

January/February 2025

Rotary District 7090 Rotary 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

March 13-5:30 Foundation Office hours Endowment-zoom online learning

April 9-5:30 Foundation office hours

April 18-D7090 Student Scholarship Application due

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

June 30 Contributions to Foundation for year 2024-25 must be postmarked by June 30, and arrive by July 5

September 13 2025 - Participate for Polio

**Applications
District 7090
now open**

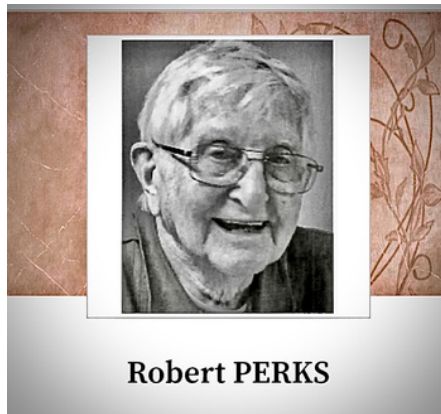
Rotary District 7090
Foundation Scholarships

3-SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Apply thru your local Rotary Club
This year there are three scholarships to give deserving high school graduating students.
Three - \$1200.00 USD awards

Full Information on www.rotary7090.org
follow the foundation tab or see the QR code

Deadline
April 18
2025



Robert PERKS

**The Late, Rotarian Robert Perks
left a \$150,000 CAN
Bequest to the Best of Friends
Heritage Endowment Fund
see page 3**

**Announcing
Michael Harrington
District Foundation Chair
2025-28**



The
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**Rotary Peace Fellowships
Application**

D7090 Foundation Happenings



DRFC Lisa Bishop with Rotarian Larry Coons,
RC of Kenmore, who shared details of Interact
involved in Purple Pinky Days

★ **Congratulations to all the clubs engaging youth in foundation service & awareness**

★ **D7090 Student Scholarship applications are due April 18/25, three \$1,200. USD awarded**

★ **Thank-you to the Late Rotarian Bob Perks for his generous bequest of \$150,000. to our D7090**

Best of Friends Heritage Endowment Fund.

★ **Congratulations to Michael Harrington, RC of Westville-Mayville, who will serve as DRFC from July 1/25-June 30/28**

★ **We have had over 25 speaking engagements at clubs & events. Remember Foundation Committee members make good program speakers!**



Robert PERKS

**Thank you Bob Perks
for your
Bequest to
the Best of Friends
Heritage
Endowment Fund
\$150,000 CDN**



Bob Perks retired from active membership with the Rotary Club of Simcoe, after 33 years of active service. He accepted a Certificate of Honourary Membership in 2023.

Bob started his career in the oil refinery business with Frontenac Oil in Port Credit before moving to Port Dover and joining Rotary in 1990. He served as club President in 2008/09, and Assistant Governor, Area 1. Bob was also a multiple Paul Harris Fellow.

We thank Rotarian Bob Perks for his leadership, fellowship and commitment to Rotary Service. His foresight to bequeath money from his estate will serve as a legacy for district grants serving local and international projects.

Thank-you, Rotarian Bob Perks.

THE BEST OF FRIENDS HERITAGE ENDOWMENT FUND

Our District 7090 Fund is registered with The Rotary Foundation. It is open for further contributions, along with planned gifts and bequest designations.

total gift value as of January 2025 \$155,226.43USD

<https://www.rotary7090.org/page/endowment-fund-7090>

What is the advantage of an endowed gift to my district and club?

A gift to Endowment-SHARE allows your Rotary district to direct a portion of the spending along with a portion going to the World Fund to enable both your global and district grant projects each year.

Through the Best of Friends Heritage Named Endowed fund, we can continue to honor our past and current leadership in how we serve others.

for more information please see Wolfgang Lindemann, D7090 Endowment & Major Gift Sub-Committee Chair wolflindemann1@gmail.com



BITS, BITES & BENEVOLENCE



Friday, April 4th
7pm-10pm



**Royal Canadian Legion
Chippawa Branch 396
3860 Legion St,
Niagara Falls, ON L2G 6C9**



Come join the fun for the perfect way to kick off the weekend with fun, fellowship, and friendly competition! Enjoy exciting games, fun, fellowship, charcuterie snacks and a lively atmosphere as you connect with fellow Rotarians. Be sure to bring Canadian cash, including coins, to join in the fun. Don't miss this chance to laugh, sing some karaoke and set the stage for an inspiring conference ahead!

