

Rotary International, District 7080

# **AMBASSADORS OF SERVICE**

Annual Review, 2005/06

Douglas W. Vincent, District Governor



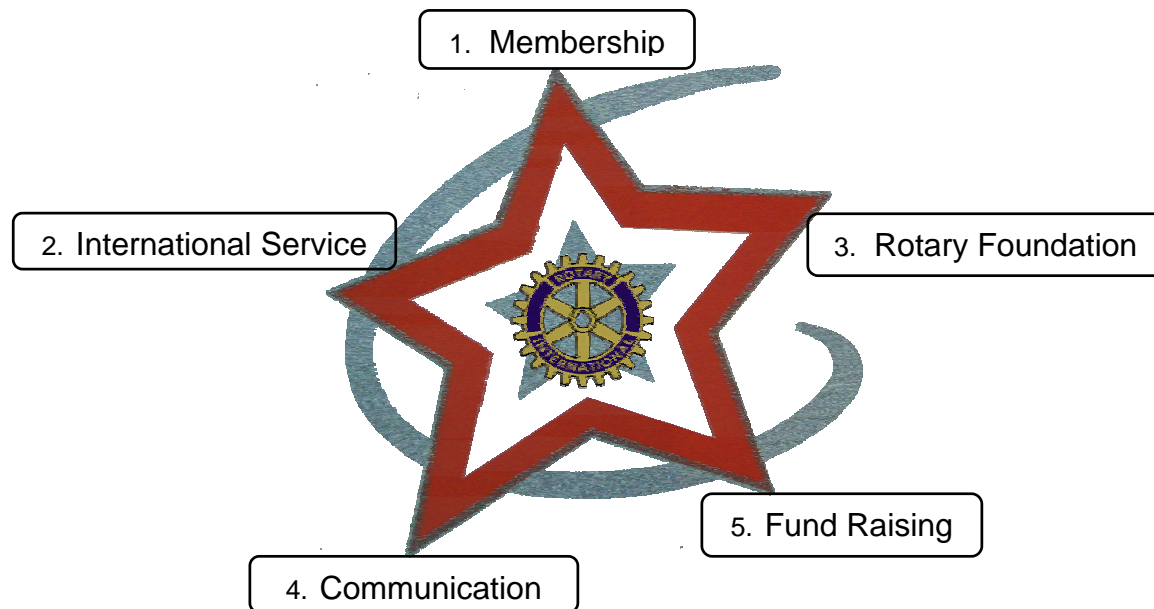
"This is truly Rotary IN Action. I am proud to be a Rotarian as I witness all that Doug mentions in his reporting. Muchas Gracias, to the District 7080 All-Star team. You are true Ambassadors of Rotary."

*PRIP Frank Devlyn, Chairman of Rotary Foundation Trustees.*



## **SERVICE Above Self**

# *We did it! 5-Star Goals Achieved!*

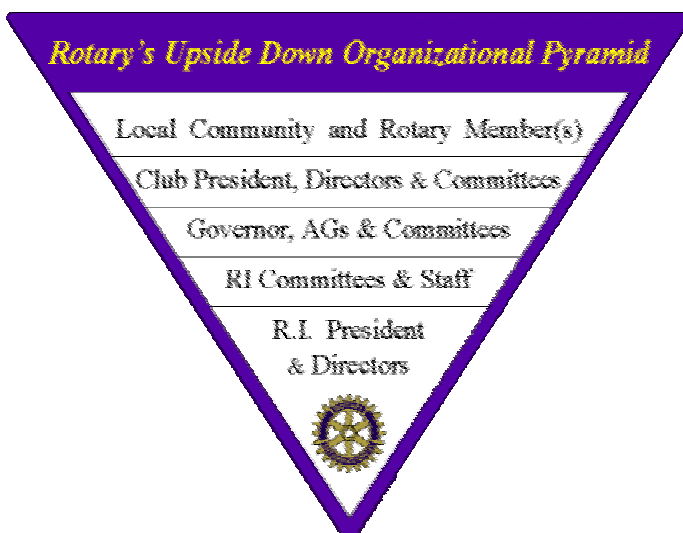


This year, Governor Doug introduced a leadership concept based a STAR and the statement that **Successful Teamwork Achieves Results**. Tied to the ‘star theme’ was our Rotary Roundup conference. The leadership team created a Posse of district volunteers, with the sale of special collectible “Posse Badges” to help fund conference expenses and the program provided resources and many ideas focused on our goals.

