



Rotary International District 7090 Annual Business Meeting
Millennium Hotel - McKinley Room
Friday, October 16, 200, 2:30 PM

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| I. | Call to Order | |
| | a. Welcome | Pravin Suchak, DG |
| | b. Invocation | Karen Oakes, DGE |
| II. | R.I. President's Representative | |
| | a. Introduction | Ralph Montesanto, PDG |
| | b. Greetings from RI President John Kenny | PDG Theodore Gurzynski,
RI President's Representative |
| | c. Thank You and Resolution | Bob Leek, PDG |
| III. | Pravin Suchak DG, 2009 - 2010 | |
| IV. | Treasurer's Report | Don DeMeo |
| | a. Motion to Accept Financial Statements | |
| | b. Audited Financial Statements for 2008-09 | 2008-09 Treasurer Marlene McGraw |
| V. | District Governor-Elect Report | Karen Oakes, DGE |
| VI. | District Governor Nominee Report | John Heise, DGN |
| VII. | District Conference Report | |
| | a. Conference Resolution | Barbara Guida, Conference Chair |
| VIII. | District Committee Reports | |
| | a. Membership | Ray Guy, Director |
| | b. Service Projects | Jack Amico, Director |
| | c. The Rotary Foundation | Art Wing, PDG, Director |
| | d. Public Relations | Paul McAfee, Director |
| | e. Youth Services | Kevin Crouse, Director |
| | f. Training | Wally Ochterski, PDG, Director |
| IX. | Governor's Committees | |
| | a. Legislative Committee | Bob Leek PDG, Chair |
| | b. Strategic Planning Committee | Ralph Montesanto, PDG, Chair |
| | c. Friendship Exchange Committee | Nan Bruce, AG, Chair |
| X. | New Business | |
| | a. Resolution Ratifying Actions of Governor and District Council | |
| XI. | Announcements | |
| XII. | Adjournment | |



Rotary International District 7090

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District Governor's Report to District Council

September 26, 2009

Official Club Visits

By the time the Council meets on September 26th I would have visited 32 Clubs. I have been to clubs in all parts of the District and both in the US and Canada. Paying an official visit to a club is required part of being a District Governor. And yet, it is also one of the most exciting part of my year as a Governor. In many cases, besides giving my message, I had the opportunity to induct new members, give out Paul Harris Fellow Awards and even help hand out contributions to the community organizations on behalf of the club.

In additions to the official visits I have attended several new member inductions, Paul Harris Awards ceremonies and club fund raisers as well.

District Duties & Meetings

Since July 1, I have been working closely with the District Treasurer to monitor and approve check requests as well as sign checks. I have attended several district committee meetings, as well as taken part in several other meetings via conference calls. I also attended the first meeting of the Governor Advisory Committee meeting. The committee is comprised of the District Governor, DGE Karen Oakes, DGN John Heise and PDGs Ralph Montesanto, Art Wing, Dick Earne, Bob Bruce and Wally Ochterski. Besides attending meetings, I have provided support and input into matters affecting the operations of various district activities. In case of Youth Exchange and GSE, this even included assistance in obtaining visas.

Starting July 1, I have worked closely with Elisabeth Biers who is the editor of the District Newsletter. Elisabeth has done a phenomenal job of producing an attractive and informative newsletter every month. Many of you have complemented Elisabeth on a job well done. I have also worked closely with our District Executive Secretary Pene who maintains the District Web Site. The web site has a lot of useful information as well as current Rotary news. The clubs are always looking for information on various areas of Rotary and we would like them to use the District and RI web sites for this purpose. Adding content and improving the web site is always a work in progress and Pene would appreciate it if District Directors and committee chairs will take ownership of their respective pages and keep them current. Pene is also working with clubs to update club data and ensure that this is a dynamic and correct data base. Some clubs are right on top of the data entry and Pene is assisting clubs that are struggling with the process. I hope that all of you visit the district web site regularly. Please feel free to direct your questions as well as all suggestions to Pene.

Zone 31-32 and Zone 24 Institutes

Zone 31 and 32, made up of districts in New England, Connecticut, New York east of Leroy, PA and Bermuda held its Zone Institute in Niagara Falls two weeks ago and I attended the opening of the Institute where I welcomed all the attendees to District 7090. I also took part in some of the Plenary & Breakout sessions on membership and attended the Governor's Reunion dinner. RI President John Kenny and his wife June were present and also took part in the Institute.

Sheela and I also attended the Governor's Training and Zone 24 Institute in Edmonton, Canada last week. Every Rotary District is now in one Zone only and District 7090 is in Zone 24 which is made up of most of the former Zone 22 districts. Zone 24 includes all of Canada, part of USA, Eastern Russia and the French islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon. There are now 16 districts in Zone 24 and several districts, including 7090 are international district.

Topics covered during the Institute included the Polio Eradication and the Bill Gates Challenge, Membership, The Rotary Foundation including a session on the Future Vision Plan, Ethics and Vocational Service, Youth Exchange programs and sessions on water, Health and Hunger and Literacy. This year the Institute also had organized a Rotaract "Institute" and three Rotaractors from District 7090 attended that portion of the institute

One of the highlights of the Zone Institute for Sheela and I was to have the opportunity to present DGE Karen Oakes and Wolfgang Lindemann to all the dignitaries at the formal DGE Gala Presentation Dinner.

In summary, Rotary Zone Institutes are a great vehicle to get training on various areas of Rotary as well as meet and learn from many past, present and future leaders of Rotary International and all the districts that make up the Zone.

District Conference

Planning for District Conference on Oct 16, 17 and 18 is almost complete. The conference program is on the District Web Site with all the supplementary information on the Friday events and Dinner, Sunday Events and Saturday Plenary speakers, Rotary programs as well as a link for On Line registration and a link for the Hotel reservations. The September District Newsletter also has a good summary of all the conference events as well as a brief outline of the plenary sessions.

