

# Rotary District 7090

## Rotary Foundation Newsletter



July 2024



District Foundation Chair 2024-27  
PDG Lisa Bishop  
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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

August 24 paddle for polio

September 21-participate for polio

October 24 World Polio Day

November 16-Foundation Celebration

November 16 District Grant qualification in person

May 31-Have you checked your clubs giving's?

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 2024-25 must be postmarked today and arrive by July 5

### Paddle for Polio



August 24

Mutual Riverfront Park-Buffalo



August 24

Join IPDG Scott Marcin for a morning of paddling at the Mutual Riverfront Park in Buffalo to raise funds to eradicate polio



Linda Rousseau was one of many participants in the Pull For Polio sponsored by the Rotary Satellite Club of Dundas Valley Sunrise: Stamp Out Polio on Canada Day Pull For Polio had 34 contestants from 10 to 80 years old and raised over \$13,700

Rotary District 7090 Participate for Polio



Get ready to participate for polio. PDG Frank Adamson has a committee in place in the USA and Canada side for our 5th Annual Dr. Ron Mergl Participate for Polio on **September 21.** Bike, walk, or any form you want



## Welcome to 2024-25, “The Magic of Rotary”!

Lisa Bishop-PDG

District Rotary Foundation Chair 7090-2024-27

Yes, it’s magic when we create lasting change, and improve communities, both locally and internationally. I just love this Rotary theme, as it seems like magic, though as Rotarians, we know how to create this Rotary Magic!!!

The “Magic” is created when ideas, commitment, and collective energy works together within our clubs, district and yes worldwide! I am so very proud of our D7090, with the wonderful history of serving through The Rotary Foundation. I thank Immediate Past District Rotary Foundation Chair (DRFC), Sandi Chard for her leadership, and the amazing Rotarians who stepped up to serve last year in the district committee and club chairs. Next, I thank all of you, your club and supporters who contributed your time and talent and financial contributions during 2023-24.

I am honoured to serve as the incoming DRFC for D7090. Many of you met me as I served as District Governor in 2022-23, the “Imagine Rotary Year”! I was a member of the Rotary Club of Delhi for 15 years, until we sadly, closed the club this last Spring. I am delighted to now be a member of The RC of Norfolk Sunrise, in Simcoe, Ontario. My passion in Rotary is, The Rotary Foundation! When I joined Rotary, I was immediately very impressed with the lasting change, and care and concern Rotary demonstrated in international projects, and the closer to home projects, we also funded and supported. My heart swelled with pride when I saw The Rotary Wheel appear all over our community at parks, health centres/the hospital, youth programs and more. When I travelled, I would see “the Magic of Rotary” in the communities I visited. Most recently, while in India on a Rotary Polio National Immunization Trip, I heard Rotary thanked over, and over again, for Polio Vaccination, Schools, Vision support programs, and more. I was moved to tears on many occasions. We Rotarians create Magic in so many ways. I know you have your story of how you live your life in Rotary, and create Magic!

Please feature a member of our District Foundation Committee as a club or area speaker. We can update and facilitate learning opportunities on: Fundraising, Giving, the Annual Fund, Peace Fellows & Peace Centres, End Polio, Endowments & planned giving, as well as the all important volunteer opportunities.

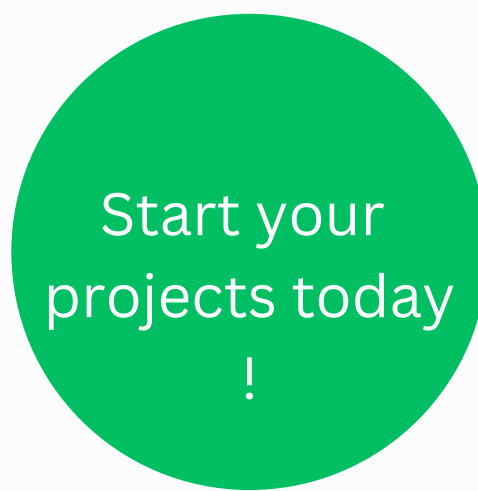
As a reminder, starting this year, The Rotary Foundation, Canada is issuing receipts once per year for the sum of your contributions for the year, not for each contribution. If you need receipt information or assistance to review your contribution history, please contact your Club Foundation Chair or myself. Happy to assist you.