To Presidents and District Leaders, the star was much more than a symbol; it was a planning tool. Early on, Governor Doug encouraged every club, Area Governor and District Committee to pinpoint five goals to work on during their year. These were gathered and used to define the overall district goals, with each one placed at a point on the star. During club visits DG Doug had a huge star, customized for each club’s goals.

Five goals for each club, area and district committee allowed something of interest for everyone. The plan gave leadership and members points of reference, in order to ensure they were heading towards *and meeting* their goals. With clubs having their own star, own goals and action plans, they retained the power that is Rotary. This visible plan also helped district leaders focus assistance to each club according to its five-point plan for success – it helped us all achieve our goals and gave everyone a unique voice in the process.

DG Doug believes that Rotary works on an inverted pyramid model, where the member is at the top of the organization as the most important “key” to develop and make Rotary’s many programs effective.



Under this are the District and RI Officers. Since individual members and clubs are the two elements within Rotary that truly hold the power of the organization, it was fitting they should establish their own focus and goals, with help and a common vision from Rotary International and the district. Then RI and district leadership provided resources and assistance to help clubs reach their goals.

This year we had a great *All-Star Team*, assisting, inspiring and acting as coaches to help and ensure we all travelled in the same general direction. Together, we truly did...

**Polish our stars and Made them shine!**



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Dear Rotarians and friends . . .

For over 25 years I have enjoyed many discussions, project activities and personal friendships developed through my Rotary membership. During this time it has been very satisfying to see our District charter and develop to a high level of success. Thanks to many of you who have shared information and advice, I have also grown personally through a variety of rewarding experiences. I appreciate your confidence and the honour of being your District Governor during 2005/06.

I want to thank those who have supported and assisted me over the past few years. Your Area Governors and District Committee members have also worked hard, and I especially want to thank them for their unending support, encouragement and leadership. During this year, they developed many new ideas and initiatives which enhanced and raised our Rotary achievements to a new level of service and fellowship.

Almost 200 of you have participated in travel to foreign projects this year, with hands-on involvement. You have shared the experience of great gratitude and satisfaction that comes from helping others. Many have worked in their local community to make a difference while others toiled at planning and coordinating district events to enhance our effectiveness. Much has been accomplished through the resources and talent of many wonderful Rotarians.

In addition, several of you have played a major role in our international service activities with good financial support to our Rotary Foundation. Thank you for this great effort! Several of you have seen first hand the huge return we receive from our TRF investment, helping those desperately in need. I'm pleased that our district received special recognition from Frank Devlyn, Chair of our Rotary Foundation Trustees. I hope that when the final results are in, our TRF contributions will be over the top . . . The best we've ever seen!

While travelling the district, I have cherished the opportunity to meet most of you personally. Some of you have been kind enough to host me in your community or home and you will always be welcome in mine. During this process, I have come to realize that the Rotary wheel stands for much more than a service club symbol or emblem. It represents caring and sharing, friendship and love, plus helpful commitment with a "You can count on me" attitude. This is truly "**SERVICE Above Self**" in its ultimate form.

Our Rotary wheel portrays an "I give more than I take" culture by those who show they care, trying to shine a light of hope into dark corners of despair. It has also been a "magic key" for me, opening doors to special places and unique experiences, including warm hospitality . . . and even opening the hearts of many new friends. You can use this key too . . . helping to make the world a better place, one friendship at a time.

It is now time to look toward the future. There is still much work to be done and I am confident that our incoming District team will provide excellent leadership with Governor Syd. With a mixture of new and continuing leaders, we look forward to the growth and development of new ideas, while building on the continuity of the past. I ask you to please give them the same support that I have enjoyed.

