

**Rotary International District 7090 Annual General Meeting
Marriott Gateway on the Falls
Niagara Falls, Ontario
Friday, October 25, 2013, 3:00 PM**

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| I. | Call to Order | |
| | a. Welcome | Kevin Crouse, DG |
| | b. Invocation | John Heise, PDG |
| II. | R.I. President's Representative | |
| | a. Introduction | Rick Sterne, IPDG, Aide |
| | b. Greetings from RI President
Ron D. Burton | Jim Morton, District 7680, North
Carolina, RI President's Representative |
| | c. Thank You and Resolution | Rick Sterne, IPDG, Aide |
| III. | Kevin Crouse, DG, 2013 - 2014 | |
| IV. | Financial Report | |
| | a. Audited Financial Statements | Marlene McGraw, Treasurer 2012 – 13 |
| | b. Year to Date Financial Statements | Don DeMeo, Treasurer 2013 - 14 |
| V. | District Governor-Elect Report | Jack Amico, DGE |
| VI. | District Governor Nominee | Kevin Crosby, DGN |
| VII. | District Conference Report | Reg Madison, Conference Chair |
| | a. Conference Resolution | _____, ____ |
| VIII. | District Committee Reports | |
| | a. Training | John Heise, PDG, Director |
| | b. Service Projects | Willy Heidbuechel, Director |
| | c. Youth Services | Greg Norton, Director |
| | d. Public Relations | Phillip Beckermann, Director |
| | e. The Rotary Foundation | Karen Oakes, PDG, Director |
| | f. Membership | Pravin Suchak, PDG, Chair |
| | g. Resolution Ratifying Actions of
Governor and District Council | Karen Oakes, PDG |
| IX. | New Business | |
| | a. Panel Discussion on the Role of the Governor | Karen Oakes, PDG |
| X. | Announcements | |
| XI. | Adjournment | |

District Governor Report
October 25, 2013

What a fabulous experience it is to visit 68 Rotary clubs!! The variety of projects, community and international involvement and unique club protocols is an amazing testimony to the spirit of Rotary. The effect that these members have on their communities and the world at large is an awesome result of Rotary doing good in the world. Lives changed in the process of this engagement is one of the world's greatest secrets.

And speaking of secrets, this year's conference committee under the very able direction of conference chair, Reg Madison is an outstanding example of how Rotary comes together to engage all Rotarians in changing lives. The program we have this weekend is a full testimony to that. Few conferences have had more promotion than this one. Beginning with an early bird brochure at last year's conference, presentations at PETS 1 and 2, a variety of all member mailings and personal presentations by Reg Madison, Joe Persia and myself to all clubs, everyone in the district was made fully aware of the extent of this program.

In addition to superb events this evening and Saturday, Sunday's attendance of 160 people at the Awards brunch is exceptional. Few conferences in the past can boast of such a large Sunday attendance. We are very proud of those 'silent warriors' out there who will finally get the recognition due to them.

Finally, let me say how proud I am of my club, the Rotary Club of Brantford Sunrise, for their unbridled support of this event. President Jo-Anne Procter has scheduled this week's meeting at the conference. Their support at a site so far from home is outstanding.

As they say in the movies - " Rotary is a wonderful life!"

Cheers
Kevin Crouse
District Governor 2013-14

District Governor Elect Report for 10/25/2013

I am currently involved in the following project and committees as related to my duties as District Governor Elect and training for my year as District Governor.

- Formation and ongoing activities of the 2014 District 7090 Conference Committee.
- Training Committees for PETS 1 and PETS2 for spring of 2014.
- Planning Committee for District Assembly for spring of 2014.
- Attending Inter-district Foundation Committee meetings
- Member of the District 7090 Youth Exchange Corporation
- Prepared for and attended DGE training at Zone Assembly.
- As a result of the Zone GETS training, have submitted copies of D7090 Strategic Plan and Manual of Policies and Procedures which are apparently considered to be exceptional within the zone.
- Working with the new Rotary.org website to get additional training in the position of DG and the reporting structure of that venue.