Remember, The Rotary Foundation helps us create the Magic! I look forward to us all working together to take that spark of an idea, and make it happen. Voila!

Rotary Club of	Project	Grant Value
Dundas Valley Sunrise	Maktaba Library	\$2,000.00
Hamilton AM	Maktaba Library	\$1,000.00
Flamborough	Maktaba Library	\$1,000.00
St. Catharines	Summer Camp Pathstone Mental Health	\$2,000.00
Orchard Park	Dentist Chairs Dominican	\$2,000.00
Westfield-Mayville	Music Instruments	\$1,500.00
Amherst	Beds for Kids	\$2,000.00
Amherst	Cultural Fieldtrips	\$2,000.00
Jamestown AM	Helping the Unhoused	\$2,000.00
Niagara Falls,NOTL, Lincoln, NFS, OP	Shoes Kenya	\$4,650.00
St. Catharines, South, Lakeshore	Students with LD	\$2,590.00
Batavia	Richmond Library Media Cart	\$1,450.00
Ellicottville	All-inclusive Playground	\$2,000.00
Grand Island	Pollinator Garden	\$578.00
Ancaster AM	Holiday Hope	\$2,000.00
RESI	Humber	\$1,327.00
Brantford Sunrise	Culinary Enhancement	\$1,786.00
Lakeshore	Rotary Scholarships	\$2,000.00
Olean	Hygiene Bags	\$1,000.00
Waterdown	Security System	\$2,000.00
Brantford Sunrise	Windphone for Hospice	\$1,856.00
Niagara Falls Sunrise	Shaver Mattresses	\$2,000.00
Westfield-Mayville	Books for Library	\$500.00
Lincoln	Cistern	\$2,000.00
Fonthill	Rotary Forest	\$2,000.00
Lockport	Park Improvements	\$1,500.00
Total Value of Club Projects		\$46,737.00



District Grants 2024-25  
Watch for great things happening  
by our District Rotary Clubs





# HATS OFF TO GENEROUS D7090 ROTARIANS!!!

We ask that all Rotarians contribute at least \$100 a year to the Rotary Foundation.  
The easiest way is through [Rotary Direct](#).

-includes Annual Fund, polio givings, global grants, endowment



Top 10 clubs giving to Foundation Club Name	Average TRF Giving	
Norfolk Sunrise, ON	<b>\$1,466.06</b>	<b>1</b>
St. Catharines	<b>\$1,022.32</b>	<b>2</b>
Niagara Falls, On	<b>\$987.24</b>	<b>3</b>
Dundas Valley Sunrise, ON	<b>\$521.07</b>	4
Albion	<b>\$427.25</b>	5
Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON	<b>\$423.80</b>	6
Amherst South, NY	<b>\$421.94</b>	7
Dunnville, ON	<b>\$414.21</b>	8
St. Catharines-Lakeshore, ON	<b>\$411.28</b>	9
Ancaster A.M., ON	<b>\$349.02</b>	#

**Donation to Annual Fund SHARE**

Donation is invested for 3 years; growth supports Foundation operations.

**SPENDING DECISIONS SHARED**

**World Fund**  
(Trustee discretion)



GLOBAL GRANTS AND PROGRAMS\*

**District Designated Funds (DDF)**  
(District discretion)



DISTRICT GRANTS    GLOBAL GRANTS

\*Includes PolioPlus, Rotary Peace Centers, other districts, and the Endowment Fund (areas of focus)

Annual Fund-Share Givings Club Name	Annual Fund Per	Top 3 Per Capita Ran
Niagara Falls, ON	<b>\$850.38</b>	<b>1</b>
Ancaster A.M., ON	<b>\$294.83</b>	<b>2</b>
Flamborough AM, ON	<b>\$290.45</b>	<b>3</b>

**First Time donors to TRF for 2023-24: 101 new Donors**  
**54.1% of D7090 Rotarians support TRF yearly. 975 donors in our district!**  
**40.2% of D7090 Rotarians give a minimum of \$25.00 (EREY)**  
**27.2% of D7090 Rotarians give a minimum \$100.00 (sustaining member)**

