

# TRF-DISTRICT 7090

Your District 7090 Monthly Foundation Newsletter



**Anytime: Qualify for Global Grants online**

**Book a**

**Club talk on Foundation**

**July 1-Goals set for Foundation not too late!!**

**On going-qualify for district and global grants online**

**April 15-District Grant report due or 2 months after grant completed**

**April 15 - Club grants deadline to apply for 2024-25**

**April 26, 27 -District Conference**

**May 31-Have you checked your clubs givings?**

**June 10- deadline for global scholarship applications to RI for September starting or 3 months prior to courses**

**June 30 -money to Foundation for year 2023-24 must be postmarked today and arrive by July 7**

Hello Rotarians

It's a packed full newsletter as we are in our final three months of our Rotary Year. See about a grant clubs are working on against human trafficking, Lisa on her recent journey to India, Brantford Sunrise successful grant. Wow clubs are doing good in the world.

We hope to see many on Saturday at the District Conference with a special break out room all Foundation related. Come meet up with our enthusiastic foundation committee.

Friday evening we will be having a special event to start the conference. Don't miss out - register today.

Thanks to the clubs that have ignited their clubs with the Rotary Direct Promotion. Not too late to get your club involved.

Remember we are available to come in person to your club to talk about anything regarding the Rotary Foundation. We love Paul Harris Events as well!

**Yours in Rotary**

**Sandi Chard**

**Rotary Club of St. Catharines Lakeshore**

**District 7090 Foundation Chair (2021-24)**

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# A FOUNDATION MOMENT

The Rotary Foundation is the engine that transforms and supports projects that changes lives in our local communities and around the world.

**two minutes ideas**

INFORM | INSPIRE | EMPOWER

BE A  
**ROTARY  
CHAMPION**  
THRU VOCATIONAL  
SERVICE

Rotary 



## WHAT IS A GLOBAL GRANT FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING?

Vocational training teams are groups of professionals who travel to another country, either to learn more about their profession or to teach local professionals more about it.

The Rotary Foundation funds some vocational training teams in our areas of focus through global grants. This training is often carried out in conjunction with a humanitarian project.

A team should include at least three people. The team leader needs to be a Rotary member, while the other participants can be members or nonmembers who have experience in the area of focus.

Rotary previously had a program called Group Study Exchange, which promoted international understanding and offered person-to-person opportunities for participants to learn how their vocation was practiced in other countries. It was phased out when we updated our grant model and placed this activity within global grants.

Budget for global grants minimum \$30,000 USD

District 7090 can help with up to \$15,000 DDF for a Global VTT grant.

This will be matched 80% in world fund

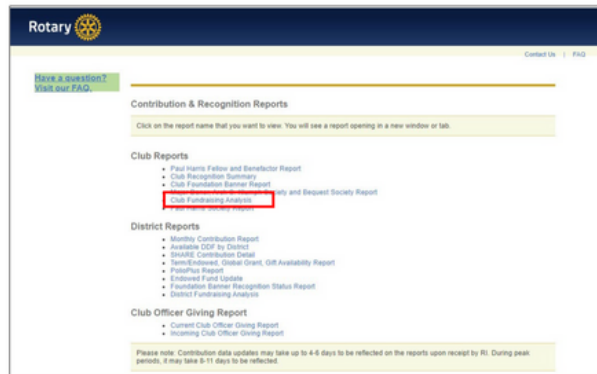
**Think about whether you could join a vocational training team,  
or know a nonmember who could participate.**

**for more information contact Dan Smith, VTT chairperson or Lezlie Murch, Grants Chair**



Our last quarter - time to look at these three reports in rotary.org

### CLUB FUNDRAISING ANALYSIS REPORT



This report you should share with your members. It shows your goals for the last 5 years of giving to the annual fund, all funds given by club per average compared to club district and more.

