

A BRIEF HISTORY OF DISTRICT 7090

Rotary first came to Western New York on August 22, 1911. At the second Annual Convention at Portland, Oregon, Charter No. 28 was granted to the Rotary Club of Buffalo, New York, by all 149 attendees. At this same convention, Paul P. Harris was also elected to his second term as International President.

Less than two years later, on August 1, 1913, Charter No. 82 was granted to the Rotary Club of Hamilton, Ontario, and the stage was set for the creation of one of the strongest districts in the Rotary world.

These two clubs almost immediately provided the leadership and strength that was so necessary to Rotary International. Buffalo's first president, Burton E. Pfeiffer, was appointed by RI President Paul Harris to the RI Committee on Inter-City Relations in 1911, and in 1913 he was elected Vice President of Rotary International. Russell T. Kelly, Hamilton's first president, was immediately appointed to the RI Education Committee. Just five years later, he was appointed District Governor, succeeding Governor S.A. Luke, who died in November 1918.

Our international history began in 1918 with the creation of District No. 4 which established the first truly international district in the Rotary world. The year 1918-1919 was the first in which two countries were served through one district, forming the "Best of Friends" district, Canada/United States. District 709 was not so numbered until 1957, and was later re-numbered to 7090 in 1991.

Today, District 7090 remains a benchmark for many Rotary districts around the world.

COLLEGE OF PREVIOUS DISTRICT GOVERNORS

* - Indicates Deceased Governors

1913/14	W.A. Peace* Burton E. Pfeiffer*	Toronto, ON Buffalo, NY
1914/15	W. A.. Peace* E.J. Bertlett*	Toronto, ON Philadelphia, PA
1915/16	William J. O Hea* Thomas G. Wells*	Rochester, NY Montreal, PQ
1916/17	Thomas K. Smith* Bruce A. Carey*	Syracuse, NY Hamilton, ON
1917/18	Fred A. Vanamburgh* William A. Martin*	New York, NY London, ON
1918/19	Russell T. Kelly*	Hamilton, ON
1919/20	F. Austin Lidbury*	Niagara Falls, NY
1920/21	Harry G. Stanton*	Toronto, ON
1921/22	Hart I. Seeley*	Waverly, NY
1922/23	Edward C. Bull*	Buffalo, NY
1923/24	Andrew Wallace*	Lockport, NY
1924/25	John T. Symes*	Lockport, NY
1925/26	Sydney B. McMichael*	Toronto, ON
1926/27	Joseph R. Hanley*	Perry, NY
1927/28	David M. Wright*	Stratford, ON

1928/29	Robert C. Turnbull*	Bath, NY
1929/30	Charles Buchanan*	Toronto, ON
1930/31	Dean Miller*	Bradford, PA
1931/32	Charles E. Willox*	Niagara Falls, ON
1932/33	Phillip W. Mosher*	Niagara Falls, NY
1933/34	Dr. Grant I. Bird*	Oshawa, ON
1934/35	James S. Dunwoody*	Erie, PA
1935/36	Stanley S. Forbes*	Brantford, ON
1936/37	George Barber*	Batavia, NY
1937/38	Thomas J. Patton*	North Bay, ON
1938/39	Harry W. Rockwell*	Buffalo, NY
1939/40	Gary Moss*	Hamilton, ON
1940/41	Daniel F. Lincoln*	Jamestown, NY
1941/42	William O. Lothead*	Kitchener, ON
1942/43	Lincoln W. Beale*	Buffalo, NY
1943/44	Frank H. Leslie*	Niagara Falls, ON
1944/45	Leroy D. Phinney*	Kenmore, NY
1945/46	Frank M.. Barker*	Buffalo, NY
1946/47	Gordon E. Perdue*	Oakville, ON
1947/48	Arthur L. Beck*	Amherst South, NY
1948/49	William L. Calder*	Woodstock, ON
1949/50	Dr. Lydon Hulbert*	Springville, NY
1950/51	Atlee T. Minnis*	Grimsby, ON
1951/52	Frank O. Henshaw*	Westfield/Mayville, NY
1952/53	Hugh J. Heasley*	Waterloo, ON
1953/54	Earle I. Hamlin*	Albion, NY
1954/55	Paul A. Fisher*	Burlington, ON
1955/56	Eugene F. Lerch*	Buffalo, NY
1956/57	Dr. Howard Valentine*	Princeton, ON
1957/58	Chester Peterson*	Cheektowaga, NY
1958/59	Arthur C. Beach*	St. Catharines, ON
1959/60	Dr. J. D. Scheller*	Amherst South, NY
1960/61	W. Ross Rodger*	Hamilton, ON
1961/62	Dr. Elmer L. Sleeper*	Kenmore, NY
1962/63	Harold M. Jackson*	Simcoe, ON