With thanks and deep appreciation,

*DG Doug*





# Celebrating Our 100th Anniversary in Chicago, IL



Canada's RCMP supports Rotary





# Rotary International Convention - Chicago, IL



*"It was great to finally meet you. I have heard your name mentioned (always in a great way!!) many times. You really inspired our friend yesterday."*

*My husband brought him along and this young man had no idea what Rotary was all about. He told us he was so moved by your speech that he was going to learn more about our wonderful organization and was interested in sending a donation.*

*I agree with him, you did an excellent job and I found your words very moving."*

*A Rotarian.*



Wilf Wilkinson  
Our Next RI President, 2007/08



# Club Projects, Activities and DG Visits



*"I wanted to tell you how pleased I was with the STAR concept you introduced. For as long as I have been involved at district each DG brings a method for doing things unique to their background. Most are a flavor-of-the-month, unique to that DG. The STAR approach imparted a discipline that can work outside Rotary too. Thus, for the first time in ages we offered a tool to actually develop more effective Rotarians in their other walks of life. You introduced a management technique with the potential of paying dividends in our private lives as well. This is leadership development at its best! Well done!" A Senior Rotary Leader*





# Youth Exchange Students - Our Future Leaders!



*"I had to drop you a line to thank you for your great presentation to our students. It was undoubtedly the best presentation on Rotary initiatives for students that we have had in a number of years!"*



# International Youth Exchange Student Activities

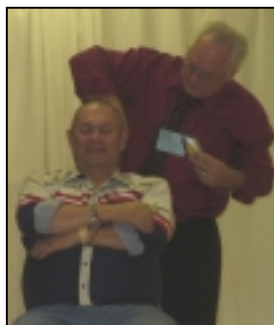
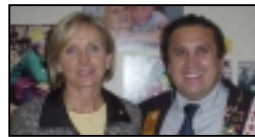
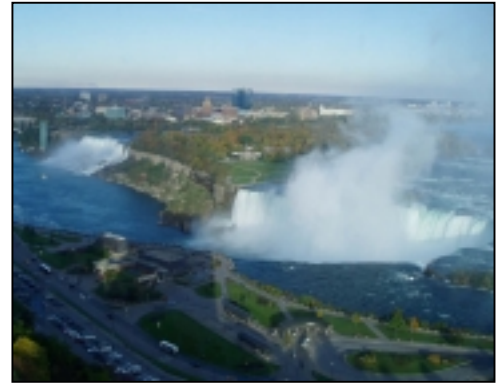
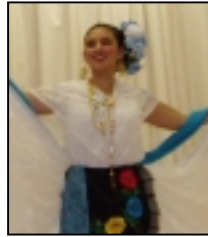


*"This is to congratulate you as an outstanding DG full of innovative programs. How I wish we're just a few miles away. We would enjoy and witness the very unusual ideas and successful programs that your district is now experiencing." Past District Governor, Philippines.*





# *District Conference WCS Project Fair & Next Generation Forum*



A special luncheon to recognize and welcome new members in the past year.

DG Doug, arrested for impersonating a Mexican!  
Penalty: Auction his hair to raise \$2000. for TRF.

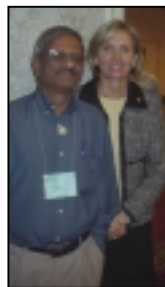
*"I received and read a copy of your program book with interest. I must congratulate you for a topnotch publication which indicates a topnotch Conference. I envy PGS Aaron & Jane Hyatt of their President's Rep assignment." Past RI Director*



# Rotary Roundup Conference Presentations & Activities



Chartering a new Rotaract Club



*"You are very brave.....the head shaving was a great example of treating Rotary work with seriousness and respect, but not taking ourselves too seriously. I did a make up today and your unique sacrifice was mentioned in the re-cap of District Conference. The members thought it was wonderful." A Club President*



# D7080 Hosts International WCS Projects Fair

21 countries represented with displays of future MG projects.



*"Thank you for the wonderful experience this past weekend. You and the committee are to be commended. It was well organized, highly informative, and the overall atmosphere was one where fun and fellowship were at the forefront. The presentations were not only informative, but moving, and a call to action."*

*A Club President*

*"Congratulations Doug! A very big initiative for you to handle so early on in your district leadership role. Proud of you!"*

*A District Chairman*



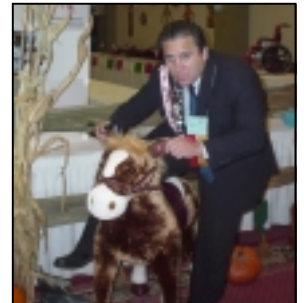


# Rotary Trivia Quiz

During the year, clubs held joint meetings where teams of three members from each club participated in a trivia quiz on Rotary. Semi-finals and Finals were held at the Rotary Roundup Conference. There was lots of Rotary information, entertainment, fellowship and fun.



