to share information and plan for future activities.

At this time, the following Rotarians have agreed to take on the Service Projects Champion role for their areas:

Area 1: Currently vacant

Area 5: Currently vacant

Area 2: Mithun Saha

Area 6: Tiffany Williams-Palmer

Area 3: Peter Edmunds

Area 7: Currently vacant

Area 4: Rob Wilding

Area 8: Marie Press

If you are interested in getting involved with Service Projects has very at the district level in one of the vacant positions, please contact Shelly Duben at [shelly.duben@tldsb.on.ca](mailto:shelly.duben@tldsb.on.ca)

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**HHART (Haitian Humanitarian Assistance and Relief Team.) Saving Lives, Making Communities**

**Steve Wallace** of the Rotary Club of Wasaga Beach recently wrote the following up-date about the HHART project.

**“HHART missions are organized and led by Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Wasaga Beach, Canada. The goal of HHART is to improve the lives of poor, disadvantaged persons (primarily of Haitian heritage) who live near Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic by providing medical, dental & community development services.**

**Two HHART teams will deploy to the Dominican Republic in 2019. HHART 12 departs Toronto for Puerto Plata on Sunday, January 27 and returns on Sunday, February 3. HHART 13 departs Toronto for Puerto Plata on Sunday, February 3 and returns on Sunday, February 10. These missions provide an excellent opportunity for those seeking a worthwhile international service experience at a modest price. Until 1 August 2018, the cost to join the team is only \$1,600 Canadian. This fee includes return airfare from Toronto; accommodation at Sosua-By-The-Sea Boutique Resort (double occupancy) and all meals, ground transportation, taxes and gratuities while in the Dominican Republic.**

**Rotarians and their family members, active or retired healthcare professionals and healthcare students and education professionals, tradespersons, fabricators, vehicle mechanics and other people keenly interested in humanitarian service are invited to apply to join the HHART 12 or HHART 13 teams. To join or nominate another person to join a mission, please contact Rotarian Steve Wallace at [steve@HHART.info](mailto:steve@HHART.info) or (705) 444-4012. Learn more about HHART by visiting [www/Facebook.com/HHART.info](http://www/Facebook.com/HHART.info).”**

The following photos we taken on previous project trips.



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## Rotary Wheels for Learning (RWFL) – Project Goals 2019

### Background Info

The Rotary Wheels for Learning (RWFL) Bicycle Distribution Program is an international humanitarian project which is led by the Rotary Club of Gravenhurst, Ontario. In its eight year, the project's aim is to provide bicycles to impoverished rural children of Cambodia so they may have the opportunity to attend school. As we developed relationships with the various Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) working in Cambodia, we have come to realize that getting the children to school is only half the problem.

Through our interactions with the NGOs, school officials, and academic institutions such as Oxford University<sup>1</sup>, we have learned there are 11,500 rural schools in Cambodia, of which 40% (4600 schools) do not have access to clean drinking water, while 63% (7250 schools) do not have proper latrines. These statistics hold true within the RWFL area of operations – Siem Reap, Battambang, Kampong Speu, Kampot, Takeo, and Kep provinces. So while we can get the children to school through the provision of a bicycle, we cannot keep them there as many of them become ill through dehydration or disease caused by improper sanitary conditions. Additionally, once girls begin puberty, they often stop going to school all together as they simply do not have the facilities to maintain their hygiene.

To help address this problem, we paired up with Sunshine Cambodia, an Australian NGO that saw us fund the building of a well, wash area and storage tank at a school in Kampong Speu province in 2018. The results were almost immediate, with teachers reporting less absenteeism due to illness and an increase in student attendance for puberty age girls. A secondary effect of the project was the construction of a large vegetable garden that uses the waste water from the wash area. Now during the dry season, the school will be able to produce vegetables that will be used to supplement the children's meal!



