



District Council Agenda January 24, 2009



Phillip Sheridan Building, 3200 Elmwood Ave, Kenmore, NY
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(North) or Delaware Avenue (South) exit from the I-290. Dress is Casual.

08:00 – 08:45 AM	Check-in, Refreshments & Fellowship	
08:45 – 08:55 AM	Welcome Invocation	Ralph Montesanto, DG John Heise
08:55 – 09:20 AM	Secretary's Report Treasurer's Report District Governor's Report District Governor Elect's Report District Governor Nominee's Report	Pene Hutton Marlene McGraw Ralph Montesanto Pravin Suchak Karen Oakes, DGN
09:20 – 10:10 AM	Directors' Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Relations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant Update – Ralph Montesanto for Robert Klinginsmith, Chair Communications Committee – Pene Hutton International Conventions (Birmingham & Montreal) – Pravin Suchak Membership – Director Andy Skrypniak <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extension – Bob Leek, Chair The Rotary Foundation - Director Bob Bruce <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GSE – Keith Lindberg, Co-chair Grants – Don DeMeo, Co-chair Polio Plus – Roger Crysler, Co-chair Youth Services - Director Kevin Crouse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Exchange – David George, Chair Slapsot – Kevin Crouse, Chair RYLA – Doug Johnson, Co-chair Rotaract – Nick Norton, Co-chair EarlyAct – Chris Lowes, Chair 	
10:10 – 10:25 AM	Break	
10:25 – 11:00 AM	Directors' Reports (continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service Projects – Director John Heise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Service – DVD Presentation WCS – David Johnson, Chair 	
11:00 – 11:20 AM	District Administration Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finance Committee – Don DeMeo/Art Wing, Co-chairs Friendship Exchange – Nan Bruce Visioning – Nan Bruce/Dick Earne, Co-chairs 	
11:20 – 11:35 AM	Strategic Planning Report & Motion – Bob Leek, Chair	
11:35 – 11:55 AM	Manual of Procedures and Policies Report & Motion – Bob Bruce for Joe DePaolo, Chair	
11:45 – 12:00 PM	Any Other Business	
12:00 PM	Adjournment	
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Governors Council (working lunch) Area Reports and Discussion	Karen Oakes, DGN Coordinator of AGs Assistant Governors

Rotary International District 7090
Budget Performance Statement
July through March 2009

				\$ Over/(Under)	
		Jul '08 - Mar '09	YTD Budget	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Specified Revenue & Expenses					
DG	4300 - District Governor RI Revenue	10,835.00	10,835.00	0.00	15,700.00
	6010 - District Governor - Admin Exp	11,030.50	9,500.00	1,530.50	9,500.00
	6070 - District newsletter Exp	5,906.25	5,250.00	656.25	7,000.00
	Net District Governor	(6,101.75)	(3,915.00)	(2,186.75)	(800.00)
AG	4400 - AG RI reimburs Revenue	1,029.00	1,029.00	0.00	1,400.00
	6020 - Assistant Governors	42.77	1,311.00	(1,268.23)	1,750.00
	Net Assistant Governors	986.23	(282.00)	1,268.23	(350.00)
DC	4200 - District Conference Revenue	68,538.58	80,000.00	(11,461.42)	80,000.00
	4020 - District Conference assessment	8,313.00	8,775.00	(462.00)	8,775.00
	8010 - District Conference Expenses	75,345.23	80,000.00	(4,654.77)	80,000.00
	Net District Conference	1,506.35	8,775.00	(7,268.65)	8,775.00
FND	Foundation Dinner Revenue & Expense				
	5010 - Foundation dinner	13,204.04	11,000.00	2,204.04	11,000.00
	8500 - Foundation Dinner and Projects	13,852.32	11,000.00	2,852.32	11,000.00
	Net Foundation Dinner	(648.28)	0.00	(648.28)	0.00
MIS	Miscellaneous Projects Revenue & Expense				
	5402 - Seminar Training Revenue	920.00	0.00	920.00	0.00
	8035 - Seminar Training Costs	272.20	0.00	272.20	0.00
	Net Seminar Training	647.80	0.00	647.80	0.00
	5404 - Rotary Now DVD Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	8504 - Rotary Now DVD Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Net Rotary Now DVD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Net Miscellaneous Projects	647.80	0.00	647.80	0.00
YEX	Youth Exchange Revenue & Expense				
	Total 5020 - Youth Exchange Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	7095 - Orientation/Fellowship	1,792.65	2,000.00	(207.35)	2,000.00
	7096 - Other YE expenses	2,387.38	3,000.00	(612.62)	4,000.00
	Total 7090 - Youth exchange Expenses	4,180.03	5,000.00	(819.97)	6,000.00
	Net Youth Exchange	(4,180.03)	(5,000.00)	819.97	(6,000.00)
RYL	5030 - RYLA	0.00	0.00	0.00	26,270.00
	7100 - RYLA	0.00	0.00	0.00	26,270.00
	Net Ryla	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SLP	5035 - Slapshot	13,600.00	15,000.00	(1,400.00)	15,000.00
	7105 - Slapshot	507.29	1,000.00	(492.71)	15,000.00
	Net Slapshot	13,092.71	14,000.00	(907.29)	0.00
PET	5040 - PETS assessment	39,500.00	40,150.00	(650.00)	40,150.00
	8020 - PETS expenses	9,115.48	10,000.00	(884.52)	40,150.00
	Net PETS	30,384.52	30,150.00	234.52	0.00
COT	5050 - COTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,500.00
	8030 - COTS expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,500.00
	Net COTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
DSG	5060 - District Simplified Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,950.00
	7015 - District Simplified Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,950.00
	Net Simplified Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
DI	4030 - Insurance Assessment	28,443.25	30,140.00	(1,696.75)	30,140.00
	7520 - District insurance	30,952.54	30,000.00	952.54	30,000.00
	Net Insurance	(2,509.29)	140.00	(2,649.29)	140.00
Net Specified Revenue & Expenses		33,178.26	43,868.00	(10,689.74)	1,765.00

Rotary International District 7090
Budget Performance Statement
July through March 2009

			\$ Over/(Under)	
	Jul '08 - Mar '09	YTD Budget	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
General Revenue & Expenses				
4010 - General assessment	76,285.62	80,535.00	(4,249.38)	80,535.00
5200 - Interest income	2,102.16	2,100.00	2.16	2,800.00
5405 - Exchange Gain/Loss	(1,268.28)	0.00	(1,268.28)	0.00
5401 - Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total General Revenue	77,119.50	82,635.00	(5,515.50)	83,335.00
General Expenses				
6000 - Administration				
6030 - District council	978.75	1,500.00	(521.25)	2,000.00
6040 - District directory	0.00	3,000.00	(3,000.00)	3,000.00
6060 - District website	5,732.11	5,950.00	(217.89)	7,000.00
6080 - District office				
6081 - Office Support	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00	12,000.00
6082 - Phone Charges	564.35	495.00	69.35	650.00
6083 - Postage	1.34	150.00	(148.66)	150.00
6084 - Office Supplies	319.99	900.00	(580.01)	1,200.00
6085 - Bank Charges	862.21	540.00	322.21	720.00
Total 6080 - District office	10,747.89	11,085.00	(337.11)	14,720.00
6090 - Awards & Recognition	587.60	1,500.00	(912.40)	2,000.00
Total 6000 - Administration	18,046.35	23,035.00	(4,988.65)	28,720.00
7000 - Directors and Committees				
7010 - Group study exchange	939.53	1,000.00	(60.47)	4,500.00
7020 - Interact, Rotaract	697.92	500.00	197.92	500.00
7030 - Long-range planning	0.00	250.00	(250.00)	500.00
7040 - Membership	1,173.12	1,000.00	173.12	1,000.00
7050 - Rotary foundation	931.53	1,000.00	(68.47)	1,250.00
7060 - Grants Committee	127.94	150.00	(22.06)	300.00
7065 - Rotary Scholars	307.86	300.00	7.86	700.00
7070 - Vocational service	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
7080 - World community service	0.00	500.00	(500.00)	500.00
7120 - Early Act	0.00	250.00	(250.00)	250.00
7130 - Public Relations	0.00	750.00	(750.00)	1,000.00
7140 - Communications	0.00	750.00	(750.00)	1,000.00
7150 - Family of Rotary	0.00	300.00	(300.00)	300.00
7510 - Council on legislation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7530 - Finance and audit	4,500.00	4,280.00	220.00	4,280.00
7200 - Other committees				
7205 - Other Committees - Misc	0.00	450.00	(450.00)	500.00
7215 - District Gov - Change Over Even	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 7200 - Other committees	0.00	450.00	(450.00)	500.00
Total 7000 - Directors and Committees	8,677.90	11,480.00	(2,802.10)	16,780.00
8000 - Training				
8040 - District training	2,135.00	6,500.00	(4,365.00)	8,000.00
8050 - Assist Gov Training	0.00	750.00	(750.00)	1,000.00
8070 - Dist Gov Nominee Training	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00	4,500.00
8080 - Dist Gov Elect Training	6,860.11	11,000.00	(4,139.89)	12,000.00
8090 - District Gov Training Exp	7,747.90	8,600.00	(852.10)	11,100.00
Total 8000 - Training	21,243.01	31,350.00	(10,106.99)	36,600.00
8600 - Meeting Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9915 - Unbudgeted Expenses	3,907.00	1,500.00	2,407.00	3,000.00
Total General Expenses	51,874.26	67,365.00	(15,490.74)	85,100.00
Net General Revenue & Expenses	25,245.24	15,270.00	9,975.24	(1,765.00)
Net Income/(Loss)	58,423.50	59,138.00	(714.50)	0.00

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 7090

Financial Statements

June 30, 2008



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 7090

Financial Statements

June 30, 2008

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AUDITORS' REPORT

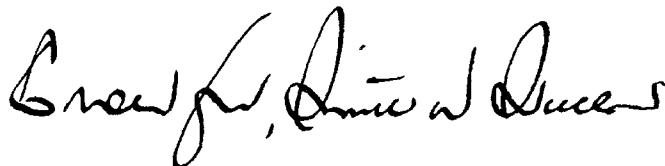
To the Members of
Rotary International District 7090

We have audited the balance sheet of Rotary International District 7090 as at June 30, 2008 and the statements of operations and fund balances, restricted funds and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Except as explained in the following paragraph, we conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In common with many not for profit organizations, Rotary International District 7090 derives revenue from its members in the form of fundraising, training, and conference fees, the completeness of which is not susceptible of satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of this revenue was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the organization, and we are not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to revenue, excess of revenue over expenses for the year and fund balances.

In our opinion, except for the effect of adjustments, if any, which we would have determined to be necessary had we been able to satisfy ourselves concerning the completeness of the fundraising, training and conference fee revenue referred to in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as at June 30, 2008 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.



Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario
December 15, 2008

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 7090

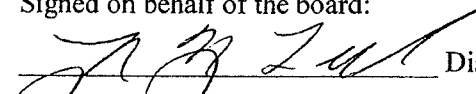
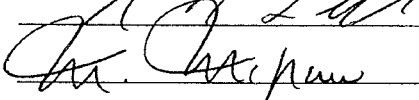
BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 2008

(stated in U.S. \$)

Assets	2008	2007
	\$	\$
Current Assets		
Cash	135,129	133,862
Restricted cash	7,109	7,109
Accounts receivable	12,508	19,230
Prepaid expenses	10,038	17,028
	164,784	177,229
Fixed Assets - note 3	738	1,229
	165,522	178,458
Liabilities and Fund Balances		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	21,714	27,661
Funds held in trust		217
	21,714	27,878
Fund Balances		
Restricted funds	7,109	7,109
Unrestricted funds	135,961	142,242
Net assets invested in fixed assets - note 6	738	1,229
	143,808	150,580
	165,522	178,458

Signed on behalf of the board:

 District Governor
 District Treasurer

See accompanying notes

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 7090

STATEMENT OF RESTRICTED FUNDS

for the year ended June 30, 2008

(stated in U.S. \$)

	District History \$	Council on Legislation \$	Manual of Procedure \$	2008 \$	2007 \$
Balance, Beginning of Year	3,486	2,735	888	7,109	7,109
Balance, End of Year	3,486	2,735	888	7,109	7,109

See accompanying notes

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 7090

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND FUND BALANCES

for the year ended June 30, 2008

(stated in U.S. \$)

	Unaudited Budget \$	2008 \$	2007 \$
Revenue			
District Conference			47,146
District Governor	15,750	13,388	14,279
District Simplified Grants	24,750	24,499	22,308
Interest and other	38,500	29,453	5,255
Membership dues	75,265	72,188	110,201
PETS and COTS	32,200	39,710	39,102
Rotary Foundation Dinner	5,000	13,920	5,921
RYLA	19,250	23,634	39,930
Slapshot	11,250	16,160	16,028
Youth Exchange	25,000	32,699	27,472
Foreign exchange		3,588	1,764
	246,965	269,239	329,406
Expenses			
Administration - schedule 1	40,350	49,905	38,489
Directors and committees - schedule 1	13,700	7,038	10,068
District Conference			40,581
District Simplified Grants	24,750	24,499	22,308
PETS and COTS	34,200	38,526	42,369
Rotary Foundation Dinner	5,100	13,140	4,558
RYLA	20,765	26,368	40,570
Standing committees - schedule 1	33,000	32,879	29,911
Slapshot	10,450	19,010	17,713
Training - schedule 1	33,650	25,270	16,399
Youth Exchange	31,000	39,376	33,439
	246,965	276,011	296,405
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over Expenses for the Year		(6,772)	33,001
Unrestricted Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	142,242	142,242	108,750
Net Investment in Fixed Assets - note 6		491	491
Unrestricted Fund Balance, End of Year	142,242	135,961	142,242

See accompanying notes

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 7090

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the year ended June 30, 2008

(stated in U.S. \$)

	2008 \$	2007 \$
Operating Activities		
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses for the year	(6,772)	33,001
Depreciation	491	491
Working capital provided (used) by operations	(6,281)	33,492
Changes in working capital components		
Accounts receivable	6,722	(10,095)
Prepaid expenses	6,990	(14,331)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(5,947)	(12,051)
Deferred revenue		(13,683)
Funds held in trust	(217)	(8,311)
	7,548	(58,471)
Working Capital Provided by used Operating Activities	1,267	(24,979)
Cash Position, Beginning of Year	140,971	165,950
Cash Position, End of Year	142,238	140,971
Cash Position		
Cash	135,129	133,862
Restricted cash	7,109	7,109
	142,238	140,971

See accompanying notes

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 7090

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended June 30, 2008

(stated in U.S. \$)

Organization

Rotary International District 7090 (the District) is comprised of Rotary Clubs located in Western New York, U.S.A. and Southern Ontario, Canada. The purpose of the District is as follows:

General

Collection of monies from local clubs to be used by the District Governor in order to provide leadership advice and assistance to the various clubs.

District Conference

Host an annual event attended by Rotarians, spouses and guests at which the attendees share fellowship and learn about various Rotary activities.

RYLA

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an annual session at which young adults ages 19 - 25 are provided with a week of leadership training.

COTS

Club Officer Training Sessions (COTS) is a program to train and inform club officers of the various Rotary Clubs in the District.

PETS

President Elect Training Sessions (PETS) is a program to train and inform club presidents-elect of the Rotary Clubs in the District.

Youth Exchange

High school aged students are given the opportunity to live in a foreign country for one year. At the same time, foreign students spend one year with local families approved by Rotary.

Rotoract and Interact

The purpose of this program is to assist Clubs to establish and maintain Rotoract and Interact clubs in colleges and high schools, respectively. These clubs provide an opportunity for students to become involved in community and international activities in association with Rotary.

Slapshot

Student Leadership Award for Students High on Training (SLAPSHOT) is an annual session at which young adults ages 16 - 18 are provided with a week of leadership training.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 7090

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended June 30, 2008

(stated in U.S. \$)

1. Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the organization are the representations of management prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles, consistently applied. Because a precise determination of many assets and liabilities is dependent upon future events, the preparation of periodic financial statements necessarily involves the use of estimates and approximations. These have been made using careful judgement in the light of available information. The financial statements have, in management's opinion, been properly prepared within reasonable limits of materiality and within the framework of the accounting policies summarized below:

Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognized in the fiscal year to which it applies. Accordingly, receivables are recorded for dues or fees uncollected as of the end of the fiscal year. Revenue applicable to a future period is recognized when earned.

The work of the organization is dependent on the voluntary service of many members. Since these services are not normally purchased by the organization and because of the difficulty of determining their value, contributed services are not recognized in these financial statements.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are recorded at cost. Expenditures for maintenance and repairs are charged to operating expenses.

Depreciation is calculated at rates designed to amortize the cost of fixed assets over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Equipment	- 5 years, straight-line basis
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Additions and disposals during the year are depreciated at one-half of the above stated rates. Gains or losses on assets sold or otherwise disposed of are included in the statement of operations.

Foreign currency translation

These financial statements are presented in U.S. dollars. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rates in effect at the balance sheet date. Gains and losses on translation are reflected in net earnings of the period.

Financial instruments

The organization has elected the following balance sheet classifications with respect to its financial assets and financial liabilities in accordance with section 3855 of the CICA handbook.

Cash is classified as "held-for-trading" and measured at fair value.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 7090

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended June 30, 2008

(stated in U.S. \$)

1. Significant Accounting Policies - continued

Accounts receivable are classified as "loans and receivables" and are measured at amortized cost, which, upon initial recognition, is considered equivalent to fair value.

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities are classified as "other financial liabilities" and are initially measured at their fair value.

Tax status

The District is a subordinate unit of Rotary International and is covered by a blanket exemption from U.S. federal income tax under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code as a social welfare organization. The letter of determination from the IRS was dated May 13, 1958, and that status still remains.

Fund accounting

The organization uses the restricted fund method to account for revenues and expenses. The Board of Directors has internally restricted resources for the purposes of updating and publishing a triennial District 7090 history, council on legislation expenditures and updating and publishing the District's Manual of Procedure every fifth year. The District also operates a general fund for all other activities.

2. Accounting Changes

Effective July 1, 2008, the organization adopted the CICA Handbook section 3855 "Financial Instruments - Recognition and Measurement" and 3861 "Financial Instrument - Disclosure and Presentation". These handbooks sections have revised the accounting for financial instruments. As provided under these standards, the prior year comparative figures have not been restated. There was no adjustment necessary to beginning retained earnings as a result of the change in accounting policy.

3. Fixed Assets

	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	2008	2007
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Equipment	2,457	1,719	738	1,229

4. Financial Instruments

Price risk and cash flow risk

The organization has assets and liabilities denominated in both U.S. and Canadian currency that fluctuate in value as current exchange rates change. Accordingly, the organization is exposed to price risk as exchange rates fluctuate.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 7090

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended June 30, 2008

(stated in U.S. \$)

5. District Designated Funds

In addition to District Simplified Grants included in revenue, Rotary International disbursed District Designated Funds on behalf of District 7090 as follows:

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
Matching Grants	19,000	
Ambassadorial Scholarship	8,231	16,066
Polio Plus Fund	20,000	20,000
Rotary Centres for International Studies	25,000	25,000
	72,231	61,066

6. Net Assets Invested in Fixed Assets

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
Depreciation expense for the year	(491)	(491)
Net investment in fixed assets for the year	(491)	(491)
Balance, beginning of year	1,229	1,720
Balance, end of year	738	1,229

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 7090**Schedule 1****SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES**

for the year ended June 30, 2008

(stated in U.S. \$)

	Unaudited Budget \$	2008 \$	2007 \$
Administration			
Advertising		3,342	
Assistant Governors	1,750		199
Depreciation		491	491
District Council	1,800	2,398	2,009
Directory	4,500	2,848	5,955
Governor	9,200	7,007	8,577
Legal fees		8,463	
Newsletter	7,100	7,815	7,162
Office and miscellaneous	16,000	17,541	14,096
	40,350	49,905	38,489
Directors and Committees			
Scholarships	650	212	149
Group Study Exchange	4,500	2,245	2,705
Other	6,250	3,807	4,779
Rotary Foundation	1,200	583	2,143
World Community Service	1,100	191	292
	13,700	7,038	10,068
Standing Committees			
Council on Legislation		128	
Finance and audit	3,000	4,809	2,973
Insurance	30,000	27,942	26,938
	33,000	32,879	29,911
Training			
Assistant Governor training	1,000	66	
District Governor	9,000	7,072	6,493
District Governor Elect	10,200	9,589	5,704
District training	10,250	5,304	2,125
District Governor Nominee	3,200	3,239	2,077
	33,650	25,270	16,399

See accompanying notes

District Governor Report to District Council
April 25, 2009

Since the District Council meeting of January 24, 2009, my time has been a mix of administrative duties and congratulatory celebrations.

Administrative Duties

I worked with the following committees/individuals, either in person, by phone or by email.

- PETS1
- Finance to prepare 2009 – 2010 draft budget
- Youth Exchange Incorporation to continue completing state requirements
- Rotary Now Video marketing plan
- Public Relations regarding billboards PR Grant
- Rotary International regarding various reimbursements to the district
- Probus Center Canada
- Strategic Planning
- President-Elect Training Advisory
- Assistant Governor Area reorganization
- Governor's Advisory
- District Newsletters for February, March and April
- Grants, particularly District Simplified Grants
- Communications sub-committee
- EarlyAct, Interact, Rotaract Chairs
- World Community Services
- Literacy Chair regarding literacy awards
- Club Presidents regarding Presidential Citations
- District Treasurer
- PETS2 aide to RIDE John Smarge
- St. Catharines Lakeshore regarding possible district wide fundraising proposal
- Hamilton Sunset regarding a new Hamilton area literacy project
- Lewiston-NOTL regarding possible district wide fundraising proposal
- Conference Call with President D.K. Lee regarding membership

Congratulatory Celebrations

I attended the following as a representative of District 7090 leadership team.

- 6 Hamilton area clubs joint Paul Harris Dinner
- Joint Niagara Falls, Niagara Fall Sunrise Paul Harris Dinner
- Lincoln Paul Harris Dinner
- 4 St. Catharines clubs annual luncheon
- 4 Hamilton area clubs joint membership wine and cheese social
- Hamilton-McMaster Rotaract Gala Dinner
- Lockport Paul Harris presentation
- Chartering of the new Brantford Rotaract Club
- Dundas Paul Harris Dinner
- Hamilton Walk for Life participant with funds going to Water for Life in Haiti
- Niagara-on-the-Lake Paul Harris Dinner
- Lewiston/Niagara-on-the Lake 70th Anniversary celebration

District Governor Elect Report to District Council

April 12, 2008

International Assembly in San Diego

As required by RI, Sheela and I attended the International Institute in San Diego for one week in January. This was a very intensive week of training as well as taking part in many plenary and breakout sessions on all areas of Rotary and the Rotary Foundation programs.