## D4100 Law Enforcement Vocational GSE Team from Mexico



## D7080 Law Enforcement Vocational GSE Team to Mexico



## MG Project Delivering equipment to handicapped school in Mexico



*"As always, you were complete and right on target with your message. Bless you!" District Governor Spouse*



# Wheel Chair Distribution - Ixtapan, Mexico



Rotarians,  
You donated  
\$200,000. in  
wheel chairs  
this year.  
  
Great Job  
**Thank You!**



This day was special as we traveled in different groups to distribute books and computers to ten schools in the area. In addition, our group distributed several wheel chairs sponsored by District 7080 members and it was great to have Dale and Mary Devlin from RC Milton participate in this special experience.

Rotarians walked proudly through the town square to where wheel chair recipients patiently waited. Local Rotarians had already set up chairs for each person identified to receive one and it was a thrill to see them proudly show off their new mode of transportation.

This project was much more than giving mobility to the handicapped. It provided freedom for a whole family, who previously had been tied down assisting a family member. Through your generous support, you also provided a sense of freedom and opportunity for the recipients to live a more normal life. For some, it will help them be more active and possibly even become a bread winner for their family. Later, we met the State Governor and Secretary of Health who conveyed appreciation to Rotarians for our great work in helping the needy population. Those who contributed toward a wheel chair can take much pride and satisfaction in knowing you have made a great difference in the life of someone you may never know.



In addition to club and individual contributions the Milton and Kitchener Westmount clubs each funded a container of chairs. The Wheel Chair Foundation and Rotary Foundation also provided matching funds.

*"Congratulations for your outstanding support. God bless you and Rotarians in your district for your outstanding work to help people in need." Past RI Director, Guatemala*



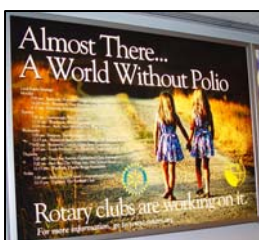
## Hearing, School and Library Aid



## Shoebox Xmas Gift Distribution



"We had the pleasure of Doug's company for 3-4 days and he began about an hour after he de-planed, with a Rotary Foundation program to the Airport Rotary Club. Excellent, excellent, excellent. He even added a bit of magic to a great presentation. Thanks to those who serve, as Doug does." Rotary Foundation Chair



## Water for Humanity - Tzaneen, South Africa



Rotarians in 4 Oakville Clubs worked together in a joint project with Zenon who designed a water filtration plant inside of a freight container. Valued at over \$400,000, the firm donated facilities and engineering while employees volunteered their time to assemble the unit. Some components were donated by suppliers, resulting in a net cost of \$80,000, which a Rotary Foundation matching grant helped fund. A local bon voyage ceremony was held at the plant when the unit was shipped and then D7080 Rotarians traveled to help install the unit. **Now 10,000 people receive clean water daily.**



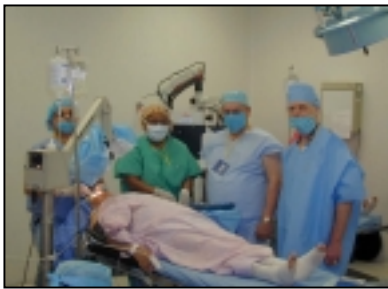
## Dominican Republic



"As Governor you had no boundaries.... you gave a hand to poor people, those that were needing help. People that were abandoned and now, thanks to you and your district, they have the chance for a better life. But you know something Doug? Your work hasn't finished.... As a Rotarian and soon as a PDG you have to keep working, to keep sharing.... Probably teaching Rotarians about the Service, about what is True in all this." A Senior Rotary Leader.



# Eye Surgeries in Mexico, Orphanage & Katrina Support



I've been on several humanitarian aid trips, but this was a new experience for me. It was great to see how happy and appreciative the patients were, with everyone calling you "Doctor". All of us were like Doctors to those we were helping. The previous day's patients each returned the next morning following surgery, for post-op examination. It was an experience observing them, being led in by family members and anticipating their results when the large bandages came off.



**Can you imagine witnessing the reaction of a grandmother, seeing her granddaughter for the first time in her life!** Rotarians, this was because of you and your generous support to our Rotary Foundation. After an OK from the supervising Doctor, folks were each given Devlyn sun glasses to protect their eyes from daylight, plus medication and note to return for further review by local doctors the following week. Needless to say, they were excited and very, very appreciative.