District Governor Nominee Report

October 25, 2013

RI Zones 24 & 32 Institute 2013

I participated in the 2013 Zone Institute in Cherry Hill, NJ in September, including the DGN pre-institute seminar for DGNs. I have begun the process of networking with my classmates in the 2015-16 DG class. I have also registered for the 2014 Zone Institute in Toronto.

Coordination of Assistant Governors

- We have scheduled monthly AG meetings, using GoToMeeting. The August and September meetings were recorded and made available to those who were unable to participate.
- We are implementing a new AG reporting process that focuses on highlighting club achievements that deserve recognition and challenges that should be brought to the attention of District leaders. Rotary International's Club Central should reduce the need for written reports on the status of clubs.
- I am working with AG Marlee Diehl to develop a guide for assisting clubs that have demonstrated a history of disengagement from District functions like District Conference, District Assembly and PETS. The recommendations are based on a discussion at the September 2013 District Council.

PETS 2

- I attended a planning meeting on Aug. 12 of all three districts involved in PETS 2, along with District Trainer John Heise and DGE Jack Amico to begin the planning of our multi-district PETS 2 program. I will continue to participate in the GoToMeeting planning sessions for PETS 2.

District Manual of Policies and Procedures

- As DGN, I am participating on a committee to update the District's MOPP. We have had two meetings of the committee and we're making good progress.

District Governor Nominee Manual

- In collaboration with DGE Jack Amico, I will be developing a manual for future DGNs. This will complement the RI manual for DGNs and provide a description of the roles and responsibilities of the DGN that are specific to our District.

Future Events

- I have reserved Templeton Landing (Buffalo) for Sunday, June 28, 2015 for the DG Changeover and District Awards luncheon.
- I have secured the Holiday Valley Resort (Ellicottville, NY) for the 2015 District Conference and visited the Ellicottville Rotary Club to solicit its support for the conference, which was given enthusiastically.

2013 District Conference Report

I regret not being present at this annual meeting but I am committed to the District Fellowship golf event today.

I first want to thank my committee of 12 for their time and counsel in planning for this conference. Their efforts in obtaining some top level professionals without their usual fees is most noteworthy. Adding a Rotaractor and Youth Exchange Officer to our team proved to be invaluable as we progressed.

An individual that deserves both thanks and recognition from the District is John W. Burroughs of the St. Catharines club. John has worked tirelessly for many years as volunteer registrar for the conference. He is not only a delight to work with but a consummate professional. Thank you John!

We look forward to an exciting and engaging weekend with fellow Rotarians, Youth Services and guests. We have secured a great line up of speakers and entertainment to please our audience. DG Kevin Crouse's Head, Hands and Heart award on Sunday will see record numbers for a Sunday session.

The involvement of Youth Services, including our Youth Exchange students, for the entire conference this year, is yet another innovation that supports the future of our district and our future leaders. Thanks to the 18 clubs that supported the participation of our youth! I'm hopeful that Rotarians young and old will take this opportunity to engage these attendees.

The other major change to the conference is the elimination of the breakout sessions on Saturday afternoon. Instead, we're running a plenary session on Saturday, and a second one on Sunday morning. We are confident that the program will please, delight and entertain all.

An immense amount of effort was spent in promoting the conference:

- A video tour of Niagara was circulated to all District Rotarians in July and then posted to the District website.
- Many promotional Emails were sent over the summer and fall as well as more information posted on the website.

- District Governor Kevin Crouse visited every club from July to October to promote the conference.
- In September and October, the PR director and myself made presentations to most clubs, and 1,850 promotional pieces were distributed at club meetings.

Yet only 54 of our 69 clubs will be represented at this conference, and 24 of them have only one or two attendees.

I recommend that a manual be produced for the District so that future conference chairs, DGs, DGEs and DGNs can benefit from the experiences of previous conferences. I have already volunteered to meet with incoming DG Jack Amico and his committee for next year and have spoken to future DG Kevin Crosby as well. I also suggest that a small registration fee be implemented - this year 30 registrants will enjoy the conference yet not make any financial contribution.

Finally I must thank my club, The Rotary Club of Brantford Sunrise for their generous support of this weekend!

I remain confident that these 3 days will have significant impact on our attendees to Engage Rotary and Change Lives! It has changed mine.