One of the most important aspects of the International Assembly is that it gives the DGEs an opportunity to meet and learn from many other DGEs from all over the world (530+ DGEs), as well as Zone and RI officers and leaders. This was a great opportunity for Sheela and me to meet Rotarians from all over the world and make lasting friendships. One of the highlights of the week was when Bill Gates walked on stage and announced the contribution of additional \$250 Million dollars to the Polio Eradication Campaign. It was a very proud moment for Rotary when someone of Bill Gates stature told us that he believes in Rotary and that Rotarians will do everything in our power to make lives better for the people all over the world.

I saw Rotary as a very large multi-national corporation and fully appreciated the critical role that every RI officer from the District Governor and above plays to achieve the objectives of all Rotary programs. I believe that I am much better prepared to perform my duties going forward than I was before this and other trainings that preceded the Assembly.

Most important of all, I am very impressed by the work that the Zone and RI officers do and the amount of time they spend on Rotary activities, all strictly as volunteers.

PETS Training

My big thrust during the last three months has been on President-elect training – both the planning and the delivery of PETS1 and PETS2. Thanks to the tireless work of District Trainers Dick Earne, Kevin Crosby & Bruce Baum both training events were well planned & executed and were well received by the Presidents-Elects.

PETS1 took place at the Niagara Falls Conference Centre in Niagara Falls New York on January 31st. This was the second time the centre had been used for this type of training and it was a very professional setting and one that I would highly recommend be used in the future. One of the highlights of PETS1 was a key note speech by RI Director Nominee Tom Thorfinnson for Minneapolis, Minnesota.

PETS2 took place on March 27 & 28 at the Bank of Montreal Training Institute in Toronto, Ontario. This was a multidistrict session with Districts 7070 and 7080 and has been a multidistrict training site for several years. The location is very professional and enforces the notion that the District values the work of the Presidents-elects. The sessions on Membership, The Rotary Foundation, Effective Club Meetings, and Dealing with Conflict were positively received by the PE. We added one new session on Personal Development Plan and the trainers hope to continue working with the PEs on this during their year as Presidents. RI Director Nominee John Smarge from Florida was the key note speaker on the Rotary Foundation and Michael “Pinball”, coach of Toronto Argonauts was the key note speaker on Rotary Service to the youth. Both speakers were well received by the PEs.

The PEs also had one session with their DGE and District officers and there was plenty of opportunity for networking with PEs from the other two districts.

District Assembly

The District Assembly will be held on Saturday May 9 at Niagara Falls High School on Porter Ave, Niagara Falls, NY. District Assembly is the largest and most comprehensive educational program of the year for clubs in our District. I have attached a copy of the planned agenda. There are 36 sessions, covering a wide range of topics for club leaders and general membership. There are special sessions designed for President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer and committee chairs. In addition, there are many sessions that will be of interest to any member. Also, there will be computer labs for people who need or want hands-on experience using our District web site, the RI web site, and Club Runner. We even have a great "Rotary 101" orientation session for your new members. Once again the sessions will be grouped under the District Leadership structure with sessions on Membership, Public Relations, Service Projects, The Rotary Foundation and Youth Services. As well, there will be a session on the District Budget, Club Administration, and Assistant Governors Training. Like last year, there are plans underway to include an opportunity for President-Elect Nominees to meet with the DGN as part of the seamless transition from year to year that we are working on. Registration information has already been sent out to clubs.

In Short – at the District Assembly there is something for everyone. We need your help in getting the message out and urging clubs to register early. We have kept the cost down to only \$20 US & \$25 Canadian. We have a capacity for 350 participants and I hope that every seat is filled that day.

Group Study Exchange 2009 – 2010

Planning for our GSE with District 4250 (Belize, Guatemala & Honduras) is just getting underway. The team will be in D7090 from Oct 2nd – Nov 2 and will end their visit with a great Halloween farewell on Oct 31st. Our team will be travelling to D4250 from early February 2010 – early March 2010. Keith Lindberg, Bert Rappole and their team are developing a timeline so that we will meet the RI requirements for the incoming GSE team for October 1, 2008.

Strategic Planning

The District had a very fruitful Strategic Planning session in February. Twenty five District officers including a few club presidents took part and developed a Strategic Plan that would be a guideline for me and DGN Karen next year. This is a very useful exercise and professionally facilitated by Rod Hollick. Next year, the session is scheduled for February 20, 2010. DG Ralph & the Governor's Advisory Team would like to thank everyone who participated this year and I hope that more of you will participate next year.

District Governor Changeover

The District Governor Changeover Brunch/Lunch will take place on Sunday June 28 at the Palms in Williamsville, NY. Invitations will be going out in the beginning of May.

District Conference October 16 – 18, 2009
Millennium Hotel, Buffalo NY

Planning for the Fall District Conference is well underway. There is some information already on the web site. We are still waiting for online registration to be complete as all the costs & details are being worked out. Here is a brief overview:

Friday Evening Events

Mardi Gras Theme & Menu
Live Band & Club Entertainment Skits
Club & Area Hospitality Suites

Saturday's Rotary Theme – Making A Difference

Possible Breakfast Speaker

Key Note Plenary – RI President's Representative

Several Club Speakers talking about what do they do in the world
and how they **Make A Difference**

Key note speaker at Lunch – Ambassadorial Scholar

Youth Exchange, RYLA & Rotaract presentations – how youth involvement

Makes A Difference and changes the lives of our youth, parents and everyone else who comes in their contact.

Saturday Gala Dinner

In order to avoid an additional costly District dinner in November we have decided to make the traditional Saturday Evening Formal Dinner the **Annual District Foundation Dinner** which is Normally held in early November.

Keynote Speaker – RI Vice President Monty J Audenart

Monty is a very moving speaker and leaves no dry eye in audience as he talks about
How he **Makes A Difference** in the world

With your help we hope to attract many Day participants at the conference & the Saturday Dinner because of its Location in Buffalo.

Sunday

Interfaith Service
Youth Exchange Program – Skits
Club & District Awards
Closing

Rotary International Convention, Birmingham

This is going to be a great convention and it is not too late to register. I hope to have some numbers at the council meeting.

District Functions

As part of my role as DGE I have attended many District & club events & meetings – too many to list them here.

District Leadership Team

I continue to seek the advice of the Governor's Advisory Committee, the Assistant Governors, and the District Directors and Committee Chairs as I appoint qualified & willing Rotarians for various open positions in the District organizations. If any of you have not been approached yet, please come forward and offer your services as well as services of your fellow Rotarians from your club to the District.

Sorry for the length of the report – it seems to get longer as I get close to July 1.

Frank Suchan

Rotary International District 7090
District Assembly
Saturday, May 9, 2009
Niagara Falls (NY) High School
4455 Porter Road, Niagara Falls, NY 14301



Planned Agenda (The final schedule, with rooms and presenters, will be provided at the Assembly.)

8:15 – 8:45 am: Registration & Continental Breakfast (Cafeteria)					8:45 – 9:00 am: Welcome & Logistics for the Day (Cafeteria)				
Track →	A	B	C (comptr. lab)	D (comptr. lab)	E	F	G	H	I
<u>Session 1</u> 9:05- 9:55 AM	A1 For PEs Budget Vote TRF Vision Presidential Citation	B1 For AGs AG Training Part 1	C1 For Club Secretaries Secretary Training Part A	D1 General Managing E-mail	E1 Membership Rotary 101 for New Members	F1 Foundation GSE & Scholars	G1 Youth Pgms Youth Exchange	H1 Service Pgms Successful Club Fundraisers	I1 General Making Your Meetings Fun
<u>Session 2</u> 10:00 – 10:50	A2 For PEs Delegation & Priority Management	B2 For AGs AG Training Part 2	C2 For Club Secretaries Secretary Training Part B	D2 General Managing E-mail	E2 Membership Understanding Generation X & Y	F2 Foundation Polio Eradication	G2 Youth Pgms RYLA & Slapshot	H2 Service Pgms Determining Community Needs	I2 General Rotary Fellowship & Friendship Exchange
10:50 – 11:10	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
<u>Session 3</u> 11:10 – 12: 00	A3 For PEs, Directors, District Chairs Helping Clubs Solve Challenges Using District & RI Web Sites	B3 For AGs Helping Clubs Solve Challenges	C3 General Getting Familiar with Club Runner – New User Training	D3 General Hands-on with the District Web Site	E3 Membership Recruiting Strategies & Membership Plan	F3 Foundation District Simplified Grants	G3 Youth Pgms Starting an Interact Club	H3 Service Pgms World Community Service Projects	I3 Treasurers Tips for Being a Successful Treasurer
<u>Session 4</u> 12:05 – 12:55	A4 For PEs and AGs Solving Club Challenges	B4 For PE Nominees Intro to Your Year as PE	C4 General Make Communications Easy with Club Runner (non-users)	D4 Directors & Committee Chairs Hands-on with the District Web Site	E4 Membership Orienting and Engaging New Members	F4 Foundation TBD	G4 Youth Pgms Starting Rotaract Clubs	H4 Service Pgms Disaster Relief	I4 General Getting PR for Your Club
1:00 – 3:00 pm: Lunch & Networking (Cafeteria)									



2009 RI Convention in Birmingham, England, 21-24 June

Be a part of history and celebrate the 100th Rotary convention, which will take place in Birmingham, the heart of England!

Birmingham is a lively canal city known for its outstanding shopping and dining. Birmingham — or Brum, as the natives call it — underwent a dramatic facelift in the 1990s. The transformation has resulted in a modern, more pedestrian-friendly city that retains traces of its medieval and Industrial Age roots.

Download the [convention booklet](#) for more reasons to come to Birmingham in 2009. This 24-page booklet also contains registration, hotel reservation, and Host Organization Committee forms.

Register early and save

Register early for the convention to take advantage of special pricing!

First deadline: 15 December

Second deadline: 31 March

[Register online](#). It's convenient and secure. Your confirmation materials will be e-mailed to you.

Or download the [registration form](#).

Information for [first-time convention attendees](#).

Rotary's 100th International Convention

Why attend?

By participating in an RI Convention, you'll gain a broader appreciation of Rotary's global impact and strengthen your commitment to service. And seeing a convention may move your invited guests to become Rotarians too. Here are some other great reasons to attend a convention:

- Service projects. Find out how fellow Rotarians developed their service projects by visiting club and district project booths. You can also partner with other Rotarians in an international project or exchange.
- The Rotary Foundation. Learn more about PolioPlus and other Foundation programs during plenary sessions and workshops that show how Rotarians take humanitarian action and promote peace and understanding throughout the world.
- Development of future club leaders. Expand your network of international contacts by getting to know Rotary leaders and members from your own district, and become more involved in district plans.
- Club administration. Attend a special workshop for incoming presidents and the Presidents-Elect Luncheon, where you can meet and exchange ideas with fellow leaders.
- Family fun. With so much to do around the event, you and your family can plan a memorable vacation around the convention.

Maximizing your convention experience

Take advantage of preconvention meetings, RI luncheons, and host events before the official start of the convention.

- Showcase your club or district humanitarian service project in the Club and District Projects Exhibition.
- Organize an event! Request a form by contacting uae@rotary.org.
- Get involved behind the scenes of this major RI meeting by volunteering to be a sergeant-at-arms. Sign up when you register, or stop by the sergeant-at-arms office on-site during the convention.
- Organize a group to attend from your club
- Say yes to personal information sharing when you register, and you'll receive information about local attractions, events, and activities from convention organizers and the local Host Organization Committee.
- Subscribe to the International Meetings and Convention E-Group through [Member Access](#) to receive convention information updates.



