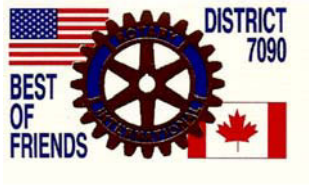


## District Council Agenda November 17, 2007

Phillip Sheridan Building, 3200 Elmwood Ave, Kenmore, NY  
Located just North of Sheridan Drive (Route 324), Take the Elmwood Avenue  
(North) or Delaware Avenue (South) exit from the I-290. Dress is Casual.

08:00 – 08:45 AM	Check-in, Coffee, Juice, Fellowship, Distribution of Committee Reports	
08:45 – 08:55 AM	Welcome	Bob Leek, DG
	Invocation	Pravin Suchak, DGN
08:55 – 09:30 AM	Secretary's Report	Pene Hutton
	Treasurer's Report	Marlene McGraw
	District Governor's Report	Bob Leek
	District Governor Elect's Report	Ralph Montesanto
	District Governor Nominee's Report	Pravin Suchak
09:30 – 10:30 AM	Directors' Reports	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Public Relations - Director Paul McAfee</b></li><li>• <b>Membership - Director Andy Skrypniak</b></li><li>• <b>The Rotary Foundation - Director Bob Bruce, PDG</b></li><li>• <b>Youth Services - Director Kevin Crouse</b></li><li>• <b>Service Projects – Director John Heise</b></li><li>• <b>Training – Wally Ochterski, Director, PDG</b></li></ul>	
10:30 – 10:45 AM	Break	
10:45 – 11:00 AM	Early Act Presentation – Chris Lowes	
	District Administration – DG Bob Leek	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Friendship Exchange</li><li>• Family of Rotary</li><li>• Harassment &amp; Abuse Prevention</li><li>• Mentors</li><li>• Nominating</li><li>• District Conference</li></ul>	Nan Bruce Mary Hirsch-Schena Rob Reid Karen Oakes Charlotte Herlong, PDG Michael Howes
11:45 - 12:00 PM	New Business	
12:00 PM	Adjournment	
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Governors Council (working lunch) Area Reports	Pravin Suchak, DGN Assistant Governors



## **Executive Secretary's Report to District 7090 Council November 17, 2007**

During the period from September 30, 2007 to November 17, 2007, the Executive Secretary provided support in the following manner, among other things:

### District Governor/District Council:

- Prepared Minutes of September Council Meeting - sent for posting to website
- Collected reports, prepared agenda with Governor, formatted and distributed via email to Council members for November Council Meeting
- Distributed information to clubs as requested including website link to monthly District newsletters
- Booked meeting space for Council; ordered refreshments
- Sent reminder notices of Governor's Official Meeting to Clubs

### District Governor-elect and Nominee Support

- Responded to various informational inquiries
- Developed mailing list for PEs
- Conferenced with DGs, etc. regarding Club Runner

### District Committee Support:

- Distributed various email notices regarding trainings, etc. for committees
- Assisted with The Rotary Foundation Dinner reservations, collected payments and handled check in table

### Miscellaneous:

- Provided club support - answered varied email and phone messages regarding general where to and how to questions, e.g. insurance, how to access RI website club information etc., how to complete attendance reports, etc
- Continuous update of email addresses as notified

### Publishing:

- Updated Directory once to reflect corrections, changes, etc.

### Attendance:

- Attendance - received and reviewed monthly club attendance records and consolidated information
- Total Rotarians reported as of July 1st, 2007 – 2924 (soft and will be verified with RI); September 30, 2007 - 2902; Net Growth YTD loss 22 members; Average Attendance YTD - 68% (
- Note – ended June 30, 2007 with 2950 members. This loss appears typical for the first half of the Rotary Year and we should see a gain in the second half. Also note that Springville dissolved costing the District a dozen Rotary members.

# Rotary International District 7090

## Balance Sheet

As of October 31, 2007

	Oct 31, 07
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Chequing/Savings</b>	
1010 · HSBC US	85,237.52
1020 · BoM Cdn	49,301.01
1040 · Petty cash	1,530.88
1070 · Citizens Bank	56,655.60
1090 · Restricted Grants Committee	1,488.00
<b>Total Chequing/Savings</b>	194,213.01
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	
1110 · Accounts receivable	8,548.00
1115 · Accounts receivable - Cdn	9,386.97
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	17,934.97
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
1450 · Prepaid expenses	12,516.18
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	12,516.18
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	224,664.16
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
1700 · Equipment	2,457.44
1750 · Accum Amort - Equipment	-737.24
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	1,720.20
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>226,384.36</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Accounts Payable</b>	
2010 · Accounts payable	7,378.00
2020 · Accounts Payable - Cdn	3,325.00
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	10,703.00
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
2400 · Funds Held in Trust	
2420 · Polio Funds	218.06
2400 · Funds Held in Trust - Other	606.75
<b>Total 2400 · Funds Held in Trust</b>	824.81
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	824.81
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	11,527.81
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	11,527.81
<b>Equity</b>	
3100 · Restricted funds	7,109.22
3900 · Retained Earnings	145,580.62
Net Income	62,166.71
<b>Total Equity</b>	214,856.55
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>226,384.36</b>

# Rotary International District 7090

## Statement of Revenue and Expenditure Compared to Budget

July through October 2007

	Jul - Oct 07	Budget	\$ Over Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
4000 · Club assessment			
4010 · General assessment	103,394.78	108,765.00	-5,370.22
4030 · Insurance Assessment	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total 4000 · Club assessment</b>	<b>103,394.78</b>	<b>108,765.00</b>	<b>-5,370.22</b>
4200 · District Conference	0.00	0.00	0.00
4300 · District Governor RI reimb	10,706.00	11,025.00	-319.00
5000 · Earned revenues			
5020 · Youth Exchange			
5023 · Blazers, Cards & Name Badges	0.00	500.00	-500.00
5025 · Orientation/Fellowship Weekends	4,350.00	0.00	4,350.00
<b>Total 5020 · Youth Exchange</b>	<b>4,350.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>3,850.00</b>
<b>Total 5000 · Earned revenues</b>	<b>4,350.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>3,850.00</b>
5060 · District Simplified Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00
5200 · Interest income	383.67	920.00	-536.33
5400 · Other income			
5401 · Other Income	100.00	0.00	100.00
<b>Total 5400 · Other income</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>118,934.45</b>	<b>121,210.00</b>	<b>-2,275.55</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
5405 · Exchange Gain/Loss	-14.78	0.00	-14.78
6000 · Administration			
6010 · District Governor	3,359.74	3,400.00	-40.26
6020 · Assistant Governors	0.00	500.00	-500.00
6030 · District council	242.25	450.00	-207.75
6040 · District directory	2,848.30	2,000.00	848.30
6070 · District newsletter	2,577.13	2,340.00	237.13
6080 · District office			
6081 · Office Support	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
6082 · Phone Charges	140.53	40.00	100.53
6083 · Postage	150.88	100.00	50.88
6084 · Office Supplies	65.37	80.00	-14.63
6085 · Bank Charges	149.04	120.00	29.04
<b>Total 6080 · District office</b>	<b>4,505.82</b>	<b>4,340.00</b>	<b>165.82</b>
<b>Total 6000 · Administration</b>	<b>13,533.24</b>	<b>13,030.00</b>	<b>503.24</b>
7000 · Directors and Committees			
7015 · District Simplified Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00
7040 · Membership	796.05	500.00	296.05
7050 · Rotary foundation	262.46	250.00	12.46