Reg Madison

2013 Conference Chair

TRAINING DIRECTOR REPORT

September 7, 2013

I know I have a hard act to follow. My thanks to Kevin Crosby for all he has done to offer a variety of training opportunities for our District Rotarians and leaders.

Kevin also recruited a number of strong committee chairs, some of whom are not even members of the Buffalo Sunrise Club. This summer I have been busy trying to finalize these committee chairs. Below are the chairs. I am sure you will agree it is a great list of strong and talented chairs.

Area	Chair	Co-chair	Notes
Training Administration	Amy Thompson (W. Seneca)		Need to build committee
PETS 1	Mara Huber (Buffalo Sunrise)		
PETS 2	Brian Carmichael (E-club)		
DTTS	Kevin Crosby (Buffalo Sunrise)	Rick Sterne (Brantford)	
District Assembly	Marlee Diehl (Albion)	Anne Bermingham (Hamilton)	
Club-based Training	Chris Cutler (Hamilton)	Bruce Baum (Buffalo Sunrise)	Add committee?
New Member Orientation	Milica Kovacevich (St. Cath. Lksh)		Need to add co-chair
AG Development	John Mullen (Ancaster AM)	Reg Madison (Brantford Sunrise)	
Club Vision Facilitation	John Boronkay (W. Seneca) Barb Ochterski (Buffalo Sunrise) Understudy	Nan Bruce (Waterdown)	Anne Bermingham (Hamilton) co-chair this year to prepare for 2014
RLI	(Patti Johnson, Buffalo Sunrise)		Need to find new chair(s)

The chart includes a new position, that of Training Administration. The chair of this position, Amy Thompson will coordinate those activities in securing venues, registrations, etc. We need a couple more people on each side of the border. If you have any suggestions, please pass the names on to me so that they can be contacted. The more people we have on this committee, the lighter the load.

Patti Johnson is also in her last year as RLI chair. I am looking for someone to serve as co-chair this year, then assume the chair duties next year. If you have any suggestions, please let me know.

The District Assembly Committee and the PETS Committees have already started the planning process. Early this August Brian Carmichael, Jack Amico, Kevin Crosby, and I traveled to Guelph for the first PETS 2 meeting of Districts 7070, 7080, and 7090. This first meeting is traditional a face to face meeting. Between now and March the group will be meeting monthly through GoToMeeting to plan this important training weekend. I am pleased to share that our District is going to be well represented at

the weekend. Anne Bermingham, Angela Carter, and Kevin and Rebecca Crouse will be presenting three of the four Saturday breakout sessions. It is another indication of the great Rotarians we have in our District. It is our District's turn to serve as chair of this multi-district planning team and it has taken a lot of my time during August.

Brian and I have also started the process of identifying the PEs so that we have contact information for passing on information about PETS 1/2. Currently 26% of our clubs have no PE listed. This is about normal and many of the clubs are the usual ones that struggle to identify a PE each year.

The PETS dates are on our District Calendar. They are for PETS 1: February 18 (Hamilton Area), February 20 (Williamsville area), February 24 (Dunkirk/Fredonia Area), and February 27 (St. Catharines area). AGs are requested to save the dates for the meeting near their area. A couple joined their PEs last year and I think it was appreciated.

John R. Boronkay, Club Visioning, US Chair
US Club Visioning Committee Report for September 7, 2013 District Council

The Western New York Arena Visioning Team met on July 16, 2013. New team members were introduced, old team members decided they still liked each other, but, more importantly:

- Reviewed actions of 2012-2013
- Reviewed and discussed materials used for club programs
- Determined necessary revisions to materials to maintain congruence with TRF, New Generations, Vibrant Club and other resource material
Revised:
 1. Pre-vision Club Profile form (used Nan Bruce's as a model)
 2. Rotary vision Questionnaire (used input from Nan, Karen Oakes and Ralph Montesanto)
 3. Vision Exercise
- Discussed International Vision Facilitation Council membership fee
Recommended that we continue membership – will discuss with Nan
BUT
We are not satisfied with neither the materials available on the IVFC web site – they are out of date and contain errors -- nor their newsletter – which we never receive.