The Saturday program is a great opportunity for all District Rotarians, especially **newer members, as well as prospective members** to learn about how Rotarians Make A Difference in their own community as well in other parts of the world, in most instances with matching grants from the Rotary Foundation. The attendees will also hear Janice Nichols at the Model Rotary Lunch talk about the Polio eradication efforts and what is needed to "finish the job". In the afternoon, you will hear how Rotary's Youth and Young Generations programs Make A Difference in lives of the participants as well as their families. At the District Foundation Dinner the attendees will hear Past RI Vice President Monty Audenart talk about Volunteerism and his work as a Dentist in various parts of the world. There will be Club Displays all day Saturday where clubs will showcase their projects.

IPDG Ralph Montesanto will be presenting club awards for the year 2008-09 during lunch on Saturday and District Foundation Director Art Wing will present Foundation Awards on Saturday evening during the District Foundation Dinner.

Since the Saturday Gala Dinner is also the District Foundation Dinner there is a separate link on the District Web Site for information on the Foundation Dinner. Most of those attending the District Foundation Dinner will also be attending other conference events. However, those who are coming just for the Foundation Dinner will still have to register for the conference (which is FREE) will be for the weekend.

I hope that most of you are already registered. If not please go to www.rotary7090.org to read all about the conference and register for various events, District Foundation Dinner and reserve a room at the Millennium Hotel. Special room rates end on September 25th. Registration has been a little slow. Rotarians are always slow to register and we can use all the assistance we can get from you to help your friends and club members register early.

The conference is open to non Rotarians as well and they can register for the conference (which is free to everyone) and meals which can be paid for via the on line registration.

Group Study Exchange

On October 3, the GSE team from Belize, District 4250 will be arriving in Buffalo to begin their one month stay in our district. Co-chairs Keith Lindberg and Bert Rappole as well as the rest of the GSE committee have worked hard and organized host clubs and events for the entire period of their stay. The team will be on the Canadian side from Oct 5th to Oct 16th when they return to the US and will be hosted by the Amherst and Williamsville Clubs and attend the District Conference. On Oct 18 they go to southern & eastern parts of the district in the US. hey return home on Nov 2nd.

The outbound team to Belize & Guatemala will be going District 4250 from Feb 15th to March 15th. The GSE Co-Chairs have scheduled team leader interviews for OCT 4th and the team member interviews for Oct 24th. All the details and the application forms are available on the District web site. This year there has been very wide publicity in the media on both sides of the border so we should get more than our normal share of applicants.

In summary, it has been a really exciting but busy three months for Sheela and I and we look forward the remaining club visits as well all the informal club visits throughout the year. I hope to complete the official visits before the US Thanksgiving holiday.



Pravin D. Suchak



District Governor Elect

Report to District Council

September 26, 2009

Greetings! It continues to be my pleasure to journey the D.G. path for the Rotary Year 2010-2011. These past months of July, August and September has been filled with many educational and social undertakings to further my knowledge of our Best of Friends District, and indeed our Rotary world. My class of Governor Elects was the first to participate in new learning via Webinar. As a group, we participated in 3 web based/telephone sessions relative to the following:

- Motivating Volunteers**
- Membership**
- R.I. Resources & Services**

This new approach to learning was appreciated by all given the travel time & monetary cost savings realized. As a group, we look forward to further inroads of the training efforts undertaken by R.I.

Most recently, Wolfgang and I travelled to Edmonton to join in the GETS and into the Zone Institute events. The speakers were excellent, and the time well spent in preparing for the future.

It continues to be a pleasure to work with all of D7090 team. I thank you for the time and talent that you give to our District in Rotary Service above Self.

Respectively submitted,

Karen J. Oakes

District Governor Nominee's Report

September 26, 2009

John Heise

I have just returned from the Zone Institute in Edmonton. I am overwhelmed with all I learned. The Institute included one day of training for DGNs. This was followed by three days of breakout sessions and luncheon and dinner speakers. The sessions and speakers covered almost the entire Rotary library of topics. Throughout the Institute I was able to spend some valuable time with my classmates exchanging ideas and thoughts. We also brainstormed some problems suggested by a couple DGNs.

It has also been a busy period since our last Council meeting in June. Since then I have been involved in the following activities:

- Attended the Changeover luncheon for DG Pravin and served as the registrant;
- Attended several of the 2009 Conference Committee meetings and am serving as the liaison for the youth exchange portion of the conference;
- Attended a meeting of advisors for implementing Rotary Leadership Training in our District;
- Attended a meeting with an AG at a Rotary club that is experiencing some difficulty in staying active and attracting members; discussed some possible solutions with the club members and leadership;
- Attended an Area 13 meeting;
- Visited a possible site for the 2011 District Conference and met with appropriate representatives of the hotel, etc.;
- Attended DG Advisory Council meeting and served as secretary;
- Attended District Foundation training session;
- Shadowed DG Pravin during his meeting with the LeRoy Rotary Club and its Board;
- Attended the Eastern Cities dinner to hear our RI President speak;
- Responded to more email messages that I want to count.

District 7090 – PR Director Report for 2009 – 2010

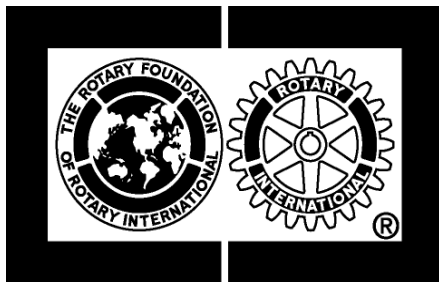
Submitted the PR Grant proposal for 2009 – 2010 and awaiting RI decision.

- 1) Focus is on a radio campaign. This will enhance the impact of the past two years' billboard campaigns.
- 2) The plan also will include use of "real" public relations activities. These include press releases and story pitches to all media channels, including print, TV, and online.
- 3) The plan also will include options for individual clubs, or groups of clubs, to piggyback on the District's campaign. This will enlarge the scope of the program, providing greater geographic and demographic coverage, as well as more frequency.

4) The PR Director's 2009 – 2010 strategy details comprise the remaining priorities.

