

July 2025

Rotary District 7090

Rotary Foundation Newsletter



See page 2 for important dates
for 2025-26

D7090 Foundation Happenings

Your monthly newsletter for all things about

The Rotary Foundation happenings in District 7090

Please send us your new Paul Harris Fellows, District Grants,
Global Grants, Polio events and anything related to how your club
is involved in the Rotary Foundation

Reminder: The Rotary Foundation has great speakers
available for your club program!



Rotary Foundation Motto & Mission

“Doing Good in the World”

To enable Rotarians to
advance world
understanding, **goodwill**,
and **peace** through the
improvement of **health**, the
support of **education**, and
the alleviation of **poverty**



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

On going-qualifying for district and global grants online

VIRTUAL MEETING & OFFICE HOURS SCHEDULE

July 17 Rotary Foundation Basics & meet the District Foundation Committee
August: Creating End Polio Now Fundraising . and Awareness Events
September PHF Recognition and Events
Register for the events on the District Website under events

All Welcome to Attend

FOUNDATION CELEBRATION

November 15 10a.m.-3 p.m.
District Grant Certification 2026-27
Foundation Awards and
District Awards 2024-25
Venue Announced soon

**TOGETHER, WE
END POLIO**

Polio Events:
August 16-Paddle for Polio-
September 13 2025-2 events-Canada/USA
Participate for polio

June 10- deadline for global scholarship applications to RI for September 2026 starting or 3 months prior to courses

June 30 Contributions to Foundation for year 2025-26 must be postmarked by June 30, and arrive by July 5

DISTRICT GRANT

Announcing District 7090 Scholarship Grants Awarded 2024-25

Rotary Club of Westfield Mayfield Lincoln Smith-\$1200
Rotary Club of Dunkirk-Fredonia Riley Smith Mallon-\$1200
Rotary Club of St. Catharines Elyse Rutledge-\$1200
Rotary Club of Westfield Mayfield Zachary Maguire-\$1000

Congratulations. Thank you for all the applications
Thank you to the team of reviewers



Rotary
Club of
Dunkirk-Fredonia



Rotary
Club of St. Catharines



Rotary
Club of
Westfield-Mayville



ROTARY

DISTRICT GRANTS

*Doing good
locally &
internationally*

Club Name		Project	Amount
Lincoln, ON	Trees/plants		<u>\$2,000.00</u>
Lincoln, ON	Computers/digital literacy/technology		<u>\$2,000.00</u>
Niagara Falls Sunrise, ON	Niagara Falls Library		<u>\$2,000.00</u>
St. Catharines Lakeshore	Water Filling Station Purchase		<u>\$1,910.00</u>
St. Catharines	Windows Warehouse of Hope		<u>\$2,000.00</u>
St. Catharines Lakeshore	Local Park Installation Water Filing Station		<u>\$2,000.00</u>
Norfolk Sunrise, ON	Local Hospital Garden		<u>\$2,000.00</u>
Brantford-Sunrise, ON	Youth Program Six Nations		<u>\$2,000.00</u>
Simcoe, ON	Local Hospital Garden		<u>\$2,000.00</u>
LeRoy, NY	Bench Local		<u>\$2,000.00</u>
Ancaster AM, ON	Food		<u>\$2,000.00</u>
Brantford-Sunrise, ON	Truck revitalization		<u>\$2,000.00</u>
Olean, NY	Homeless Shelter renovation		<u>\$2,000.00</u>
Batavia, NY	provide local restaurants food composting options		<u>\$2,000.00</u>
Westfield-Mayville, NY	purchase books local library		<u>\$2,000.00</u>
Ellicottville, NY	raise public awareness of prescription drugs		<u>\$2,000.00</u>
Olean, NY	Provide art and educational supplies		<u>\$2,000.00</u>
Niagara Falls Canada	Horticultural School 4 Scholarships		<u>\$2,000.00</u>
Westfield-Mayville, NY	Provide library books to local library		<u>\$500.00</u>
Niagara On The Lake, ON	Bolivia WASH to do an environmental assessmer		<u>\$2,000.00</u>
Flamborough AM, ON	banners honouring local veterans in front of the W		<u>\$2,000.00</u>

adding

2025-26 Projects

**Thank you to all the clubs for doing good in the world
and in your community**

For more information please contact Sue Foster



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Paddle for Polio

Date: August 16th, 2025
Time : 10:00 a.m.
Place: Mutual Riverfront Park
41 Hamburg St.
Buffalo, NY 14204

Register: www.rotary7090.org

Fee: Free with a Donation to Polio Plus



Join your fellow Rotarians and friends to help raise funds for the Polio Plus Fund, raise awareness on Polio, enjoy fellowship, fun, and snacks, and probably get a little wet in the process!. Let's Unite for Good and eradicate Polio once and for all! We are so close!