A visioning program is scheduled for RC Fredonia on September 10th. The team will be Boronkay, Cleary, Hamels, and B. Ochterski – stellar group.

There will have been sixteen (16) clubs served. Progress continues, albeit slowly.

In the future, both the Ontario and WNY Arena will attempt to energize clubs to follow up long range planning action. We invite any questions, comments or reactions.

District 7090 Service Projects Report
District Conference / Business Meeting / October 25, 2013
Report presented by Willy Heidbuechel, Director

During the August 20, 2013 meeting of the World Community Service Committee, the following Motion was made:

Motion: To recommend to District Council approval of a project, sponsored by Niagara-on-the-Lake Rotary Club, to provide multiple services to the village of Sanyuyou, Guatemala.

I had missed to table this Motion at the September 08th District Council meeting, due to a misinterpretation on my part.

The Motion will be tabled appropriately under the “World Community Service” section of this Report.

Community Service

- No Report at this time

Literacy

- No Report at this time, however, during the October 21 WCS meeting, an update was received on the WCS Literacy Project in Pakistan.

Vocational Service

- No Report at this time

Water Task Force

- No Report at this time, however, during the October 21 WCS meeting a potentially new WCS project (for 2014-2015) was presented addressing water issues in Niger.
- Rotarian Roy Sheldrick also reported briefly on the status in Haiti, where Rotary is approaching the 250th well.

Siemens Computer Project

- No Report at this time

Gift of Life INC

- No Report at this time, however, during the October 21 WCS meeting, an update was received on the current status and activities of the project (courtesy of PDG John Rydzysik). *Note: This initiative is not part of the WCS mandate, but rather a stand-alone initiative of “Gift of Life Inc.”*
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World Community Service

- I participated in the Committee’s meeting on October 21, 2013.
- The Committee will have a display at this year’s House of Friendship at District Conference.

- A presentation was made by the Rotary Club of Olean for a “Niger Well Project” for 2014/2015 – seeking a Global Grant.
- An update was received on clubs’ participation in the recent Grant Management Seminar, a requirement for 2014 / 2015 Grant applications (148 registrations representing 53 clubs)
- Action Item from August 20, 2013 committee meeting (see opening comment):

Motion: To recommend to District Council approval of a project, sponsored by Niagara-on-the-Lake Rotary Club, to provide multiple services to the village of Sanyuyou, Guatemala.



District 7090 – New Generations

This conference is the first time clubs have been asked to sponsor a New Generations program member or alumni to attend district conference, and many clubs have stepped up to the challenge. We are looking forward to getting the final attendance numbers for the conference, but we believe this year's conference as a great base from which New Generations involvement in the district conference will continue to develop and grow.

FEATURED PROGRAM

SLAPSHOT - (Chair – Margaret Andrewes – Rotary Club of Lincoln)

Student Leadership Award Program designed for **Students High On Training**, is dedicated to promoting, honoring, celebrating and nurturing young leaders, who are high school students, 15-18 years old. District 7090's 9th annual **SLAPSHOT** is scheduled **April 25 -27, 2014 at Canterbury Hills Conference Centre, Ancaster, ON, Canada.**

SLAPSHOT 2014 REGISTRATION OPENS Monday, January 13, 2014. The REGISTRAR will receive payments @ \$300 per student (maximum FIVE registrations per Rotary Club) on a first come, first served basis. Only the first 100 registrations will be accepted. Look for SLAPSHOT 2014 details and registration forms on the District 7090 website in December.

Youth Exchange - (Chair – Aad Vermeyden – Rotary Club of Brantford)

This year's inbound class had a great orientation weekend in St. Catharines in September. Our students represented Rotary and Rotary Youth Exchange in the St. Catharines Grade & Wine Parade. So far, fingers crossed, we have not received any negative reports from either our inbound or outbound students or their host clubs/families. We welcomed our first student from Venezuela – Pierina Ramirez hosted by Jamestown – a new exchange that we are very excited to have added to the program this year.

Now is the time to recruit our next class of outbound students, and clubs will be visiting schools around the district to promote our great youth exchange program.