1963/64	Fred C. Root*	Tonawanda, NY	
1964/65	F. M. (Mike) Ledwith*	Milton, ON	
1965/66	Paul D. Williams*	Buffalo, NY	
1966/67	Herbert Hardwick*	Oakville, ON	
1967/68	Gordon C. Robinson*	Niagara Falls, NY	
1968/69	Gerald R. Wooll *	St. Catharines, ON L2R 6Z4	
1969/70	Marvin Samuelson*	Batavia, NY	
1970/71	John B. Irving*	Simcoe, ON	
1971/72	Daniel C. Mitchell*	Amherst South, NY	
1972/73	Clarence L. Bates*	Dundas, ON	
1973/74	Charles M. Fogel*	Buffalo, NY	
1974/75	Dr. Hugo T. Ewart*	Ancaster, ON	
1975/76	Edwin L. Pfohl*	Grand Island, NY	
1976/77	John R. Morris*	Alliston, ON	
1977/78	Donald H. Swift*	Middleport, NY	
1978/79	Terrence Williams*	Kitchener, ON	
1979/80	Orville W. Johnston*	Olean, NY	
1980/81	Albert E. Boone *	Cambridge, ON	
1981/82	Ernest Notar*	Williamsville, NY	
1982/83	Charles D. Complin* Betty (widow) Club: St. Catharines	2 Mountainview Drive St. Catharines, ON L2T 3H4	Res: 905-685-5704
1983/84	Hugh A. Sampson*	Hamburg	
1984/85	J.E. (Ted) Turner* Florence (widow) Club: Preston - Hespeler	71 Beasley Crescent Cambridge, ON N1T 1P5	Res: 519-621-8777
1985/86	Curtis McKown* Jeanne (widow) Club: Clarence	5141 Willowbrook Dr. Clarence, NY 14031	Res: 716-741-3115
1986/87	John K. Graham*	Oakville, ON	
1987/88	Frederic P. Norton (Alex) Club: Kenmore	8743 Center Road Cassadaga, NY 14718	Res: 716-679-4775 arkr@netsync.net
1988/89	Dr. John I. Frid* Joyce (widow) Club: Hamilton	1059 Unsworth Avenue Burlington, ON L7T 1R8	Res: 905-529-1088 jfrid@worldchat.com
1989/90	James H. Riggs*	Jamestown, NY	
1990/91	Andrew F. Proto*	The Tonawandas	
1991/92	Lloyd R. Kirkpatrick* Helen (widow) Club: Dundas	135 Cayuga Avenue Ancaster, ON L9G 3B2	Res: 905-648-6050 hkirkpatrick@cogeco.ca

