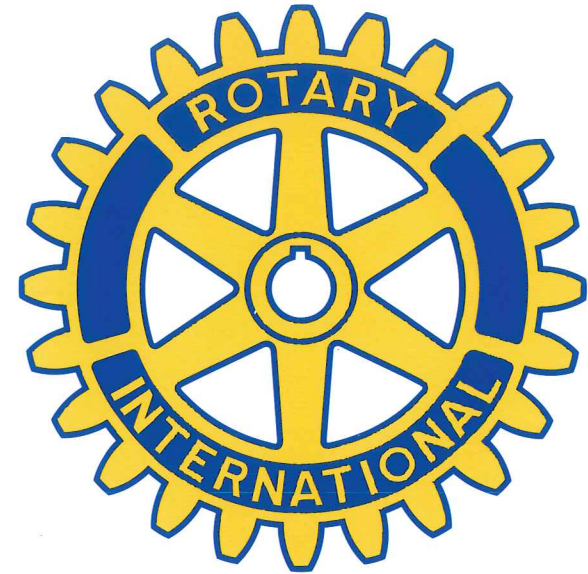


## **No Territorial Changes to the District During the 90's Rotary**

International changed to using four digits for district numbers beginning in 1991-92 when Raja Saboo was Rotary International president. This was necessary due to the use of computers and the possibility that Rotary would exceed 999 districts in the future. Simply adding a zero to the last digit renumbered existing districts. Our district became 7090. The world of Rotary grew substantially during the 1990's. The clubs in D7090 grew from 56 at the start of the decade to 74 by its end. Although overall district membership declined during this same period, Rotary International had the distinction of being one of the only service organizations that was able to maintain its membership rate at above 90% of its highest enrollment. This ten year history of District 7090 was put together by PDG Charles M. "Charlie" Fogel. PDG Wallace J. Ochterski assisted in computerizing the document for posting on the District webpage at [www.rotarydistrict7090.org](http://www.rotarydistrict7090.org).



# **HISTORY**

**DISTRICT 7090 SEVENTH EDITION**

**1990-1999**



(#1233), guided by PDG John Frid, is pending. It is a partnership between the Rotary Club of Chandigarh (D3080) and our Clubs of Brantford, Delhi, Dundas Valley AM, Flamborough AM, Hamilton AM, Orchard Park and West Seneca plus our District's D.D.F. Our Rotary Foundation Committee, led by PDG Don Hilborn, did an outstanding job in raising \$182,187 in Annual Giving, \$65,541 in Restricted Giving and \$17,969 for the Permanent Fund of The Rotary Foundation.

The dedicated, talented Rotarians in the District, led by their Presidents, 57 of whom were awarded RI Citations this year, 18 Assistant Governors and our Coordinator, created a most memorable year that made DG Ellard and the district very proud. Typical of the support given by the clubs to Ellard's encouragement was their donation of 10,000 articles of clothing for the less fortunate. Thanks to the Canadian Food for Children, a charity organization, these were then sent to several Third World Countries at no cost to Rotary. A majority of the clubs also responded positively to the district's lead in technology and instituted e-mail. Bob Chapman, our resident "Webmaster", worked very hard and created a web page for the District that was both informative and user friendly.

Our District Conference was a joint project with D7080. It was held in the Hamilton Convention Center and was very well received by 1178 attendees. PDG James Hawkins from California and his wife were the President's Representatives. He shared very special Rotary memories and impressed us all. Ambassadorial Scholars and GSE team members and leaders were recognized and Paul Harris Fellows were presented to 16 hard working Rotarians. The Youth Exchange program on Sunday was one of the best yet.

Buenos Aires, Argentina was the site of the RI Convention. President Carlo Ravizza presided, and Frank Devlyn of Mexico was elected President for 2000-2001. It was an impressive, almost magical convention. Just one PDG, John Rydzik, served on an international committee this year. He continued his fine service as Zone Coordinator for the Polio Plus Partners Program. The district was dealt a sad blow when Andy Proto, our DG in 1990-91, died. A superb motivational leader, he will be sorely missed.

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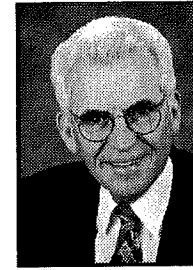
**1990-91**  
**District No. 7090**  
*District Governor*  
**ANDREW F. PROTO**  
 Rotary Club of the Tonawandas

Andy grew up in New York City and earned degrees in psychology and philosophy from City College of New York, Hunter College and the State University of New York at Buffalo. After a 4-year stint with the U.S. Air Force, he held senior management positions with the Niagara Savings and Loan Association, a toy and games manufacturer, a large real estate firm and a customhouse brokerage firm. In 1984, Andy founded Professional Marketing Systems, which offered services in sales training, consulting and public speaking, and served as its president. The community was enriched by his volunteer services as an officer of the De Graff Memorial Hospital Foundation, Grand Island Chamber of Commerce, United Way of the Tonawandas, Boys/Girls Club, Buffalo/Niagara Sales and Marketing Assn. and as a volunteer fireman.