District Governor Nominee

Report to District Council

April 25, 2009

Activities of note:

- **Assistant Governor Co-ordinator duties addressed including**
 - **followup to January 2009 Round Table discussions, and requests for A.G. reports for today's Round Table meeting**
 - **Solicit invitation to ongoing A.G. Area meetings to further personal meetings with Club leaders**
- **Participated District Advisor Council meetings, Budget Planning sessions**
- **Attended PETS 1 @ Niagara Falls Conference Centre, Niagara Falls US, PETS 2 @ BMO Institute for Learning, Toronto.**
- **Attended District Strategic Planning Session in St. Catharines.**
- **Enjoyed the fellowship and fundraising efforts of several Club Celebrations, and area meetings.**
- **Continued development of District team for 2010-2011.**
- **Ongoing attention to Personal Development needs.**

Respectively submitted,

Yours in Rotary

Karen J. Oakes

Rotary International District 7090
Membership Committee Report for District Council
Presented by Andy Skrypniak Membership Director
April 25, 2009

Attendance:

- Latest figures are for February
- Attendance average for February is 65%
- 9 clubs did not report February numbers (big improvement)
- 4 clubs are chronic non reporters (all have been contacted)
- 7 clubs under the 50% attendance requirement (all but one between 40 and 50)

Membership count:

- July 1 count is 2776 (as per July semi-annual reports)
- January semi-annual report numbers not available as of yet
- February count was 2755

Club Visioning:

- No sessions held since last report
- Ongoing tweaking of the program continues
- Plans for a joint meeting of all district facilitators in works
- 3 sessions booked for Canadian team May-June period

Club Extension:

- Fort Erie AM was proclaimed a provisional club on November 1, 2008
- Continue to work on attracting new members, economic challenges persist

Membership Drives results:

- Joint Grimsby, Grimsby Noon and Lincoln
- 125 invitations, 65 responses, 25 attendees, 10 potential members
- Joint Stoney Creek and Hamilton East Wentworth
- 10 guests, 3-5 potential members
- Joint Hamilton, Hamilton AM, Hamilton Sunset, Hamilton Mountain
- 46 potential members in attendance
- Hamburg Sunrise did the 10 week membership drive plan
- 60 invitations, 13 attended week 1, 5 came the following week

Rotary Now Video:

- All PE's have received a complimentary copy of the video
- 52 additional complimentary copies still available
- Total sales: 312 units (Canada, US, Brazil, New Zealand)

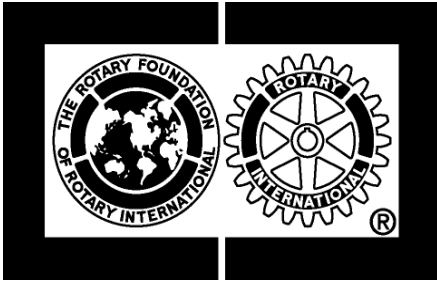
Other Items:

- District website now contains 100 membership resource items
- Cheektowaga continues to operate and is trying to reorganize itself as a morning club or perhaps a sunset club.
- April 30th is final submission date for RI recognition of membership development initiatives
- May 31st is the final submission date for District membership awards. Three categories: attendance, percentage membership growth, most inductions (three club sizes)
- Plans in the works to offer membership webinars on a variety of topics
- Following this report is a club by club membership count. The report shows the last month each club submitted numbers.

Club	July 2008 count per SAR	Count	Last Month Reported
Akron-Newstead	42	38	February
Albion	40	39	February
Amherst East	25	25	February
Amherst North	14	19	February
Amherst South	39	39	February
Ancaster	19	19	February
Ancaster AM	48	49	February
Batavia	95	95	February
Brantford	78	74	February
Brantford Sunrise	52	51	February
Buffalo	176	173	February
Buffalo Sunrise	18	17	February
Caledonia	14	14	February
Cheektowaga	8	10	August
Clarence	64	62	February
Delhi	11	12	February
Dundas	38	37	February
Dundas Valley Sunrise	53	44	February
Dunkirk	26	32	February
Dunnville	30	26	February
East Aurora	29	25	February
Eastern Hills Sunrise	27	27	February
Ellicottville	28	35	February
Falconer	28	29	February
Flamborough AM	15	12	February
Fonthill	18	16	February
Fort Erie	13	6	February
Fort Erie AM	0	5	February
Fredonia	44	45	February
Grand Island	35	33	January
Greater Jamestown AM	26	27	February
Grimsby	28	29	February
Grimsby@Noon	18	21	February
Hamburg	24	26	February
Hamburg Sunrise	21	16	February
Hamilton	123	126	February
Hamilton AM	50	51	February
Hamilton East-Wentworth	21	22	February
Hamilton Mountain	33	27	February
Hamilton Sunset	16	17	November
Holley	16	16	February
Jamestown	105	120	February
Kenmore	60	61	February
Lakewood-Chautauqua So.	13	13	June by email
Lancaster-Depew	29	27	February

LeRoy	34	37	February
Lewiston-NOTL	15	14	February
Lincoln	33	28	December
Lockport	49	53	January
Medina	8	9	February
Middleport	11	12	October
Niagara County Central	21	22	February
Niagara Falls US	23	23	January
Niagara Falls CA	62	62	February
Niagara Falls Sunrise	47	47	February
Niagara on the Lake	55	50	February
Norfolk Sunrise	58	55	February
Olean	40	40	February
Orchard Park	21	21	February
Port Colborne	27	23	February
Salamanca	8	9	February
Simcoe	55	53	February
Southshore Blasdell	27	30	February
St. Catharines Sunrise	20	20	December
St. Catharines	141	138	February
St. Catharines Lakeshore	38	34	February
St. Catharines South	43	39	February
Stoney Creek	17	18	February
The Tonawandas	22	24	February
Waterdown	41	40	February
Welland	45	40	February
West Seneca	43	43	February
Westfield-Mayville	32	36	February
Williamsville	30	28	February
Total	2776	2755	

Last updated: April 12, 2009



District 7090 Rotary Foundation Committee

District Council Report

April 25, 2009

Bob Bruce, District Rotary Foundation Director

The Annual Programs Fund

Attached are the latest figures for contributions by clubs to TRF's Annual Programs Fund and to PolioPlus. Clubs should ensure that they send in their contributions by May 31, 2009, to allow their contribution to be recorded for the 2008-2009 Rotary year. Similarly any requests for Paul Harris recognition should be underway now.

Art Wing and Joe DePaolo, Annual Funds Co-chairs

The Permanent Fund

We invite you to give a gift that will go beyond your lifetime: a donation to The Rotary Foundation's endowment, the Permanent Fund. This fund enables individuals to combine their gifts into a significant force to address the world's greatest needs for generations to come.

Giving to the Permanent Fund for District 7090 for the interim reporting period ending April 30, 2009 rests @ \$21,595. Please contact any member of the Foundation committee to learn more about the Permanent Fund of the Rotary Foundation (TRF). The Support of the District Council is most appreciated.

You may become a Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation by making the Permanent Fund a beneficiary in your estate plans or by donating US\$1,000 or more to the fund outright.

At their October 1999 meeting, the Rotary Foundation Trustees approved the adoption of a bequest recognition society, The Rotary Foundation Bequest Society. Becoming a member is a simple process. Membership occurs when an individual or a couple place The Rotary Foundation in their estate plan for a minimum of US \$10,000 and notify the Foundation.

Karen Oakes, Permanent Fund Chair

GSE News

District 7090's GSE Team is ready: team leader Susan Thompson (Norfolk Sunrise), team member Angela Hintz (Buffalo), Heather Sim (St. Catharines), Lynn Bouvier (Hamilton) and Jim Schooley (Niagara Falls/Port Colborne, depart May 9th on an overnight flight to Sao Paulo Brazil and then fly to Asuncion, Paraguay's capital city.

The team brochures, business cards, uniforms, crests, IDs, gifts, visas and passports are all in place. TRF has provided the documents for a return flight from Toronto to Asuncion; District 4840's itinerary for the team has been accepted.

A farewell luncheon for the team is 1 P.M. Sunday, May 3 in Simcoe, Ontario; a highlight of the luncheon will be the team's visual presentation that will be seen by Rotary clubs in Argentina and Paraguay; the team also expects to present at the District 4840 Conference. Team Leader Susan Thompson is particularly proud that her team will be presenting in Spanish.

Carlos Fernandez, GSE Leader of the team that visited the district in October 2008, is meeting with his team members to organize a meeting of both teams during District 7090's visit.

Special thanks to two people who assisted District 7090's preparation for the trip south, Bob Morrow of the Dundas Valley Rotary Club and Andrea Schooley, wife of team member Jim Schooley. Andrea, who is from Argentina, has helped with Spanish grammar and has also introduced the team to Argentinean food.

Bob Morrow, as the past GSE Leader attended several meetings to help the team organize during preparation. Bob, on behalf of the District GSE Committee, also took on the task of making presentations to promote the Group Study Exchange Program; Bob spoke to the following Rotary Clubs: Brantford, Batavia, Ancaster, Ancaster A.M., Stoney Creek A.M., Dundas and Waterdown; Lindsay Puddicombe, a member of Bob's team, spoke to the Dundas Valley Rotary Club. Thank you.

The next GSE project involves District 4250: Belize, Honduras and Guatemala. GSE committee chair, Bert Rappole and committee member Sue Dolan will be of considerable assistance as they were members of a GSE team to the same district several years ago.

Incoming District Governor, Pravin Suchak indicates that the District 4250 team will visit District 7090 October 3 to November 1, 2009. Tentative dates for District 7090's team to visit District 4250 are February 15 to March 16, 2010.

Outgoing team members will not require a specific vocational background for the visit to District 4250.

District 7090's GSE committee will soon meet to discuss plans for hosting District 4250's GSE team and the selection of a new team leader and team members.

District 7090's GSE Chairs, Bert Rappole and Keith Lindberg will be speaking about the GSE Program at the District Assembly on May 9.

*Rotary District 7090 Group Study Exchange Committee Co-Chairs
Keith Lindberg and Bert Rappole*

PolioPlus Subcommittee

The PolioPlus Sub-committee is planning several scotch tasting evenings later this year as a means of raising funds for the PolioPlus Challenge. Information about these evenings will be sent out to clubs in early May. The committee also has plans to donate 500 Foundation Recognition Points to any individual who contributes \$500 to the PolioPlus Challenge campaign. This would allow individuals who have not yet received Paul Harris recognition to become Paul Harris Fellows and those individuals who are Paul Harris Fellows to receive the next level pin *and* have the opportunity to name someone else as a Paul Harris Fellow.

*Roger Crysler
PolioPlus Co-Chair*

Scholars Subcommittee

During the year there was a great deal of interest expressed by potential applicants for both scholarships. Unfortunately many did not pan out as students wanted to attend specific schools and not want to take a chance on one out of five, or they wanted to continue a program they were taking at an existing school, or they were looking to start school September 2009. For peace scholars, the timing of the program seemed to be the issue.

The application deadline was April 15, 2009 and by that time I received the following applications:

Ambassadorial Scholarship Applicants:

Pascale Rabideau – Rotary Club of St. Catharines South
Stacey Charron – Rotary Club of Welland
Margaret Farrell – Rotary Club of Buffalo
Connie Wiecha – Rotary Club of Niagara-on-the-Lake
Megan Blakeman – Rotary Club of Niagara-on-the-Lake
Eve Williams – Rotary Club of Buffalo – Sunrise
Michael Santomauro – Rotary Club of Buffalo – Sunrise

Peace Scholar Applicants: None

Interview Date – Saturday May 30, 2009”

On April 20 I received this brief update from Jeff Dekker. Jeff was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Batavia and is studying at Bond University, Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia.