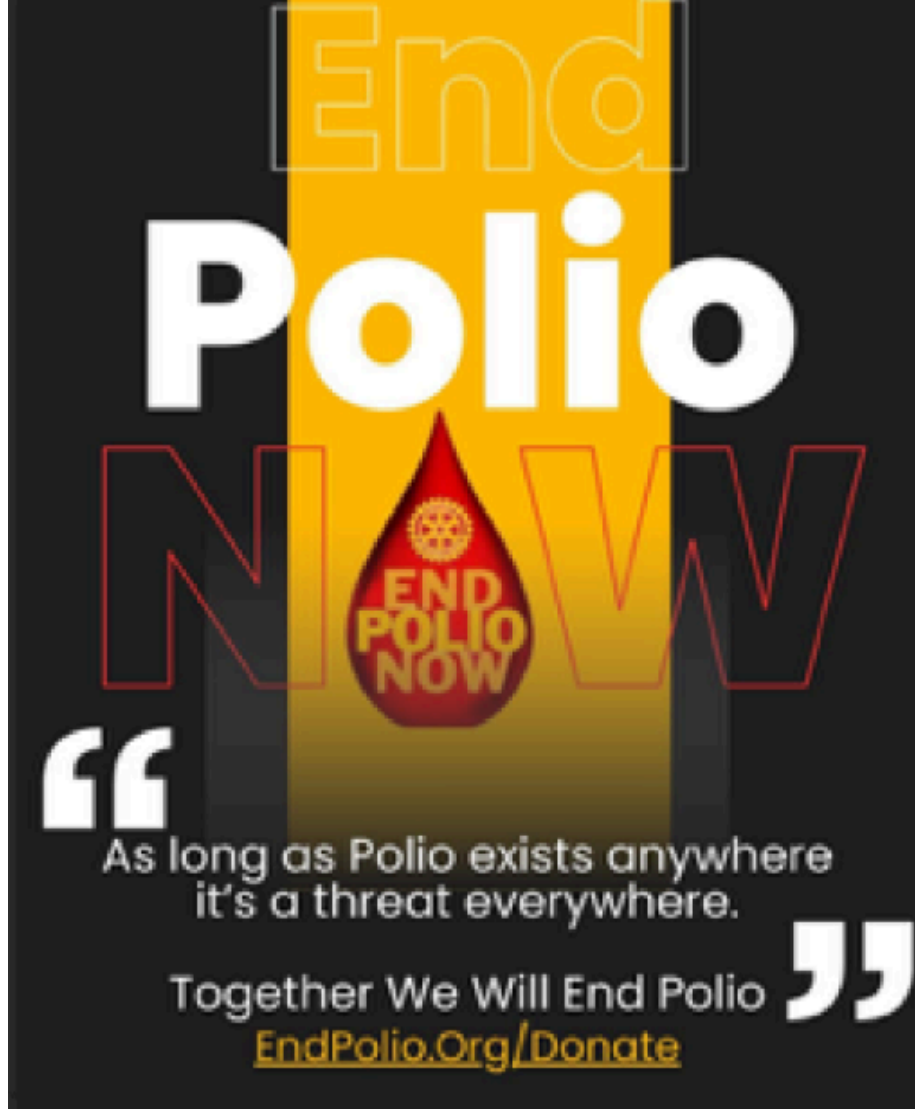
✓ **REGISTER and more
information HERE**

**\$25 CAD or included in the
all access conference pass.**



Contact us:
DisCon7090@gmail.com

All are welcome!



Has your Club met their annual goal for polio?

Have you looked at your progress for this year and what next years goals might look like?
New Video to show at your club highlighting Rotary's role in the global effort to end polio.

It's a great way to showcase the real impact Rotary is making.

Remember Videos available on our Plug and Play page on District website

**A big thank you to all the clubs that have already made contributions to polio -
our goal is \$1500 US per club**

**Rotary Clubs of
Amherst South, Batavia, Brantford,
Dundas Valley Sunrise, Fonthill,
Lincoln, Lockport,
Niagara Falls, Canada, Niagara On The Lake,
St. Catharines, St. Catharines Lakeshore
Welland
District 7090 to date donations from Clubs**

\$95,268.

Akron Rotary Interact & Albion Rotary Interact members participated in a Youth Leadership Conference with members. Interact is Rotary for ages 12-18 years of age. A panel of Albion Rotary members and community leaders conveyed a message about the importance of understanding one's morals and values to guide leadership, discussed the qualities of a good leader, and made suggestions for how to take action even in difficult situations.

The Interact members collected school supplies in our community that will be delivered to students in Honduras. Great International Service!



Rotary
Club of Albion



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.