In 1972, Andy became a Rotarian in the Grand Island club. Three years later, upon being transferred to the Tonawandas, he became a member there instead and its president in 1980. Multiple district responsibilities began shortly thereafter, and he served as area representative, coordinator of area representatives, director of programs for youth activities, public relations, communications and membership development as well as chairman of district finance and nominating committees. Andy also founded and published a quarterly newspaper for the district. With this background, it was no surprise that he was chosen as DG for 1990-91. Andy and JoAnn, his wife and helpmate, were multiple Paul Harris Fellows.

RI President for 1990-91 was Paulo V.C. Costa of Brazil, who chose "Honor Rotary with Faith and Enthusiasm" as Rotary's theme for the year. It was a heaven-sent theme for D7090 because DG Andy was a perfect example of what Paulo was seeking. A man of heart, deep faith and overflowing enthusiasm, Andy very naturally and superbly stimulated fellowship and volunteering for service, which he labeled "The Magic of Rotary". A major component of his club addresses, in addition to his deep concern for membership development, was the need for increased ecological awareness and the initiation of projects to improve the environment. This supported the new international pilot program called Preserve Planet Earth.

Since its inception, RYLA has been a very effective and well-supported program in D7090. This was true again in the summer of '91. Two one-week sessions were held at Ridley College for 50 Rylarians sponsored by 28 clubs. A third session was held at St. Bonaventure University for 24 more Rylarians sponsored by 18 clubs. Club extension, another great strength of the district, thanks to such stalwart governor's representatives as Robb McLeod, was particularly important this year because it was only one year since redistricting had reduced our size by 19 clubs. Four new clubs were chartered: Niagara Falls Sunrise, Ontario on 9/



**1999-2000**  
**District No. 7090**  
*District Governor*  
**ELLARD J. MCBANE**  
 Rotary Club of Hamilton AM, Ontario

Ellard McBane was born and raised in Quyon, Quebec. A graduate of McDonald College, School of Agriculture, Ellard holds the CLU designation from the Institute of Chartered Life Underwriters of Canada. He is the former President of Wentworth Financial Services, Inc, which specializes in Employee Benefits, Pensions, Estate Planning, Business Insurance and Mutual Funds. Ellard is a Charter Member of the Conference for Advance Life Underwriting and served as President of the Life Underwriters' Association in Ottawa in 1966. A 26-year Life and Qualifying Member of the Million Dollar Round Table, he qualified twice for the prestigious "Top of the Table".

Ellard joined the Rotary Club of Hamilton in 1985 and moved to the district's first morning club, the Rotary Club of Hamilton AM, when it was chartered in 1986. He served as Club President in 1987-88, Co-Director for membership development of the district in 1995-96 and Co-Chairman of the 1997 District Conference. Both Ellard and his wife, Opal, are Paul Harris Fellows, Benefactors, Major Donors of The Rotary Foundation and Charter Members of the Bequest Society.

Ellard began his year as District Governor with great enthusiasm, determination and energy. RI President Carlo Ravizza had designated the 1999-2000 Rotary theme as "Rotary 2000: Act with Consistency, Credibility and Continuity". Ellard made sure at each club visit that the theme was well understood and embraced. His encouragement helped lead to the chartering of the Rotary Clubs of Dundas Valley Sunrise and Flamborough AM as well as the McMaster University Rotaract Club in Hamilton and several Interact and Probus clubs. His own club, Hamilton AM, joined forces with the Poprad Club in Slovakia (D2240) to establish a Rotary Club of Kosice, which will be chartered next year. This exciting twinning project is the second in our district, the St. Catharines Club having done so earlier in chartering the Ljubljani Club in Yugoslavia.

Our District continued its strong Rotary Foundation activity. We awarded four Ambassador Scholarships and sent a very successful Group Study Exchange team, led by Alex Elliott, to D3080 in India. Ton Dicke led 24 Rotarians and their partners to Togo, Africa, where they assisted in giving Polio vaccine and delivered several special bikes for the children, which had been donated by individuals, clubs and the district. A 3-H Grant (#1082) in Delhi, India, shared by D7090 and D3010, was approved for \$351,000. Our support included commitments from the Rotary Clubs of St. Catharines, St. Catharines Lakeshore and Cheektowaga and \$7,000 from D.D.F. An application for another 3-H Grant

The death of two fine Past District Governors, James Riggs and Lloyd Kirkpatrick, saddened us all. Both served our District exceedingly well. Lloyd was "Mr. Rotary Foundation" in our District and Zone and his sudden illness and death was a real blow.

The District has always been very successful in extension, and this year was no exception. The Ellicottville, NY Club was chartered, bringing our total to 72 clubs, and groundwork was laid for three others.