Rotaract – (Jelaine Foster / Sabrina Smith / Jen Middleton)

We are looking for a strong showing from our Rotaract clubs – from both sides of the border – at this year's conference.

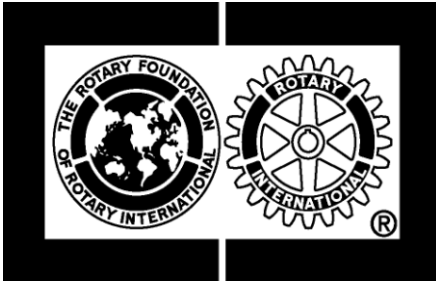
Interact – (Brian Casey – Rotary Club of Buffalo)

Currently coordinating efforts with Interact clubs to facilitate Interact attendance at the district conference. Working with local club coordinators to address issues connected with transportation to and from the conference for the students as they are not able to travel on their own.



RYLA – (Chair – Sue O'Dwyer – Rotary Club of Norfolk Sunrise)

RYLA 2014 is scheduled to take place June 8- 14, 2014 at SUNY Fredonia. The first committee meeting to start working on 2014 is scheduled for Nov 9, 2013. We will be looking to clubs to continue to support this amazing program.



District 7090 Rotary Foundation Committee **Annual Meeting Report October 25th, 2013**

Based on September 7th, 2013 District Council report data unless otherwise noted.

The Rotary Foundation “Doing Good in the World”.

Karen L. Oakes, Director, District 7090 Rotary Foundation

The following reports are provided as an update of the ongoing efforts of our various sub-committees within The Rotary Foundation.

Annual Fund Committee

Chair –PDG Art Wing

Our Annual Fund donations at the end of June 2013 reached an all-time high of \$359,350 and \$143 per member in our District. All but 2 of our clubs donated to the Annual fund last year

Fabulous year for Our Foundation and for the District Clubs to benefit with grants three years down the line.

Donations to our Annual Fund were led by the following 10 Clubs on a per capita member giving basis:

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| 1. Niagara Falls ON \$902 | 5. Ancaster AM \$309 | 8. Waterdown \$263 |
| 2. Ancaster \$531 | 6. Dundas Valley \$300 | 9. St. Catharines \$211 |
| 3. Delhi \$496 | 7. Hamilton AM \$269 | 10. West Seneca \$200 |
| 4. Port Colborne* \$469 | | |

The top 10 Clubs with dollar value donations were:

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|------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Niagara Falls ON \$51,448 | 5. Buffalo \$12,898 | 8. Ancaster AM \$10,819 |
| 2. St. Catharines \$26,973 | 6. Brantford \$12,887 | 9. Clarence \$10,300 |
| 3. Dundas Valley \$13,500 | 7. Hamilton \$12,387 | 10. Waterdown \$9,717 |
| 4. Hamilton AM \$12,913 | | |

Every Rotarian Every Year Clubs – 11

Ancaster	Flamborough AM	St. Catharines Lakeshore
Ancaster AM	Greater Jamestown	Stoney Creek
Delhi	Hamilton East Wentworth	Welland
Dundas	Medina	

Sustaining Member Clubs- 7

Ancaster	Ancaster AM	Flamborough AM	Hamilton East Wentworth
Medina	Stoney Creek	Welland	

The top 3 per capita clubs, the 11 Every Rotarian Every Year Clubs, and the 7 Sustaining Member Clubs will be recognized at the District 7090 Rotary Foundation dinner on November 8th at Salvatore's in Depew, New York.

As noted in previous reports, most of these clubs promote and encourage members to donate individually to Our Rotary Foundation as part of the Every Rotarian Every Year campaign

Hopefully, we will have another successful year this year, with every club making a donation and more Rotarians making a personal donation.

Both PDG Karen and I and the other Foundation chairs would appreciate invitations to speak to your clubs about any aspect of OUR ROTARY FOUNDATION at some time during this Rotary year.

Attachments: 2004-2013 History Annual Fund Contributions

Paul Harris Society Committee

Chair PDG Bob Bruce

This past Rotary year we had 17 of our members make donations at or above the \$1,000 level and thus are qualified to become members of the District 7090 Paul Harris Society. An invitation has sent to all those eligible to confirm the members' intent for membership.