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Accrual Basis

# Rotary International District 7090

## Statement of Revenue and Expenditure Compared to Budget

July through October 2007

	Jul - Oct 07	Budget	\$ Over Budget
7080 · World community service	191.52	250.00	-58.48
7090 · Youth exchange			
7093 · Blazers, Card, Name Badges exp	444.39	625.00	-180.61
7095 · Orientation/Fellowship weekends	3,088.99	875.00	2,213.99
7096 · Other YE expenses	193.31	0.00	193.31
Total 7090 · Youth exchange	3,726.69	1,500.00	2,226.69
7100 · RYLA	647.45	765.00	-117.55
7200 · Other committees	40.55	1,000.00	-959.45
Total 7000 · Directors and Committees	5,664.72	4,265.00	1,399.72
7500 · Standing Committees			
7520 · District insurance	18,691.77	20,000.00	-1,308.23
Total 7500 · Standing Committees	18,691.77	20,000.00	-1,308.23
8000 · Training			
8020 · PETS expenses	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
8040 · District training	2,388.28	3,000.00	-631.72
8050 · Assist Governor training	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
8070 · Dist Governor Nominee training	2,357.70	3,200.00	-842.30
8080 · Dist Governor Elect training	7,516.91	7,500.00	16.91
8090 · District Governor training	4,649.90	5,000.00	-350.10
Total 8000 · Training	17,892.79	20,700.00	-2,807.21
8600 · Meeting Expenses	0.00	150.00	-150.00
9915 · Unbudgeted Expenses	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Total Expense	56,767.74	58,145.00	-1,377.26
Net Ordinary Income	62,166.71	63,065.00	-898.29
Net Income	<b>62,166.71</b>	<b>63,065.00</b>	<b>-898.29</b>

## **DISTRICT 7090 COUNCIL MEETING – NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2007**

### **DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT**

#### **1) CLUB VISITS**

- 12 clubs left to visit, plus 1 postponed board meeting.
- clubs continue to demonstrate much appreciated hospitality, the provision of excellent information prior to the visit, and the desire to share the issues and challenges unique to each.
- singing both national anthems continues to be a challenge, especially when the U.S. anthem is not started at the appropriate key level.

#### **2) DISTRICT CONFERENCE**

- organization of the district conference in the fall of 2008 (October 17-19) is well under way (see distributed "save the date" cards).
- Rotary International requests that each district hold a district conference in each Rotary year. As there will be no district conference in district 7090 in the current rotary year, President Wilf Wilkinson has asked that we designate our spring district assembly as a one day district conference. District assembly is being organized by DGE Ralph Montesanto and the District Training Committee, being chaired by PDG Art Wing and Jacquie Herman-Wing. They have been notified of Wilf's request and are considering what additional programs, if any, might be incorporated into the normal assembly program.

#### **3) 2010 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN MONTREAL**

- On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, the RI board formally accepted the proposal from district 7040 (which includes Montreal) and clubs in district 5550 (Winnipeg) to host the 2010 RI Convention in Montreal at the Palais de Congress. The dates are June 20-24. The RI board's decision was based in part on the anticipated additional financial support from other districts in Zone 22. Dr. Monty Audenart, Zone 22 Director, had asked all District Governors to suggest possible levels of support from each specific district as part of the presentation to the RI board. At our September meeting of District Council, my report included a formula offered by the Montreal Host Organizing Committee, suggesting loans from each district following a guideline of \$2-5 per member, annually, for 3 years. I will be recommending to the District Finance Committee that they look at incorporating into the district budget a line item allocating \$10,000 for each of the up-coming two Rotary years in support of the Montreal Convention. The total of \$20,000 was the amount suggested to Director Audenart from district 7090 as our anticipated support for the convention.
- A reminder that while this is considered to be a loan, to be repaid at an interest rate of 6%, the reality of the repayment is in direct proportion to the financial success of the Montreal Convention. It would be appropriate to consider this as a "forgivable" loan until circumstances prove that repayment is forthcoming.

#### **4) DISTRICT INCORPORATION**

- District Rotarians Sandra Stephenson (Hamilton) and Arnie Zelman (Buffalo), both practicing attorneys in the field of corporate law, are working to provide a report to our January council which will include recommendations surrounding

our need to incorporate in some form to comply with the certification or the Youth Exchange program mandate.

5) **PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

- Director Paul McAfee, Communications Chair Roman Groch, and Webmaster Jim Mendola have all resigned from the committee.
- Concerns over the non-consultative approach taken by the District Advisory Committee in moving forward with an investigation of “Clubrunner” as our future district website configuration was the reason for Paul’s resignation. Jim expressed no interest in the “Clubrunner” format, and Roman felt that his contributions would be limited.
- Please refer to DGE Ralph Montesanto’s report re. “Clubrunner”.

6) **EASTERN CITIES FELLOWSHIP DINNER**

- Well attended by district 7090.
- Rotarian Dick Eddy (Albion) was honoured by President Wilf with a presentation of a certificate marking Dick’s 60 years of perfect attendance.
- 9 District Governors at the head table, each being asked to speak for 2 minutes, somehow were able to keep this part of the program to under 45 minutes

7) **ROTARY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS COMING TO DISTRICT 7090**

- International Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians World Championships will be held from June 21<sup>st</sup> to June 28<sup>th</sup> in Niagara Falls, Ontario (see distributed brochure).
- International Curling Fellowship of Rotarians World Championships will be held from March 30<sup>th</sup> to April 3<sup>rd</sup> in Brantford, Ontario.