From the Strategy Planning Session held Saturday 2/21/09 - 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, 2009	Site is active
Responsible person(s) Paul & Penny		
Issue at least 1 major press release per month at District level starting July 1, 2009	June 30, 2010	One release/month
Responsibility of PR Committee (District)		
Unique Rotary training for club PR directors/boards reps have participated in webinar/area meetings	June 30, 2010	33% of clubs
Responsibility of District PR Committee		
Recruit 5 effective members to District PR Committee (with PR understanding), in place by ...	July 1, 2009	Committee in place
Responsible person(s) Pravin & Paul		
Each club designates person responsible & active for club PR and communications	October 1, 2009	Personnel in place
Responsibility of District PR Committee		
Broadcast (via e-mail) a 'Rotary Minute'/word games commencing to club presidents on a weekly basis - Rotary trivia, etc. - make it fun	July 1, 2009	Starting 7/1/09
Responsibility of District PR Committee		

- a) PR portion of District website is in place and updated regularly.
- b) Helped GSE publish a press release promoting participation in upcoming GSE trip from the public.
- c) Have not started web training yet.
- d) Recruited Amy Smith to be Chairperson of PR Committee.
 - i) Still need to recruit more PR members, especially someone in Canada who can help distribute releases to, and work with, media in Canada.
- e) Not sure how clubs are doing with PR representation. Will explore this issue.
- f) No action on "Rotary Minute" project at this time.
 - i) To do this, I will need more people on the PR Committee so that we can delegate. Weekly content development is a substantial task.



District 7090 Rotary Foundation Committee

District Council Report

September 26, 2009

Art Wing, District Rotary Foundation Director

This past year was another successful year under the leadership of PDG Bob Bruce who has completed four successful years leading our District Foundation efforts. Under Bob's leadership:

- the position of Area Foundation Representatives was created,
- more clubs are now contributing to Our Rotary Foundation, and the renewed Polio eradication program has had good support of most of our clubs
- our GSE program has reached new Districts-such as Sweden, East Africa, Bulgaria,
- our District has increased Foundation presentations our clubs
- our District has expanded the concept of Area Foundation meetings
- our Foundation dinner has taken on new vitality with key speakers such as Rotary International Foundation and Polio Chair Bob Scott, Past RI President Frank Devlin and the inclusion of Club Presidents Elect and their spouses as special invitees.
- our District has become a Rotary International leader for our annual contribution to the Peace Scholar program.
- our Grants committee process has been well publicized and 82 grants have been allocated to 55 clubs with 42 international and 40 local projects supported since 2003 through the District Simplified Grant program. Many clubs have also benefited from the District Designated Fund and Our Rotary International Foundation in support of Club initiated International projects-of major significance was the \$300,000 3H grant received by Hamilton AM for their Uganda project in 2006.

PDG Bob has been asked by the Rotary International Foundation Trustees to assume a position of Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator for Zone 24. Bob continues contributing to our District as Annual Funds Co-Chair, member of the District Foundation coordinating committee and the Paul Harris Society committee.

PDG Bob's efforts on behalf of Our Rotary Foundation, his work with his Waterdown Rotary Club and his work internationally with his fellow Past District Governors from his year earned him the Service Above Self Award from Rotary International-one of a very few given around the world each year.

2008-2009 Results-see attachment #1

We had another good year considering the economy and our reduced membership numbers. The committee chairs and over 50 members of the Foundation committees all worked to encourage our clubs and members to contribute to Our Rotary Foundation.

5 Clubs did not contribute last year and we would hope that number can be reduced in the next year.

4 Clubs have not submitted any goal target for either the Annual Fund or the Polio challenge.

	2008-9	2007-8	2006-7	2005-6	2004-5
Annual Fund	\$267,907	\$321,853	\$305,646	\$263,526	\$306,144
Membership	June 30 2531	2925	3150		
	July 1/09 2418				

The reduction of \$53,946 in annual fund will mean a further decrease of \$26,973 coming to our District for Grants etc in 3 years. Fortunately there are 35 Paul Harris Society members in our District who donate a minimum of \$1,000 each year to Our Rotary Foundation without whom our total donations to our Annual Fund would have been at least \$35,000 lower.

The future expected support of our normal programs, such as Group Study Exchange, Ambassadorial Scholars, Peace Scholar Support, District Simplified and Matching Grants in support of our Clubs projects, may be in serious jeopardy. The reduction in membership numbers will mean an increased necessity to work with our Clubs to ask that **every club make a donation to Our Rotary Foundation and ask that every member contribute something to our Foundation.**

Goals for 2009-2010

Information Goal:

1. Increase the use of the District web site to:
 1. post the monthly Club Annual Fund contribution report
 2. post the status of the District Grants to clubs
 3. post the monthly Club Polio contribution report
2. Increase the number of Area Foundation meetings with the Area Representatives, Club Foundation Chairs, Club Presidents and Presidents Elect.
3. Work to implement the Desired Future Outcomes Workplan for 2009-2010-see attachment #2

Annual Programs Fund and Permanent Fund Sub-committees

Andy Skrypniak and Bob Bruce, Annual Programs Fund Co-Chairs

Annual Fund Goals:

- a. **Each club to target a club donation of a minimum of \$100 per member for a total of \$300,000**
Of our 73 Clubs, 69 have filed Club Goals totalling \$256,021. See attachment #3-Club annual fund and Polio goals 2009-2010
- b. **Work towards every Club qualified as an Every Rotarian Every Year Club**-every member makes a personal donation of some amount each year to the annual fund.
- b. **Increase Sustaining Members (\$100 per year) by 200.**
Our District Profile indicates that at the end of 2007-8 we had 752 sustaining members.
We have given out pins and certificates to many sustaining members.
This year there is a new recognition item-an **Orange sticker** to be put on the members Club name badge in order to highlight those contributing at the club level. These stickers are available from the Area Foundation Representatives.
- c. **Increase the number of Paul Harris Society by 10.**
We have over 30 members to date.

Permanent Fund

PDG Joe DePaolo, Chair, Buffalo

The Permanent Fund committee has some exciting ideas to present to our membership regarding the use of insurance in making a commitment to the Permanent Fund. As their plans are finalized you will hear more during the coming months.