HOW DO DISTRICT GRANTS HELP AT HOME?

A Rotary club in the United States used an US\$3,000 district grant to purchase food and personal care items for a local food pantry that saw a 50% increase in need. A Rotary club in India is using a district grant to provide hygiene kits and training to girls who might otherwise miss school when they are menstruating. The project aims to help 40,000 girls.

Clubs worldwide use district grants to support similar short-term projects in their communities.

Every club has the opportunity to create positive change their community with grants from The Rotary Foundation, one project at a time.

What do you want to accomplish in our community?

HOW DO GLOBAL GRANTS MAKE SUSTAINABLE CHANGE IN THE WORLD?

One remarkable aspect of The Rotary Foundation is that opportunities for significant projects exist wherever there's a need — in large countries and small ones, in metropolitan areas and rural ones.

Global grant projects are built on international partnerships, and those collaborations can take many forms. A district in Canada may be the international sponsor, with a U.S. district as the host sponsor. A club in France could sponsor a global grant project in Germany. The need, not the location, determines the project.

Here's another example: Rotary clubs in Honduras and the U.S. worked together on a global grant project to provide eye care to people in Honduras. Members from both clubs provided vision services through local clinics. They evaluated more than 1,200 people and gave prescription eyeglasses to 600. A local nongovernmental organization will continue to provide glasses and medications to people who need them.

What does this mean for the community? Better eyesight can lead to better educational or occupational opportunities, which can mean a better quality of life for people.

Clubs around the world use these grants from the Foundation to make long-term, sustainable change. Every club has the opportunity to do this, one project at a time.

From an Endowment Point of View

Tax Planning, from an Endowment Point of View.

Tax planning should be a year-round affair. But as year-end approaches, it is a particular goodtime to review your personal finances and take advantage of any tax planning opportunities that may be available to you.

Making a charitable donation to Rotary's Endowment Fund is one of the ways you can significantly reduce the personal tax you pay.

In Canada, both the federal and provincial governments offer donations tax credits that, in combination, can result in tax savings of up to 55% of the value of your gift in 2024. With total gift donations up to \$200 in a year, the federal donation credit is 15% of the donation amount. For total donations exceeding \$200 in a year, the federal donation credit jumps to 29% (33% to the extent taxable income exceeds \$246,752) of the donation amount. Provincial donation credits are also available and the total credit may be up to 55% once total annual donations exceed the \$200 in a calendar year. December 31 is the last day to make a donation and get a tax receipt for 2024. "In-kind" Gifting publicly-traded securities, including mutual funds and segregated funds, with accrued capital gains "in-kind" to TRF foundation not only entitles you to a tax receipt for the fair market value of the security being donated, it eliminates capital gains tax too. You should plan gifts in-kind well before year end, to allow for sufficient time to make arrangements

American Rotarians with employer-sponsored retirement plans, traditional IRAs mandate required minimum distributions (RMDs) by April 1 following the year you turn 73. Thereafter, annual withdrawals must happen by December 31 to avoid the penalty. RMDs are considered taxable income; if you don't need the cash flow and would prefer not to increase your taxable income, you may want to consider a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) directly from your qualified account to the Rotary Foundation's Endowment Fund, you won't get the charitable contribution itemized deduction. QCDs are limited to \$105,000 in 2024 (adjusted yearly for inflation). Different from rules governing RMDs, you can make a QCD gift as early as age 70 ½ if you're charitably inclined. Since the gift doesn't count as income, it can reduce your annual income level. This may help lower your Medicare premiums and decrease the amount of Social Security that is subject to tax.

Leave a legacy by promoting a better world beyond your lifetime by including the Rotary Foundation's Endowment Fund in your tax planning strategy or estate plan. The principal of a gift to the Endowment Fund is never spent, so a portion of the earnings will always be available for Foundation programs. We invite you to join those who have already committed to improve and enrich the lives of people around the globe by doing good in the world beyond your lifetime. The Foundation offers several ways to structure your charitable gift, which may result in tax and financial benefits. Find out how to customizing your Rotary legacy. Your gift to the endowment ensures a steady stream of support so we can continue to change the world well into the future.

Wolfgang Lindemann
RC of Norfolk Sunrise
District Endowment/Major Gift
Subcommittee Chair
wolflindemann1@gmail.com

Global Grants

To be eligible to sign the Club MOU for Global Grants, and participate in global grants, including cluster funding, VTT (vocational training team), as a host, or as an international partner, and for a club to receive financial matching from the district, a club is required to qualify by:

1. Club dues must be in good standing
2. Enter Rotary Foundation goals and active Foundation Chair assigned into My Rotary
3. Perform 1 of the following 2 options, (A OR B).