8) **ROTARY WORLD PEACE SUMMIT**

- Will be held in Windsor, Ontario, April 25-27, 2008. The summit will feature internationally renowned speakers and panels, as well as a Saturday night Peace Concert.
- RI President Wilf Wilkinson will be in attendance.
- “The Summit” is co-chaired by former Zone 22 Director John Eberhard from London, Ontario
- For more information, and to register, go to [rotarypeacesummit.org](http://rotarypeacesummit.org).

9) **FOUNDATION DINNER**

- Outstanding event, wonderful speaker, superb organization, celebration of district champions.
- Kudos to Karen Oakes, Bob Bruce, Pene Hutton, and the entire Foundation Committee for an excellent job well done.

10) **ROTARY CLEAN WATER SUMMIT**

- Will be attending along with District Water Taskforce Chair Roy Sheldrick, PDG Bob Bruce, and PDG Doug Vincent from District 7080.
- Location is Port-au-Prince, Haiti
- Dates are December 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>
- Will be spending a few days with Rotarian Sheldrick and his “Water for Life” program

District Governor-Elect Report to District Council  
November 17, 2007

President-Elect Training

- Presidents-Elect Training Advisory Committee – The committee, comprised of eight Presidents-Elect from large to small clubs throughout the District, the Director of Training, the District Trainers for 2007 and 2008, an Assistant Governor, the Governor Elect and Governor Nominee held its first meeting on October 13. The committee's role is to act as a sounding board for President-Elect and Club Officer Training. One of the most startling revelations was that most of the Presidents-Elect on the committee did not receive a District Directory. (Assistant Governors, please remind your Presidents that one copy of the Directory goes to the President-Elect.)
- Pre-PETS – This year, as part of preparing Presidents-Elect to better understand the role of The Rotary Foundation and its relationship to effective Rotary clubs, all Presidents-Elect were invited to attend the annual Rotary Foundation Dinner on November 9, 2007 to hear The Rotary Foundation Chair and Rotary International PolioPlus Chair Dr. Bob Scott. Sixty-three Presidents-Elect and their partners met with District Trainers Art Wing and Jacquie Herman-Wing and myself prior to being introduced to the other 166 District Rotarians who were in attendance. The Presidents-Elect represented 35 Rotary Clubs. There are still 8 clubs that have not yet selected a President-Elect.
- District Council – I have asked all Presidents-Elect to attend a District Council meeting in order to see first hand how District Council operates. For many of the Presidents-Elect this is their first contact with District Officers, Directors and Chairs. The intent is to make it easier and more comfortable for them as Club Presidents to access the many services the District has to offer to individual clubs and to see that Rotary extends beyond the club level. In September, five Presidents-Elect attended Council. At the time of writing this report, eighteen Presidents-Elect indicated they would attend this council meeting. By the time this Rotary year is over my hope is that all Presidents-Elect would have visited one District Council meeting.
- Multi-PETS – The District Trainers and I met with our counterparts from Districts 7080 and 7070 to plan for our joint PETS 2 training for April 4 and 5, 2008 at the BMO Training Centre in Scarborough Ontario. The purpose of this training session is to build on the knowledge and skills developed in PETS 1, to learn from and share with other Rotary Club Presidents-To-Be and to extend the training to include the “big picture” of Rotary throughout the world.
- District Assembly – This year the District Assembly and Club Officer Training will be combined with the District Annual Meeting and Council on Legislation to become a one day District Conference in order to satisfy Rotary International's requirement for a District Conference every Rotary year.



#### District Conference

- The Planning Committee continues to prepare for the District Conference on October 17 – 19, 2008 in Hamilton, Ontario. The theme, “On the Waterfront: A Clear Commitment” is a very timely topic affecting our immediate region as well as the developing world. This is a joint conference to celebrate District Governor Bob’s 2007 – 2008 year and to introduce my 2008 – 2009 year. The program includes a number of workshop session followed by a variety of “out of the hotel” sessions. Of course, all topics are related to water in one way or the other.

#### Club Visits and Other District Meetings/Seminars

- Joined District Governor Bob on his visit to the Buffalo Rotary Club
- Attended the official recognition ceremony of the Buffalo State College Rotaract Club
- Attended the District Membership Seminar at Brock University
- Took part in the District Governor’s Advisory Committee conference call
- Chaired a conference call with the Clubrunner website supplier, the Governor’s Advisory Committee, Rob Klingensmith, Pene Hutton and Eugene Gillies.

#### District Appointments

- I continue to have ongoing discussions regarding District appointments for Directors, Chairs and Assistant Governors for 2008 as three year terms draw to a close

#### District Website

- A decision was made at the Governor’s Advisory Committee to move ahead with the change of website. The new website will be Clubrunner.
- Jim Mendola, District Webmaster, has stepped down from that role after many years of excellent service to the District.
- A new Communications Committee will be in place to assist with the implementation of the new website.
- Since the website host server was down, the opportunity for hackers to access the District website has increased. As a result the website will be moved to a new host server until Clubrunner is up and operating.

#### LA Rotary International Convention Promotion

- All District Club Communication Coordinators were emailed the LA Convention registration and promotional materials and asked to distribute them to club members. The first deadline for registration is December 15, 2007. After that registration increases by \$45 USD per person. Register before hotel rooms become less available and ticketed RI events become sold out.

## District Governor Nominee Report to District Council

November 17, 2007

In my role as District Governor Nominee there are some things I need to attend to and other things I do that will help foster my relationships with District committees, clubs and individual Rotarians. I also need to continue to increase my overall knowledge and understanding of Rotary and its many programs. I view this year as an opportunity to identify and encourage potential new district leaders, to work collaboratively with the current District Leadership Team and to begin planning some of the specifics for my year as District Governor. The following, therefore, are of just some of the activities and meetings I have been involved with since the September District Council Meeting.