New members will be presented with a pin and framed certificate and all Paul Harris Society members will be recognized at the Foundation dinner on November 8, at Salvatore's

Stewardship committee

Chair PDG Wally Ochterski

No Report at this time. Plans for development of committee underway.

Alumni Committee

Alumni Chair Report-2013- Pat Castiglia Chair

No report for this Council meeting.

Polio Eradication Committee

Chair Thie Convery

October 25th, 2013 UPDATE

As we announced on October 5th, 2013 at the Grant Management Seminar, our District Foundation committee approved a \$35,000 donation of our District Designated Fund (DDF) allotment to the PolioPlus Fund. Every dollar of DDF will be matched 50% by The Rotary Foundation World Fund, up to US\$3.5Million. From 2013-2018 every \$US1 Rotary commits to direct support for polio immunization (up to US \$3.5 Million per year) will be matched 2:1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Therefore, our District 7090 donation of \$35,000 becomes \$157,500 through the power of these matching funds.

Polio Update (August 2013):

Earlier this year, Canadian Rotarians raised more than \$1.6 million through the “Pennies & More for Polio” campaign.

CIDA, the Canadian International Development Agency, which initially had pledged to match every dollar up to one million, decided to continue to match all contributions past the one million. Accordingly, they contributed an extra \$600,000. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, which had made the same matching commitment up to one million dollars, also agreed to extend its match by the same \$600,000.

Always up to the challenge, one week later, Rotarians raised another \$700,000.

The late push boosted the overall Rotarian contribution to \$2.3 million – and matching funds from CIDA and the Gates Foundation brought the total to \$6.8 million for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

And just last month, at the Rotary International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal, the Gates Foundation announced that it will match two-to-one, up to US\$35 million per year, for every dollar Rotary commits to polio eradication through 2018.

Brothers & Sisters in Polio eradication, we're this close!

Endowment Fund Committee

September 2013 Report to District Council

The Endowment Fund committee activities have been very limited over the summer as everyone was focused on family vacation time etc. With the resignation of John Huber from the committee last spring we are looking for someone from the New York side of

the District to come on board. Preferably, we would like to have someone from the southern tier, as we are currently not represented by that area. If you know of someone or are personally interested, please contact me.

The committee's areas of focus will continue to be:

- ☐ contacting senior District members for one on one discussion
- ☐ Requesting to be speakers at Club meetings
- ☐ Organizing Fireside chats in the Areas
- ☐ Asking AG's to have us speak at Area meetings with club presidents and president elects
- ☐ Approach members of our own clubs one on one to discuss the EF.
- ☐ Connect potential contributors with Carolyn Seabrook Ferguson, our RI Major Gifts Officer

The 8 clubs in Areas 2 (Brantford & Ancaster) and Area 3 (Dundas & Waterdown) have agreed to promote and participate in 2 Endowment Fund information meetings in the fall. These will take the form of informal fireside chats with the club members being invited to come out and learn more about the EF.

Our goal is to spread the word about the EF, allowing members to understand the value and ease of participating, making it easy for them to make an educated decision.

Committee members are:

John Mullen, (Chair), Tony Wellenreiter, Wallace Ochterski, Don DeMeo, Joe DePaolo, John Beyer, Franco Olivieri, Umit Eruysal and Karen Oakes (Foundation Chair).

Respectfully submitted

John Mullen, Chair

District Vocational Training Team Committee Report

August 30, 2013

Late last year (Rotary year 2012 - 2013) your VTT Committee started a search for a Rotary District we could possibly initiate a VTT project with. After several attempts we connected with District 4845 (Paraguay and the four provinces of Argentina - Misiones, Formosa, Chaco, and Corrientes) and have agreed to discussing the possibility of a collaborative District VTT project with a focus on water sanitation. They are located on top of one of the largest sweet water reservoirs in the world however a have challenge with water pollution.

Your VTT Committee submitted a request to the District Foundation Committee for a \$10,000. Budget allocation which was approved and the project was confirmed by RI.

The budget is primarily for the cost of transportation a Team of 4 (1 Rotarian Team Leader and 3 Team Members) between Districts.