Hi John,

Things are going very well down here. My Rotary hosts, Alan and Barbara Midwood, treat me like family and have been extremely helpful in getting me settled. Surfers Paradise Rotary Club, my host club, has also been gracious in including me in their events. One of the events I attended was a visit from members of a sister club in Japan. It was a great opportunity to see Rotary in action as partnerships and good will transcended the language barrier. Not to mention it was fun! The Japanese Rotarians put on a show doing Japanese dances and singing Japanese songs.

School is also going well. It is currently exam/paper turn in week and I have been extremely busy. My hopes are to make the President's List for academic achievement again this semester.

I have also been active in helping to fund raise for the Perry Cross Foundation, a group that focuses on generating funds to promote research in discovering a cure for paralysis. This past Friday we had an event that raised several thousand dollars. I was lucky enough to take part in this by organizing the registration portion by getting volunteers from the university.

All in all, things have been great and I am enjoying myself thoroughly. I want to personally thank you John for allowing me this wonderful opportunity and all the other Rotarians in the district. Thank you all so very much.

Cheers,
Jeff Decker

*Scholars Committee Chair
John Teibert*

Grants Subcommittee

The District Simplified Grants fund for this year is now totally expended. See the attached information sheet for recipient clubs and projects. Matching Grant information was given out at the last Council meeting. Following that meeting TRF announced a closure on 2008-09 funding for grants as a result of falling revenue from the recession. Two of our clubs were affected by this, with one finding some alternative funding and the other planning to apply again in August.

Applications for 2009-2010 will be accepted commencing July 1, 2009, and may be sent to Roy Sheldrick who is assuming the Grants Sub-committee Chair's role commencing on that date. Applications will require signatures from club officers for the 1009-2010 year.

Clubs looking for possible projects are urged to view RI's [ProjectLINK](#) database or go to www.MatchingGrants.org .

*Grants Chair
Don DeMeo*

Summary of Individual Projects Grant #62141, District 7090, 2006-07

With each report to TRF, provide a summary of the grant funds distributed to individual projects and spent on project-related expenditures. Please ensure that the funds spent relate directly to Individual Project Reports submitted to TRF.

#	Rotary Club	Project Description	DSG Funds Distributed	DSG Funds Spent
53	Welland	Water Testing Equipment and community education about clean water	\$1,000	\$1,000
54	Middleport	Erie Canal Park tree planting and landscaping	\$1,000	\$1,000
55	Williamsville	Supplies for Literacy program	\$2,000	\$2,000
57	Waterdown	Encouragement to truant youth to attend and stay in school	\$850	\$850
59	Amherst South	Scoreboard for youth center	\$2,000	\$2,000
	Previous Final reports of projects submitted April 30,2008	See attached sheet		
51	Fredonia	Computer equipment for literacy program	\$1,000	\$1,000
52	Welland	Playground equipment for Baku City, Azerbaijan	\$1,750	\$1,750
56	Ancaster and Ancaster AM	Lighting for Fieldcote Museum park	\$4,000	\$4,000
58	Buffalo	Furniture and equipment for Boys and Girls club	\$2,000	\$2,000
61	Norfolk Sunrise	Flour-grinding mill for Congo	\$2,000	\$2,000
62	Norfolk Sunrise	Diagnostic eye equipment for Chandausi, India, Eye hospital	\$2,000	\$2,000
63	Amherst East	Dictionaries for 350 students in Buffalo schools	\$708	\$708
Total DSG Funds <i>Distributed & Spent</i> to date			\$20,308	\$20,308

Summary of Individual Projects Grant 62519, RI District 7090, 2007-08

With each report to TRF, provide a summary of the grant funds distributed to individual projects and spent on project-related expenditures. Please ensure that the funds spent relate directly to Individual Project Reports submitted to TRF.

#	Rotary Club	Project Description	DSG Funds Distributed	DSG Funds Spent
65	Lincoln	Construction of Chicken Coop at Ikhalayahemba Village, South Africa	\$2,000	\$2,000
66	Welland	Multicab for rescue or interception of abused children in Northern Samar, Philippines	\$1050	\$1050
67	St Catharines	Medicines for residents of squatters village in the Dominican Republic	\$1015.50	\$1015.50
69	Salamanca	Playground Equipment for Public Housing	\$2,000	\$2,000
70	St Catharines Sunrise	Therapy room in Bulgaria	\$1,000	
72	Olean	3 Hand-drilled wells in rural villages in Niger	\$2000	\$2,000
74	Lancaster-Depew	64 chairs and 2 storage carts for Lancaster Town Band	\$500	\$500
75	Dunnville	Equipment for Salvation Army portable kitchen	\$2,000	
77	St Catharines South	Construction of a playing field in Jamaica	\$1302	
78	Niagara County Central	Dictionaries for Niagara area schools	\$578	
79	West Seneca	600 books for the West Seneca County School District to assist in raising literacy levels	\$1,000	\$1,000
80	Ancaster	Reading tables for 13 classes at C H Bray school	\$2,000	\$2,000
81	Williamsville	Vocational training in Mariachi, India	\$1,500	
82	Brantford	Planting trees in city park	\$2,000	
83	Caledonia	Two 10,000 liter cisterns for potable water in Kitengeesa, Uganda	\$2,000	\$2,000
84	Waterdown	Baking and sewing equipment for school for the Deaf in Cebu, Philippines	\$2,000	\$2,000
86	Tonawanda	Emergencies data refrigerator magnetic stickers for distribution through Fire Department	\$553.50	
Total DSG Funds Distributed & Spent to date			\$24,499	\$15,565.50

District Simplified Grants, District 7090, 2008-09

Grant # 69229 – US\$ 24,500

#	Date Received	Club		Amount	Date Approved
91	1/12/2009	Jamestown	Guatemala Breakfasts and Vitamins for 200 Children in Guatemala City with Co-operating organization Centro Cristiano Cultural de Guatemala & RC Guatemala	\$2,000	4/08/2009
92	2/26/2009	Dunkirk	Portable staging for City of Dunkirk Festivals	\$2,000	4/08/2009
93	2/26/09	West Seneca	Prenatal health, paediatric care, nutrition, and exercise informational and interactive programs at the West Seneca Public Library	\$1,000	4/08/2009
94	3/09/2009	Hamilton Sunset	To create an annual event for children's literature and story telling at Westfield Pioneer Village	\$1,050	4/08/2009
95	3/10/2009	Hamburg	To supply a powered ambulance Stryker cot with Hamburg's volunteer emergency technicians.	\$2,000	4/08/2009
96	3/10/2009	Albion	To supply bunk beds and mosquito netting for 30 students at Loka Senior Secondary School in Loka, Southern Sudan in co-operation with Albion Interact, Albion Central School District and the Global Response Network	\$2,000	4/08/2009
97	3/10/2009	Buffalo	To supply a new Gas oven for the Foodbank of Western NY test kitchen to run programs to teach low income children, seniors and disabled how to cook healthy meals.	\$2,000	4/08/2009
98	3/18/2009	Olean	To construct 2 hand-dug water wells in rural Niger.	\$1,930	4/08/2009

99	3/24/2009	Hamilton AM (&Delhi, Fredonia, Waterdown)	To send a container with 20,000 books, bicycle parts to repair 275 bicycles, sporting equipment and clothing to Lyantonde, Uganda, in partnership with RC Kampala.	\$4,500	4/08/2009
100	3/30/2009	Ancaster AM	To provide a dual powered propane/electric freezer for the Charles Coleman Hospital in Petite Riviere in Haiti to store polio vaccine for vaccination days in partnership with RC Verrettes	\$1,599	4/08/2009
101	3/30/09	Amherst South	To provide for uniforms, books, tuition, and computer training for 40 students in Rajkot, India, in partnership with RC Midtown Rajkot	\$1,000	4/08/2009
102	4/7/09	Norfolk Sunrise	To deepen a well to 200 feet, provide a pump and reservoir for water in Khanna, Punjab, India	\$1600	4/08/2009
103	4/11/09	St Catharines Sunrise	To create a video on child abuse prevention for use with area agencies and schools.	\$ 1821	4/17/2009
Total		13		\$24,500	

Please Note:

1. Funds are now totally allocated for 2008-09.
2. We have 5 outstanding final club reports from 2006-07 that have not yet been sent to TRF for approval. No funds will be released to us from TRF for this 2008-09 year until these reports are accepted by them. We expect to have the reports to TRF by April 22, 2009.
3. We have final reports from 50% of the 2007-08 DSG funds, so we will qualify for the 2008-09 money once these reports along with the 2006-07 reports are filed.
4. All 2008-09 funds will only be released to clubs once they file with the Grants Sub-committee chair an acceptable **final** report.
5. Disbursement of the above funds is predicated upon our qualifying for receipt of funds which is contingent upon completion of items 2&3 above.
6. All DSGs for 2008-09 must be completed at the latest by December, 2011.
7. Interim reports must be filed by **1 April, 2010**. Final reports must be filed by **December 31, 2011**.
8. The Grants Sub-committee chair for 2009-10 is Roy Sheldrick. You may reach him at:
Roy Sheldrick
92 Seneca Drive, Ancaster, ON, L9G 3B8
Phone: 905-648-4339; Fax: 905-648-9739; e-mail; rsheldrick@cogeco.ca

Contributions from District 7090 to The Rotary Foundation, 2008-09

Club Number	Club Name	Number of Members	Club APF Goal	Annual Programs Fund Contributions to April 19,2009	PolioPlus Contributions 1 Dec, 2007 to April19,2009
7090	District Rotary Foundation				\$ 27,679.00
26305	Akron-Newstead	42	\$4,900	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 0
4721	Albion	40	\$3,000	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 917.00
25380	Amherst East	25	\$2,900	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,500.00
4722	Amherst North	14	\$1,800	\$ 354.00	\$ 63.00
4723	Amherst South	39	\$1,900	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 10,500.00
4689	Ancaster	19	\$1,400	\$ 7,575.00	\$ 3,920.00
28117	Ancaster A.M.	48	\$5,200	\$ 5,689.00	\$ 1,996.00
4724	Batavia	95	\$5,932	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 0
4690	Brantford	78	\$8,300	\$ 10,077.00	\$ 0
29643	Brantford-Sunrise	52	\$5,200	\$ 6,362.00	\$ 6,002.00
4725	Buffalo	176	\$18,800	\$ 2,950.00	\$ 1,356.00
30381	Buffalo-Sunrise	18	\$1,700	\$ 0	\$ 10.00
30716	Caledonia	14	\$1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000.00
4726	Cheektowaga	8	\$1,200	\$ 0	\$ 600.00
4727	Clarence	64	\$6,500	\$ 6,100.00	\$ 0
4694	Delhi	11	\$1,100	\$ 1,230.00	\$ 2,000.00
4695	Dundas	38	\$4,400	\$ 5,144.00	\$ 3,911.00
52949	Dundas Valley Sunrise	53	\$6,000	\$ 6,421.00	\$ 2,975.00
4728	Dunkirk	26	\$2,600	\$ 2,550.00	\$ 1,275.00
29662	Dunnville	30	\$3,180	\$ 0	\$ 3,244.00
4729	East Aurora	29	\$2,500	\$ 200.00	\$ 50.00
28911	Eastern Hills Sunrise	27	\$2,000	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 1,150.00
52046	Ellicottville	28	\$1,400	\$ 500.00	\$ 0
4732	Falconer	28	\$1,600	\$ 0	\$ 0
53345	Flamborough AM	15	\$1,600	\$ 102.00	\$ 0
28116	Fonthill	18	\$2,500	\$ 1,639.00	\$ 521.00
4696	Fort Erie	13	\$300	\$ 361.00	\$ 1,752.00
4733	Fredonia	44	\$3,200	\$ 760.00	\$ 2,000.00
4734	Grand Island	35	\$3,200	\$ 0	\$ 810.00
27868	Greater Jamestown AM	26	\$2,200	\$ 1,052.00	\$ 1,000.00
4698	Grimsby	28	\$1,800	\$ 302.00	\$ 100.00
59744	Grimsby @ Noon	18	\$2,100	\$ 1,307.00	\$ 1,120.00
4735	Hamburg	24	\$2,100	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,000.00
28054	Hamburg Sunrise	21	\$2,200	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,000.00
4699	Hamilton	123	\$13,000	\$ 7,614.00	\$ 4,379.00
23427	Hamilton "A.M."	50	\$12,000	\$ 15,260.00	\$ 3,323.00
4701	Hamilton Mountain	33	\$3,600	\$ 0	\$ 100.00
26582	Hamilton Sunset	16	\$1,600	\$ 0	\$ 820.00