- Joined District Governor Bob on his visits to several clubs on both sides of the border.
- Attended the TRF Seminar for Area Clubs in WNY
- Prepared Assistant Governor Area Report for District Council Meetings
- Chaired the AG Roundtable after the council meeting
- Attended one of the PR Workshops
- Participated in the Pets Training Advisory Committee
- Attended the District Membership Workshop in Cheektowaga
- Attended the Rotary UN Day in New York – See attached report
- Participated in the Club Runner conference call
- Attended the Chartering ceremony of the Buffalo State College Rotaract Club
- Took part in the District Governor's Advisory Committee conference call



Pravin D. Suchak

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DAY AT THE UNITED NATIONS

9:30 AM

WELCOME TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
Brad Jenkins, RI Representative to the United Nations

INTRODUCTIONS  
Michael K. McGovern, RIVP

“Rotary Shares”  
Wilf Wilkinson, President Rotary International

Remarks  
Kiyotaka Akasaka,  
Under Secretary General for Communications and Public Information

Brad Jenkins., Moderator  
RI Representative to the United Nations

10:35 AM

LITERACY PANEL  
Cream Wright  
Chief, Education Cluster, UNICEF  
Casa Ampara Literacy Project  
Barbara Walters  
RC of Kalamazoo

Bill Miller, Moderator  
Alternate RI Representative to the United Nations

11:25am

WATER PANEL  
Clarissa Brockelhurst  
Chief of UNICEF’s Water, Environment and Sanitation Section  
“Nakuru Rain Water Harvesting Program”  
John Boot, Rotarian, RC of Summerland

Sylvan M. Barnet, Jr., Moderator  
Alternate RI Representative to the United Nations

12:15 PM

Dong-Kurn Lee, President-elect, Rotary International  
Robert Scott, Chairman, The Rotary Foundation  
Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon’s Message  
Delivered by Kim Won-soo  
Deputy Chief de Cabinet

Dr. Stephen W Nicholas  
Columbia University Medical Center  
Richelleu Allison  
Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program

1:00 PM

LUNCH AND TOURS

2:30 PM

HEALTH PANEL  
Melanie Renshaw  
Senior Health Advisor (Malaria) UNICEF  
“Rotarians Eliminating Malaria in Tanzania”  
Brian Stoyel, PP, RIBI  
R C of Plymouth Mayflower  
Sylvan M. Barnet, Jr., Moderator  
Alternate RI Representative to the United Nations

3:15 PM

HUNGER PANEL  
Deborah Saidy  
NY Director, World Food Program  
“Farmers Feed the Children”  
Gary Parrish, PP, RC of Little Rock  
James A. Spencer, Moderator  
Alternate RI Representative to the United Nations

3:58 PM

CONCLUDING REMARKS  
H. Bradley Jenkins, RI Representative to the United Nations

# Rotary Day at the United Nations

Saturday, November 3, 2007

In Tanzania, villagers buy mosquito nets through a Rotarian-supported program that aligns with the United Nations' goal to reduce malaria. In Kenya, families build Rotarian-funded rainwater collection tanks, complementing UN efforts to prevent deaths, especially among children, linked to poor sanitation. In Romania, farmers receive heifers through an effort backed by a Rotary Foundation grant that goes hand in hand with the UN goal to fight hunger.

These and other stories were highlighted during Rotary-UN Day at UN headquarters in New York City as ways Rotarians are helping the United Nations advance its goals to improve lives around the world. Held annually, the occasion celebrated the organizations' 62-year partnership. More than 1,300 Rotarians, UN officials, Interactors, and Rotaractors from 48 countries attended the day of panel discussions on water, literacy, health, and hunger on 3 November.

Rotary's relationship with the UN dates back to 1945, when 49 Rotarians acted as delegates, advisers, and consultants at the conference that founded the global association of governments. Today, Rotary holds the highest consultative status offered to any nongovernmental organization by the Economic and Social Council, which oversees many specialized UN agencies.

"Ever since the United Nations was founded, you have been a wonderful partner to our organization," UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said to Rotarians in remarks delivered by Kim Won-soo, deputy chef de cabinet and special adviser. "You have worked with the UN for health, literacy, and poverty eradication. You have promoted peace through your exchange programs. You have helped people understand what the UN is, what it does, and what it can do."

Ban and Kiyotaka Akasaka, UN undersecretary-general for communications and public information, praised Rotary for working on the UN Millennium Development Goals, which aim to slash poverty, hunger, disease, illiteracy, and other social ills by 2015. But more work is needed, Akasaka said. "It is intolerable that 72 million children are not in primary school. Maternal health remains a scandal, and HIV is growing faster than treatments can be made available," he explained, adding that climate change threatens to undermine work toward all the goals. Progress is being made, though, according to speakers featured throughout the day. Stephen Nicholas, a member of the Rotary Club of Yonkers, New York, and a professor at Columbia University Medical Center's Department of Pediatrics, said better, cheaper medication and intervention during pregnancy has almost completely diminished the number of HIV-infected infants at the clinic he founded in New York City's Harlem neighborhood. Nicholas has also helped develop a family AIDS program in the Dominican Republic. Now a World Community Service project, it aims to reduce the rate of mother-to-child HIV transmissions and the number of AIDS orphans.

# Rotary Day at the United Nations

Saturday, November 3, 2007

During a panel discussion on water, John Boot, of the Rotary Club of Summerland, British Columbia, Canada, described how Kenyan villagers have built 12,000 concrete water tanks and planted hundreds of trees as a natural purifier. In a health panel, Brian Stoyel, of the Rotary Club of Saltash, Cornwall, England, said posters encouraging Tanzanians to buy mosquito netting below cost have reduced malaria by 64 percent in targeted areas. Two billion additional nets are still needed in East Africa, however, said Melanie Renshaw, UNICEF senior health adviser.

The event also featured a presentation by Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program graduate Richelieu Allison, of Liberia, who received the day's only standing ovation. "Rotary has become a "beacon of the light," Allison said. "The Four-Way Test has transformed my life. It can transform the world."

**Extracted from an article by Barbara E. Walters, Rotary International News**

## **Rotary International crucial ally in advancing UN's goals – Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon**

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has hailed members of Rotary International as allies in advancing the work of the United Nations through their global efforts in support of initiatives for health, literacy and poverty eradication.

"You have helped people understand what the UN is, what it does, and what it can do," Mr. Ban told those gathered for the Rotary International Day programmed held at UN Headquarters in New York on 3 November. "Ever since the United Nations was founded, you have been a wonderful partner to our organization."

In a [message](#) delivered by Deputy Chef de Cabinet Kim Won-soo, the Secretary-General noted that Rotarians have been the UN's "chief ally" in the mission to eradicate polio worldwide, helping to immunize almost two billion children around the world against the highly infectious, often paralyzing and sometimes fatal disease.

Rotary International has also worked with the UN to spread literacy and eradicate poverty, as well as sought to spread peace through its exchange programs.

In those and other ways, Mr. Ban said Rotarians have advanced the work to reach the Millennium Development Goals ([MDGs](#)) – the set of ambitious targets the world has set itself for slashing poverty, hunger, disease, illiteracy and other social ills by 2015.

He added that in his own native Republic of Korea, the Secretary-General has seen the remarkable work Rotary International has done in supporting the country for the past 80 years.