Goals:

- a. **Increase Major Donors by 1 and Bequest Society Members by 2**
1 new Major Donor realized and 2 new Bequest Society Members
- b. **Increase the Benefactors by 25 (making the Permanent Fund a beneficiary in your estate)**
This is the easiest donation to make-it will come from your estate and will part of the legacy of the Permanent fund.

The Rotary Foundation Dinner:

The Foundation Dinner will be held in conjunction with the District Conference this year on Saturday October 16 with the keynote speaker, Past Zone 22 RI Director and RI Vice President Monte Audenart as our keynote speaker.

The Grants Sub-committee

Roy Sheldrick, Chair

Like all foundations we have experienced substantial unrealized investment losses, forcing Our Rotary Foundation to suspend matching grant applications in March of this past year.

The ongoing situation has meant that the funds available for **matching grants from Our Rotary Foundation were completely committed by early August of 2009**. Only the application from Dave Johnson from Grand Island with his project in Ethiopia was approved.

Other District applications are being accepted.. The Grants committee will be dealing with these applications in the very near future as to the amounts available to assist from the District Designated Fund. It may be that Clubs requiring additional support may be asked to canvass other clubs for participation in a ready made International project.

This past year the new process, of releasing matching **District Simplified Grant** funds to clubs only after the final report has been received has been implemented with great success. The total amount of nearly \$24,500 was allocated to 13 clubs and already **6 of the clubs have filed final reports** and cheques have been delivered to each club by a member of the Foundation committee.

There are some difficulties in closing out the **2007-8** allocation as Williamsville and Tonawanda have not filed their final reports and the next year of funding is contingent on getting these two clubs to complete their obligation.

This is the last year that tardy final reports will be a problem for the Grants committee. We anticipate that the committee will be in the position of applying for the 2009-10 simplified grant amount within the next two months.

Group Study Exchange Sub-Committee

Bert Rappole, Jamestown, Co-chair
Keith Lindberg, Niagara Falls, Co-chair

Goal:

Host a GSE team from Belize in the fall of 2009 and recruit a GSE team to travel to Belize

Report:

The **district public relations committee** has provided excellent publishing material for the GSE 2009-2010 Program. Paul McAfee and Bob Morrow have played a significant role in attracting both leader and team candidates for the outbound team departing in February for Belize and Guatemala.

District 7090 will be hosting a team of five GSE members from Belize starting Oct. 3. Niagara-on-the-Lake Rotary, all four St. Catharines Clubs are involved, as are Simcoe, Delhi and Norfolk Sunrise and Hamilton. The Belize team arrives just before midnight,

Saturday, Oct. 3 the team will be hosted by the **Niagara-on-the-Lake RC** for several days. They will attend Shaw Theatre, a winery, a primary and secondary school and present at a Rotary meeting.

Tuesday, October 6, the team will be off to **Hamilton** where more vocational experiences await them along with tours, receptions and a tour of Toronto.

Saturday, Oct. 10 the team moves to **Norfolk, Simcoe and Delhi** for Thanksgiving festivities, radio interviews, eco-adventure, a visit to the fair and a 7 a.m. meeting with the Norfolk Sunrise Rotary Club.

Tuesday, Oct. 13, the **St. Catharines' clubs** will provide significant vocational experiences for team members as well as visits to the village of Jordan for wine and the Native Art Place.

On **Friday, Oct. 16** the **GSE team will travel to Buffalo for the District 7090 Conference**, attending from Friday evening, through Saturday and Sunday.

U.S. host clubs and families will be responsible for the Belize GSE team members starting Oct. 16 through to their early morning departure for home, Monday, November 2. Clubs hosting the Belize GSE team are: Batavia and LeRoy, Dunkirk and Fredonia, Jamestown A.M., Jamestown Noon, Falconer, Lakewood-Chautauqua South, Westfield/Mayville, Williamsville, and Amherst North and East.

October 30 is the date for the Belize GSE team's farewell dinner at The Protocol Restaurant in Williamsville, N.Y. The District executive, GSE committee members and host organizers and families are welcome to attend. The price is expected to

be \$20-\$25 pp.

The **GSE outbound Rotary leader application deadline is September 25** with the interviews taking place, Saturday, October 3 at the McBain Community Centre in Niagara Falls Ontario.

The **GSE outbound team member application deadline is October 16** with the interviews taking place, Saturday, October 24 in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Team preparation will commence shortly after October 24 with departure slated for February 15 to Belize and Guatemala and returning home on March 16.

The Scholarships Sub-committee

John Teibert, Chair, St. Catharines South
Steve Keefe, Assistant Chair, Westfield Mayville

Ambassadorial Scholars

Outbound

2010-2011 Scholar – Eve Williams, sponsoring club – Buffalo Sunrise, counselor – Barbara Ochterski, School – to be assigned, waiting for final approval from Rotary Foundation

2009-2010 Scholar – Andrea Barton, sponsoring club – Brantford Rotary Club, counselor – Bruce Williamson, School – London School of Economics, leaves October 2009

2008-2009 Scholar – Laura Cranna, sponsoring club – Rotary Club of Waterdown, counselor – Dr Corrie Giles, School – University of the Witwatersrand-Johannesburg, South Africa, awaiting conformation of acceptance

2008-2009 Scholar – Jeff Dekker, sponsoring club – Rotary Club of Batavia, counselor – Mary Raymond, School – Bond University, Gold Coast, Australia, completed,

Inbound

2009-2010 Scholar – Kei Okajima (from Tokyo, Japan), host Club – Rotary Club of Amherst South, counselor – Mike Valentic (MillCreekHouse@aol.com), School – SUNY Buffalo, please contact Mike if you would like Kei to speak to your club

World Peace Scholars--None

The District Foundation committee has committed \$25,000 each of the last two year to this program but we need to work more diligently on recruiting a candidate for this program.

Important Dates

Application Due Date – April 15, 2010

Interview Date – Saturday, May 29, 2010

The Polio Plus Sub-committee

Valerie Bailey-Phillips, co-chair, Caledonia
Carl Vahl, co-chair, Olean

Since the Announcement of the Gates Foundation 100 million dollar Challenge Grant in 2007 and a further \$150 million in January 2009 clubs and the district have supported Polio Plus and Polio Plus Partners with a remarkable \$218,362 in contributions as of August 2009. Our Clubs and membership have taken this challenge seriously as 66 clubs have donated as of August 2009.