Club Number	Club Name	Number of Members	Club APF Goal	Annual Programs Fund Contributions To March 15/09	PolioPlus Contributions 1 Dec, 2007 to 25 Mar,2009
4700	Hamilton-East Went	21	\$2,400	\$ 1,806.00	\$ 200.00
4736	Holley	16	\$600	\$ 0	\$ 500.00
4737	Jamestown	105	\$10,000	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
4738	Kenmore	60	\$6,500	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,545.00
4739	Lakewood-Chautauqua South	13	\$1,300	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
4740	Lancaster-Depew	29	\$2,035	\$ 300.00	\$ 100.00
4741	Le Roy	34	\$1,000	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 50.00
4742	Lewiston/Niagara Lake	15	\$1,800	\$ 1,448.00	\$ 1,000.00
50055	Lincoln	33	\$3,700	\$ 0	\$ 510.00
4744	Lockport	49	\$3,000	\$ 1,890.00	\$ 3,247.00
4745	Medina	8	\$360	\$ 600.00	\$ 125.00
4746	Middleport	11	\$480	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 225.00
24800	Niagara County-Central	21	\$2,200	\$ 0	\$ 0
27545	Niagara Falls Sunrise	47	\$5,700	\$ 3,104.00	\$ 3,172.00
4747	Niagara Falls, NY	23	\$1,300	\$ 0	\$ 0
4706	Niagara Falls, ON	62	\$2,170	\$ 10,735.00	\$ 25,000.00
29972	Niagara-on-the-Lake	55	\$4,900	\$ 5,194.00	\$ 1,320.00
31593	Norfolk Sunrise	58	\$6,000	\$ 200.00	\$ 606.00
4748	Olean	40	\$9,000	\$ 965.00	\$ 3,714.00
4749	Orchard Park	21	\$1,500	\$ 2,131.00	\$ 0
66814	Port Colborne Centennial	27	\$1,200	\$ 48.00	\$ 992.00
4750	Salamanca	8	\$1,000	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0
4713	Simcoe	55	\$5,900	\$ 6,643.00	\$ 4,872.00
4751	South Shore of Blasdell-Lackawanna	27	\$2,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,100.00
4711	St. Catharines	141	\$14,000	\$ 18,861.00	\$ 5,285.00
28928	St. Catharines Sunrise.	20	\$1,800	\$ 4,412.00	\$ 0
4712	St. Catharines South	43	\$5,000	\$ 4,982.00	\$ 510.00
23879	St. Catharines-Lakeshore	38	\$3,900	\$ 3,078.00	\$ 200.00
30595	Stoney Creek	17	\$1,800	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,765.00
4753	Tonawandas, The	22	\$2,400	\$ 375.00	\$ 100.00
4716	Waterdown	41	\$4,000	\$ 6,084.00	\$ 1,565.00
4718	Welland	45	\$5,200	\$ 5,319.00	\$ 2,343.00
4755	West Seneca	43	\$4,300	\$ 2,206.00	\$ 1,000.00
4754	Westfield-Mayville	32	\$1,750	\$ 0	\$ 2,000.00
4756	Williamsville	30	\$3,000	\$ 0	\$ 0
All	Total for District 7090	2776	\$267,900	\$ 196,532.00	\$154,369.00

Youth Services April 2009 Report

Youth Exchange

A Youth Exchange Board Meeting was held via conference call on March 30. Topics discussed were legalities including an update of appropriate forms. David George provided an update of current operations and a proposal that the district institute a \$250.00 application fee to cover mailing costs for outbound students. Twenty-one applicants for the year long outbound program were interviewed on January 17 and 18. Two Temagami trips were held on February 11 – 14 and Feb 14 – 17. Outbound orientation occurred on March 8 at Enterprise Charter School in Buffalo. The Jamestown weekend on April 3 – 5 was a huge success for the 60 residence and outbound students and featured a Saturday night dance party.

Interact

Tony Evans will be conducting two sessions at this year's SLAPSHOT program that will encourage students to start Interact clubs in their respective high schools. Tony will feature some of his award – winning programs that resulted in the D.K. Lee awards presented to his four Olean area Interact clubs. Because of their participation in various community service projects and their help with the parent club's "Ultimate Pasta Dinner", the clubs at Olean High School, Allegany-Limestone Central, Archbishop Walsh High and Portville Central were recognized with a certificate and pin from R.I. President D.K. Lee for their participation in World Interact Week. Congratulations to the 140 Interactors from the Southern Tier!!

EarlyAct

No report

Rotaract

On April 3, the two Branford Rotary Clubs chartered the district's newest Rotaract club. The inauguration of the Brantford Rotaract club, organized by Bruce Williamson and Jennifer Middleton had a sold-out crowd at the Brantford Library for this auspicious event. At least three PDG's, the mayor, M.P., and M.L.A. were present as well as a large number of Rotarians. A grand welcome was made to the 18 new Rotaractors and presentations and speeches organized by President Ralph were well received. A major write-up in the Branford Expositor featured a picture of Presidents Ralph and Jennifer. The club is already up and running with several projects on the go under the enthusiastic direction of Jennifer. Their featured charity War Child is a charity designed to help the victims of war and terror. Four of these Rotaractors will serve as supervisors at our upcoming SLAPSHOT event on May 1 – 3.

The Hamilton McMaster Rotaract Club held its Second Annual Gala on March 13 at the Faculty Club of McMaster University. The event raised \$3,000.00 to purchase two shelter boxes. The money was presented to guest speaker – Don Oligren, Shelter Bos Canada Executive Director.

SLAPSHOT

A total of 93 registrants have signed up for this very popular program which will feature High Ropes, 7 Habits, and a variety of Rotary and Rotaract presenters. The event will take place at Canterbury Hills in Ancaster on May 1 – 3. A Friday night Pizza party will be followed by a session on Issues Selection at which time students will identify personal or school-based concerns that they will resolve with presentations on Sunday morning. Through a series of leadership sessions, students will hone their skills so that they can return to school with the inspiration necessary to start Interact clubs and make their schools a better place to be. Registration begins at 4:00 p.m. and the program will conclude on Sunday at noon.

RYLA

This year RYLA will be held during the week of June 14 at SUNY in Fredonia. Fees are \$650. per registrant. The program, designed for young adults age 19 – 26, starts on Sunday afternoon and is completed the following Saturday. Doug Johnson, Canadian RYLA Chair reports that “As of March they have 41 – 45 potential applicants for the program. Information on their website is provided for applicants, Rotarians and employers of would be applicants. The dinner on Thursday evening should be a demonstration of the advantages of taking the program to Rotarians. The Rotary aspect of the program will feature Rotaract as the stepping stone to membership in Rotary.” Rather than generating another project, Rylarians will be encouraged to join or form a Rotaract club that will provide Rotary service. Should any senior member of Rotary wish to provide a short talk to the participants they should notify Doug or Elaine before May 15th.



ROTARY DISTRICT 7090 ONTARIO INTERACT CLUB REPORT

APRIL 24th, 2009

District 7090 currently has six active Interact Clubs in Ontario. I have asked each of the Clubs for an update report.

The following is a summary of what I have received so far:

Brantford Rotary Club - North Park Collegiate Interact Club

The President is Nicole Yang. Their teacher supervisor is Heather Woodley. They meet every Tuesday at 11:40 in room 221 at North Park. They currently have 15 members, mainly in Grades 10 and 12.

So far this year they have:

- volunteered at the Lansdowne Children's Centre Christmas Party
- held a bookdrive at school and donated these books to the Lansdowne Children's Centre
- raised almost \$2000 with UNICEF
- hosted the Remembrance Day Assembly
- their major fundraiser is their participation in the Darfur Challenge a spaghetti dinner on April 30th.

"With Dining for Darfur we have made a tree (which is taller than I am, at 5'6) from plaster, and then wrapped a snake around it, in which students and staff can place cash donations. The main event will include musical entertainment from some students, a raffle, a spaghetti dinner, and we hope to have a speaker from Me to We come in and talk about the crisis in Darfur. She has yet to finalize her schedule. The dinner will be catered by 4-H and timbits will be donated, along with coffee (hopefully)."

Fonthill Rotary Club – E.L. Crossley High School Interact Club

2008 - 2009 EXECUTIVE

President	Alix Nori
VP	Emily Miller
Treasurer	Florian Mayr
Secretary	Katy Mosley

The club currently has approx 60 members with a dedicated core of around 35. The students meet on alternating Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 11.06-11.30 (senior lunch) in the lecture room at E.L Crossley. This is a completely bused school so, unless the student drives, we are at the mercy of schedules and timetables. In a short meeting, however, things do get done. Their activities this year have been:

Sept.	Kick Aids Soccer event
Oct.	Hallowe'en for Hunger evening food drive for Pelham Cares (Oct 31) Very successful with most club members out :-)
Nov and Dec.	Introduction of Shelterbox project and spearheading of E.L Crossley's Xmas Cheer Collection (food,gifts) for Salvation Army Families. This is a huge event
Feb	Picking up Shelterbox plans and sending a team to Bowl for Kids Sake(Big Brothers and Big Sisters of S. Niagara.)
March	Shelterbox promotion and Penny Sale
April	Completing Shelterbox project. Lazy Loon Restaurant Evening(serving,plating etc. for % of the evening's takings)
	Communities in Bloom Clean Up ...team taking part in that.
May	Ride for heart...Team going out for the Big Bike Ride. Slapshot participant off to camp.
June	Wrap up. Final reports by president. Selection and installation of new Board. Good-by to our grads!

There have been other events that Interact has been involved in in the past- like charity walks. These often depend on the connections and interests of the students. They have helped Church groups in small ways also in the past when a member asked if that could happen.

Niagara Falls Rotary Club – A.N. Myers High School Interact Club

They meet on Wednesdays at 11:10 am at A. N. Myer High School at 6338 O'Neill, Niagara Falls and the phone number of the school is 905-358-5753. The Interact club meets on the second floor in Room 216. The teacher advisor is Andrea Wiggins. The Interact President is Laura DeAngelis.

Niagara on the Lake Rotary Club – Niagara District Secondary School Interact Club

The President of the club is Sarah Howard and the Faculty Advisor is Carolyn Ranieri. They have about 10 members including their three International Youth Exchange students, Pietro, Viki and Duda.

The club meets every second Tuesday from 11:10 am till 11:45 am.

The Interact club has held a toy drive, bake sale, sold tickets for a locker full of candy and rolled hundreds of dollars worth of pennies donated to the downtown fountain.

Last week the club raised almost \$1800 in pledges for "30 hour famine". They have planned a Courtyard Cafe to support the Rotary club's annual Bike Trek and a car wash to support Habitat for Humanity in the month of May and will be cycling in the June Bike Trek.