**Extracted from the UN Web Site**



November 2007

## **Rotary District 7090 PR Committee Activity Report**

Submitted by Paul McAfee

**On Friday, October 26, 2007, Paul McAfee resigned his role as Director, Public Relations, for the District.**

### **District PR Committee Members**

#### **Public Relations Committee**

- Chair – Robert Klingensmith, Amherst East
- Pravin Suchak, Amherst North
- Byron Jacobs, Dundas
- Wayne Knox, Caledonia

#### **Communications Committee**

- Chair – Roman Groch, Welland (resigned from committee)
- Eugene Gillies, St. Catharines (resigned from committee)
- Jim Mendola (District Website), Clarence (resigned from committee)

#### **District Newsletter Committee**

- Chair – Open
- Editor – Gary Evans
- Carolyn Mullin, Fonthill
- Kathleen Ganz, Lockport
- Skip Mazenauer, Grand Island

#### **Los Angeles, CA – RI Convention Promotion**

- Chair – Ralph Montesanto, Valley Sunrise

### **Public Relations Committee – Robert Klingensmith**

1. The District Council, at its last meeting, approved the \$2,000 match to a \$6,000 RI PR Grant. The District awaits approval of the grant by RI.
2. Paul McAfee worked with Jean Armitage, Michael Howes, David Greenfield, and Pravin Suchak to help communicate the upcoming GSE.
  - a. Michael Howes published a press release to Canadian media.
  - b. Paul McAfee published a press release to all Erie & Niagara County media in his list, to the Southern Tier media, and to all area Chambers of Commerce in his list.
  - c. David Greenfield published the release to Chambers of Commerce belonging to a Western New York Chamber organization.
  - d. Paul McAfee made connections between the following organizations and the appropriate GSE Committee members to encourage direct personal communication about the GSE trip.
    - i. Marian Deutschman, Director, College and Community Partnerships, SUNY Buffalo State College.



- ii. Michael LaMancuso, Western New York President, The Alcott Group (a human resources management organization). Michael is communicating the GSE information to his clients in the hospitality industry.
- iii. Brian Hansberry, General Manager, Seneca Niagara Casino & Hotel.
- iv. Ann Mestrovich, Business Development Specialist, Buffalo Niagara Partnership. Ann is sharing information about the GSE trip to Buffalo Niagara Partnership members in the wine, travel, and hospitality industries.
- v. Ian Brindle, Dean - Faculty of Mathematics and Science, Brock University. Ian also is head of Research at Brock University. He is very interested in letting Oenology alumni of Brock University know about the GSE trip.

#### **Communications Committee – Roman Groch**

1. The white paper to help clubs find PR and advertising resources on the RI website that Paul McAfee created must be updated. RI completely rebuilt its website in October, causing the links in the white paper to be “broken.”
2. Paul McAfee delivered a series of five free communications workshops in the US for small businesses and non-profits. Paul encouraged Rotary Club Communications Coordinators and Public Relations Directors to attend the workshops, with up to three Rotarians attending each workshop.
3. Paul – with Sue Dolan’s substantial help – scheduled a workshop for Saturday, November 10, in Grimsby, Ontario, to make PR workshop attendance easier for Canadian Rotarians in our District.
4. On Sunday, October 28, Roman resigned from his role as Chairman of the Communications Committee.
5. On Sunday, October 28, Jim Mendola resigned from his role as District Webmaster. Jim will help provide the current District website content to ClubRunner when the transaction takes place. However, he does not anticipate making any changes or updates to the District website ahead of its termination and transfer to ClubRunner.
6. On Tuesday, October 30, Eugene Gillies resigned from the Communications Committee.

#### **District Newsletter – Gary Evans**

1. Gary Evans reports:
  - a. Nothing new to report.

Rotary International District 7090  
Membership Committee Report for District Council November 17, 2007  
Presented by Andy Skrypniak Membership Director

**Goals for 2007-2008**

- Each club to achieve a net gain of one new member by June 30, 2008.
- Net membership increase for the district of 75 members by June 30, 2008
- All clubs to report attendance on a monthly basis.
- Host two regional membership seminars, both in October, 2007 (**achieved**)
- District Membership chair to speak to every club prior to June 2008

**Attendance:**

- 6 clubs did not report in August (improvement from July)
- August attendance was 68% (same as July)
- 5 clubs under new 50% attendance requirement (up from 4 in July)

**Membership count:**

- June 30 count was 2972; July 1 count was 2933; August 31 count is 2920
- 19 new members inducted and 27 resignations during August
- Official starting figure for July 1 will be the number reported to RI on semi annual report
- Springville club has folded

**District Membership Seminars:** Two seminars were held in October. The first one was held on the 20<sup>th</sup> in St. Catharines and the other one held on the 27<sup>th</sup> in Cheektowaga. Attendance was just over 40 people in total. Seven pages of summary notes have been distributed to all 73 clubs.

**Club Visits:** These visits are being well received by the clubs. Completed club visits: 26; Confirmed club visits: 46; Pending club visits: 2

Each club will receive a copy of Frank Devlyn's book: Frank Talk 2, How to improve membership retention and energize your Rotary club.

**Membership Kits:** Packages have been prepared for each club membership chair. In each package is a CD of various valuable downloads from the RI website pertaining to membership. As well there are examples from various clubs on: club pamphlet, club handbook, membership plan, membership tips, leadership plan, survey tools. These kits are being distributed by DG Bob during his official visits.

**Club Visioning:** The committee is working out final details on their first visioning exercise. A number of clubs have expressed an interest in having this exercise completed with their club.

We still need some people experienced in facilitation on both sides of the border to assist in the visioning exercise. Contact Andy to volunteer for facilitation or to have your club to participate.

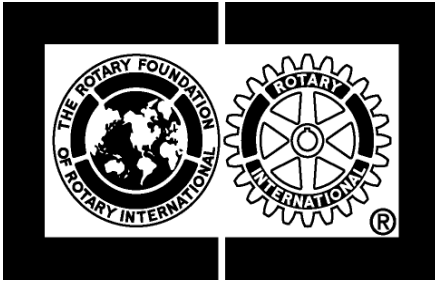
**Club Extension:** No report at this time