Recognition History	2023-24	Cumulative
Arch Klumph Society (cumulative US\$250,000 and above)	0	2
Major Donors (cumulative US\$10,000 and above including AKS)	10	81
Bequest Society Members	3	72
Benefactors	4	258
Paul Harris Society Members	N/A	61
Paul Harris Fellows	340	6,439



## Paddle for Polio

**YOUR DONATION  
MAKES A  
DIFFERENCE**



**August 24  
Mutual Riverfront Park-Buffalo**



**Date: August 24, 2024**

**Time: 10:00 a.m.**

**Place: Mutual Riverfront Park, Hamburg St.,  
Buffalo, NY 14201**

**Registration Fee: \$20.00 (covers food and  
drinks)**

**Purpose:** Raise funds and awareness for the End Polio Campaign, participants are urged to raise and donate funds to the RI Polio Plus Program.

**Prizes** will be awarded to participants who raise the largest amount of donations. All donors will be entered into a drawing for a gift basket prize.

(You do not have to kayak, paddleboard, or any other paddling activity to come and participate; only need to come on out and support your fellow Rotarians as we try to put an end to Polio once and for all)

# A FOUNDATION MOMENT

two minutes ideas  
for club meeting

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

## A YEAR OF INSIGHT INTO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Let's start with the words of Paulo V.C. Costa, the 1990-91 Rotary International president:

“The Rotary Foundation is truly Rotary’s most precious jewel, for it transforms our most daring dreams into the most splendid realities.”

### WHAT IS THE ROTARY FOUNDATION?

The Foundation is the charitable arm of Rotary International.

It's a nonprofit supported by contributions from Rotary members and other donors who share our vision of a better world.

**The Foundation's mission** is to help **Rotary members** advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through local, national, and international humanitarian and educational programs.

### Does your workplace Matches your Donations?

Many employers sponsor matching gift programs and will match any charitable contributions made by their employees. If your company is eligible, request a matching gift form from your employer, and send it completed and signed with your gift.

We will do the rest. The impact of your gift to our organization may be doubled or possibly tripled!

Some companies match gifts made by retirees and/or spouses.

To find out if your company has a matching gift policy,

<https://www1.matchinggifts.com/rotary>



Thank you for supporting the Foundation and its work

# Global Grants



Rotary  
Club of St. Catharines 

Presentation of Bolivia Travels May 2024  
By Rotarians Lezlie and Rina



At the June 6th meeting **Rotarians Lezlie Murch and Rina Bergshoeff** took the members and guests on a whirlwind tour through their Bolivia trip. These two have a special connection to this country. Lezlie was an exchange student in 1973 and Rina came to Canada in 2004 from Bolivia and still has family there today. There are 6 major projects through Global Grants that have made a huge impact on the lives of many people. The following are:

1. GG2236896 Portachuelo Bolivia - Xray equipment \$82,977
2. GG2098954 Santa Cruz Bolivia - Xray equipment \$83,282
3. GG2453919 Santa Cruz Bolivia - Chagas disease \$39,860
4. GG2093249 Trinidad Bolivia El Progreso - water tower \$34,555
5. GG2343050 Trinidad Bolivia Barrio Urkupina - water tower \$35,296
6. GG2124486 Santa Cruz Bolivia Freedom Dreams (prevention, education, awareness of child sexual abuse) \$41,226
7. RC Trinidad provides wheelchairs, firefighting equipment, assists local orphanage.

Total of projects: **\$317,196 USD**

The presentation touched on each incredible story as they visited each project and so many positive outcomes to so many people. They concluded ***with thanks to each and every Rotarian for making this possible.***

# Club events for all



**LEADERS FOR GLOBAL IMPACT**  
speaker series presented by:  
Rotary Club of St. Catharines South



**Speaker**  
**ABDUL AZIZ MEMON**  
PHILANTHROPIST

**Leaders for Global Impact Speaker Series: Featuring Abdul Aziz Memon**

Event Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 Event Time: 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
Location: Loft 123, St. Catharines About the Speaker: Abdul Aziz Memon is dedicated to serving humanity and improving the global...