Questions: Contact Event Chair Scott Marcin, PDG D7090 - sdmarcin@gmail.com



Once again this year, Rotary District 7090 invites you to take part in a special event to End Polio: the **6th Annual Dr. Ron Mergl Participate for Polio** on Saturday, September 13th.

Participants will gather at 10:00 a.m. at the St. Davids Lions Club, 1462 York Road, St. Davids, before cycling to Niagara-on-the-Lake. Post ride, we will enjoy food, beverages, and fellowship at The Old Firehall Restaurant at 268 Four Mile Creek Road.

Due to global efforts led by Rotary, polio cases have dropped by 99.9%. We are closer than ever but there is still more work to do. Our fundraising goal is \$5,000 CAD from the Ontario side of District.

Every \$1 you give becomes \$3 thanks to the 2:1 match from the Gates Foundation so Let's End Polio Now.

Please join our team or donate to PolioPlus by visiting:

<https://raise.rotary.org/Elaine-Richard/memorial822>

Saturday September 13-2025-One Event-Two locations to choose



District 7090 is hosting the **Annual Participate for Polio** event on Saturday, September 13, 2025. This annual fundraiser supports PolioPlus, Rotary's initiative to eradicate polio worldwide. We are not done yet!

New York - Host Club Grand Island

Assemble at the tent across from Lot 4 at 10 am.

Location: Beaver Island Park, Lot 4, West River Trail, Exit 19 off I-190 Grand Island, NY



To donate or add your team

<https://raise.rotary.org/Sherry-Miller/fundraiser>

Raise for Polio - If this is your first time joining a team on Raise for Polio, pick the event in which you wish to participate above, from the landing page scroll below the picture and headers to "Team Members, Would you like to fundraise for Polio Fund? Join our team!". Click the Plus sign to create your fundraising page. Be sure to personalize it with an image and why you want to help End Polio. SAVE. Then share your individual page on social media asking for donations to support this important cause.

Contact: **Sherry Miller**

TOGETHER, WE END POLIO

A FOUNDATION MOMENT

Raise for
Rotary

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

WHAT IS RAISE FOR ROTARY?


Raise for Rotary is The Rotary Foundation's peer-to-peer fundraising platform.

Members, donors, and participants use it to create fundraisers for birthdays, athletic challenges, and events like World Polio Day. You can quickly post fundraisers and updates on social media to raise awareness about your favorite Rotary cause.

The platform is available worldwide in English and accepts U.S., Canadian, and Australian dollars, with more language and currency options in the works. Contributions from members are credited to them and contributions from nonmembers are credited to the organizer's club.

Since Raise for Rotary was launched in 2020, **more than 2000 events have generated more than \$1.5 million** for the World Fund, PolioPlus, the Disaster Response Fund, and Rotary's areas of focus.

Learn more and start your fundraiser at rotary.org/raise.



Raise for
Rotary

**FUNDRAISE FOR
THE ROTARY FOUNDATION**

You can use this tool to fundraise for your favorite Foundation cause and share how you are Doing Good in the World with your social networks!

Start your fundraiser at rotary.org/raise

The graphic features a yellow background with a faint grid pattern. On the right side, there is a circular icon composed of eight stylized human figures arranged in a ring, with arrows pointing inward toward a central dollar sign (\$). The text is in a clean, sans-serif font, with 'Raise' and 'Rotary' in blue and 'for' in orange. The phrase 'FUNDRAISE FOR THE ROTARY FOUNDATION' is in all caps and blue. The explanatory text and the URL are in orange.

From an Endowment Point of View

Doing Good in perpetuity, from an Endowment point of View

The Rotary International theme for the 2025-26 Rotary year is "Unite for Good". This theme, emphasizes the power of human connection to unite people for service and positive change. It encourages members to welcome new faces, collaborate on service projects, and expand Rotary's global impact.