**Other Information:** Zone membership training to be held on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.



## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE 2007-08

Pending		Confirmed		Completed	
Grimsby	24-Jan	Westfield Mayville	13-Nov	Dunkirk & Fredonia	May. 2007
Caledonia	29-Jan	Hamburg	13-Nov	Ellicottville	May 9. 2007
		Fonthill	14-Nov	Falconer	May 10. 2007
		St. Catharines South	19-Nov	Hamilton	July 26. 2007
		Lincoln	20-Nov	Hamilton AM	August 29. 2007
		Orchard Park	20-Nov	Olean	September 4. 2007
		Grimsby Noon	27-Nov	Stoney Creek	September 14. 2007
		Fort Erie	28-Nov	Eastern Hills	September 26. 2007
		Niagara County Central	29-Nov	Springville	folded
		Dunnville	29-Nov	Holley	October 15. 2007
		Niagara Falls USA	3-Dec	Medina	October 17.2007
		Norfolk	4-Dec	Akron Newstead	October 18. 2007
		Port Colbourne	5-Dec	Jamestown	October 22.2007
		Waterdown	10-Dec	Williamsville	October 22.2007
		Buffalo Sunrise	11-Dec	Hamburg Sunrise	October 25.2007
		Ancaster	11-Dec	Albion	October 25.2007
		Flamborough AM	12-Dec	Lakewood Chautauqua	October 30. 2007
		Amherst East	13-Dec	Hamilton MTN	October 31. 2007
		Dundas VS	8-Jan	Fredonia	November 1. 2007
		Brantford Sunrise	9-Jan	Lancaster Depew	November 1. 2007
		St. Catharines	10-Jan	Southshore Blasdell	November 6. 2007
		Dundas	15-Jan	Jamestown AM	November 7. 2007
		Buffalo	17-Jan	Leroy	November 7. 2007
		Hamilton Sunset	17-Jan	Lewiston-NOTL	November 7. 2007
		St. Catharines Sunrise	22-Jan	Salamanca	November 8. 2007
		Delhi	24-Jan	Cheektowaga	November 8. 2007
		Brantford	25-Jan		
		Simcoe	4-Feb		
		Ancaster AM	7-Feb		
		Welland	12-Feb		
		St. Catharines Lakeshore	20-Feb		
		Hamilton East Wentworth	21-Feb		
		Niagara Falls Canada	4-Mar		
		Tonawandas	5-Mar		
		Batavia	25-Mar		
		West Seneca	26-Mar		
		Amherst North	1-Apr		
		Clarence	4-Apr		
		Grand Island	9-Apr		
		Middleport	15-Apr		
		East Aurora	22-Apr		
		Amherst South	23-Apr		
		Kenmore	28-Apr		
		Lockport	6-May		
		NOTL	13-May		
		Niagara Falls Sunrise	22-May		



## District 7090 Rotary Foundation Committee

### District Council Report

*November 17, 2007*

Bob Bruce, District Rotary Foundation Director

#### The Rotary Foundation Annual Dinner

*Karen Oakes, Chair*

On Friday, November 9, 2007, The District 7090 Rotary Foundation Annual Dinner was held at the Americana Hotel on Lundy's Lane in Niagara Falls, Ontario, with 236 Rotarians, partners and friends in attendance. Guest speaker RIPVP Bob Scott, Chair of The Rotary Foundation and Chair of the International PolioPlus Committee, enthusiastically explained the goals of the Foundation and touched the hearts of many as he explained the work of the Foundation and its ongoing needs.

After the event Bob Scott wrote the following message:

"Dear Karen, Bob and Bob

Ann joins me in thanking you for a wonderful evening on Friday last.

The company, the friendship, the meal, we enjoyed it all. Thank you so much for the basket of Chocolates and nuts which we have stored until we get back at Christmas time. Naturally the malt whiskey will also be savoured at Christmas but I must admit to having a wee sensation already. Terrific.

The event itself was just superb and the number of award winners indicate that TRF is alive and well in District 7090 and you are all to be congratulated and of course in particular Karen.

I know these events do not happen without a team of helpers and please convey my thanks to them but it is you the leaders that made it happen

Best wishes and even more success for TRF in 7090

Yours sincerely,

Bob"

#### GSE News

*David Greenfield and Jean Armitage, Co-chairs*

The GSE Selection Sub-committee for the team leader for the GSE to District 2482 has completed their interviews and are pleased to inform you that **Bob Morrow** of the Rotary Club of **Dundas Valley Sunrise** has been selected for the team leader position and **Jacquie Herman Wing** of the Rotary Club of **St Catharines Sunrise** for the team leader alternate position. Both of the candidates have accepted the positions and are excited to be part of this upcoming exchange with Bulgaria next May 4 to 31.

Now we need to get some more applicants for the team member positions before that selection process occurs on December 1st.

**Tuesday, November 20, 2007:**

**Saturday, December 1, 2007:**

**Sunday, May 4, 2008:**

**Saturday, May 10, 2008:**

**Saturday, May 31, 2008:**

**Saturday, June 7, 2008:**

**Team Member Application Deadline for GSE Team to Bulgaria**

**Team Member Mandatory Interviews for GSE Team to Bulgaria**

**District 7090 GSE Team Departs for Bulgaria**

**District 2482 GSE Team from Bulgaria Arrives in Buffalo for Exchange.**

**District 7090 GSE Team Arrives Home from Bulgaria**

**District 2482 GSE Team Departs from Toronto for Bulgaria.**

## **Seminars for Club Rotary Foundation Chairs and Presidents**

*Art Wing, Joe DePaolo and Karen Oakes, Chairs*

Seminars for Club presidents and Club Foundation Chairs have been held in Buffalo, Ellicottville, Hamilton, St Catharines, and Brantford. The seminars have been well attended and thanks goes to all the Area Foundation Specialists and Committee Chairs who took part.

Still to come are seminars in for the Canal Region, Lake Plains Area, and the Chadwick Bay and Chautauqua South Area.

## **The Grants Committee**

*Richard Earne, Chair*

The grants committee is reviewing one Matching Grant application and several District Simplified Grant applications. Further applications should be sent to Dick Earne, Chair of the Grants Sub-committee.

## **Foundation Alumni Committee**

*Sue Dolan, Chair*

The Foundation Alumni committee continues its work in verifying contact information for both Ambassadorial Scholar and Group Study Exchange alumni for the past 10 years, and in tracing those alumni that are "MIA". By this calendar year's end, we hope to connect with all of the aforementioned alumni and update our records (and R.I.'s) accordingly.

Once this goal is achieved, complete and targeted database listings will be forwarded to each club with suggestions for methods of engagement of their alumni in Rotary life. It is anticipated that ramped-up communications with District 7090 clubs through email contact and/or club visits will provide each club with the impetus, initiative, interest and all necessary tools to invite sponsored alumni to participate in club and district activities.

Currently, we are approximately 50% complete in our tracing of Ambassadorial Scholar alumni and 20% verified in our GSE alumni group. Particular challenges include tracing alumni in light of the mobile lifestyle of the affected age group and in particular, female participants who have married / divorced /changed surnames, etc.