A) Have a minimum of 1 ACTIVE member complete an online module, determined by the District Foundation Grants Sub-committee and receive a minimum score of 80%.

Completion certificates must be submitted to: lezliemurch@gmail.com

AND have a minimum of 1 ACTIVE member attend a District Foundation training session specific to Global Grant applications.

Grant Management Seminar:

Full Module:

<https://learn.rotary.org/members/learn/lp/101/Grant%2520Management%2520Seminar>

Grant Recertification Module:

<https://learn.rotary.org/members/learn/course/internal/view/elearning/1079/grant-management>
<https://learn.rotary.org/members/learn/course/internal/view/elearning/1079/grant-management-recertification-2020-21>

·An international partner and/or host club must maintain qualified status throughout the life cycle of the global grant. .

MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) for Global Grant:

- MOU, specific to global grants, must be submitted to the district, anytime after qualifying and PRIOR to submitting any applications for global grant funding.
- Signing of the Club MOU, as required by Rotary International, is to be completed by the current President, authorizing applications, and President Elect.

In order to receive matching funds from D7090 the host and international club must be qualified. Clubs in D7090 are eligible to receive up to \$10,000USD.

Paul Harris Fellows



Rotary Club Honors Mr. Shahid Lone with Prestigious Paul Harris Fellow for Combating Malnutrition.

In recognition of his outstanding efforts in the fight against malnutrition, Mr. Shahid Lone, Chairman of Allah Walay Trust, was awarded the esteemed Paul Harris Fellow Medal and Pin by the member of Rotary Club of St. Catharines South, Rotary International District 7090, Ontario, Canada. This honor celebrates his remarkable collaboration with the Trust for Malnutrition & Stunted Growth (TMSG) in addressing critical nutrition challenges and improving lives. The fellowship underscores Mr. Shahid Lone's unwavering commitment to creating a healthier, malnutrition-free future.



Rotary Club of Amherst and Amherst South on January 22 held a special Paul Harris Fellow evening at The Country Club of Buffalo . Together honoured were Todd E. Shatkin DDS who has improved patient care and supported underserved populations throughout the world , Scott Beiler for his community involvement, James and Barbara Barrett who have provided assistance to charities and their own foundation as well as John Blu Hannon from Wheels for Workers who empower community members without transportation to achieve great things. DG Dave Alexander was present to give out the certificates and pins.

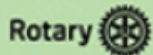
Tech Tip



Use these tips to help every member have a positive experience when visiting Rotary's Learning Center:

1. When you share Learning Center materials with people who have never used the Learning Center, tell them to start by going to rotary.org/learn, signing in to My Rotary when prompted, and accepting the privacy policy. They need to do this before they can enroll in courses or learning plans.
2. Members who don't have a My Rotary account will have to [create](#) one before they use the Learning Center.
3. If a link to the Learning Center doesn't work, try signing in to My Rotary first, navigating to the Learning Center, copying the link, and pasting it in the browser.
















If members in your club, district, or zone want to learn more about the Learning Center, they can write to learn@rotary.org to schedule a virtual presentation.



LEARN and LEAD with the ROTARY LEARNING CENTER

Learn at your own pace and in your own space!

14 Items

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Rotary Peace Fellowships Application

Rotary Peace Fellowships:

The Rotary Peace Fellowship application is now open! The 2026-27 Rotary Peace Fellowship application is available online through final deadline 15 May 2025.

If you know a potential candidate contact District 7090 Scholar Peace Subcommittee Chair- Bob Munroe if you need more information and would like help mentoring a potential peace fellowship applicant.

If you have questions contact District 7090 Peace Fellowship Subcommittee Chair- Bob Munroe or the following website rotarypeacecenters@rotary.org

Each year, Rotary awards up to 130 fully funded fellowships for dedicated leaders from around the world to study at one of our peace centers.

The Rotary Peace Fellowship is designed for leaders with work experience in peace and development. Our fellows are committed to community and international service and the pursuit of peace. Each year, The Rotary Foundation awards up to 50 fellowships for master's degrees and 80 for certificate studies at premier universities.

Choose the program that's right for you

Master's Degree Programs

Accepted candidates study peace and development issues with research-informed teaching and a diverse student body. The programs last 15 to 24 months and include a two- to three-month field study, which participants design themselves.

Professional Development Certificate Program

During the one-year program, experienced peace and development professionals with diverse backgrounds gain practical skills to promote peace within their communities and across the globe. Fellows complete field studies and they also design and carry out a social change initiative.