To make this impact TRF provides the tools to allow Rotarians to succeed in a sustainable way now, but remember that investing in the Endowment Fund allows that impact to continue in perpetuity.

As we enter a new Rotary year hopefully Rotary Clubs have set their Foundation goals for the upcoming year not just for the Annual Fund and Polio Plus but also for the Endowment Fund.

Last year we had a very successful Endowment commitment from Rotarians in our District, gift valued at \$162,335 USD, 5 Benefactors, 2 Bequests, 12 joint major donor/ Bequest Society, 9 major gift donors and a total Endowed Funds of 11 with a 2,151,181USD value as of June 30th.

Hopefully we can continue this trend into the future. If your club members are not sure of all the options or impact you can make by supporting the Endowment Fund have a Foundation Speaker attend as a speaker at your club to answer all your concerns.

More great news Rotary Foundation Endowment Challenge of reaching 2.025B USD by the year 2025 for the Calgary International Convention currently this campaign is only 41M short of reaching that goal. There was a flurry of new Donations as well as new Bequests/ pledges at the Convention and as expected the total is still being calculated. So as of July 7th the total was 1.984B USD with assets of 857.6M USD and commitments of 1.121B USD.

This is a great achievement and sends a message to Donors and Partners that The Rotary Foundation will be here fulfilling it's mission statement for decades to come.



Wolfgang Lindemann

RC of Norfolk Sunrise

District Endowment/ Major Gift

Subcommittee Chair

wolflindemann1@gmail.com

Wolfgang will speak at your club on endowment and The Rotary Foundation

**Leaving a Legacy of Hope
Rotary's Endowment Fund**

Global Grants

Approved in 2024-2025



1.GG2461292 Blood Bank D3080India/D6930

Total Project **\$201,566** Non-primary partner **RC Buffalo**

2.GG2569447 Pediatric Hospital Equipment D4250 Guatemala/D7080

Total Project **\$121,000** Non-primary: **RC St. Catharines, Waterdown, Niagara on the Lake**

3.GG2571965 Blood Bank D3100/D7090 **RC Norfolk Sunrise** Total Project **\$52,000**

4.GG2572604 Hospital Equipment D4480Brazil/D4185

Total Project **\$56,700** Non-Primary: **RC Fonthill, St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Welland, Dundas Valley Sunrise, Niagara on the Lake, St. Catharines Lakeshore**

5.GG2574854 School WASH D9350 South Africa/D7080 Total project **\$122,000**

Non-primary **RC St. Catharines**

Total Value of all projects: \$553,266

District 7090 contributions from matching D7090 clubs: \$23,100

Thank you to the Rotary Clubs of Buffalo, St. Catharines, Waterdown, Niagara on the Lake, Norfolk Sunrise, Fonthill, Niagara Falls, Welland, Dundas Valley Sunrise, St. Catharines Lakeshore for supporting our global communities with Rotary Foundation contributions.

Global Grants FAQs

Who is the HOST club?: The Rotary Club where the project will take place and initiates the project. The host club will also conduct the community needs assessment.

Who is the International partner?: The Rotary Club in another country and willing to support the project with funding and expertise. Most often the international partner and host clubs have formed a relationship, completed previous grants together, or have visited the project site.

Who is a non-primary partner?: Any Rotary Club that contributes financially in the project. A non-primary partner does NOT need to be qualified.

How does a club qualify for global grants?: Each district sets its own qualification process, however each district must have a qualification process, to be completed PRIOR to any grant application uploads to the grants center. Qualification in D7090 is on-going and two club members must take the on line Grants Management Seminar or the re-certification, if the full course has already been completed in the previous year. Club dues must be in good standing, Foundation and Polio goals must be uploaded into “myrotary”. Following the submission of these requirements, a MOU must be signed by the club executive and submitted to the Grants Chair.