### Club Banner report

This report will tell you if your club is qualified for banners for the 2023-24

**Rotary CLUB FOUNDATION BANNER REPORT**  
FOR ROTARY YEAR: 2016-17

Rotary Club of Narnia, IN (1234), District 4321

All Active Rotarians	25	TRF Giving Rotarians	14	EREY Rotarians	14	Sustaining Member Rotarians	4	PHS Eligible Rotarians	0	1 July Members	27
Existing Active Rotarians	25	Percent TRF Giving	56.0%	Percent EREY	56.0%	Percent Sustaining Members	16.0%	Percent PHS Eligible	0.0%	Annual Fund Per Capita	\$39.83
Average TRF Giving: \$39.83											

Existing Active Rotarians are those who have an admission date prior to 1 July. Beginning in 2015-16, only existing members are counted for EREY, TRF Giving, RFSM or PHS participation. Not all recognition types included may be eligible for a banner for the selected year. Please see definitions tab.

Rotary ID	Rotarian Name	Club Member on 27-Feb-17	TRF Giving Achieved	EREY Achieved	Sustaining Member Achieved	PHS Eligible Achieved	Paul Harris Society Member	Rotary Direct
1554108	Allday, Robert L	Y	31-Dec-2016 C	31-Dec-2016	31-Dec-2016			
5872546	Badger, Stacey	Y						
992698	Benhana, George	Y	09-Oct-2016 C	09-Oct-2016	09-Oct-2016	31-Dec-2016	Y	Y

### Monthly Contribution Report

This report will let you see what other clubs in our district have given to the Annual Fund and polio Fund.

# District Grant in Action!

## Rotary Club of Brantford - Sunrise provides grant for LTC memory boxes

Thanks to a grant from the Rotary Club of Brantford - Sunrise, memory boxes have been installed outside of each resident's room on Bluebird Terrace. Shelley Murray, Life Enrichment Manager at St. Joseph's Long-Term Care Home says that with community support, the home hopes to have memory boxes installed for every resident across all eight home areas.

Memory boxes are specific to each resident. They contain items that are relevant to the individual, such as precious family photos, instruments and tools that relate to the individual's past work life and their favourite hobbies and other unique items.



Above, Shelley Murray, SJLCB's Life Enrichment Manager and Julie Powell, President & CEO of St. Joseph's Lifecare Foundation, accompany members of Rotary Club of Brantford - Sunrise on a tour of Bluebird Terrace to view memory boxes that were funded by the organization.

Below, the group stops to take a look at one of the installed memory boxes. Pictured L-R are: Glen Christensen, Jason Cherry, Andrea Berestovenko, and Richard Bayington.



For those living with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or other forms of memory loss, a memory box can function as more than just a link to the past. It can stimulate the senses, trigger recall, or even help residents make new friends.

A memory box paints a picture of a person's past. "For new people joining the care staff, the items contained in a memory box can serve as topics to engage the resident in meaningful conversation," says Shelley. "This puts the resident's interests front and centre, creating instant common ground. Every time a memory box is filled we learn new and wonderful things about the individual," Shelley added.



Pictured above is the memory box of Katie Hunt, a resident of Bluebird Terrace who has been diagnosed with Frontotemporal Dementia. Katie's husband Doug filled his wife's memory box with images from significant events and activities in their life together. This includes photos of raising their daughter Megan and spending time with their grandson Seth.

Several items pertain to Katie's work as an accomplished face paint artist. Katie wrote articles for several family entertainment magazines and International Face and Body Art magazine. She served on the board and was an organizer for the annual Face and Body Art Conference, held in Orlando, Florida.

Other photos include memories from Doug's work as a stilt walker. Doug's achievement of Guinness World Record holder as World's Tallest Stilt Walker was a significant event in the couple's life that connected them to the community on a large scale.

# Breaking News!

D7090 Cluster Grant is fully funded and submitted to RI for approval!