It was a year of transition in many areas. The Long-Range Planning Committee established and carried out a process involving District Council members and Club Presidents in developing a 5-year Strategic Plan for the District. Several steps were also taken toward more fully implementing the R.I. Leadership Plan: The number of Area Representatives were increased and fewer clubs were assigned to each. Dual membership committees were established at both the District and Club levels, one for Membership Recruitment and one for Membership Development and Retention, to focus more effectively on these two vital, but different aspects of growth.

A series of plans for improved training in the District that had been started in 1997-98 with then D.G.N.N. Dale Jacobs were continued and implemented by the new D.G.N. Ellard McBane. These included a pre-PETS program, a formal training program for Area Representatives and Assistant Governors, greater emphasis on the involvement of Presidents-Elect throughout their "Elect" year, and improving the training function for club officers-elect at the District Assembly. Several clubs established websites and, in early 1999, driven by Ellard's strong interest in using the Internet, so did the District.

The quarterly Pathfinder newspaper and the monthly Governor's Letter were mailed or sent UPS to the Club Presidents to ensure their prompt delivery, and the latter was also so distributed to District officers and chairs. A modest change in the format of the District Council meetings enabled greater opportunity for consideration of concerns and issues. The Lockport Club undertook to help remedy its concern for literacy by having its Rotarians read weekly to young schoolchildren. The community was so well informed about the problem and the program, that the club was chosen to receive an R.I. Public Relations Award.

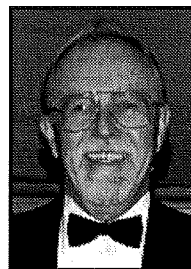
There was excellent attendance at the District Assembly (200+) and the District Conference (about 950). The keynote speaker for the latter, General Vernon Walters, held the audience spellbound and surprised the Youth Exchange students afterward when he conversed with them in seven of their languages. A Celebration Event, initiated the previous year by D.G. Allan, was held in May with over 100 attending, and 46 clubs were honored with R.I. Presidential Citations.

President James L. Lacy presided at the R.I. Convention in Singapore, and Carlo Ravizza of Milano, Italy was elected as our next President. Three Past District Governors served on international committees this year. They were Lloyd Kirkpatrick, who was Zone Chairman of the Poverty and Hunger Alleviation Task Force, Fred Norton, on the Dreams for the Future Regional Task Force, and John Ryzdik, Zone Coordinator for PolioPlus Partners.

18/90, Greater Jamestown AM, NY on 3/15/91, Hamburg Sunrise, NY on 6/8/91 and Ancaster AM, Ontario on 6/11/91. The Greater Jamestown AM club, which had 37 charter members, owed its birth to the co-sponsorship of three clubs: Falconer, Jamestown and Lakewood.

Snapshots of other happenings: Jim Sinclair of Amherst South visited many of the clubs and made them more aware of our Nepal Adult Orthopedic Hospital project. The Rotary Club of Buffalo sponsored a public, world-class Rotary Ice Rink in the city center. Our GSE team, led by PDG Nick Norton, made a tremendous impact on Georgians when they made their working visit to the old USSR; much more is bound to come from this exchange. A small club can also have a meaningful impact internationally as witness the Grimsby club. It partnered with India's Agra North club and received matching funds from The Rotary Foundation, enabling it to sponsor two eye camps in Agra, the home of the Taj Mahal. Our district had its first fall District Conference this year; it was very successful and was graced by having Past RI Director Asbjorn Austvik and Eva from Norway as President Paulo's Representatives. These are just a few of the many activities deserving mention this year. None gave any hint that Andy as well as Joan had health problems, with Andy being literally on his back at hospitals and home for parts of the year. This is just another example that volunteerism knows no boundaries, even illness. The year ended with a flourish when all districts in the world had a zero added to their numbers; thus we started the year as D709 and finished it as D7090.

Three district Rotarians were invited to participate on RI committees for the year: PRID Gerry Wooll for Election Review and Chairman for USCB PolioPlus, John Frid for World Community Service, and Charlie Fogel for Membership Development and District Administration Guidelines. The '91 RI Convention was held in Mexico City with 15,638 Rotarians in attendance. Rajendra K. Saboo was elected President of Rotary International for '91-'92.



**1991-92**  
**District No. 7090**

*District Governor*  
**LLOYD KIRKPATRICK**  
Rotary Club of Dundas, Ontario

Lloyd began his career as a mathematics and physical education teacher. He held various administrative positions before becoming superintendent of schools for the Wentworth County Board of Education in 1986. He served on the board of directors of the Ontario Secondary School Principals' Council and represented that group on the National Council of Universities.