Waterdown Rotary Club – Waterdown District High School Interact Club

Welland Rotary Club – Jean Vanier Ecole Secondaire Interact Club

The Welland Rotary club hosted the Kenmore Interact club (a la Larry Coons and Alison Hyde). Several of our Jean Vanier Interactors were there to greet the Kenmore group. Our club donated monies to support the Kenmore group's chosen service project (Crossroad Springs International) and it is our hope that the two groups can connect in the future for some joint events and/or projects. It would be wonderful to be able to build that cross-border relationship to bring our District even closer.

SUMMARY

I heard from 26 Clubs after DG Ralph's email. Besides the above active Interact Clubs, I have received interest in starting a new Interact Club next year from the following Rotary Clubs: St. Catherines Sunrise, Hamilton AM, Norfolk, and Lincoln.

I am planning to visit each of the active Interact Clubs next month. I will reissue this report once I have received further updates from Niagara Falls, Waterdown, and Welland. Plan to attend the North Park Interact Club's Darfur Spagetti Dinner on April 30th in Brantford.

I am available to assist any Rotary Club that wishes to sponsor a new Interact Club.

Yours in Rotary and Interact

Rick Sterne

PS: I have given Marlene McGraw copies of this report for distribution at The Council Meeting on April 25th.

SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

January 24, 2009

World Community Service Committee (Chair: David Johnson)

At the April 13 meeting the WCS Committee received updates on some of the projects previously approved. The updates are:

Project update: literacy in Pakistan - Sabih Uddin

- Sabih provided a historical background on the literacy program that the Brantford club supports in partnership with the Karachi Rotary club. The project focuses on rural and slum areas and operates in non-traditional learning centers. For the cost of approximately \$28 per year, a non-literate person can achieve a grade 5 literacy and mathematical skills level in 12 months. Sabih reported that the partnership within District 3270 is very strong, with 32 Rotarians there acting in similar roles that Sabih is here. He also reported that there is ongoing weekly communication between Karachi volunteers and the Brantford RC to ensure transparency. The project was recently approved for a \$46000 USD grant from TRF.

- **Project update: wells in Niger - Carl and Mary Vahl**

The second phase of well drilling has begun in Libore, Niger. Carl and Mary have both visited the well drilling sites and have ensured placement of Rotary signs on the wells. It was noted that Roy Sheldrick's project, Water for Life, donated \$10,000 to the Niger project. With that contribution and grants funding, 10 wells have been dug in the first quarter of the year. Each well benefits 500-1500 individuals.

Well drilling is currently being focused on areas near schools, with the intention that children and women who would normally spend most of their day securing potable water will soon be able to receive education instead. To this end, an international NGO Pencils for Kids, along with CRCID are involved in plans for future projects.

- **Project update: health boat in Bolivia - Doug Johnson**

On behalf of the Niagara Falls Rotary club, Doug has been working closely with counterparts in Las Pas, Bolivia to direct project completion. 2500 families that live along the riverbanks at the confluence of three estuaries will potentially benefit from a fully equipped medical and dental health boat that will ply the rivers. The project has an estimated cost of \$23,500; \$12,000 of this has already been raised.

Chairman David proposed a few ideas to the committee around promoting world community service directly to our district's clubs through personal visits by our WCS members in the first half of the next Rotary year. By following a scripted powerpoint presentation, a consistent message could be communicated to inspire those clubs not currently involved in international service to consider undertaking a small project with the facilitation of the WCS committee, and to renew the passion and engagement of clubs already involved to new levels of service activity.

By utilizing primarily WCS committee members (with assistance as needed from area AGs and TRF specialists) to connect directly with clubs, opportunities and challenges to successful international partnerships could be readily identified and followed through.

A powerpoint presentation will be prepared and shared with the committee at a future meeting.

WCS volunteer opportunities: David Johnson

Since our last WCS meeting, a survey was circulated to all leaders of WCS-approved projects, seeking input regarding hands-on volunteer service opportunities that might be available to District Rotarians.

Two concrete opportunities currently exist: Himalayan Health Care and Shelterboxes.

Two potential opportunities are being developed: Wells in Niger and African orphanage support

Other 'sweat equity' programs are being researched.

As there may be a specific committee structure addressing volunteer service opportunities being implemented in the upcoming Rotary year, further discussion was deferred until key leadership positions around such a committee are identified. Information gathered thus far will be shared with any new committee tasked with coordinating volunteer service opportunities.

TRF grants changes: Bob Bruce

There is currently a freeze on TRF grant expenditures due to the economic downturn. Applications for DSGs will continue to be accepted but will not be considered for approval until after July 1, 2009. Approval will be on a first-in-first-out basis; clubs considering applying for DSGs in the upcoming Rotary year are encouraged to submit their application early. Project work must be funded first by the lead club and funds will be reimbursed once a grant application is approved.

Of note, 7 of the 13 grants recently approved or before the grants committee for approval are for international service projects.

Roy Sheldrick will be assuming the chairmanship of the District grants committee in the new Rotary year.

Community Service (Chair: John Crawford)

John has received enough photos from clubs to put together a slide show of clubs and some of their community service projects. We hope to have this available for sharing at the Council meeting. John will continue gathering photos from those clubs not heard from yet.

Vocational Service (Chair: Andrea Aldinger)

Andrea is in the process of contacting clubs individually to discuss their vocational service projects. Completing this she will compile a list of the projects in which clubs are involved.

DISTRICT 7090 Friendship Exchange Committee
District Council April 25, 2009

District 7090 to District 9930 New Zealand - February 25 to March 12, 2009

This District of 55 Rotary Clubs is located in the North Island, south of Auckland and north of Wellington. The Exchange included visits to five areas: Hamilton, Te Aroha, Hastings, Napier and Tauranga where we were hosted by a local Rotary Club.

Our team, led by PDG Bob Bruce, consisted of ten participants representing the Rotary Clubs of Waterdown, Fort Erie, Simcoe, Lockport and Jamestown.

This trip was enjoyed by everyone! Here is a comment from one participating couple:

WOW! The RFE is an extraordinary way to visit another country. The Rotarians we met (both in NZ and on our team) and stayed with are a remarkable group of people, and New Zealand is quite a country. The opportunities for fellowship and friendship were truly special, and we certainly had a perspective on New Zealand that most tourists don't get. This trip was truly memorable, and one of the best we've ever taken.

Members of the team are available to speak to clubs about their experience, including some of the Rotary projects they saw. They can be contacted by emailing Nan Bruce.

The New Zealanders will be visiting our District from September 10 to 24, leaving on September 25, 2009. They will be visiting the Hamilton, Simcoe, Niagara Falls, Jamestown and Lockport/Buffalo areas.

Potential Exchanges:

1. India: District 3060 or 3080. Our District has participated in Group Study Exchange with both of these Districts. We are also looking into the possibility of including a Polio NID experience.

2. Sweden 3. Bulgaria 4. Turkey 5. Argentina

Committee:

Recommendations for future Friendship Exchanges and for the reorganization of the Friendship Exchange Committee will be provided in our next District Council report.

Nan Bruce, AG
District 7090 Friendship Exchange Chair
Email: nbruce@cogeco.ca

DISTRICT 7090 CLUB VISIONING COMMITTEE REPORT (Revised)

District Council, April 25, 2009

FROM: District 7090 Club Visioning Coordinators: AG Nan Bruce(C) and PDG Dick Earne (US)

1. International Vision Facilitation Committee Agreement: The District has agreed to become a member of International Vision Facilitation Committee, chaired by PDG Steve Wilcox, D 5960. IVFC will give us access to the most recent Club Visioning curriculum materials, forms, training and the ability to share with other districts who are members..

2. District 7090 Manual of Policy and Procedures: The Club Visioning Committee will not be listed in the revised MOPP at this time. For the reason that the Visioning procedure is in the process of being finalised and adapted to the procedure and policy of the IVFC Agreement, which the District has just entered into. The District committee needs to come to an understanding on a common plan especially as to initial club involvement, participation and getting club buy in to the vision plan worked out by its members as well as its implementation

3. Club Visioning Joint Meeting: Pending. Topics to cover challenges clubs are having with getting members to attend the session, selling plan to club members who have not attended, implementation of the plan, selection and training of vision facilitators

Ontario Side Club Visioning Team Report (Nan Bruce, AG)

1. Club sessions scheduled for May and June, 2009: Port Colbourne, St.Catharines Sunrise and Niagara Falls.

2. Sessions pending: 3

3. Club Presentations: Grimsby@Noon scheduled for April 21, 2009

3. Reviews were held of sessions in May, 2008 with Waterdown and Flamborough AM.

Review of session with Niagara on the Lake held in September pending.

4. Team members: There are 6 members, five of whom attended the original training session held in October, 2007. The sixth member is trained in conflict resolution and mediation. We are recruiting more team members to work with the increasing number of clubs interested in this process.

American Side Club Visioning Team Report (Dick Earne, PDG)

1. Sessions pending: 3 Niagara Falls US, Dunkirk and Fredonia

2. Reviews were held with Kenmore, Niagara County Central and Lancaster Depew. The clubs are having challenges with implementation of the points brought out in their vision sessions including the functioning of a committee to help implement and follow through. Two of the clubs however are holding quarterly reviews. Reviews in process with Clarence and Buffalo Sunrise

3. The US side vision team consists of 8 members all of whom were trained at a session in the spring of 08. Once training for district committee members is decided on we will be looking for additional vision facilitators.

February 23, 2009

Members of the Rotary District 7090 Strategic Planning Committee met in the 13th Floor Boardroom of Brock University on Saturday, February 21, 2009 to participate in a Strategic Planning Workshop. With 23 participants in attendance, Past District Governor Bob Leek brought the group to order at 9:00am.

He expressed his appreciation to those who were in attendance at the largest gathering of participants in what has now become an annual event for District 7090. PDG Leek acknowledged the initiative of PDG Art Wing in arranging the first of these sessions in this format some five years prior. He explained that the work of groups in these sessions, who reach consensus on desired outcomes to achieve the Vision for the District, influences the plans of current and future District Governors.

PDG Bob also noted that, in recognition of the importance of these workshops in giving incoming District Governors advice and information, District Governor Ralph Montesanto had scheduled this session some two months earlier than the 2008 workshop. He then asked District Governor Ralph to provide attendees with an update on efforts to address the 2008 Strategic Planning report.

District Governor Ralph Montesanto noted that the timing of this workshop is tied to the recently completed training for DGEs in San Diego. DGEs leave that session with a clear understanding of RI's goals for the coming year and those of the RI President. Each DGE should want to ensure that he/she considers the advice of this annual workshop in shaping his/her goals for the District in the coming year. It is his hope that DGE Pravin Suchak and the DGN and DGD of the District keep this work in mind as they formulate their plans for their leadership years.

DG Ralph provided a brief overview of his efforts to date, noting progress on the goals he set, and on those proposed by the 2008 workshop. He called upon members of his executive to report on progress and on plans for the remainder of the current Rotary year. He closed by again thanking everyone for giving of their time to help develop this 'roadmap' for the future of District 7090.

DG Ralph turned the session back over to PDG Bob Leek, who introduced Rod Hollick, the session facilitator.

Mr. Hollick thanked everyone for attending and noted that, as this was the fifth session he had facilitated he was pleased that participation had grown. Acknowledging that many were first time attendees, he outline the agenda for the day.

- overview discussion of the current vision statement and desired outcomes
 - ensure clarity of meaning and intent
 - confirm relevance and accuracy

- consider need to add or to remove desired outcomes
- 'dot-ocracy' exercise to establish highest-interest areas
- small group sessions to develop 'desired outcome' action plans
- small group reports to the plenary session – adoption
- wrap up comments from DG, DGE, DGN and DGD

Mr. Hollick spoke to the importance of participation and confirmed that everyone understood the importance of volunteers and 'volun-tolds'. He reviewed the 80% rule that would help minimize 'wordsmithing' and the concept of 'consensus'. With the agreement of all participants, the session employed the use of these ground rules.