GG2236896 Host: RC Portachuelo, Bolivia

International Partner: RC St. Catharines, Canada

Area of Focus: Disease Prevention & Treatment

Project: Provide X-Ray Equipment to Village Hospital

Project Budget: \$83,000USD

A **BIG thank you** to the following clubs for their funding support:

Rotary Club of St. Catharines, Niagara On the Lake, Ancaster AM,

Brantford, Dunnville, Grimsby, Norfolk Sunrise, Niagara Falls, Niagara

Falls Sunrise, Simcoe, St. Catharines Lakeshore, St. Catharines South,

Waterdown, Welland, Montreal, East Fresno, Portachuelo, Chicago, and

Districts 7090, 4420, 4690, 5170, 5230, and Rotary Foundation World Fund.



**Can you find Portachuelo?**

Fun fact: Lezlie Murch, RC St. Catharines was a Rotary Exchange student in Trinidad, Bolivia 50 years ago!

## D7090 Global Grants Update

Total District Budget: \$103,000

Approved Global Grants: \$60,175\*

\*Club Matching funds provided by the district up to \$10,000

Grants in Submitted Status: \$10,000

Grants in Draft Status: \$30,000

Contact [LezlieMurch@gmail.com](mailto:LezlieMurch@gmail.com) to learn more about Doing Good in the World with Global Grants

# IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## District 7090 Annual Fund – Share Rotary Direct Points Campaign

Rotary Direct is Rotary’s recurring giving program. Have a small amount deducted from your bank account or added to your credit card every month, quarter or year. You decide the amount, method and timing.

**Standard Offer:** If you sign up for Rotary Direct by **May 31 2024** by submitting the Rotary Direct form or by signing onto My Rotary at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) and clicking on “Give”, then choosing “Rotary Direct” and selecting the “Annual Fund – Share” as the recipient of your gift, District 7090 has a Rotarian that will match your donation with Rotary Foundation Recognition Points in the same amount of your cumulative annual gift.

Example : Donating \$10 a month will receive a transfer of 100 points.

Example B: Donating \$25 quarterly will receive a transfer of 100 points.

**If you already a using Rotary Direct** for regular giving to The Rotary Foundation, we will offer you 100 points for increasing the size of your gift by \$100 by year. Please let us know that you have completed this or if you need help please let us know

**Bonus Offer:** If you sign up for Rotary Direct at the Paul Harris Society level of \$85 a month by May 31, 2024 we will give you 250 Paul Harris points.

### That is all there is to it!

We will handle the transfer of points to your TRF account at the end of the promotion.

There is nothing more for you to do.

"WE SHOULD NOT LIVE FOR OURSELVES ALONE,  
BUT FOR THE JOY IN DOING GOOD FOR OTHERS."

– Arch C. Klumph, letter to Rotary club presidents, 5 February 1929

The Fundraising Foundation committee is happy to assist with any questions.

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<https://my.rotary.org/en/rotary-direct>

## Make Giving Easy!

EVERY  
ROTARIAN  
EVERY  
YEAR

A screenshot of the Rotary Direct enrollment form. The form is titled "ROTARY DIRECT" and "Rotary's recurring giving program". It includes a section titled "ROTARY DIRECT SAVES" and another titled "DOING GOOD JUST GOT EASIER!". The form contains various fields for personal information, including name, address, phone number, and email. There are also checkboxes for selecting the frequency of donations (monthly, quarterly, or annually) and the amount. The form is designed to be user-friendly and easy to complete.

<https://my.rotary.org/en/rotary-direct>

## **From an Endowment point of View.**

### **What is Legacy?**

We often refer to legacy as something that a person leaves behind to be remembered by. It often carries the idea of leaving a lasting impact or influence that will continue beyond our lifetime. Your Rotary values can inspire others, your legacy is what makes you unique.

Rotarians believe in Rotary's Guiding Principles which have been the foundation upon which our values and traditions stand. The Rotary Foundation Mission statement and the concept of Doing Good in the World is why we are Rotarians. By creating a legacy through your Endowment Fund ensures your vision for the future supports Rotary's causes today and into the future.

The impact of Rotary programs that you have designated through your gift has an immediate effect, while legacy focuses on the long term consequences and benefits that stems from those programs. By supporting Rotary's Endowment Fund is an opportunity to begin creating your own Legacy.