The District Foundation committee has donated a challenge to our clubs of \$32,150 for this Rotary year from DDG.

Actual club contributions will be listed on the District web site

DDF Details as of September 2009

DDF Total For Program Year 2007-08 25,000.00

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DDF Total For Program Year 2009-10 32,250.00
DDF Total For Program Year 2010-11 0.00
DDF Total + Contributions from Clubs and District 218,362.69
Polio Contributions from Clubs and District 168,362.69
DDF Total For All Program Years \$82,250.00

These contributions include a \$25,000 Challenge Grant from the District Designated Fund. The District Rotary Foundation Committee has challenged all clubs to contribute a minimum of \$1,000 in each of the 2008, 2009, and 2010 calendar years, and for 2008 promised to match club contributions at 50 % up to the \$25,000 mark.

In this 2009-10 year, in response to the additional contribution of the Gates Foundation, **clubs are challenged to contribute \$2,000 per year over the next three years.**

In a show of confidence, the District Grants committee has contributed \$32,250 for this Rotary year and this amount has been sent to the PolioPlus Eradication Fund as the committee is aware that clubs will do their best to meet this important challenge in the final push to stamp out polio worldwide.

See attachment #3-Club Annual Fund and Polio Goals 2009-2010

Both Co-chairs are eager to speak to any club about this very important Rotary Objective of eliminating Polio.

The Alumni Sub-committee

Bob Morrow, Chair, Dundas Valley Sunrise

We are planning to contact as many of our Foundation Alumni as possible over the next few months- Foundation Alumni are defined as all those people who have participated in Rotary Foundation programs abroad such as GSE team leaders and members, Rotary Volunteers, recipients of Discovery Grants, Individual Grants, and Volunteer Service Grants, and Ambassadorial and World Peace Scholars. This is a difficult task as younger people move frequently and tracking them can be a challenge. We will be contacting former GSE team leaders and team members to update our contact list and we are looking at having a District 7090 Alumni gathering within the next 18 months.

Recent Actions

Training Sessions were held on Tuesday September 1 at the Transit Valley Country Club and on September 2 at the Holiday Inn, St. Catharines. Over 35 Foundation Committee chairs, Area Representatives and members of committees attended the trainings.

Speaking engagements are being arranged:

To date –Welland

Upcoming- Brantford, Niagara Falls Sunrise, Niagara-on-the-Lake/Lewiston, St. Catharines South,

Zone 31/32 Institute –Niagara Falls-Foundation sessions attended by Art Wing - September 3, 4, 5

Zone 24 Institute –Edmonton-Foundation sessions attended by Bob Bruce - September 15,16,17,18

Appreciation

Our Rotary Foundation is what makes us International. This charitable arm of our organization assists us to reach out to do make a difference in our local and international communities around the world. At the end of the day, **all projects are local** as a result of our partnerships with Rotary clubs around the world. Our International projects are their community projects.

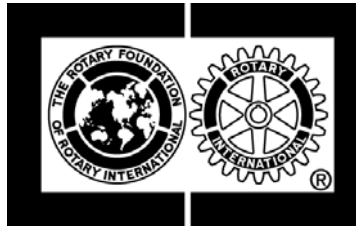
None of the work of our foundation would happen without the support of all our members and clubs, and little of the organization would take place without the willing support of the District Rotary Foundation Committee and its many sub-committees.

The committee is very appreciative of all the work and support of our District Clubs and leadership team. DG Pravin Suchak, DGE Karen Oakes, and now DGN John Heise are incredibly supportive of OUR ROTARY FOUNDATION and the Foundation programs and the committee is very grateful for their encouragement and ongoing support

Attachments

1. District 7090 Annual Programs Fund Contribution History
2. Foundation Desired Future Outcomes
3. Club Annual Fund and Polio Goals 2009-2010

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District 7090 Annual Programs Fund Contribution History

	2008-2009	2007-2008	2006-2007	2005-2006	2004-2005
District 7090	0	1,809	1,481	1,265	84
Akron-Newstead	2,000	0	3,100	4,800	5,200
Albion	3,000	4,000	2,050	4,200	4,000
Amherst East	1,250	3,100	2,900	3,700	3,100
Amherst North	2,204	2057	1,493	2,100	2,586
Amherst South	1,500	1,881	1,755	760	1,400
Ancaster A.M.	7,092	4,810	11,417	99	6,047
Ancaster	7,979	9,878	6,358	3,508	2,590
Batavia	6,500	0	6,020	100	6,000
Brantford	11,077	11,303	10,690	10,300	10,568
Brantford Sunrise	6,362	7,800	12,600	1,900	5,233
Buffalo	18,050	19,550	19,800	16,255	21,870
Buffalo Sunrise	1,700	200	0	0	250
Caledonia	0	1,025	870	1,000	1,540
Cheektowaga	0	0	1,500	1,500	0
Clarence	6,100	6,600	7,630	4,380	6,475
Delhi	2,230	3,862	2,640	2,588	1,916
Dundas Valley Sunrise	9,124	13,650	6,892	4,637	9,031
Dundas	5,194	6,018	5,379	4,351	4,871
Dunkirk	2,650	1,975	2,750	2,525	2,000
Dunnville	2,550	3,000	3,000	2,304	2,650
East Aurora	2,250	3,000	2,600	100	3,500
Eastern Hills Sunrise	3,250	2,000	1,000	2,250	2,000
Ellicottville	500	750	100	600	2,775
Falconer	1,700	2,000	1,700	1,000	1,000
Flamborough AM	1,376	1,400	1,499	1,700	2,544
Fonthill	1,639	4,291	3,449	4,569	2,303
Fort Erie	361	2,607	87	171	0
Fredonia	1,470	2,490	2,200	2,775	3,770
Grand Island	2,740	4,305	4,850	4,300	7,100
Greater Jamestown AM	2,258	2,200	2,250	2,600	2,880
Grimsby Noon	1,306	1,404	581	2,952	1,206
Grimsby	622	1,900	890	285	2,400
Hamburg Sunrise	2,700	200	1,700	400	1,300
Hamburg	1,350	2,000	0	1,400	100
Hamilton AM	15,510	17,368	15,472	14,159	17,120
Hamilton Mountain	0	3,300	3,636	3,570	4,048
Hamilton Sunset	1,300	1,429	0	1,200	1,008
Hamilton	7,614	14,891	11,276	13,449	12,988
Hamilton-East Wentworth	1,807	2,645	2,400	342	2,000
Holley	550	500	100	550	500
Jamestown	10,000	11,000	8,150	8,850	7,185
Kenmore	1,000	1,531	0	4,000	195
Lakewood-Chautauqua South	920	1,200	1,100	0	1,300
Lancaster-Depew	300	2,400	100	2,500	0
Le Roy	1,400	1,100	4,680	2,900	1,700
Lewiston	1,448	2,563	2,192	2,574	2,011
Lincoln	0	3,700	3,800	3,273	3,852