The workshop session began with a review of the current District Vision Statement, which reads:

District 7090 is a model of the concept of Rotary in Action through co-operation and co-ordination of people in two nations within a single district working toward world peace and service.

Participants discussed the length of the statement and various suggestions were considered before the following revised Vision was adopted by consensus:

District 7090 models Rotary in Action through co-operation and co-ordination of people in two nations within a single district working toward world peace and service.

Participants then embarked on a review of the current Desired Outcomes. Results of that review are summarized below:

Current desired outcome: **We have created two-way communication and constructive relationships between clubs and district** was left unchanged, but there was consensus that additional discussion was warranted next year.

Current desired outcome: 'We have effective administrative processes and protocols that clubs and district endorse and implement' was amended to read:
The administrative processes and protocols are effective for clubs and the district.

Current desired outcome: **We have participation at the club and district level that reflects the diversity and changing demographics in our communities** was confirmed.

Current desired outcome: 'We have reached high levels of District continuity through planning practices with long term horizons' was amended to read:

We have District continuity through effective planning practices with long term horizons on all levels.

Current desired outcome: 'We have a membership plan that focuses on recruitment, education and retention of Rotarians' was amended to read:

We have a membership plan that focuses on recruitment, education, engagement and retention of Rotarians.

Current desired outcome: 'We have increased giving to The Rotary Foundation through annual giving and endowment programs' was amended to read:

We have better understanding of The Rotary Foundation programs, resulting in increased giving and involvement.

Current desired outcome: 'We have made it possible for members to participate in district committees without extensive travel through the use of advanced technologies' was amended to read:

We are using advanced technologies to make it possible for members to participate in district committees without extensive travel.

Current desired outcome: 'We have highly effective leadership in Rotary as a result of knowledge and skills training at all levels' was amended to read:

We have highly effective leadership at all levels as a result of knowledge and skills training.

Current desired outcome: **We have all clubs participating in all four avenues of service was** confirmed.

Current desired outcome: 'We have increased awareness of Rotary in our clubs and communities through effective club public relations' was amended to read:

We have increased awareness and understanding of Rotary in our clubs and communities through effective district and club public relations.

Current desired outcome: **We have demonstrated the value of Rotary service through commitment and active club involvement** was confirmed with consensus that it merited further discussion in 2010.

When asked, those participating in this workshop did not feel there was a need to develop additional desired outcomes.

Mr. Hollick reported that the amended version of the desired outcomes would be summarized and attached (Attachment #1) to the session notes of this workshop.

There was discussion about the value in shaping all outcomes in a more consistent template at future workshops.

Mr. Hollick advised participants that the outcomes were not numbered so as to avoid the idea that they had been prioritized. He did note however that it has proven impractical in the past to expect to address every desired outcome every year. This has established the foundation for having participants select outcomes they feel should be addressed in the coming year. The process for making such selections is through a 'dot-ocracy' exercise.

Every participant received four (4) coloured dots with the rules that they could place 0 – 1 – or 2 dots on any of the eleven (11) desired outcomes. The results would be tabulated and would help participants select the outcomes for which they would develop and adopt one-year 'workplans'. Prior to the dot-ocracy exercise, the DGE, DGD and DGN were offered the opportunity to speak to their personal views on priorities, as they would be using the results of this and future workshops to guide them in developing the plans for their year as District Governor.

After a short break, attendees completed the dot-ocracy exercise. The results for the highest ranked desired outcomes are summarized below:

We have a membership plan that focuses on recruitment, education, engagement and retention of Rotarians (23 dots)

We have increased awareness and understanding of Rotary in our clubs and communities through effective district and club public relations (18dots)

We have highly effective leadership at all levels as a result of knowledge and training. (13 dots)

We have better understanding of The Rotary Foundation programs, resulting in increased giving and involvement. (13 dots)

We have participation at the club and district level that reflects the diversity and changing demographics in our communities. (11 dots)

These five outcomes received significantly more dots than the remaining outcomes. Time and attendance would permit the workshop to only work on a maximum of four workplans. Participants agreed by consensus on the four that would be pursued. They were the four with 13 or more dots.

Participants self-selected the working groups and, over a 40 minute period, developed proposed workplans for each of the four outcomes. While having lunch, each of the four small working groups presented their work programs and responded to questions.

By consensus, those in attendance agreed that the Vision statement, the revised Desired Outcomes and the four proposed work programs (attached as appendices to these session notes – see Attachment #1), be adopted and recommended to the District Council for adoption.

Participants were enthusiastic about the value of the session and about strength of the district.

District Governor Ralph thanked all participants for giving of their time and energy to make this workshop a success.

District Governor Elect Pravin Suchak also extended his appreciation. He reported on planned highlights of the 2009 District Conference and endorsed the efforts of the workshop.

The District Governor Designate and the District Governor Nominee each endorsed the concept of the strategic planning workshop and spoke of their appreciation for the guidance provided through the session and the results of the small group work programs.

There being no further business, the session adjourned at approximately 12:50pm.

Attachment #1

District Vision Statement and 2009 – 2010 Desired Outcomes

Vision

District 7090 models Rotary in Action through co-operation and co-ordination of people in two nations within a single district working toward world peace and service.

Desired Outcomes

We have created two-way communication and constructive relationships between clubs and district.

The administrative processes and protocols are effective for clubs and the district.

We have participation at the club and district level that reflects the diversity and changing demographics in our communities

We have district continuity through effective planning practices with long term horizons on all levels.

We have a membership plan that focuses on recruitment, education, engagement and retention of Rotarians.

We have better understanding of The Rotary Foundation programs, resulting in increased giving and involvement.

We are using advanced technologies to make it possible for members to participate in district committees without extensive travel.

We have highly effective leadership at all levels as a result of knowledge and skills training.

We have all clubs participating in all four avenues of service

We have increased awareness and understanding of Rotary in our clubs and communities through effective district and club public relations.

We have demonstrated the value of Rotary service through commitment and active club involvement

Appendix #1
Desired Future Outcome Workplan (2009 – 2010)

We have highly effective leadership at all levels as a result of knowledge and skills training.

Objective	Completion Date	Success Measures
continue knowledge training at PETS 1 & 2, TRF and membership seminars	according to calendar	knowledge grows passion for Rotary

Responsibilities not assigned at this workshop

continue club level training of leaders		extended to Interact and to Rotaract
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Responsibilities not assigned at this workshop

develop video presentation for regional/local workshops online via webinar	announce at district conference information available	skills for life passion for Rotary increase levels
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Responsibilities not assigned at this workshop

develop curriculum thru research of RLI train presenters	in time for roll out at district conference	webinar delivered
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Responsibilities not assigned at this workshop

Appendix #2
Desired Future Outcome Workplan (2009 – 2010)

We have a membership plan that focuses on recruitment, education, engagement and retention of Rotarians

Outcome	Completion Date	Success measures
club membership plan for all 4 areas – recruitment retention, engagement, ed'n	May – 09	P/E → C/M/C succession plan
	June – 09	Plan in place

Responsibilities (P/E)President Elect, (CMC)Club Membership Chair
(plan to include)
educate on make-up
opportunities
P/R on make-up
opportunities

develop 'resigning
member questionnaire'

follow-up plan	June & January – DMC August & February – AMR	completed completed
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Club Exec → Rotarian Seminar	September & March	completed
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District Membership Chair & Area Membership Representative

Celebrate successes
To members
To district

throughout Rotary year

Everyone involved celebrates!!

Success based on effective use of communication tools

Appendix #3
Desired Future Outcome Workplan (2009 – 2010)

We have increased awareness and understanding of Rotary in our clubs and communities through effective district and club public relations

Outcome	Completion Date	Success Measures
develop PR portion of district Website	September 30/09	site is active

Responsible person(s) Paul & Penny

issue at least 1 major press release per month at district level	June 30, 2010 commencing July 1, 2009	1 release/mth
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Responsibility of PR Committee (District)

unique Rotary training for club PR directors/boards	June 2010	33% of clubs reps have participated in webinar/area meetings
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Responsibility of District PR Committee

recruit 5 effective members to District PR Committee (with PR understanding)	July 1, 2009	committee in place
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Responsible person(s) Pravin & Paul

each club designates person responsible & active for club PR and communications	October 1, 2009	personnel in place
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Responsibility of District PR Committee

broadcast (via e-mail) a 'Rotary Minute'/word games to club presidents on a weekly basis – Rotary trivia, etc. make it Fun	commencing July 1, 2009	started July 1/09
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Responsibility of District PR Committee

Appendix #4
Desired Future Outcome Workplan (2009 – 2010)

We have better understanding of The Rotary Foundation programs, resulting in increased giving and involvement.

Outcome	Completion Date	Success Measure
area Foundation Reps appointed	May 31, 2009	17 area reps req'd all in place (3yr terms)

Responsibility of Director of TRF

revised training program developed and delivered (includes role play, development of 'Foundation Minute')	August 30, 2009	all complete training
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Responsibility of Director and TRF Committee Chairs

17 Area Reps attend club meetings with Committee Chairs in yr 1	Sept – May	all clubs receive Cmtee Chair present'n
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Responsibility of Committee Chairs and Area Reps

Area Reps make 2 per year 2-5 minute presentations at their respective clubs	Sept – May	at the club level, the topic of TRF is in the 'spotlight' more often
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Responsibility of Area Reps

club newsletter Chairs receive Foundation Articles for Club newsletters	monthly	more TRF information reaches club members 9 per year published
devise/employ tracking system for speaker engagement (who, where, when)	July 1, 2009	giving increases 2.5% club involvement in programs – gross #s ↑

Responsibility – Director creates tracking system
Responsibility for increases – Director, Chairs, Area Reps

The Manual of Procedures and Policies of RI District 7090

Note: Councillors are urged to download the MOPP from the District Website for a full understanding of these motions

Purpose

The Purpose of the Manual of Procedures and Policies (MOPP) of District 7090 is to help club and district leaders understand Rotary and the Rotary policies and procedures most relevant to their service.

The procedures outlined in the MOPP form the District Leadership Plan, outlining responsibilities of the officers, directors, and committee members who work at the district level.

The MOPP also acts as a central registry of policies of the district and its appendices give detail to some of those policies.

Adoption of the MOPP

It is intended that the MOPP will be endorsed by District Council prior to being subject to approval by the Presidents-Elect at the District Assembly.

Please note how District Council can make interim changes in the MOPP on page 5.

Motions

1. That Policy #1 (page 50) that reads, "It is the policy of the district that the District council shall not engage itself directly in fund-raising activities" be rescinded.

Rationale: With changes coming to TRF through the Future Vision Plan and the international movement towards sustainable programs rather than projects, the cost of programs will escalate making it difficult for small clubs to qualify for Matching Grants. Rescinding the policy does not mean that the district will automatically get involved with fund-raising or international programs: such actions require the consent of the District Council. What the absence of the policy does is to open the door for consideration of joint activities, most likely through an ad hoc committee of WCS and other standing committees. At present, because of this policy, any consideration of a district-wide undertaking must be ruled out of order.

Moved by: Bob Bruce Seconded by: Ralph Montesanto and Pravin Suchak

2. That Draft 6 of the MOPP be accepted by District Council with the recommendation to the 2008-09 Presidents-Elect that they endorse it.

Moved by: Bob Bruce Seconded By: Pravin Suchak and Ralph Montesanto