1992/93	Robb McLeod Club: Niagara Falls, ON	530-A Eastchester Avenue East St. Catharines, ON L2M 7P3	Bus: 905-842-6668 rotaryrobb@stargas.biz
1993/94	Dr. John D. Ryzdik Club: Hamburg Sunrise	4771 Edgewood Drive Hamburg, NY 14075	Res: 716-649-3690 jdr4771@aol.com
1994/95	John E. (Jack) Hoyt* Arline (widow) Club: Buffalo	111 Depew Avenue Buffalo, NY 14214	Res: 716-836-3625
1995/96	Jay S. Beck*	Amherst South	
1996/97	Donald S. Hilborn (Lynda) Club: Waterdown	16-1095 Skyview Drive Burlington, ON L7P 4W7	Res: 905-332-7280 dhilborn1@cogeco.ca
1997/98	G. Rodger Allan* Norma (widow) Club: St. Catharines	49 Cheval Drive Grimsby, ON L3M 4N2	Res: 905-945-3631
1998/99	Dr. Johannes Olsen* Phyllis (widow) Club: Amherst	74 Day Troy Drive Williamsville, NY 14221	Res: 716-633-2048 jiolsen@roadrunner.com
1999/00	Ellard McBane (Opal) Club: Hamilton AM	224 Turnberry Road Burlington, ON L7M 4P9	Res: 905-331-3648 emcbane@wentworthfinancial.com
2000/01	Wallace Ochterski (Barbara) Club: West Seneca	6 South Herrick Road East Aurora, NY 14052	Res: 716-655-2211 Bus: 716-674-4557 wallaceo1@aol.com
2001/02	J. David Haddow (Connie) Club: Niagara-on-the-Lake	P.O. Box 1729 N-O-T-L, ON L0S 1J0	Res/Fax: 905-468-4703 haddow@niagara.com
2002/03	Joseph S. DePaolo (Joan) Club: Buffalo	76 Fox Hunt Lane East Amherst, NY 14051	Res: 716-689-6970 Cell: 716-523-6970 joefoxhunt@roadrunner.com
2003/04	Robert B. Bruce (Nan) Club: Waterdown	3345 Ryerson Road Burlington, ON L7N 3S3	Res: 905-632-6528 pdgbob@bell.net
2004/05	Charlotte M. Herlong Club: Fredonia	619 Washington Avenue Dunkirk, NY 14048	Res: 716-679-8107 Bus: 716-366-1911 charlotteherlong@hotmail.com
2005/06	Arthur S. Wing (Jacqueline) Club: St. Catharines	3 Towering Heights, Apt 804 St. Catharines, ON L2T 4A4	Res: 905-687-8680 art@arthurwing.com
2006/07	Richard Earne Club: Grand Island	620 Baseline Road Grand Island, NY 14072	Res: 716-773-6346 Cell: 716-983-4756 enrae.richard@gmail.com
2007/08	Robert N. Leek (Gillian) Club: Hamilton (relocated)	292 Main St, PO Box 285 Bloomfield, ON, K0K 1G0	Res: 613-393-2999 loyalistlanding@bell.net
2008/09	Ralph Montesanto (Barbara) Club: Dundas Valley Sunrise	20 Highland Park Drive Dundas, ON L9H 3L8	Res: 905-627-3869 rmonesanto@cogeco.ca
2009/10	Pravin Suchak (Sheela) Club: Amherst North	649 Mill Street Williamsville, NY 14221	Res: 716-631-3334 Bus/Cell: 716-868-9150 pravin.suchak@gmail.com
2010/11	Karen Oakes (Wolfgang Lindemann) Club: Delhi	123 Charlottesvill Road 5 Rural Route 2 Simcoe, ON N3Y 4K1	Res: 519-426-2331 oakes.kl@sympatico.ca
2010/12	John Heise (Sandy) Club: Holley	16 North Main Street Holley, NY 14470	Res: 585-638-5432 Cell: 585-261-2010 jheise@rochester.rr.com

2012/13	Richard (Rick) Sterne (Jeanette) Club: Brantford	29 – 422 Powerline Road Brantford, ON N3R 8A1	Res: 519-754-0114 Cell: 519-755-5800 sternerick@gmail.com
2013/14	Kevin Crouse (Rebecca) Club: Brantford Sunrise (relocated)	193 Sunnybrook Road RR#3 Lunenburg, NS B0J 2C0	Res: 902-640-2141 kevrecrouse@gmail.com
2014/15	Samuel (Jack) Amico (Dolores) Club: West Seneca	62 Cheryl Road West Seneca, NY 14224	Res: 716-674-1119 Bus: 716-608-8391 Cell: 716-570-1199 jack@D7090.org
2015/16	Kevin Crosby (Nancy) Club: Buffalo Sunrise	106 Woodbury Drive Lockport, NY 14094	Res: 716-433-2357 Bus: 716-875-7740 Cell: 716-998-6379 kevin@D7090.org
2016/17	Marlene (Marlee) Diehl (William) Club: Albion	999 Archbald Road Waterport, NY 14571	Res: 585-682-3017 Cell: 585-755-4334 marlee@d7090.org