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Join Us for an In-Person Talk with Abdul Aziz Memon

We are excited to invite you to an in-person talk with Abdul Aziz Memon, Rotary Foundation Trustee, Polio Plus Chairman, and Chairman of TMSG. Mr. Memon will speak at our club meeting on October 8, 2024, at Loft 123 in St. Catharines from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. He will address the critical issues of malnutrition and polio, providing insights and solutions based on his extensive experience. Abdul Aziz Memon is a highly respected figure in the Rotary community and beyond. As a Rotary Foundation Trustee and Chairman of both Polio Plus and TMSG, Mr. Memon has been instrumental in leading initiatives that combat malnutrition and eradicate polio. His dedication and leadership have made significant impacts on global health, particularly in vulnerable regions.

## VOLUNTEER WITH US

Are you interested in joining one of our committees?



Grants  
Scholarships  
Fundraising  
Polio



contact Lisa Bishop at [delhipeople@sympatico.ca](mailto:delhipeople@sympatico.ca)



## From an Endowment point of View.

We often hear that Rotary is recognized among the top 1% of charities and has received 14 consecutive 4 star evaluations by Charity Navigator, but what does that mean?

**Charity Navigator** is an Independent evaluator of charities in the United States, and relies on research and analysis but also engages donors, sector leaders, charity executives, academic for their evaluation. It uses a four beacon system with 0-100 score for each beacon. The 4 beacons are weighted differently to make up a final score. In order to get a 4 star rating you must score 90+, which will give an assessment of "Great" which means that Rotary International exceeds or meets best practices and industry standards across almost all areas and is likely to be a highly effective charity.

The four beacons are:

- 1) Impact and Measurement: This beacon is weighted at 50% of total score. This beacon determines if a non-profit is making good use of resources to address the issues it aims to solve. How much benefit the charity's programs achieve relative to the cost required to run them.
- 2) Accountability and Finance: Weighted at 35.5% of total score. This beacon evaluates a non-profit accountability and transparency as well it's financial health, and includes measures of stability, efficiency and governance.
- 3) Leadership and Adaptability: This beacon is weighted at 7.5% of total score. This beacon evaluates the non-profit leadership practices and ability to respond to change. Does it have leadership capacity, strategic planning and ability to adapt or respond to changing circumstances in order to better achieve its mission?
- 4) Culture and Community: Weighted at 10% of total score. This beacon evaluates the non-profit overall culture and it's connectedness to the constituents and community it serves, it's implement practices and is it responsive to its beneficiaries.

With the historical great track record from Charity Navigator shows that The Rotary Foundation Trustees and the Rotary International Board of Directors are committed to Stewardship and excellence while establishing a legacy that distinguishes Rotary as a prudent investor, supporting Rotary's objectives and promotes sustainability. Donors can feel comfortable knowing that their gift will allow them to make an impact in their communities and the World

Wolf Lindemann.  
RC Of Norfolk Sunrise  
District Endowment/Major Gift  
Subcommittee Chair



## Endowment Fund information

- Contributions are invested in perpetuity
- Spendable Earnings are used on programs
- Donor can designate spendable earnings for
  - Areas of Focus
  - Rotary Peace Centers
  - SHARE
  - World Fund
- Benefactor recognition available
- PHF recognition is not available
- Does not count towards Club or District Annual Fund
- Does not count towards Club or District Annual Fund Goal