District 4850 will take on full responsibility for all accommodation and local transportation in hosting the Team.

We are currently in active communication with their VTT Committee Chair to structure the fine details of the project with a tentative date of May 2014 for the actual visit.

Once the structure has been finalized will start promoting the project in the District to source candidates for a Team Leader followed with 3 Team Members for our District.

That is our report.

Bob Gosselin - Dan Smith

District 7090 - VTT Chairs.

Rotary District 7090 Scholarships Committee

Rotary District 7090

September 7, 2013

Current Scholars

Returning Outbound Ambassadorial Scholar – Shauna Weston to District 1050, University of Manchester, England (Returned August 2013)

Peace Scholars

Nothing to report.

***NEW* District Grants Scholarship**

We are currently drafting the scholarship application.

The following is an overview of the scholarship:

Scholarship Amount	\$5,000.00 US
Activity Location	Awarded to a student whose permanent address is within the boundaries of District 7090
Scholarship Type	A general scholarship awarded to a student who at the time of application is in their first year of post-secondary education
Scholarship Description	The scholarship will be based on the following criteria: 1. academic merit; 2. a demonstration of "Service Above Self"; and

	<p>3. an essay about the ideals of Rotary</p> <p>The scholarship is open to any area of study</p> <p>The scholarship must be used towards full time post-secondary study at a University, College, or Community College</p> <p>The student must have their permanent address within the boundaries of District 7090</p> <p>Rotary's conflict of interest policy does apply to this scholarship and as a result cannot be awarded to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a Rotarian, including honorary Rotarian; • an employee of a club, district, or other Rotary Entity, or of Rotary International; • a spouse, lineal descendant (child or grandchild by blood, legal adoption, or marriage without adoption), spouse of lineal descendants, or ancestor (parent or grandparent by blood) of person(s) in the above categories; • an employee of an agency, organization, or institution that partners with The Rotary Foundation or Rotary International; • a former Rotarian or honorary Rotarian who has terminated membership within the preceding 36 months; or • a person who is ineligible based on a familial relationship to a former Rotarian or honorary Rotarian, for a period of 36 months after termination of family member's membership <p>The application deadline is November 30 in the year that their post-secondary study has commenced</p> <p>The scholarship will be awarded by January 31 of the academic year in which their post-secondary study has commenced</p>
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Respectfully submitted,
John N. Teibert, CPA, CA
Rotary District 7090 Scholarships Committee Chair

Grants Committee

District 7090 District Simplified Grant #74407, 2011-2012 for US \$24,800.00

Closed as per July 7th, 2013 e-mail message copied below:

Thank you for submitting the final report regarding District Simplified Grant #74407, to support the service projects of RI District 7090. Your cooperation in fulfilling this requirement is greatly appreciated. As all required information has been included, the Foundation will mark the file as closed.

Sincerely,

Conor Murphy

Grant Coordinator

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District 7090 District Simplified Grant #76822, 2012-13 for US \$24,900.00

Note: DSGs are expected to be completed within 1 year

Progress report completed as per July 23, 2013 e-mail message copied below:

Dear PDG Bruce,

Thank you for submitting this final document. **This Progress Report is now accepted.**

Best Regards,

Conor

Conor Murphy

Humanitarian Grant Coordinator / Coordinateur, Subventions humanitaires

Bob Bruce, Chair District Simplified Grants

Bob Monroe, Chair, District Grants

District Grant Spending Plan 2013-2014

Approval provided as per July 2013 e-message copied below:

Dear Rotarians in District 7090:

Congratulations! The Rotary Foundation has approved your 2013-14 district grant application. The Foundation will issue payment of this grant to the account specified in the District 7090 grant application.

The following recap outlines our approved plan with a full copy available for review on the district website.

District Grant Spending Plan

✻ <u>18 Clubs with various projects</u>	<u>\$35,965</u>
✻ <u>Vocational Training team</u>	<u>10,000</u>
✻ <u>Scholarship</u>	<u>5,000</u>
✻ <u>Administrative Expenses 3%</u>	<u>1,529</u>
✻ <u>Contingencies</u>	<u>10,193</u>
✻ <u>Total</u>	<u>\$62,687</u>

Global Grants (Matching Grants)

For your report to District Council from myself as Chair of Global Grant I can report that the online application is onerous but we are all working with clubs to help them make progress.