Lloyd joined Rotary in 1969, at which time he became a member of the Rotary Club of Dundas. Membership to Lloyd meant sincere commitment, and he held many positions with distinction in the club, becoming president in 1983-84. He went on to do the same for the district, both before and after he was district governor, particularly in support of The Rotary Foundation. The following statement made by

Rodger Allan at the end of his year as district governor in 1997-98 is representative of the esteem with which Lloyd was held by those who knew him: "If this were the NFL, a Most Valuable Player Award would be given. The award this year would go to PDG Lloyd Kirkpatrick." It was a great loss to our district and a personal loss to many Rotarians when Lloyd died suddenly in summer 1998. Being a very well organized individual and technically adept, it is not surprising that he left on his computer the following report of his year as district governor:

"In 1991-92, RI International President Raja Saboo chose as his theme 'Look Beyond Yourself' and our club and district demonstrated the theme repeatedly during the year. Highlights of the year included:

- an excellent district conference held in early November, at which Rotarians and their partners were invited to 'Brush Up on Rotary'
- outstanding support from all members of the club before, during and after the conference under the exemplary leadership of Conference Co-Chairs Bob Glass and Alan Moffett
- the dedication and faithfulness to duty of District Secretary John Van Vliet
- the significant achievement award for outstanding community service awarded by RI President Saboo for the Rotary Club of Dundas' respite care project at St. Joseph's Villa
- hosting the Group Study Exchange team from Thailand
- the matching of 12 of our 20 Ontario clubs with our neighbors in Quebec to promote good will and understanding
- another record year for D7090 with over \$132,000 US contributed to The Rotary Foundation
- Rotary Night at the Ball Park in Pilot Field in Buffalo, with \$1600 being contributed to the Nepal Orthopedic Hospital Fund (over 800 Rotarians and their friends attended)
- attendance at our Rotary Foundation seminar and Paul Harris Dinner by Past RI Vice President Bill Sergeant of Tennessee and the presentation of a Paul Harris award to Terry Anderson, former Iranian hostage (A letter of commendation was received and read that night from US President George Bush.)
- completion of PolioPlus club commitments bringing D7090's total contribution to over \$1.6 Million U.S.
- completion of the fundraising for the first adult orthopedic hospital in the country of Nepal (over \$200,000 US was raised by our clubs)
- contacts made by Helen and me with Rotarians and partners around the world, people who have become good friends.

With thanks for the club's cooperation and support, Lloyd Kirkpatrick"

RI President Rajendra Saboo presided at the International Convention this year in Orlando, Florida, which attracted 19,111 attendees. Clifford L. Dochterman, from Moraga, CA, was elected President for the next year.

Three Past District Governors were chosen to serve on international committees in 1991. They were Charles Complin for Rotary Volunteers in Action, Charlie Fogel for Chairman of Membership Development, and John Frid for Extension as well as Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator.

PDG Lloyd Kirkpatrick, who provided outstanding Rotary leadership as District Trainer and Chairman of the Rotary Foundation Committee as well as RI Zone Chairman for the Poverty and Hunger Alleviation Task Force and a member of RI's International Institutes Committee. His sudden death in summer 1998 was a great loss, not only to the district, but also to Rotary generally and to many Rotarians. Two others served on RI international committees, PRID Charlie Fogel as Chairman of the International Institutes Committee and PDG John Rydzik as a member of that committee and Zone Coordinator for PolioPlus Partners. John's significant service towards polio eradication led to his receiving a Regional Service Award.

The RI Convention was held in Indianapolis with President Glen Kinross presiding and 19,002 attending. James L. Lacy of Cookeville, TN was elected to be our next President.



**1998-99  
District No.7090**

*District Governor*  
**JOHANNES I. OLSEN**  
*Rotary Club of Amherst East, New York*

Jon grew up in Brooklyn, attended the City College of New York, Auburn and Columbia Universities, and then received his doctorate from Virginia Tech. In 1975, after seven years as a Principal in Vermont, he was selected as Principal of the new Williamsville East High School in Amherst, New York. Upon retirement in 1995, he became an Adjunct at Canisius College in Buffalo, a resource person for Title I schools and an educational consultant. Jon's experience for these duties was enriched by his Presidency of a firm serving as consultants on curriculum, scheduling, calendars and school climate as well as authoring and co-authoring a number of professional articles and serving on regional and state committees.

A Rotarian since 1951, Jon was a member successively of the Charlotte-Shelbourne Club in Vermont, the Williamsville Club, and since 1988 a charter member of the Amherst East Club. He served as Club President in 1993-94. Both he and Phyllis, his wife, are Paul Harris Fellows and Benefactors, and they have hosted a Brazilian Youth Exchange student and served in a Counselor capacity for a Korean Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar.

During Jon's year as D.G., the District contributed \$232,243 in all categories of giving to The Rotary Foundation and that brought our total to TRF over the years to 4 million dollars. We were particularly honored by having two clubs receive 3-H grants, Grand Island for \$270,000 and Ancaster for \$100,000. The Niagara Falls, Ontario Club became the first club in Canada to achieve a membership of 100% Paul Harris Fellows.