A recent initiative from R.I. is the first ever Rotary Alumni celebration to be held at the international convention in Los Angeles in June 2008. Each district is being challenged to send at least one Ambassadorial Scholar alumnus and one Group Study Exchange alumnus to participate in this inaugural event, and to facilitate this, R.I. is offering a drastically reduced conference attendance fee. To date, two Ambassadorial Scholar alumni and one GSE alumnus have expressed interest in attending the international convention.

## **The Rotary Foundation's Future Vision**

The Trustees of the Rotary Foundation have announced their Future Vision Plan. In creating their vision the trustees used a Five Way Test:

- 1) Is it simple;
- 2) Is it cost effective;
- 3) Does it require Rotarian involvement;
- 4) Does it have sustainable outcomes;
- 5) Is it consistent with The Rotary Foundation's mission.

Their aim was to simplify and make more flexible the work of the Foundation by giving districts more control of local or international projects and ensuring that larger grants are concentrated on areas determined by RI in a focused and sustainable manner.

There will be 2 types of grants.

The first will be block grants, modelled after District Simplified Grants. It is envisaged that these will allow greater decision making by districts and will be to a maximum of 40% of the District Designated Funds.

The larger grants, modelled after Major Matching and 3-H Grants, will concentrate on more focused areas which will be determined by the Trustees at their March, 2008, meeting. These will allow for club or district designed projects in focused areas or for pre-packaged projects with strategic co-operative organizations.

In 2008 the Trustees will pick 60 geographically dispersed Districts to pilot the changes with a view to full implementation by 2012-13.

For further information on these exciting changes go to [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org) and click on About Us, then The Rotary Foundation, and then on the sidebar Trustees, Board, Approve Future Vision model.

### **The Rotary Foundation District Service Awards, 2007-08**

Because so many Rotarians serve humanity through Foundation programs, The Rotary Foundation established District Service Awards to honour their efforts.

The hands and hearts of Rotarians have moulded The Rotary Foundation into one of the world's great organizations for peace and goodwill among nations and peoples. Every year, many thousands of Rotarians give their time, enthusiasm, expertise, and material means to support the Foundation and to ensure its continuing role in improving the quality of life for many throughout the world.

At the Annual Foundation Dinner we saluted a selection of individuals who have made a difference in the lives of others by their service through our District Rotary Foundation Committee and its various programs, to our international efforts in Polio eradication, or through their leadership in the Foundation's educational and humanitarian grants programs by undertaking 3H or Matching Grants projects.

District Service Award winners were:

**Domenic Cortese**, the Rotary Club of **Clarence**: For his past leadership assisting our Foundation as an AG and for his leadership in providing wells and a pipeline in Rivas, Nicaragua.

**Ton and Laura Dicke**, The Rotary Club of **Dunnville**: For their work on organizing an NID to India and corrective surgery for polio victims.

**John Harbison**, The Rotary Club of **Grand Island**: For his dedication to the peoples of Haiti and Ecuador through various health, housing and water projects.

**Pene Hutton**, the Rotary Club of **Greater Jamestown AM**: For her past leadership assisting our Foundation as an AG and for her dedication to ensuring Rotary Foundation Dinners are so well organized.

**John Frid, PDG**, The Rotary Club of **Hamilton**: for his extended work as a Rotary Foundation Project Analyser and literacy projects in India.

**David Binns and Ray Howe**, The Rotary Club of **Hamilton AM**: for their work in capturing a 3H grant of \$300,000 to create a program combating HIV/AIDS in Lyontonde, Uganda .

The third member of this team, **Tony Wellenreiter**, was recognized with a District Service Award last year for his leadership of The Permanent Fund Committee and his work in Lyontonde.

**Debbie and Henry Klassen**, the Rotary Clubs of **Lincoln and St Catharines** respectively: For their work in Stankovo Village Orphanage in Belarus and Adrie's House of Hope in South Africa.

**David Greenfield**, The Rotary Club of **Lockport**: For his leadership of a GSE team to Sweden and his contributions to making Group Study Exchanges work so well.

**Ray Guy**, The Rotary Club of **Niagara-on-the-Lake**: For his leadership assisting his club with water projects in Guatemala.

**Mary and Carl Vahl**, the Rotary Club of **Olean**: For their efforts in National Immunization Days and leadership in fundraising and providing information to clubs about polio eradication.

**Sumi Peeris**, the Rotary Club of **Simcoe**: For her ongoing leadership of the World Community Service committee and Polio efforts on National Immunization Days.

**Jean Armitage**: The Rotary Club of **St Catharines Sunrise**: For her leadership of a GSE team to the Philippines and her contributions to making Group Study Exchanges work so well.

**Doug Johnson**, The Rotary Club of **Welland**: For his ongoing work in multiple humanitarian projects, especially in the Philippines.

### **The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service**

The Citation for Meritorious Service is provided by the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to only one Rotarian for each District for exemplary and significant service to The Rotary Foundation. It is limited to a maximum of 200 citations worldwide.

It was with great pleasure that we watched Bob Scott, The Chair of The Rotary Foundation, confer the Citation upon **Karen Oakes** of the Rotary Club of **Delhi**. Karen was cited for her work furthering the cause of the Foundation as an Assistant Governor and Chair of The Permanent Fund Committee and her chairmanship of our Annual Foundation Dinner over the past 4 years. Congratulations, Karen!

**Pene Hutton**

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**From:** kevin crouse [kevin.crouse@xplornet.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 05, 2007 12:16 PM  
**To:** Penelope Hutton  
**Subject:** Youth Services November Report

## **Youth Services November Report**

### **Youth Exchange**

On November 30 through December 2, Youth Exchange students will experience a Winter Weekend in Buffalo. Clubs are reminded to complete selected students' applications and send them to David George by the end of December. On January 12, District Interviews on the US side will be held at Hamburg High School and on January 13, Canadian interviews will be held at Hillfield-Strathallan College.

### **Interact**

Bruce Williamson reports that a meeting was held on November 1 at Assumption High School to explore the creation of an interact club there. Kathryn Smith is also in the process of creating a club at Ancaster High School. Bruce is also contacting the Rotary Club in Niagara Falls re the creation of an Interact club at A.N. Myer High School. A group of students there have already met to pursue this goal. Bruce's objective for the year is the establishment of three new Interact clubs.

Anthony Evans reports that two new Interact clubs will be born within the next two months in the U.S. As is the custom with past Slapshot programs, Slapshot this year will feature a special information session highlighting the fun and excitement of establishing Interact clubs in local high schools. Slapshot takes place at Ancaster this year on April 25 – 27.