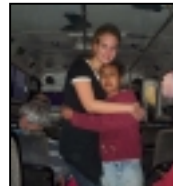


Much of the equipment was brought in by Rotarians from D7390 and World Blindness Outreach volunteers, since there was no adequate surgical equipment there. On the first day 16 operations were completed but it ended up with 84 during the week, less than the overall target to give 100 people eyesight. It was disappointing that more could not be completed of the original pre-screened requests from 500 people.

## Orphanages



## Guatemala



**D7080 was part of a \$70,000. Katrina relief MG project.**



*"You have no idea how your words gave me confidence. During your visit I was watching you and I felt the great heart you have." RF Leader, Mexico.*



## Kitchener Waterloo Clubs Peace Park



*"You did a fine job last evening. You should feel very proud of what you and the "Service Above Self" team have accomplished this Rotary year. In short, you have done Rotary proud . . . you have opened many doors for our District around the world." Past District Governor.*

## D7080 Rotary Caribbean Cruise raised \$7500. for Rotary Foundation

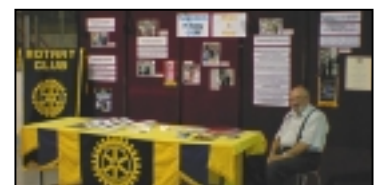
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## Mississauga Clubs Cancer Park



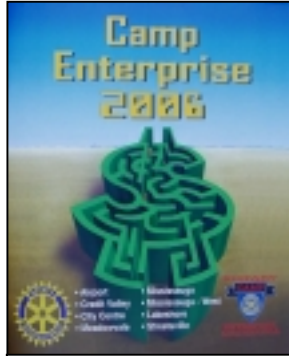
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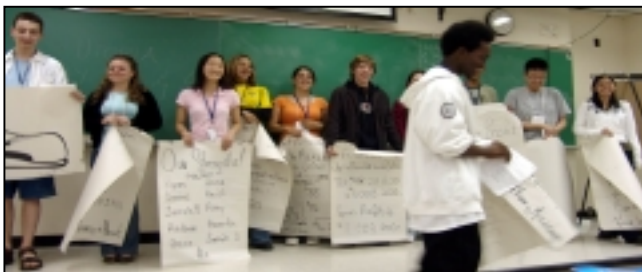
*"I have enjoyed serving as AG under your leadership. You are a credit to Rotary by living the Rotary ideals and values, and leading your team by example."*



# Camp Enterprise and RYLA Programs



The main objective of **Camp Enterprise** is to expose, explore, challenge and arouse student interest in the area of business and private enterprise.



**RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award)** is a one week leadership camp to develop youth with leadership potential. Each club usually sponsors a student from their area.

*"Your visit was very well received. Most mentioned how great your presentation was. Thanks for your support. I have learned a lot from you." Club President.*



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## Other activities and fun things a DG does



Charter of RC Upper Oakville Centennial



Presenting \$569,000. Matching Grants cheque for wheel chairs.



Charter of RC Caledon West



Frank's office & Rotary museum.

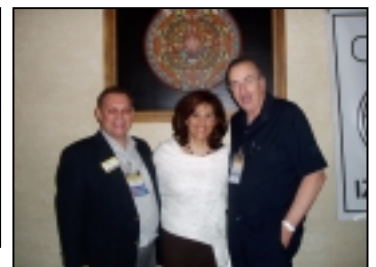


Doug Vincent is a soft spoken Canadian, who can see the things that need to be done. Then he has the ability to create awareness and take the necessary action. He is an excellent example for us all to follow."

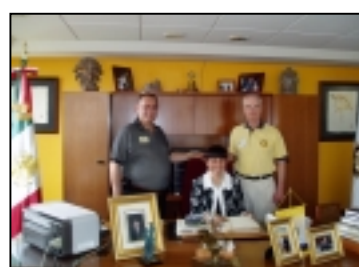
Frank Devlyn, Rotary Foundation Trustees.



Dinner with Dr Michael Nobel, of Nobel Peace Prize



Secretary of Health, Mexico



"You wrote a great report of your district activities, that gives witness once again to the blessings Rotarians have, to serve where there are needs and the appreciation of those whose life will better because of it. Wouldn't it be great if every DG took the time and had the leadership like you to make a difference? Past RI Vice-President, USA





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