**1997-98**  
**District No. 7090**

*District Governor*  
**G. RODGER ALLAN**  
Rotary Club of St. Catharines, Ontario

Rodger retired in 1985 as the CEO of the Ontario Education Relations Commission. In that capacity, the former high school teacher and principal studied small high schools in remote Northern Ontario. He was also the Director of Education in Ontario for a number of years, president of a local children's mental health center, and a member of the Ontario Board of Parole. A Rotarian in the Rotary Club of St. Catharines since 1970, Rodger served as its president in 1993-94.

When Rodger learned what RI President Glen Kinross had chosen as Rotary's theme for 1997-98, he was convinced that it would be an outstanding Rotary Year. His prediction more than proved true because the theme, "Show Rotary Cares- For Your Community, For Our World, For Its People", struck a deep responsive chord in Rotarians everywhere.

District 7090 did its utmost to put the theme into action. Leading examples were the Ancaster and Grand Island Clubs, who developed projects for Haiti and Bolivia, respectively, that resulted in their receiving Health, Hunger and Humanity Grants. Two 3-H Awards for a district in one year was unusual because only 16 such grants were awarded by The Rotary Foundation worldwide. The international projects of some of our other clubs also led to recognition by TRF, in this case, matching grants. These were in Africa, India and Ecuador. A long-time Rotary volunteer from the St. Catharines club, Dr. Ed Blair, returned to his service area of Malawi, Africa to complete his orthopedic textbook. Great work also took place in our own communities. Exciting projects such as Give of Yourself an organ donor project, as well as important new literacy programs, for example, were undertaken.

There were further highlights during the year with The Rotary Foundation as well as with Youth Exchange. Our Group Study Exchange team made a very successful visit to District 3080 in India, and their team arrived in our district in time to add a special dimension to our District Conference. Our efforts in behalf of PolioPlus and PolioPlus Partners provided local immunizations as well as helping in worldwide eradication. Thirty-seven Youth Exchange students from 20 countries visited our district while 36 of our youth were out-bound in many parts of the Rotary world. Those in-bound greatly helped enrich our excellent District Conference.

PDG John Frid was one of 123 Rotarians in the world given the Service Above Self Award, while PDG Robb McLeod was chosen by the district to represent us at the New Delhi Council on Legislation. Our district does not give a Most Valuable Player Award; but if one were given in 1997-98, it would have gone to



**1992-93**  
**District No. 7090**

*District Governor*  
**ROBERT M. H. MCLEOD**  
Rotary Club of Niagara Falls, Ontario

Robb graduated from Ryerson University in the field of metallurgy. This later led to his becoming vice-president of the Welding Institute of Canada and Canadian chairman of the National Welding Supply Association. At the turn of the century, he worked for StarGas, which distributes compressed industrial, medical and specialty gases. His experience also included the presidency of the Niagara Falls Economic Development Agency and a 3-year term as a public school board trustee.

Robb joined Rotary in 1982, and became president of his Niagara Falls Club in 1987-88. He was a team member of two Friendship Exchanges, to Australia and South Africa. In all, he visited over 100 countries on six continents plus Antarctica, where he was one of the moderators of a Rotary Peace Forum. One of his greatest marks of accomplishment, however, was his involvement in the formation of more than 17 Rotary clubs in D7080 and D7090, in which all of their charter members were either Paul Harris Fellows or Paul Harris Fellow Sustaining Members. This experience plus his excellent record of accomplishment on our D7090 PolioPlus Committee and as district governor led to his appointment by the trustees of The Rotary Foundation (TRF) to their 1997 Long Range Planning Task Force.

Robb was known as the "Happy Coat Governor" because he wore a Japanese Happy Coat when he made his official club visits. These visits increased from 64 to 66 before his year was over because two new clubs were chartered during the year, Brantford Sunrise with 46 charter members and Dunnville with 26 charter members, both in Ontario. Five new Interact clubs were also established, and participation in one of two RYLA Camp programs, each of one-week duration, enriched the leadership skills of 70 young adults.. The quality of leadership provided and the dedicated efforts of 263 committee members on 25 committees led to the success of these and the other district efforts.

Our district consists of clubs in Canada and the USA, two countries that are a model of how all countries should treat each other. Similarly, Rotary is a model of the world at peace. Based on these facts, Robb chose a "Best of Friends" theme and logo for our district and emphasized that "international understanding and peace begins with your neighbor and moves out from there". This had the desired effect, and international activities played a greater role than ever in the district. A very successful Group Study Exchange was held with Argentina, and we had 36 outgoing Youth Exchange students. We enrolled 15 new Rotary Foundation Benefactors, raised \$112,000 in unrestricted giving for TRF and initiated world community service projects that attracted four Matching Grants from TRF. We also started construction for our Adult Orthopedic Hospital project, awarded two Ambassadorial Scholarships, created a district Foundation Alumni Association and held our

first international bike trek with the funds raised going to TRF. Bosnian relief became a serious issue; so D7090 outdid all expectations and raised \$36,000 in cash and more than \$14,000 in goods. The St. Catharines Club alone sent \$10,000 in blankets, clothing and medical supplies.