Lockport	1,970	4,671	3,220	3,800	7,660
Medina	600	300	100	100	455
Middleport	1,000	0	700	100	1,000
Niagara County-Central	1,000	2,200	0	3,300	1,225
Niagara Falls Sunrise	3,104	0	3,360	3,000	3,000
Niagara Falls, NY	2,000	1,375	1,080	0	675
Niagara Falls, ON	11,195	11,778	13,031	7,012	18,902
Niagara-on-the-Lake	5,329	18,007	7,461	8,922	7,091
Norfolk Sunrise	5,665	6,122	6,740	7,483	10,979
Olean	3,070	5,095	5,123	5,444	1,990
Orchard Park	2,131	0	0	0	200
Port Colborne Centennial	1,057	2,969	1,000	992	0
Salamanca	2,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Simcoe	7,521	6,000	5,910	6,384	4,823
South Shore of Blasdell-Lackawanna	1,500	1,500	100	1,273	1,000
St. Catharines South	5,182	5,616	6,217	3,672	4,558
St. Catharines Sunrise	4,914	4,272	3,183	4,132	
St. Catharines	18,861	22,466	20,297	17,643	19,386
St. Catharines-Lakeshore	5,870	5,238	5,417	4,088	4,559
Stoney Creek	2,500	2,415	2,052	1,587	1,566
The Tonawandas	375	2,200	2,500	2,600	2,500
Waterdown	6,545	4,202	7,494	6,971	5,041
Welland	5,619	10,021	16,640	9,731	9,235
West Seneca	4,500	4,715	4,883	4,550	4,775
Westfield-Mayville	0	0	0	4,000	2,000
Williamsville	2,000	3,000	2,000	1,000	1,000
Total	267,907	321,853	305,646	263,526	306,144

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

District 7090 Rotary Foundation Club Goals 2009-2010

Club Number	Club Name	Number of Members	Club APF Goal	PolioPlus Goal	Other Goals
26305	Akron-Newstead	42	\$4,200	\$2,000	
4721	Albion	40	\$2,800	\$2,000	
25380	Amherst East	26	\$3,000	\$2,000	
4722	Amherst North	20	\$2,000	\$400	
4723	Amherst South	39	\$2,000	\$500	
4689	Ancaster	18	\$5,000	\$2,000	
28117	Ancaster A.M.	51	\$5,500	\$10,000	
4724	Batavia	95	\$6,000	\$2,000	
4690	Brantford	75	\$8,000	\$2,000	
29643	Brantford-Sunrise	52	\$5200	\$5,000	
4725	Buffalo	175	\$17,500	\$2,000	
30381	Buffalo-Sunrise	18	\$1,800	\$1,500	
30716	Caledonia	14	\$1,400	\$2,000	
4726	Cheektowaga				
4727	Clarence	61	\$6,100	\$2,000	
4694	Delhi	12	\$1,200	\$2,000	
4695	Dundas	40	\$4,000	\$4,000	
52949	Dundas Valley Sunrise	53	\$6,000	\$2,000	
4728	Dunkirk	26	\$2,600	\$2,000	
29662	Dunnville	20	\$2,000	\$1,000	
4729	East Aurora	29	\$2,050	\$950	
28911	Eastern Hills Sunrise	27	\$2,000	\$2,000	
52046	Ellicottville	20	\$2,178	0	
4732	Falconer	25	\$1,800	\$1,000	
53345	Flamborough AM	12	\$1,200	\$1,000	
28116	Fonthill	23	\$2,300	\$1,000	
4696	Fort Erie	7	\$300	\$300	
4733	Fredonia	40	\$2000	\$1,000	
4734	Grand Island	34	\$3,400	\$2,000	
27868	Greater Jamestown AM	28	\$2,100	\$500	
4698	Grimsby	27	\$1,800	\$5,000	
59744	Grimsby @ Noon	22	\$1,200	\$1,000	
4735	Hamburg	26	\$2,600	\$1,000	
28054	Hamburg Sunrise	15	\$1,000	\$1,000	
4699	Hamilton	123	\$13,000	\$2,000	
23427	Hamilton "A.M."	51	\$12,000	\$2,000	
4701	Hamilton Mountain	33	\$3,600	\$2,000	
26582	Hamilton Sunset	16	\$1,000	\$1,000	

