



## Rotary District 7090 WEB TALK SUMMARY Wednesday, September 21, 2022, 7pm-8pm

The Web Talk consisted of a showcase of several successful projects as inspiration for clubs to **TAKE ACTION** in support of Rotary's **BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY** area of focus during this **IMAGINE ROTARY** year and beyond.

This brief summary is intended to serve as your ready reference for connecting with the speakers and projects included in the Web Talk. In addition, there are a few other bits, which I believe may be of interest as you consider finding new ways in which you and your Rotary Club can refresh your current project(s) and/or launch new ones.



Thank you for your interest and participation in D7090's inaugural Web Talk for 2022-23! Should you be looking for additional information, interested in sharing more ideas, resources, etc., don't hesitate to contact me.

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| <p><b>Rotary Club of St Catharines Lakeshore</b><br/> <b>Little Lending Library</b><br/> <a href="https://www.rotarylakeshore.com/Stories/little-lending-library-opens-at-happy-rolphs">https://www.rotarylakeshore.com/Stories/little-lending-library-opens-at-happy-rolphs</a></p>   | <p><b>Milica Kovacevich</b><br/> Member, Literacy Committee<br/> RC St Catharines Lakeshore<br/> <a href="mailto:mil.kovacevich@gmail.com">mil.kovacevich@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Ellen Wodchis</b><br/> Chair, Literacy Committee<br/> RC St Catharines Lakeshore<br/> <a href="mailto:ewodchis@gmail.com">ewodchis@gmail.com</a></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project completed in August 2022</li> <li>• Watch <b>Your TV interview</b> with Rotarian Ellen Wodchis (3:55 min.)<br/> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qkXExjxD9yc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qkXExjxD9yc</a></li> <li>• RC St Catharines Lakeshore received the RI 2018 International Literacy Award for its <b>“School to Home Reading Program”</b>.<br/> <a href="https://rotary7090.org/Stories/st-catharines-lakeshore-2">https://rotary7090.org/Stories/st-catharines-lakeshore-2</a><br/> Unfortunately, this highly successful program was curtailed in 2020 because of COVID lockdowns &amp; has yet to be reinstated.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Rotary Club of Hamilton</b><br/> <b>Summer Literacy Camp</b><br/> <a href="https://rotary7090.org/stories/hamilton-news-26/">https://rotary7090.org/stories/hamilton-news-26/</a></p>  | <p><b>Cathi MacDonell</b><br/> President, RC Hamilton<br/> <a href="mailto:cmacdonnell@rotaryclubhamilton.ca">cmacdonnell@rotaryclubhamilton.ca</a></p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Since 2000 this highly impactful annual project has reached some 10,000 children.</li> <li>• Watch this <b>video</b> featuring President Cathi MacDonnell &amp; others who play important roles in the longstanding success of this project (5:35 min.)<br/> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uouM1wiAtXI">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uouM1wiAtXI</a></li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>Rotary Club of Jamestown</b><br/> <b>JPS Summer LEAP</b><br/> (Learning Enrichment and Academic Progress)<br/> <a href="https://rotary7090.org/stories/jamestown-news-27/">https://rotary7090.org/stories/jamestown-news-27/</a></p> <p><b>Laundromat Libraries</b><br/> <a href="https://www.post-journal.com/sports/local-sports/2020/12/rotary-club-of-jamestown-places-books-for-children-in-city-laundromats/">https://www.post-journal.com/sports/local-sports/2020/12/rotary-club-of-jamestown-places-books-for-children-in-city-laundromats/</a></p> <p><b>&amp; more...</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Rotary Literacy Month Displays in Public Libraries &amp; Local Bookstores</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Celebrating Readers &amp; Book Clubs in the Community</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Read to Me Bibs &amp; Books for Newborns</b></li> </ul> | <p><b>Diana Meckley</b><br/> Chair, Literacy Committee<br/> RC Jamestown<br/> <a href="mailto:dianameckley@windstream.net">dianameckley@windstream.net</a></p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaboration &amp; engagement with community partners &amp; club members is key to the success of the many literacy projects currently being undertaken by Jamestown Rotary.</li> <li>• Check out the <b>Web Talk recording</b> to hear from Diana &amp; see all that these projects entail.<br/> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2rnOIK9-Ggk">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2rnOIK9-Ggk</a> @ 29:00</li> </ul>  |

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| <p><b>Rotary Club of Dundas Valley Sunrise</b><br/> <b>The Maktaba Project</b><br/> <a href="https://dvsrca.ca/stories/project-with-the-rotary-club-of-nairobi-madaraka">https://dvsrca.ca/stories/project-with-the-rotary-club-of-nairobi-madaraka</a></p> | <p><b>Robert Morrow</b><br/> Project Lead<br/> RC Dundas Valley Sunrise<br/> <a href="mailto:robertmorrow@bell.net">robertmorrow@bell.net</a></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This far-reaching international service project is in partnership with the Rotary Club of Nairobi-Madaraka to build &amp; equip school libraries.<br/> <a href="https://rotarymadaraka.org/portfolio/maktaba-project/">https://rotarymadaraka.org/portfolio/maktaba-project/</a></li> <li>• Check out the <b>Web Talk recording</b> for Bob’s up to the minute account of the fascinating process &amp; relationships involved in undertaking this exceptional project.<br/> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2rnOIK9-Ggk">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2rnOIK9-Ggk</a> @43:00</li> </ul>     |
| <p><b>Rotary Club of Olean</b><br/> <b>Dictionary Project</b><br/> <a href="https://rotary7090.org/stories/olean-news-22/">https://rotary7090.org/stories/olean-news-22/</a></p>  | <p><b>Doug Price</b><br/> Project Lead<br/> RC Olean<br/> <a href="mailto:hunteragency2001@yahoo.com">hunteragency2001@yahoo.com</a></p>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Since 2011, Olean Rotary has been gifting third grade students with dictionaries as part of the “The Dictionary Project” nationally.<br/> <a href="https://www.dictionaryproject.org/">https://www.dictionaryproject.org/</a></li> <li>• Check out the <b>Web Talk recording</b> for Doug’s brief account of the means and process for carrying out this project, which has had far-reaching effects for students as well as his club’s profile in the immediate community.<br/> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2rnOIK9-Ggk">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2rnOIK9-Ggk</a> @58:00</li> </ul> |

## FOR INSPIRATION

### Thoughts on BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY THEME by District Governor Nominee Dave Alexander

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<https://rotary7090.org/stories/dgn-dave-s-message/>

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- Enhancing literacy teaching and learning globally;
- Helping to provide materials and equipment for literacy education at different levels.



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