What a year! No wonder DG Robb and 36 out of 64 clubs received Presidential Citations for balanced Rotary programs in all four avenues of service. Fifteen more clubs were only one or two items away from receiving similar citations. Four Past District Governors were also called on to serve on international committees: Past RI Treasurer Gerry Wooll served on the Election Review Committee, John Frid was Chairman of the Extension Committee, and "Nick" Norton and PRID Charlie Fogel served as USCB Coordinators for the World Community Service Committee and the Functional Literacy Task Force, respectively. Very appropriately, the year ended with a great international convention in Melbourne, Australia that attracted 22,083 and elected Robert Barth of Rothrist, Switzerland to be RI President for 1993-94.



**1993-94**  
**District No. 7090**

*District Governor*  
**JOHN D. RYDZIK**  
Rotary Cub of Hamburg Sunrise

John Rydzik was born and raised in Buffalo, NY. Following three years in the U.S. Marine Corps, he returned to pursue a career in education, receiving his doctorate from SUNY at Buffalo in 1972. After teaching for several years, he joined the faculty at Erie Community College, where he served as Dean as well as Vice-President/CEO of its South Campus. He retired in 1991 after 30 years in education.

John joined the Rotary Club of Hamburg in 1981 and was its Vice-President in 1986. He and P.D.G. Hugh Sampson helped form the Rotary Club of Hamburg Sunrise, which was chartered March 1991 with John as President. He served on the District's RYLA Committee for eight years, three as chairman and also as Director of Youth Service for two years. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and Benefactor.

His year opened with a bang when R.L. President Robert Barth and V.P. Wilf Wilkinson installed the District's club presidents at a special dinner July 6th. "Believe In What You Do and Do What You Believe In" was President Barth's theme and John stressed it in his addresses to the District's 22 Canadian clubs and 46 US clubs. Later, two more Canadian clubs, Niagara-on-the-Lake and Brantford Sunrise, were chartered, and the Batavia, Jamestown and Lockport clubs celebrated their 75th anniversary.

Our Group Study Exchange this year (led by James Peters) was with D2727 in Japan, and our Friendship Exchange (led by Emil and Ann Anderson) was with D1200 in England. Nepal was another highlight because its Orthopedic Hospital, for which we had donated \$225,800 to-date, was nearing completion. Among other matters of particular note was the awarding of Presidential Citations to 42 of our clubs and to the District for quality performance and the granting of Service Above Self Awards to

generations on the framework that our forebears established. There were six major goals:

1. **Build the Future by Honouring Our Past.**

The year marked the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Paul Harris. Many clubs started a service project honouring his memory.

2. **Build the Future by Strengthening Membership.**

Rotary International introduced an educational kit for new members, and all clubs were asked to use it to improve retention. During the year, the Rotary Club of Lincoln was chartered, and it quickly showed that it would be another strong club.

3. **Build the Future by Bringing Quality into Vocational Service.**

Many clubs introduced projects to guide young people in selecting worthwhile career objectives and to identify potential employment opportunities for them.

4. **Build the Future by Preparing New Generations.**

Hamilton Mountain and the St. Catharines Clubs, among others, held conferences directed to the New Generations. Others, such as the Waterdown Club, initiated the establishment of an Interact Club in a local high school.

5. **Build the Future by Working for Urban Peace.**

Seminars for developing Skills in Conflict Resolution were held for young people so as to identify specific problems that have an adverse effect on peace in our communities.

6. **Build the Future by Supporting The Rotary Foundation.**

The Annual Giving Fund met its objective, and Past District Governors Lloyd Kirkpatrick and "Nick" Norton undertook the role of Co-Chairs for the newly established Permanent Fund. PolioPlus continued to be actively supported as well.

The District Conference, which was held in May at the Fallsview Hotel in Niagara Falls, Ontario, was one of the best attended in many years. The International Convention was held in Glasgow, Scotland. It was a tremendous effort and very well received by the 23,506 attendees, which included many from our district. Glen W. Kinross of Brisbane, Qld., Australia was elected R.I. President for 1997-98.

Rotary appoints many international committees. PRID Charlie Fogel was selected this year to serve as Vice-Chairman for one of these, the International Fellowships Committee.



The District Conference was held at the Radisson Hotel and Suites in May 1996. Many Rotarians joined "In the Mood with Rotary", hosted by the Amherst South Club under the leadership of Barry and Jan Barrett. The Presidential Citation for balanced club achievement was awarded to 22 clubs at the conference and P.D.G. John Frid was honored for his role in leadership development in the district. P.D.G. Lloyd Kirkpatrick was presented the Rotary Foundation's "Citation for Meritorious Service", a recognition provided to only one Rotarian in each District for exemplary service to the Foundation.