The spike in regional and local conflicts around the globe has boosted the need for peace and development leaders skilled in building positive social change. The fully-funded Rotary Peace Fellowship, which covers tuition and living expenses, increases the capacity of existing leaders to prevent and resolve conflict through academic training, field experience, and professional networking.

Up to 130 fellows are selected every year in a globally competitive process based on personal, academic, and professional achievements. Fellows earn either a master's degree or a professional development certificate in peace and conflict studies at one of the Rotary Peace Centers, located within seven leading universities around the world. More than 1200 program alumni are working in over 100 countries as leaders in national governments, NGOs, social enterprises, the military, law enforcement, and international organizations such as the United Nations.



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REQUIREMENTS:

1. Applicant must be within the boundaries of District 7090 at application and in final year of high school education with a commitment for full time, post-secondary (college, university, community college) education.
2. A resume of community service and/or volunteer activities completed, plus a 100-word paragraph about the impact these experiences have had on you.
3. An essay of 750 words describing: why you chose your career/education path, and what community service/volunteer activities you plan to participate in.
4. Optional: letter of reference from any community member (not a family member)

please see your local Rotary Club for full details



Applications Now Open

**SUBMIT YOUR
REGISTRATION
TO
YOUR LOCAL ROTARY CLUB**

Carol DeNysschen
Rotary District 7090
District Scholarships Chair
Email: scholarships@d7090.org

It's *GO Time* Folks!

DISTRICT GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE

Get Ready: Qualify your Club

TWO members from your club complete any Foundation on line course
from the rotary.org learning center

Your Club's Foundation Chair is named in "myrotary"

Input your Club's Foundation and Polio goals in "myrotary"

Your Club's Dues are in good standing

Submit the MOU signed by your Club President, President Elect and Treasurer

Get Set: Select a project

Meet with your fellow Rotarians and determine an area of need in your community.

The project should fulfill a humanitarian need and be small scale in nature.

D7090 will match your project funding with up to \$2,000USD.

For larger projects consider joining up with another club and do a collaborative grant.

GO: Submit a grant application

Go to d7090.org>login>member area>submit a grant request

Complete the description box with a brief description of your project.

Add 3 Rotary contact names and emails in the description box.

Ensure to choose YOUR name as all correspondence will go to you.

Your budget should include the matching funds provided by the district. Select submit.

Once your proposal is reviewed you will receive a message to complete the full application.

From there you will work with a reviewer in order to ensure your project is approved.

THE FINISH LINE

Complete your project during the Rotary year 2025/26

Don't hesitate to contact your reviewer or Grants Chair if you need assistance.

Complete the final report in the module: "Individual Project Report"

Take lots of pictures along the way, include your community and club members.

Talk your walk and celebrate the good work of The Rotary Foundation as
everyone becomes a **CHAMPION!**

Doing Good in the World | **Rotary's PolioPlus Legacy:**
Leading the Way in Global Health Progress
27 March 2025 at 10:00 Chicago time (UTC-5)



Michael McGovern
Chair, International PolioPlus Committee



Johrita Solari
Chair, Polio Eradication Task Force for the United States



Steven Lauwerier
Director of Polio Eradication, UNICEF



Dr. Hamid Jafari
Regional Director of Polio Eradication, World Health Organization

with Carol Pandak, director of PolioPlus

The Rotary Foundation 

ROTARY'S POLIOPLUS LEGACY (Webinar)

March 27/25 11 AM Eastern

Updates and leading information on worldwide Polio Eradication

REGISTER NOW

link: <https://msgfocus.rotary.org/c/11eHi4NsUUsxDWenQr3fvqvPdwFkS>

2024-25 District 7090 Rotary Foundation Committee

Note: Many Committee members make great speakers at your club

District Foundation Chair (2024-2025) - PDG Lisa Bishop

DRFC (2025-28) Michael Harrington

Past Rotary Foundation Chair - Sandi Chard

Fundraising Chair - PDG Frank Adamson

Annual Fund - Annie Holtby

Paul Harris Society - Paul Lehman

Endowment Fund - Wolfgang Lindemann

Polio Plus Chair - Bill French

Stewardship Chair - Paul Saskowski

committee: Michael Harrington

Sandi Chard

Grants Chair - Lezlie Murch

Subcommittee:

Grants Chair-Elect-Sue Foster

Global Grants Chair- Lezlie Murch District

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: David Alexander

District Governor Elect: Aaron Carlson

Governor-Nominee: Joanne Serkeyn

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

Lisa Bishop at delhipeople@sympatico.ca

Bold is Voting Members of Foundation Committee