### **EarlyAct**

Chris Lowes reports that his meeting with the principal of Green Acres School in Stoney Creek resulted in the establishment of a new Earlyact club there. Rob Brown of Dundas is also organizing three Earlyact clubs in the Dundas area and Chris has made a number of presentations in the St. Catharines area regarding organizing new clubs.

### **Rotaract**

We now have three Rotaract clubs in the district. Surgit Singh has just chartered one at the University of Buffalo and the others are at McMaster University and Brock. All Rotaract clubs will be encouraged to send candidates to this year's RYLA program , June 1 – 7 at Brock University.

### **RYLA**

The RYLA Mozambique team has returned after a very harrowing but successful mission to Mozambique where they distributed over \$10,000 in aid to create a shelter for Aids orphans. They also distributed clothing to the children of Aids victims. Many thanks to Doug Johnson and his wife, Helen for their supervision of this trip. Rylarians Jennifer Middleton and Sarah Aldrich delivered this clothing to these children accompanied by many hugs and tears. The trip was not without its hazards, but despite thefts, delays and attempted muggings, the team experienced first hand the joy of giving to those in dire need of help. Many thanks also to those individual Rotarians who anted up over \$1,000, to help defray the travel costs of this trip.

Jennifer Middleton was the principal organizer and promoter of the Mozambique mission. For 18 months she personally organized and distributed 500 brochures, set up fund raisers and delivered the goods to those in need. With the help of the organizing team, this RYLA initiative, the first of its kind in this district, was an extremely successful event. For details of the mission, see Doug Johnson's account

of the trip in this month's district newsletter. In recognition of Jennifer's outstanding accomplishment, the RYLA committee voted unanimously to send her to the RYLA International conference in Los Angeles this June.

The RYLA Committee has set up a corporate and individual sponsorship program to support ongoing initiatives in the RYLA program. To help defray material, instructional and food costs and to cover the cost of sending Jennifer to Los Angeles, individual Rotarians or clubs can contribute \$100. to \$1,000. and receive a recognition plaque and tax receipt. Please make cheques payable to the Dundas Valley Sunrise Foundation and mail to Kevin Crouse at 3102 Governor's Road, R.R. #2, Lynden, Ontario, L0R 1T0. All donors will receive a receipt and plaque. The sponsorship levels are as follows:

- RYLA Program Supporter – Bronze - \$100.
- RYLA Program Supporter – Silver - \$250.
- RYLA Program Benefactor – Gold - \$500.
- RYLA Program Champion – Platinum - \$1,000.

**Slapshot** this year will occur on April 25-27, 2008 at Canterbury Hills in Ancaster. The deadline for applications is March 25 but only the first 100 applications will be accepted and a maximum of 6 applicants will be accepted per club. Registration is \$160. in either currency. Slapshot is a leadership program for 16- 18 year olds. You can register online for RYLA or Slapshot with [cherylet@cogeco.ca](mailto:cherylet@cogeco.ca) in Canada or [Joe1mccoy@roadrunner.com](mailto:Joe1mccoy@roadrunner.com) in the U.S. You can also register at the district website and brochures will be available by the end of the month. Register early to avoid disappointment.

**RYLA** will be held June 1 - 7, 2008. at Brock University. The deadline for the \$600. registration is April 25 and May 15 for the \$650 registration fee. RYLA is a leadership program for young adults age 19 - 25. Register with the registrars indicated above or on line at the district website. Register early to maximize your discount.

Contact Kevin Crouse, Youth Services Director at [kevin.crouse@xplornet.com](mailto:kevin.crouse@xplornet.com) or 519-647-2999, fax 519-647-2595 if you have any questions regarding either program.

# Family of Rotary

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## WHAT IS THE FAMILY OF ROTARY AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT

As the District 7090's Family of Rotary Chairperson, I will provide information and support for Rotary clubs within our district to help them pursue the first Object of Rotary – to encourage and foster the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service. We know as Rotarians that it is never too late to begin with your family of Rotary. It was Paul Harris' vision that gave us this wonderful service club called Rotary. Friendship was the foundation, the rock on which Rotary service was built. A focus on Family of Rotary provides encouragement for Rotarians, their families and members of the larger Rotary family by strengthening clubs and instilling a sense of integrity, tolerance and unselfishness in the next generation. Supporting Family of Rotary is of critical importance because it:

- ❖ Builds lifelong friendships
- ❖ Enhances our personal families' relationships
- ❖ Builds world understanding and peace
- ❖ Improves international solidarity and tolerance
- ❖ Contributes to membership growth
- ❖ Contributes to diversity of age, gender, race, ethnicity, culture, religion and profession
- ❖ Improves Rotary's public image
- ❖ Strengthens clubs and the commitment to service

To the end that Rotarians are successful, each Rotary Club in our district is encouraged to appoint a Family of Rotary Coordinator whose duties will be to establish and promote the *Family of Rotary* Objectives. This person's duties should be but not limited to:

- Establish a schedule of activities throughout the year,
- Organizing social outings on a regular basis in order to promote friendship and fellowship,
- Inviting families to attend club meetings and events,
- And identifying persons having special needs and setting up a visitation schedule to cheer up shut ins, hospitalized and recuperating members.

We are available to provide information and assistance on this important aspect of Rotary:

Mary Hirsch-Schena, District Family of Rotary Chairperson, Rotary Club of Olean; 716-373-7639

E-mail – [bokmanfinance@aol.com](mailto:bokmanfinance@aol.com) or [MSchena@brcs.wnyric.org](mailto:MSchena@brcs.wnyric.org)

Sandra R Stephenson, District Family of Rotary Chairperson, Rotary Club of Hamilton

E-mail – [stephensonsr@lazierhickey.com](mailto:stephensonsr@lazierhickey.com)

We expect that all clubs in our district will appoint a Family of Rotary Chairperson. It will be that chairperson's responsibility to plan and implement family of rotary events throughout the year. District Governor Bob's challenge includes the Family of Rotary. It should be noted that December is Family of Rotary month and thus all clubs should have some type of event scheduled. We will be sending out to each club a list of examples of certain types of Family of Rotary events that they can implement in their own clubs. We will be presenting some fun, family events that the clubs can participate in during the month of December. Please look for this in our December newsletter.

As always, we gladly accept any and all suggestions for incorporating the Family of Rotary into your club. We all are aware of the importance of the family in Rotary. It is our hope to help your club find more ways to create and nurture an atmosphere of warmth and caring among those in the Family of Rotary and involve them in your activities.

Finally, Sandra and I would welcome any invitations to come speak to clubs in our district about the importance of, and ways to increase, the presence of Family of Rotary in your club.

**Remember, Rotary should make time for families, not take time from families.**