Calgary, AB, Canada was the site of the R.I. Convention. Attendance numbered 24,963. Luis Vicente Giay of Arricefes, Buenos Aires, Argentina was elected President for 1996-97.

P.R.I.D. Charlie Fogel served for the year as an International PolioPlus Consultant and as member of the Nominating Committee for President of R.I. in 1997-98.



**1996-97  
District No. 7090**

District Governor  
**DONALD S. HILBORN**  
Rotary Club of Waterdown, Ontario

Don retired in 1992 as Manager of the Hamilton Financial Centre, which represented a large international life insurance company. He continued afterward to maintain a large client base specializing in pensions, estates, business and financial planning. A graduate of numerous management and marketing courses, Don was given the C.L.U. designation from The Institute of Chartered Life Underwriters of Canada. For many years, he served on the boards of The Hamilton Life Underwriters Association and The Hamilton Life Managers Association, serving the latter as President in 1986. On six different occasions, he also was on his company's Managers Advisory Council and in 1980 was its Chairman.

A Rotarian since 1985, Don served his club in many positions, including President in 1989-90 and Director of International Service during the PolioPlus Campaign. His responsibilities for the district were even more numerous: Area Representative, Coordinator of Area Representatives, Chairman of The Rotary Foundation and Finance Committees and District Trainer. The last named entailed responsibilities for Pre-PETS, PETS, the District Assembly and the Assistant Governors training. Don and Lynda, his wife, are Paul Harris Fellows and Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation.

Rotary International President Luis Vicente Giay chose "Build the Future With Action and Vision" as Rotary's theme for the year. The emphasis was on how we could best pay our debt to the past by building a better future for the new

P.D.G. Charles Complin and Ray Bukovec of the St. Catharines club, two of a total of 100 worldwide. Also, for the first time, we had an Interact Governor to lead our six Interact Clubs.

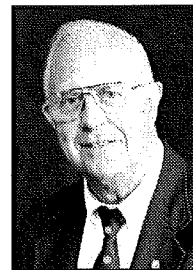
A fine District Conference attracted 808 attendees. P.D.G. Lou Marciano from Rhode Island and his wife Gloria were the President's Representatives and impressed us all. Five new Paul Harris Fellows were presented and former GSE team members and leaders and Ambassadorial Scholars were recognized at the Saturday banquet. A motivational presentation about the Gift of Life program led to its adoption later as a District program. P.D.G. Lloyd Kirkpatrick was elected as our delegate to the 1995 Council on Legislation.

The Rotary Foundation Committee, led by Lloyd Kirkpatrick, did an outstanding job raising \$164,565 from 67 of the 68 clubs in the district, \$14,565 more than the target.

The 68th club's contribution arrived too late to be counted this year. Additionally, \$23,574 was raised for restricted purposes, mostly for PolioPlus, which was greatly helped by the fine work of three regional committees in the District. Our total Foundation effort was enhanced by the quarterly distribution of the newspaper "The Round-Up" and a District Foundation Newsletter to our almost 3700 Rotarians.

Taipei, Taiwan was the site of the third largest RI Convention to-date, 31,161 being in attendance. Bill Huntley of Sutton-on-Sea, Lincs., England was elected President for 1994-95 and former U.S. President Jimmy Carter received the 1994 Rotary Award for World Understanding.

International appointments this year were made to P.D.G. John Frid as a member of the Extension Committee, P.R.I.D. and Treasurer Gerry Wooll as a Presidential Information Counselor, and P.R.I.D. Charlie Fogel as General Coordinator of the Functional Literacy Task Force.



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District No. 7090**

District Governor  
**JOHN H. (JACK) HOYT**  
Rotary Club of Buffalo, NY

Jack, born and bred in Buffalo, graduated from Bennett High School and attended Millard Fillmore College of the University at Buffalo and the American Institute of Banking. In 1946, following three years of service in World War II, he joined the staff of the Buffalo Photo Material Co., a photographic supply firm. In 1962, Jack took several momentous steps: he purchased the business, became its president, and joined the Rotary Club of Buffalo.

Jack's interest in youth service led him to more than 45 years of volunteer work with the Boy Scouts of America, including positions as District Commissioner, Dis-

tract Chairman and member of the board. He is a Silver Beaver award recipient. For more than 25 years, the Crippled Children's Camp, a major interest of the Buffalo club, also benefited from his service, twice as president. Jack is a member of the Buffalo-Niagara Photographic and New York State Photographers' Associations.

In Rotary, Jack was Treasurer, Vice President and President (1973-74) of the Rotary Club of Buffalo. District-wise, he served two years on The Rotary Foundation committee and one year as Director of Community Service. Both Jack and his wife, Arline, are Paul Harris Fellows, and each has made another member of the family a Paul Harris Fellow.