District 7090 Rotary Foundation Club Goals 2009-2010

Club Number	Club Name	Number of Members	Club APF Goal	PolioPlus Goal	Other Goals
4700	Hamilton-East Went	22	\$2,500	\$2,000	
4736	Holley	16	\$600	\$1,000	
4737	Jamestown	105	\$10,000	\$2,000	
4738	Kenmore				
4739	Lakewood-Chautauqua South				To advise in July, 2009
4740	Lancaster-Depew	29	\$2,035		
4741	Le Roy	38	\$1,700	\$300	
4742	Lewiston/Niagara Lake	15	\$1,500	\$1,000	
50055	Lincoln	28	\$2,800	\$2,000	
4744	Lockport	48	\$2,880	\$1,000	
4745	Medina	8	\$360	\$360	
4746	Middleport		\$250	\$250	
24800	Niagara County-Central	20	\$2,000	\$2,000	
27545	Niagara Falls Sunrise	47	\$3,500	\$1,000	
4747	Niagara Falls, NY				
4706	Niagara Falls, ON	67	\$6,000	\$1,000	
29972	Niagara-on-the-Lake	51	\$5,000	\$2,000	
31593	Norfolk Sunrise	53	\$5,300	\$2,000	
4748	Olean	40	\$9,000	\$1,000	
4749	Orchard Park				
66814	Port Colborne Centennial	25	\$1,200	\$2,000	
4750	Salamanca	8	\$1,000	\$1,000	
4713	Simcoe	55	\$5,500	\$2,000	
4751	South Shore of Blasdell-Lackawanna	27	\$2,700	\$1,000	
4711	St. Catharines	140	\$19,000	\$5,000	
28928	St. Catharines Sunrise.	20	\$2,000	\$2,000	
4712	St. Catharines South	41	\$5,000	\$2,000	
23879	St. Catharines-Lakeshore	30	\$3,300	\$2,000	
30595	Stoney Creek	18	\$2,500	\$2,000	
4753	Tonawandas, The	24	\$2,500	\$2,000	
4716	Waterdown	38	\$3,800	\$2,000	
4718	Welland	40	\$4,000	\$2,000	
4755	West Seneca	43	\$4,300	\$2,000	
4754	Westfield-Mayville	35	\$3,500	\$2,000	
4756	Williamsville	30	\$3,000	\$2,000	
All	Total for District 7090	2776	\$256,021	\$120,010	

Youth Services September 2009 Report

Youth Exchange

A number of current problems are being dealt with by Youth Services Chair, Bob Leek. The first one deals with the eligibility rules for exchange students playing sports in New York State. At this time it appears that incoming students will not be eligible to play in games or tournaments because of the one year sit-out rule. They will, however, be allowed to mentor and practice with a team. The second problem deals with the difficulty of allowing a Mexican student into the country for exchange purposes. Apparently the Canadian Consulate got the wrong application form. Gloria Szylak is dealing with that problem. For further info, contact Bob or Gloria. The Niagara Falls Weekend in Niagara Falls, N.Y. took place on September 12 and 13.

Interact

Tony Evans reports that there are currently 15 U.S. Interact clubs in District 7090. Some are very strong, but others need some help which Tony is prepared to provide. Tony is currently chartering a large club in the Southern Tier. See Tony for further details. Currently, there are 6 Canadian Interact Clubs in the district. Rick Sterne reports that he is currently working with Eileen Baggs of the Ancaster a.m. club to form a new Interact Club there.

EarlyAct

No report

Rotaract

The two Branford Rotary Clubs joined forces to send 3 Rotaractors to the first ever Rotaract Zone conference in Edmonton on September 17 – 19. The theme of the conference was “Prairie Fire: Meet, Build, IGNITE” They met with RI President Dr. Cliff Dochterman over lunch. Dr. Dochterman addressed the opening session. The Brantford Rotaract Club’s new motto is “Grow Today. Lead Tomorrow”. This newly formed Rotaract Club has 27 members. The McMaster Rotaract club has 14 members. Currently there is no report from the Brock Rotaract Club.

SLAPSHOT

This year’s program will take place once again at **Canterbury Hills on April 30 – May 2, 2010**. The program will be similar to last year’s. The Early Bird deadline is February 28, 2010. The Early Bird fee is \$200.00. Registrations received after that date will be \$250. Only the first 100 applicants will be accepted.

RYLA

No report



SERVICE PROJECTS REPORT

District 7090 District Council meeting 9/26/2009

Community Service Committee:

DISTRICT DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM

At the request of Governor Pravin, a Disaster Response Team is being developed within the District. An initial meeting was held on Thursday, September 17th at Niagara College – Glendale Campus in Niagara on the Lake. Jos Nolle (Welland) was kind enough to host the group and provide insight developed through several years of experience in international disaster response and recovery service with Doctors Without Borders and with Rotary International. Thomas Brock (Grimsby), Robb McLeod (Niagara Falls, ON), John Crawford (Williamsville) and Jack Amico (West Seneca) participated.

A formal report will be provided at a later Council meeting, but the following was agreed on at this meeting:

- The team will function within the footprint of the District Community Service committee.
- A group of Rotary volunteers will be organized on a geographic basis to form this team. Each individual will act as point for Rotary when a disaster occurs within his/her geographic area. S/he will coordinate through the local or closest Rotary Club to contact the local or regional government disaster coordinator to determine what avenues of service Rotary can provide on an immediate and (hands-on) longer term basis.
- The committee will develop a procedural document to assure that whatever action is taken by Rotarians in supporting the disaster response will comply with local governmental laws.
- The Rotary response will typically be focused on hands-on support and rebuilding after the first responders have completed their work.

Vocational Service Committee:

Committee Chair Andrea Aldinger reports that she is continuing this year to contact as many clubs within the District as possible to determine what the individual clubs are doing in Vocational Service. The plan is to produce a “best practices” guide to disseminate to all clubs in the District, sharing the successes in place. She is also making herself available to any interested club as a program speaker, to help those clubs to fulfill their vocational services requirement.

Special Report from Roy Sheldrick:

GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY

The practice of handwashing with soap tops the international hygiene agenda on October 15, with the celebration of Global Handwashing Day. Since its inception in 2008 – which was designated as the International Year of Sanitation by the UN General Assembly – Global Handwashing Day has been echoing and reinforcing the call for improved hygiene practices worldwide.

The guiding vision of Global Handwashing Day is a local and global culture of handwashing with soap. Although people around the world wash their hands with water, very few wash their hands with soap at critical moments (for example, after using the toilet, while cleaning a child, and before handling food). Handwashing with soap is among the most effective and inexpensive ways to prevent diarrheal diseases and pneumonia, which together are responsible for the majority of child deaths. Every year, more than 3.5 million children do not live to celebrate their fifth birthday because of diarrhea and pneumonia. Yet, despite its lifesaving potential, handwashing with soap is seldom practiced and not always easy to promote.