To create this Legacy can be done either through a bequest or gift. A bequest is a gift planned for the future through a Will or Estate plan, Life insurance beneficiary or Residual Retirement funds. A gift of any size made today supports the Endowment Fund, major gifts (10,000+US) may be pledged over 2-3 years. The most impactful gift or bequest for one's Legacy is to establish a Named Endowment Fund that can be named after yourself, a family member or someone influential in your life with a gift or bequest of 25,000+US.

Rotary pools these gifts for investment purpose but maintains a separate accounting for each Named Endowment Fund. When a Named Fund is established annual financial updates are supplied to the Doner about the status of their Fund.

Imagine the tremendous impact of your Legacy after many decades of investment not only in the markets but also in sustainable projects that your designated portion of your gift has been applied to.

**Rotary's tomorrow depends on what you do today.**

**What do you want your Rotary Legacy to be?**

Wolfgang Lindemann  
District Endowment/Major Gift  
Subcommittee Chair

Leaving a gift to  
The Rotary Foundation  
in your will is a wonderful way  
for you to have an impact on the  
lives of future generation

To learn more about legacy giving please visit [www.rotary.org/legacy](http://www.rotary.org/legacy)

If you want to declare a gift to Rotary in your will, please complete and submit the Your-rotary-legacy-notification-card

To contribute to the D7090 Best of Friends Heritage Endowment Fund, visit [www.rotary.org/donate](http://www.rotary.org/donate), select endowment and provide

**Gift ID number E20602**



## World Immunization Week, April 22-30, 2024

The global vaccine drives of the second half of the 20th century are one of humanity's greatest achievements. Immunization campaigns have enabled us to eradicate smallpox, nearly defeat polio, and ensure more children survive and thrive than ever before.

It's a time for Rotarians to celebrate, as we're at the threshold of eradicating Polio. It is also a time for us to recommit to see the job done.

With case counts in Afghanistan and Pakistan totalling 3 so far in 2024, it's often asked, **"Why do we need to continue to support the Initiative?"**

While it appears simple, it's not. It's complex.

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (Rotary is a Founding Partner) has estimated the cost to eradicate polio will be US \$4.8 billion. A fully funded polio eradication effort means over 400 million children will be vaccinated each year for the next five years. It also means continuing global surveillance in 50 countries to detect any poliovirus from any source.

Polio remains endemic in two countries – Afghanistan and Pakistan. Until poliovirus transmission is interrupted in these countries, all countries remain at risk of importation of polio, especially vulnerable countries with weak public health and immunization services, and travel or trade links to endemic countries.

**This requires that we continue:**

- immunization activity in the two remaining endemic countries,
- ongoing surveillance and containment in 43 non-endemic countries when polio outbreaks occur,
- producing and maintaining a stockpile of oral poliovirus vaccine,
- conducting awareness and education campaigns,
- identifying and addressing gender-related barriers to immunization and disease surveillance,
- political advocacy to ensure support for immunizations and outbreak responses,
- funding of staffing at WHO and UNICEF country, regional and headquarter offices to support eradication efforts.

Economists have estimated that this investment in polio eradication may cumulatively save an estimated US\$33.1 billion in health care costs by 2100.

Each year, Rotary International commits to raising US\$50 million to end polio. This is matched by US\$100 million from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF). RI and BMGF have agreed to maintain this combined support at least until 2026. However, last year's fundraising efforts saw us fall several million dollars short of our \$50 million target, and the balance had to be made up from the Rotary Foundation's World Fund.

There is still a great deal of work and investment needed to succeed.

We need your help. We need your Club's support.

Please encourage your Club to donate funds to End Polio Now, to organize a fundraiser and motivate your Members to make a donation to the Rotary Foundation Polio Plus Fund.

Rotary has been leading the fight to eradicate Polio for over 39 years.