When is the submission deadline of a global grant application?: There is NO deadline. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

Who do I contact if I need assistance?: Global Grants Chair Lezlie Murch, E) lezliemurch@gmail.com

Club Name	Annual Fund Per Capita	Average TRF Giving
Totals		
Akron-Newstead, NY	\$234.39	\$234.39
Albion, NY	\$98.04	\$394.01
Amherst, NY	\$121.67	\$301.11
Amherst South, NY	\$204.60	\$962.10
Ancaster A.M., ON	\$333.38	\$413.39
Batavia, NY	\$63.66	\$173.57
Brantford, ON	\$63.50	\$148.60
Brantford-Sunrise, ON	\$206.95	\$295.74
Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus, NY	\$97.89	\$97.89
Buffalo, NY	\$93.51	\$238.36
Buffalo Sunrise, NY	\$62.12	\$124.73
Clarence, NY	\$156.60	\$167.23
Dundas, ON	\$52.27	\$119.60
Dundas Valley Sunrise, ON	\$171.16	\$1,978.47
Dunkirk-Fredonia, NY	\$93.43	\$127.71
Dunnville, ON	\$31.28	\$168.13
East Aurora, NY	\$2.80	\$2.80
Eastern Hills Sunrise (Clarence), NY	\$0.00	\$0.00
E-Club of Social Innovators D7090, ON	\$2.74	\$5.65
E-Club of Southern Ontario, Canada & Western New York, NY	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ellicottville, NY	\$111.11	\$138.89
Falconer, NY	\$62.50	\$62.50
Flamborough AM, ON	\$155.91	\$254.73
Fonthill, ON	\$224.49	\$348.84
Fort Erie, ON	\$19.85	\$99.66
Grand Island, NY	\$80.55	\$157.15
Greater Jamestown AM, NY	\$104.68	\$136.26
Grimsby Noon, ON	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grimsby, ON	\$6.51	\$48.90
Hamburg, NY	\$88.34	\$149.88
Hamburg Sunrise, NY	\$158.33	\$158.33
Hamilton After Five, ON	\$93.45	\$93.45
Hamilton "A.M.", ON	\$9.67	\$9.67
Hamilton, ON	\$50.61	\$101.81
Hamilton Stoney Creek, ON	\$96.62	\$154.95
Holley, NY	\$10.00	\$10.00
Jamestown, NY	\$89.40	\$113.76
Kenmore, NY	\$16.28	\$86.88
Lancaster-Depew, NY	\$87.97	\$89.41
Le Roy, NY	\$123.44	\$206.25
Lewiston NY USA- Niagara-on-The-Lake, ON Canada, NY	\$263.29	\$277.09
Lincoln, ON	\$163.52	\$238.19
Lockport, NY	\$77.01	\$269.20
Medina, NY	\$0.00	\$0.00
Niagara Falls, ON	\$1,269.07	\$1,791.91
Niagara Falls Sunrise, ON	\$86.40	\$94.59
Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON	\$238.38	\$527.91
Norfolk Sunrise, ON	\$252.18	\$913.28
Olean, NY	\$38.43	\$55.38
Orchard Park, NY	\$85.71	\$157.14
Simcoe, ON	\$2.27	\$3,258.83
St. Catharines-Lakeshore, ON	\$176.04	\$324.82
St. Catharines, ON	\$210.76	\$385.56
St. Catharines South, ON	\$136.88	\$173.02
Waterdown, ON	\$150.61	\$209.15
Welland, ON	\$299.80	\$502.98
Westfield-Mayville, NY	\$96.14	\$132.54
West Seneca, NY	\$137.50	\$143.06
Williamsville, NY	\$5.33	\$49.78

HATS OFF TO GENEROUS D7090ROTARIANS!!!



2024-25

We ask that all Rotarians contribute at least \$100 a year to the Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary Foundation
consists of



ANNUAL
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DISASTER
RESPONSE



ENDOWMENT
FUND

Top 3 Clubs to Annual Fund per Capital

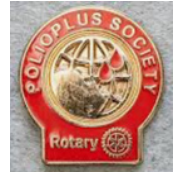
Club Name	Annual Fund Per Capita	Top 3 Per Capita Rank
Niagara Falls, ON	\$1,269.07	1
Ancaster A.M., ON	\$333.38	2
Welland, ON	\$299.80	3

Big News: on July 1, 2025, D7090 created a Polio Plus Society (PPS)!



Pictured left to right in June/25:
D7090 Governor David Alexander,
Rotarian and Polio Eradication
Champion, Thie Convery, DRFC Lisa
Bishop, receiving cheque from Thie
and inducting her as the inaugural
member of the D7090 Polio Plus
Society

PolioPlus SOCIETY



Big News: on July 1, 2025, D7090 created a Polio Plus Society (PPS)!