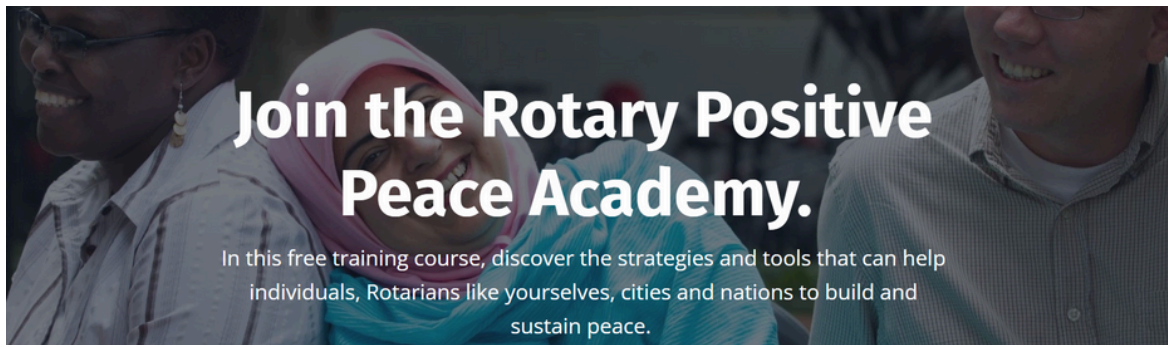
## Paul Harris Fellows



Greater Jamestown AM Rotary had the privilege of presenting our own Kelly Dawson with a Paul Harris+2 pin today for her third major contribution to the Rotary Foundation Annual Share Fund. Thank you, Kelly, for all that you give, including your talent and time as well!



One of the three ways that a Paul Harris Fellowship may be awarded is for an active member to use his/her Foundation contribution points to nominate a particular member of Rotary, or the community at large.



# Join the Rotary Positive Peace Academy.

In this free training course, discover the strategies and tools that can help individuals, Rotarians like yourselves, cities and nations to build and sustain peace.

[www.positivepeace.academy](http://www.positivepeace.academy)

As Rotary members, we can help create more peaceful communities around the globe. A first step toward becoming a peacebuilder is to enroll in the Rotary Positive Peace Academy

**Learn to define Positive Peace, how to measure peace, and how to implement it in the Rotary Positive Peace Academy.**

#### **What is it?**

The Rotary Positive Peace Academy is a 2-hour online course with 5 modules, quizzes, a Facebook group and post-completion opportunities.

#### **How does it work?**

You watch the videos, complete the reading, use the provided tools, and take quizzes. Once signed up, you get lifetime access.

#### **Who is it for?**

The Rotary Positive Peace Academy is for anybody who wants to learn about peace and its implications for humanity. It is accessible for anybody.

#### **When does it start?**

The Rotary Positive Peace Academy is an online course, it starts the moment you enroll. You can complete it in your own time.

#### **Where does it happen?**

The Rotary Positive Peace Academy course is online and consists of training videos, text and infographics, and a Facebook community.

#### **Why does it exist?**

We created the Rotary Positive Peace Academy to provide free, world-class peace education to more than 1 million people globally.



In February, a presidential peace conference in Istanbul, Türkiye, to celebrate peace and mark the opening of the newest Rotary Peace Center at Bahçeşehir University. This conference will provide opportunities to learn together and explore how Rotary members can promote healing in a divided world.

## **2024-25 District 7090 Rotary Foundation Committee**

Note: Many Committee members make great speakers at your club

### **District Foundation Chair (2024-2027) -PDG Lisa Bishop Past Rotary Foundation - Sandi Chard**

#### **Fundraising Chair -PDG Frank Adamson**

Annual Fund - Annie Holtby  
Paul Harris Society - Paul Lehman  
Endowment Fund - Wolfgang Lindemann  
Endowment Committee: AJ Block,  
Bob Artis, Sandi Chard

#### **Polio Plus Chair - Bill French**

#### **Stewardship Chair - Paul Saskowksi**

committee: Michael Harrington  
Sandi Chard

#### **Grants Chair - Lezlie Murch**

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

#### **District Governor: David Alexander**

#### **District Governor Elect: Michele StarwaltoWoods**

#### **District Governor-Nominee: Aaron Carlson**

#### District Grants Review Committee:

John Boronkay, RC Orchard Park  
Margaret Andrewes, RC Lincoln  
Don Lawrence, RC Amherst  
Jim Ellison, RC LeRoy  
Cameron Johnston, RC Brantford Sunrise  
Lezlie Murch, RC St. Catharines  
Ken Schander, RC Niagara on the Lake  
John Teibert, RC St. Catharines South  
Glen Christenson -Brantford Sunrise

Peace Scholarships Chair Bob Munroe

If you are interested in joining a committee, contact:

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**Bold is Voting Members of Foundation Committee**