The end is in sight. **With your help, we can end polio forever.**





# Rotary



## Rotary Action Group Against Slavery



### **AREA OF FOCUS: PEACE & CONFLICT PREVENTION**

Mission: The Rotary Action Group Against Slavery is committed to connect, empower and equip Rotarians to engage their communities to eradicate all forms of Modern Slavery/Human Trafficking locally and around the globe.

Freedom is a basic human right. Without freedom, individuals and communities cannot achieve things like basic education, economic development or peace. Through awareness and prevention education, RAGAS Global network serves these individuals and communities to help lessen their vulnerability to human trafficking and modern slavery.

We are a global, action-driven network of Rotarians dedicated to freedom fighting, justice seeking, problem solving and advocating for basic human rights working together to abolish modern slavery.

**·49.6 million people in forced labor, sexual exploitation, domestic servitude and forced marriages worldwide.**

**·150 billion dollars are made each year from forced labor which translates to over \$4750 per second.**

**·71% of women and girls are disproportionately affected by forced labor around the world.**

END Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking with RAGAS. Together, we can bring awareness, education, and expertise to vulnerable communities and FREE THE WORLD. You matter and your involvement will help start many life-saving projects and initiatives. Join us and become a RAGAS MEMBER today.

"If we inspire people to do one thing within their sphere of influence, no matter how small, the ripple effect together offers hope and saves lives!" Dave McCleary <https://ragas.online>

### **How are Rotarians in D7090 taking action to support Peace and Conflict Prevention?**

A group of Rotarians in US D7090 have been researching and meeting with various organizations in order to determine what is the need and how as Rotarians of Action we can support this cause.

As a result of the research, it has been decided to proceed by applying for a global grant – with the host in US D7090 and the International partner in CDN D7090.

The focus of the project will be two-fold: 1. Education and Awareness, and 2. Support for victims of human trafficking. The "community assessment", first step for a global grant, is being developed.

Next step is to determine a "host" club and ensuring that the club is qualified by having two members of the club take the grants management seminar on line learning course via rotary.org.

### **What can YOU do as a Rotarian and Community member?**

- Invite speakers to your club meetings to talk about human trafficking in your community.
- Talk to your friends, family and children not only to protect them but to share information and knowledge.
- Ask your club to be ready to contribute with funding to this project. We hope that every club in D7090 will contribute.
- Join RAGAS and learn more.
- Ask Lezlie Murch to include you in the mailing list for the global grant project.

Please do NOT turn a blind eye ....  
Be a Rotarian of Action today!

### **District Grant Application Update**

as of April 10, 2024

Total Club Grant Budget: \$46,700

5 Grants Approved: \$11,500

15 Applications under review

23 Clubs Fully Qualified

Up to \$2,000 of matching funds from D7090

**Submit a grant request to:**

**[www.rotary7090.org](http://www.rotary7090.org)**

**login>member area>grants**

## **Thank- You, Thank-YOU, and THANK-YOU, Rotary!**

These are the words we heard, over and over again as those with babes in arms and young children in tow, would approach the polio vaccination volunteers. They would hold the child up to receive the oral drops, and often many other children would be gathering around watching very intently. Polio vaccination was an annual community experience, “National Immunization Days”.

Older children pointed to the purple pinky of the younger ones just vaccinated, and then point to themselves, to say that they were vaccinated in the past. We didn’t speak the same language, but gestures and eye contact conveyed the message of appreciation and friendship, and happiness in the moment. Everyone had a little story to share and enjoyed smiling and laughing and singing.

One of our group was asked what they ate to get their skin so white? My red hair was touched often by those who were curious.

I am so happy to share with you, my first hand experience from my recent NID (national immunization days) trip to India February 23- March 5, 2024. We were a group of 17 Rotarians. I was the only Canadian on this tour. I met my roommate in person after I arrived in Delhi from my 17 hour non-stop flight from Toronto. I certainly enjoyed telling people I was from Delhi, Canada. I typically said I lived near Niagara Falls, the heart of D7090.

There is so much to tell you about the two days of NID, and the many impoverished communities we visited. Rotary is there providing education, health care, nutrition, safety, housing and more. They are providing dignity.