Bill Huntley, President of Rotary International, chose "Be A Friend" as Rotary's theme for the year. This was ideal for our district, which, since 1992-93, has been known as the "Best of Friends District". The theme called on us "to have the vision to see, the vigor to act, and the heart to care". It was strongly endorsed by DG Jack, and it resonated throughout the district, resulting in such representative actions as the following:

Steps were initiated by the district to institute the Gift of Life program, which provides life-saving open-heart surgery for children from underdeveloped countries lacking the necessary facilities. The Ancaster AM club provided funds, matched by The Rotary Foundation, to furnish an industrial kitchen in Tres Cracoes, Brazil. The Dundas club gathered thousands of dollars worth of medical equipment and made contacts with clubs in Africa, Chile and Brazil for their distribution. The Simcoe club gave \$75,000 to the Simcoe Composite School to establish the Rotary Club of Simcoe Computer Laboratory in the School. The Buffalo club, which had initiated a mentoring program with the Lorraine Academy in 1992, decided to strengthen those bonds and expand Rotarian involvement even further by adopting the school. Seventy-four dedicated Rotarians participated in the 30-mile round-trip Bike Trek between Goat Island and Niagara-on-the-Lake to raise money for The Rotary Foundation.

The year was marred by the death of Dr. Hugo Ewart, District Governor in 1974-75. He will be missed. Hugo would have been very pleased to have seen the recognition given to his nearby Waterdown club by The Rotarian for its Haunted House Fund Raiser. As a physician, he would also have been particularly pleased to learn that a new asteroid was recently discovered and named the Paul Harris Asteroid to honor the founder of our association, which was doing so much to immunize the children of the world against polio.

Our district does an unusually effective job in club extension almost every year. This year was no exception. Three fine clubs were chartered, Buffalo Sunrise, Stoney Creek and Caledonia. They provide excellent additional centers for service, fellowship and networking. Three super Rotarians continued our district's representation on international committees. Lew Clemens served on the RI Advisory Committee for Group Study Exchange. PDG Lloyd Kirkpatrick served as Assistant Coordinator for the RI Membership Development Task Force and PDG John Frid served on both the Committee to Examine Membership Trends and the Planning and Research Committee.

The District Conference, co-chaired by Jim Grant and Dan Torrell, was very successful with 699 total registrants and 67 of 70 clubs represented. Congressman Jack Quinn was guest speaker and Past RI Director Herb Walsh, accompanied by his wife, Jo Ann, was the President's Representative.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Nice, France, and it attracted 34,007 attendees. President Bill Huntley presided and Herb Brown of Clearwater, Florida was elected President for 1995-96.



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*District Governor*  
**JAY S. BECK**  
Rotary Club of Amherst South

Jay Beck is the senior partner of Beck Reedy and Associates, an insurance consulting firm specializing in estate, business and financial planning. He entered the business as an associate of his father, Art Beck, also a Rotarian and District Governor in 1947-48. A graduate of Denison University (BA) and Kent State University (MA), Jay also holds the CLU and Chartered Financial Consultant designations from the American College in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

Jay is Past President 1994-95 of Estate Analysts of Western New York and a member of The Study Group, composed of professionals from many areas of the U.S. Other business memberships include the Buffalo Life Underwriters, the Million Dollar Round Table and the Golden Key Society (CLU).

A Rotarian since 1961, Jay served his club in many leadership positions, including President in 1973-74. For the District, he has been Chairman of the Rotary Foundation Scholarship Committee, Director of the Rotary Foundation Committee, and Chair of the Finance and Nominating Committees. Both Jay and Linda, his wife, are Paul Harris Fellows, and Jay is also a Benefactor of the Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary theme for 1995-96, established by R.I. President Herbert G. Brown, was "Act With Integrity, Serve With Love, Work For Peace". Net membership growth was one of his major thrusts. To this end, President Herb established membership committees in both Zone 22 and 28, and they were of substantial assistance to our District. Membership continues to be one of our most serious challenges although our final report for the year showed a net membership gain of 95 members. The Rotary Club of Norfolk Sunrise was chartered during the year and has continued to develop into a strong club.

Year 1995-96 was an active one for the Rotary Foundation in our District. We awarded four Ambassadorial Scholarships, sponsored a District bike trek and had a successful Group Study Exchange with District 2340 in Sweden, thanks to G.S.E. Chair Petter Turnquist, who personally arranged it after attending 20 Rotary meetings in Sweden. PolioPlus and area immunization programs were also successful. The leadership of P.D.G. Lloyd Kirkpatrick as Chair helped the District raise \$152,686 for the Annual Giving Program and saw us exceed our Benefactor goal of 75 for the Rotary year.

Youth projects were very visible, including Youth Exchange, RYLA, Gift of Life and a new Interact Club. Internationally, the Rotary Club of Grand Island sponsored a World Community Service grant to Potosi, Bolivia, which is an on-going project led by Rotarian John Harbison.