Completed latrine & wash area  
Kampong Speu, 018

<sup>1</sup> Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI), *OPHI Country Briefing June 2017*, [http://www.dataforall.org/dashboard/ophi/index.php/mpi/country\\_briefings](http://www.dataforall.org/dashboard/ophi/index.php/mpi/country_briefings)

## Goals for RWFL in 2019

The RWFL Team 2019 will be heading back to Cambodia in January 2019 to distribute 800 bicycles in six of our target areas (table 1). Given our recent success with the NGO organization “Sunshine Cambodia” in Kampong Speu province, we have also planned seven projects that will begin construction as early as July 2018 (table 2).

Table 1 – Bicycle requirements 2019

Item	Costs US dollars	Location/NGO	Province
Distribution 1 (100 Bicycles)	\$3,890.00	TBC	Svay Rieng
Distribution 2 (100 Bicycles)	\$3,890.00	Free the Bears	Takeo
Distribution 3 (100 Bicycles)	\$3,890.00	TBC	Siem Reap
Distribution 4 (100 Bicycles)	\$3,890.00	TBC	Battambang
Distribution 5 (100 Bicycles)	\$3,890.00	Rural School Village Program	Battambang
Distribution 6 (100 Bicycles)	\$3,890.00	Sunrise Cambodia	Kampong Speu
Distribution 7 (100 Bicycles)	\$3,890.00	Banyan Tree	Kampot
Distribution 8 (100 Bicycles)	\$3,890.00	Kampong Trach	Kampot
	\$31,120.00		
All distributions 100 bicycles			800 bicycles
<b>Est Cost for 800 bicycles</b>			<b>31,120.00</b>

Table 2 – Projects 2019

Projects	Location	Est Budget	Remarks
Water filters	Kampong Trach Village	\$1,250.00	10 x filters for village
1 Ton of rice	Peoples Improvent Organization	\$600.00	
Well and wash area	Siem Reap	\$4,000.00	
Well	Rural School Village Program	\$1,800.00	Higher cost due to remote location
Well and wash area	Kampong Speu	\$4,000.00	
Well	Kampot	\$1,300.00	Sponsored
Well and wash area	Kampong Trach	\$4,000.00	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$16,950.00</b>	

**Notes:** 1. All costs in US dollars.

2. The above tables are estimates as of 20 March 2018 and may change once detailed planning and budgeting have been completed – expected sometime in June/July timeframe.

For further information about any of the RWFL projects and trips, please contact MaryAnne Marshall [marshall.maryanne@gmail.com](mailto:marshall.maryanne@gmail.com) or Mike Cole [mikejamescole@gmail.com](mailto:mikejamescole@gmail.com) both are members of the Rotary Club of Gravenhurst.

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Several months ago, in my role as Director of Service Projects I put a call out to Clubs to send us information about their interesting Service Projects. There has been some interest from both the **Sudbury Sunrisers** and my own Peterborough **Kawartha** Club. The following are their stories:

## **Rotary Club of Sudbury Sunrisers' 31 Days of Christmas Campaign for the Elgin Street MISSION, a Huge Success**

Some would say that December is the busiest time of year and a challenging time to recruit volunteers – that is not the case for Rotarians in Sudbury. The Rotary Club of Sudbury Sunrisers coordinates a yearly campaign in December to help the Elgin St Mission attract new volunteers, introduce local businesses to the positive work of the Mission and to raise much needed cash and food donations. The campaign expanded this year to the entire month of December and was coordinated by Rotary Sunriser, Dawn Larsen.

This year the Rotary Club of Sudbury Sunriser's 31 Days of Christmas Campaign raised over \$8,000 to date while 3,679 meals were served by 267 volunteers. "This is a great campaign to accomplish many good things," comments Larsen. "Local businesses and community organizations get together for a wonderful team-building activity that gives the regular Mission volunteers a much-deserved break. It also allows the community members to learn more about what great services the Mission offers to those less fortunate in our community," says Larsen "Most importantly, it gives us a strong reminder of how easy it is to help make a difference in people's lives and how fortunate we are," adds Larsen

The Elgin St Mission does not receive government funding and is completely funded by public donations and the generosity of its community partners. This support enables the Mission to offer valuable services at no cost to those who need them most. "The Elgin St Mission is deeply thankful to the commitment made by the Rotary Club of Sudbury Sunrisers, comments Pastor Bradley Hale, Director of the Elgin St Mission. "Their campaign coordination and volunteer service enabled our hard-working volunteers to receive a much-needed break. The much-needed financial donations raised through the program will support our critical services," adds Hale.