World Community Service Committee:

- The **2009-10 World Community Service catalogue of approved projects** was reviewed and approved for distribution. It is now posted on the District Web Site. As new information is received, the webpage will be updated.
- **Grants** chair Roy Sheldrick gave an update regarding the current situation around grants both at the Rotary Foundation and the District levels.
- **Salama Shield 3H program, Lyantone, Uganda - final report to committee.** Guest David Binns led the update about the successes of the project, whose objectives were training and mentoring youth in an area of Africa particularly hard-hit by the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Through training 750 "aunts and uncles" about healthy living, growing a small business through microcredit, literacy initiatives and safe sex practices teaching, hundreds of youth are being guided toward more positive futures. The Hamilton A.M. club's primary partner for this program was the Rotary club of Kampala, Uganda. Through outside donations the project is no longer seeking additional funding, but will maintain its presence in the WCS catalogue as an information tool.
- **Promoting WCS** - Chairman David Johnson. David presented a brief powerpoint outline to the committee that each committee member can use to open discussions with clubs on what world community service is, what the WCS committee does, and how clubs in our district can become involved. We plan to have it on display at the House of Friendship at the District Conference on October 17th.
- Review of **Banda Aceh medical training project** in Indonesia - Roy. The Banda Aceh program, led by Kanwal Shankardass of the Ancaster A.M. club, recently submitted their interim report, indicating that all financials are up to date. The project wishes to continue to be promoted as a district WCS approved project. The motion to do so was passed unanimously.
- **New project proposals:**
 - **Medical clinic in Maniche, Haiti** - John Harbison and other members of Grand Island Rotary, along with medical professionals, visit Le Cayes, Haiti on an annual basis to provide basic health care. They have successfully established a medical clinic in Le Cayes which is now entirely supported by locals, and they wish to duplicate this clinic format in Maniche. Potential partners include the Rotary club of Le Cayes, Pastor Augustine and the Benthamie Mission, and Dr. Robert Ledger, surgeon. A goal of \$25000 USD will be attained through club-to-club fundraising and various private fundraisers. Motion to approve the Maniche medical clinic project as a 2009-10 WCS project was supported unanimously.
 - **Canadian Rotary Centennial project:** This project is led by a Rotary club in Winnipeg; the goal is to raise funds to build a school in Afghanistan to promote literacy and education of girls. This project was approved in principle at the June WCS meeting, pending securement of a lead club in our district. The Norfolk Sunrise club has stepped up to take this lead and will begin presentations to clubs in order to solicit funds

Report to District 7090 Council September 26, 2009 Vision Committee

Submitted by Richard Earne PDG

US committee

Has held 6 sessions to date and there is one scheduled.

We have had a joint session with members of the Canadian members of the district committee. The steering committee is:

- reviewed the new material submitted by the international vision group of which our district is a member.
- have modified the RVQ and the slide show and worked on other techniques to enhance the session and the clubs preparation.

The committee has decided to go back to clubs that have gone through the Vision session to see how they are doing.

We are also working on ways of working with clubs both before and after the session to see that the clubs can better implement their plans and in so doing the The new Club leadership Plan.

We need your assistance in having clubs step forward to participate in the vision program.

**D 7090 Vision Committee: Additional Report to District 7090 Council September 26, 2009
and to D 7090 Annual Business Meeting, October 16, 2009**

Canadian Committee

We have held 7 sessions to date. There are 3 further clubs interested at this time.

During October and November, each committee member will be contacting one or two clubs which have gone through the Club Visioning experience to see how they are doing and to find out what they think would help them. After we look at the results, we will investigate the most effective ways to continue to work with these clubs.

I am also tracking clubs who have decided to approach long term planning in other ways and who have agreed to share the results with me.

Clubs interested in participating in the Club Visioning program on the Canadian side of our District should contact Nan Bruce. We are also looking for potential team members.

Nan Bruce, AG

Co-Chair,

D 7090 Club Visioning Committee.

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DISTRICT 7090 Friendship Exchange Committee
District 7090 Business Meeting
October 16, 2009

D 7090 is developing an active Friendship Exchange Program, encouraging Rotarians and their families in our District to learn more about Rotary and Rotarians in other parts of the world. Opportunities to become involved with joint projects are welcomed. One such project, which resulted from the South African visit, is Adrie's House of Hope, which is listed in the D 7090 World Community Service Catalogue of Approved Projects.

THE FOLLOWING EXCHANGES OCCURRED DURING 2008-2009.

District 9790 Australia

Our team, led by PDG Wally Ochterski, visited D 9790, Australia from October 25 to November 11, 2008. The twelve participants represented the following Rotary clubs: St. Catharines AM, St. Catharines, Grimsby PM, Waterdown, West Seneca and Buffalo Sunrise.

The Australians had visited our District June 19 to July 2, 2008. The team of 10 started in the Buffalo/Chautauqua area and finished in the St.Catharines/Niagara Falls area. PDG Wally Ochterski and his committee involved many Rotarians as hosts who had not been involved in Friendship Exchange Activities previously, resulting in increased interest in future exchanges.

District 9930 New Zealand

Our team, led by PDG Bob Bruce, visited D 9930 New Zealand February 25 to March 12, 2009. The ten participants represent the following Rotary Clubs: Waterdown, Fort Erie, Simcoe, Lockport and Jamestown.

The New Zealanders visited our District from September 10 to 24, leaving on September 25, 2009. They stayed in the Hamilton, Simcoe, Niagara Falls, Jamestown and Lockport areas. During their visits to Hamilton, Simcoe and Niagara Falls, several Rotary clubs in each area were involved in hosting these visitors, resulting in further increased interest in future exchanges.

RECENT EXCHANGES

D. 9350 and D 9270, South Africa, November, 2002. They have yet to visit our District.
D. 4651 Brazil February, 2005. Return visit took place September, 2005
D. 4651 Brazil February, 2007. Return visit pending.

POTENTIAL EXCHANGES

Bulgaria, Slovenia, Turkey, Sweden, Scotland

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