Everyone in our group had a strong call to service, and a commitment to Polio Eradication. Howard Tours organized the entire tour with a local tour company owned by a Rotarian in Delhi, India. I give them a 5 star rating! It was a fully escorted tour by motor coach, small tuk tuk bicycle taxis, and even an elephant ride up a hill to a 15th century palace. Our sightseeing included the Taj Mahal in Agra, the famous Pink City “Jaipur”, many sites in Delhi, 5 Rotary clubs visits and 6 Global Grant programs. I was truly honoured to induct a new Rotarian at one meeting.

I was often in tears. The tears of gratitude that Rotary has given the gift of vaccination to underdeveloped countries. That the children we were vaccinating will walk, and not be crippled with Polio Myelitis. Those who contracted Polio in the recent past, have available to them corrective surgeries, prosthetic limbs, and skills training to be self reliant through programs funded by The Rotary Foundation grants.

I would love to come to your club or area visit (in person or virtually), to share stories, more photos and videos that capture the faces of gratitude. The funds contributed to The Rotary Foundation through fundraising, personal contributions, and corporate & government support has an incredible Reach, and lasting Impact.

As Rotarians, we all change lives through contributions of service, funds and grants that support the good work of Rotary through The Rotary Foundation.

Thank-You, Thank-YOU, THANK-YOU!

“Create Hope in the World in 2023-24”

Lisa Bishop R.N.

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# WORLD IMMUNIZATION WEEK

24-30 APRIL



Join  
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Conference  
Kick Off  
April 26

Come together for an evening of friendship and celebration, shining a spotlight on our District 7090 Best of Friends Heritage Endowment Fund.

- Guest Speaker Past Rotary International Vice President Johrita Solari
- Music by Amherst Symphony Ambassadors
- Basket Raffles

Tickets are \$25 and include one drink and appetizers. Cash bar is available.

Tickets may be purchased on the district website.

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## Saturday Special breakout room

Come learn about  
Paul Harris Society  
Cluster Grants  
Rotary Direct  
Paul Harris Fellows

Every Rotarians Every Year

Talk to Lisa about here Polio adventure  
in Indian

many of the foundation committee will be  
there to answer any questions

What is The Rotary Foundation?

District 7090 Rotary Foundation Committee  
2023-24

District Rotary Foundation Chair (2021-2024) - Sandi Chard  
Elect District Foundation Chair (2024-2027) -IPDG Lisa Bishop  
Past Rotary Foundation - Pat Castiglia

Fundraising Chair -PDG Frank Adamson  
Annual Fund - Annie Holtby  
Paul Harris Society - Paul Lehman  
Endowment Fund - Wolfgang Lindemann  
Endowment Committee: AJ Block, Bob Artis, Glen Christiansen

Polio Plus Chair - Bill French

Stewardship Chair - Paul Saskowksi  
committee: Michael Harrington  
John Dalglish

Grants Chair - Lezlie Murch  
Subcommittee:  
Global Grants Chair- Lezlie Murch  
District Grants Mentor - John Boronkay  
Global Vocational Training Team - Dan Smith  
District Scholarships - Carol DeNysschen  
Ontario Cluster Fund - Dave Berry  
New York Cluster Fund-TBA

Voting Members from District Governors:  
District Governor: Scott Marcin  
District Governor Elect: David Alexander  
District Governor-Nominee: Michele Starwalt-Woods

District Grants Review Committee:  
John Boronkay, RC Orchard Park  
Margaret Andrewes, RC Lincoln  
Don Lawrence, RC Amherst  
Jim Ellison, RC LeRoy  
Cameron Johnson, RC Brantford Sunrise  
Lezlie Murch, RC St. Catharines  
Ken Schander, RC Niagara on the Lake  
John Teibert, RC St. Catharines South  
John Dalglish Rotary Club of Hamilton AM

Peace Scholarships chair Bob Munroe

Rotaract Member -tbd

If you are interested in joining a committee, contact: [Sandichard@gmail.com](mailto:Sandichard@gmail.com)