The campaign helped bring in numerous donations of food items, over 1,300 desserts were donated, 95 winter coats, 100 new blankets and 6 new volunteers have committed to become Mission volunteers as a result of the Rotary campaign. Larsen adds, "I want to say a personal thank you to all the Rotary Club of Sudbury Sunrisers, the incredible businesses, volunteer & community groups and individuals were all in with eager enthusiasm to volunteer. And to the long-standing volunteer Mission Captains... I am humbled by your generosity." If your Club would like further information about their successful project, please contact Dawn Larsen at [705-918-2090](tel:705-918-2090) or [dlarsen@navigatormarketing.ca](mailto:dlarsen@navigatormarketing.ca)

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### **Small Projects** by Janet Mcleod, PP and member of the Peterborough-Kawartha Rotary Club

"I heard the idea of Small Projects at the RI Convention in Atlanta. The idea of Small Projects is to have a project start and finish during a regular meeting. It replaces a speaker or Club Assembly. Some of the Small Project ideas were:

1. Birthday in a Bag (an assortment of items for a child's birthday party available at a Food Bank). We did this project assembly line style at the Food Bank. See photos below
2. Creating Valentines for seniors or veterans (we partnered with a local long-term care facility and had the Executive Director attend to receive the cards.)
3. Fresh ingredients for soup in a bag with a recipe.

The list goes on. We have also presented this as an opportunity to invite prospective members. They see a project start to finish and it has a bit more of a 'soft sell' quality to it. I am happy to talk to anyone about Small Projects. It has been well received in our Club. For further information please contact Janet McLeod at 705-742-1617 or at [www.eastcityflowershop.com](http://www.eastcityflowershop.com).





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### **WASRAG Chair, PRIP Bill Boyd and the formation of the WASRAG Professional Resources Team.**

This group of professionals - Rotarians and friends of Rotary - have specialized professionally in the many aspects of water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services. Now WASRAG members can access this talent pool to resolve issues in implementing sustainable safe water, sanitation and hygiene programs and projects. Team members can:

- Assist clubs and districts to prepare robust applications for Global Grants and other requests for funding.
- Assist in the evaluation of optional solutions for WASH projects and programs.
- Assist clubs and districts in planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluating projects and programs.
- Conduct workshops to enable Rotary clubs and partners to plan effective and sustainable WASH projects and programs.
- Provide expertise and guidance on any WASH issue.
- Help formulate "lessons learned" on all aspects of WASH projects.
- Advise clubs and districts on the implications of Sustainability so that Rotary projects do support the SDGs.
- Provide an interactive forum to discuss and recommend appropriate processes.

These same Team members have experience in most aspects of WASH service, including: program management, water resources, water supply, water quality, sanitation, hygiene, behaviour change, community empowerment, monitoring and evaluation, public health, funding operations and maintenance, WASH in schools, WASH in healthcare facilities and Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM). They are also especially helpful is extensive experience in preparing submissions for Rotary Global and other grants.

Members of the team live in many countries. They work in the developing world and are especially sensitive to local cultural issues. And, among the team there is fluency in Spanish, Portuguese, French, German and Russian.

NEED HELP? If you think the Professional Resources Team could help you with your project, please contact us at [info@wasrag.org](mailto:info@wasrag.org). We will forward your questions to the team member(s) best qualified to help you.

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**Good wishes to all as we move closer to**



"What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived.  
It is what difference we have made to the lives of others  
that will determine the significance of the life we lead."

Nelson Mandela