Thie Convery, District 7090 Polio Eradication Champion, kicked off the PPS as our inaugural member. She is the Charter President of the STOP (STamp Out Polio) satellite club, RC of Dundas Valley Sunrise and long time End Polio Now Fundraiser & donor.

Thie will be making an announcement in mid August with her personal challenge for others to join the D7090 Polio Plus Society.

Background Info: Rotary and The Rotary Foundation (TRF) are in the business of Doing Good in the World and members of the Rotary family are committed to polio eradication efforts until the world is certified polio-free.

Rotary took on the challenge of helping to eradicate Polio in 1985. Together Rotary and our key partners are fully committed in the effort to eradicate Polio. No child should ever have to suffer from this terrible disease! Polio is preventable, but it will take enormous resources and support and we need your help.

The PolioPlus Society was created as a program to generate sustained giving. It has been set up in a similar way to how the Paul Harris Fellow program was originally started – which is as a District-led program. The PHF program eventually turned into an RI program, but the PPS has a short time frame as we hope to eradicate polio by 2029. The PolioPlus Society first started in 2012 as a way to create recurring sustained giving to Rotary's #1 humanitarian effort and has been a great success. The PPS was formally recognized in October 2022 when the RI Trustees endorsed the PPS as a Club and District-led program and agreed that these Societies will develop their own parameters for membership and their own donor recognition program.

Our D7090 PolioPlus Society recognizes Rotarians, Rotaractors and friends of the Rotary Foundation, who commit to End Polio by giving a recurring amount of at least \$100 USD per year. Today Polio Plus Societies can be found in Districts and Zones across the globe! The program has been a tremendous success in growing support each year and also in engaging our members in the effort . **As a PolioPlus Society member you will be able to say that your commitment helped us to eradicate polio.** As well, your donations receive a 2 to 1 match by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

You can join now by contacting: Elaine Richard, D7090 Polio Plus Coordinator



**END
POLIO
NOW**

PolioPlus Society Membership Form

As a Rotarian and supporter of Polio Eradication, Rotary's #1 priority, I wish to participate in this humanitarian endeavor as a member of the PolioPlus Society.

Therefore, I hereby commit to making an annual donation to the PolioPlus program of The Rotary Foundation as follows: (select one)

- ☐ **\$100 per year** (minimum amount to become a society member)
- ☐ **A contribution of \$_____ per year to PolioPlus** (more than \$100)

Society members will receive a PolioPlus Society membership pin and Paul Harris credit. Make your donation online at www.rotary.org/donate and select the Polio Fund or through your Rotary Club. If you make it online, you can set it up as a recurring donation.

POLIOPLUS SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

I pledge to contribute at least \$100 each year until the World Health Organization certifies that Polio has been fully eradicated and the world is polio-free. I do this because.....

**UNTIL THE LAST CHILD IS IMMUNIZED
AND THE WORLD IS CERTIFIED POLIO-FREE,
EVERY CHILD IS AT RISK.**

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Club Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

PolioPlus Society membership materials will be mailed to your club president for presentation at a club meeting. We want you to be properly recognized for your commitment to polio eradication.

Rotary



2025-26 District 7090 Rotary Foundation Committee

Note: Many Committee members make great speakers at your club

District Foundation Chair (2025-28) Michael Harrington

ACTING DRFC-IPDG Dave Alexander

Past Rotary Foundation Chair - PDG Lisa Bishop

Fundraising Chair -IPDG David Alexander

Annual Fund - John Weismantel

Committee: Annie Holtby

Paul Harris Society - Paul Lehman

Endowment Fund - Wolfgang Lindemann

Polio Plus Chair - Elaine Richard/Frank Adamson

coordinator polio plus-Elaine Richard

Stewardship Chair - Paul Saskowski

committee: Lezlie Murch

Sandi Chard

Grants Chair - Sue Foster

Subcommittee:

Club Grants Chair-Sue Foster

Global Grants Chair- Lezlie Murch District 7090

International Service Committee: Brad Wood

Global Vocational Training Team - Dan Smith

District Scholarships - Carol DeNysschen

Ontario Cluster Fund - Dave Berry

New York Cluster Fund-TBA

District Governor: Aaron Carlson

District Governor Elect: Joanne Serkeyn

Governor-Nominee: Paul Gibel

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 -RC Brantford Sunrise

District Scholar Peace Subcommittee Chair Bob Munroe

Bold is Voting Members of Foundation Committee

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