October 2013 update: Congratulations is extended to the Rotary Club of Niagara Falls, Ontario as the recipient of our first Global Grant approval. The following approval message was received on September 26th, 2013. "Congratulations! Your global grant application for funding to increase awareness on the transmission and control of human rabies and reduce the incidence and mortality rate of rabies in Uganda submitted by RC Kampala and Niagara Falls, has been approved by The Rotary Foundation. The award is in the amount of US\$52,427."

Matching Grants – October 2013 update. The following message was received from the Stewardship department "

On behalf of the Trustees, thank you for participating in The Rotary Foundation (TRF) grants programs to serve communities in need. I am writing to update you on the world reporting analysis conducted in **October 2013**. The analysis is performed on a quarterly basis to track each district's compliance with reporting requirements for Rotary Foundation grant projects.

I am happy to inform you that District 7090 was **89%** up-to-date with reporting requirements for grants sponsored by the district and its clubs as of the October 2013 analysis. The Trustees rely on district

leaders to ensure that stewardship guidelines are being upheld worldwide and they thank you for your efforts. We recognize the hard work involved to maintain this level of compliance and encourage your district and its clubs to continue your good work.

At the time the analysis was conducted, District 7090 had **9** grants in paid, funded, and reported status. Please see the table at the end of the letter for the list of grants (*information included in the table is up-to-date as of the date of analysis*).

Project	Sponsor	Last Payment or Report Date	Report Due	Report Overdue?	Coordinator Email
DS1376822	D-7090	23-Jul-13	23-Jul-2014	NO	conor.murphy@rotary.org
MG1379449	St. Catharines	30-Sep-13	30-Sep-2014	NO	marcello.stifelmann@rotary.org
MG1275347	Grand Island	31-Jan-13	31-Jan-2014	NO	patricia.bingue@rotary.org
MG1175054	Ancaster	11-Jul-13	11-Jul-2014	NO	patricia.bingue@rotary.org
DG1410138	7090	22-Jul-2013	22-Jul-2014	NO	renee.reiling@rotary.org
MG1378714	Waterdown	31-May-13	31-May-2014	NO	sandra.urban@rotary.org
MG1276405	Brantford	30-Jun-12	30-Jun-2013	YES	sara.mercer@rotary.org
MG1379551	Amherst South	30-Sep-13	31-May-2014	NO	sara.mercer@rotary.org
MG1277245	Grand Island	31-Jan-13	31-Jan-2014	NO	stewardship@rotary.org

The Rotary Foundation appreciates the good work that you do and we thank you for your efforts to comply with the Foundation's reporting requirements.

Please know that the progress report completed for MG 1276405 (Brantford) was accepted as at August 30th, 2013, so all reporting is in good order.

Sincerely
 Roy Sheldrick
 Global Grants Chair

Year to Date Summary

Update October 25th, 2013

Greetings, fellow Rotarians. As evident in the above reports, our various Foundation Committees have been diligent in furthering the work of The Rotary Foundation these past months. As part of the overall due diligence process, the responsible Committee Chairpersons in concert with their members attend to the required oversight to wrap up prior year reporting and continue the onward development for this Rotary year and

beyond. We are indeed fortunate to have such dedicated Rotarians at the helm of The Rotary Foundation fleet here in District 7090.

We recently held our annual Grant Management Seminar to commence the qualification renewal process for the upcoming 2014-2015 Rotary year. Despite the heavy rains, and inherent nasty weather, some 148 District Rotarians registered for the seminar. We enjoyed the leadership of our Foundation crew members Roy Sheldrick, Bob Munroe, John Teibert, Bob Gosselin, PDGs Art Wing, Wally Octerski and DG Kevin Crouse in the various sessions of the day. We thank each of these good folks, and the many behind the scenes supporters who made the day enjoyable and informative for all. Thank YOU!

Based on this attendee participation, we are pleased to advise that we have some 53 of our 69 clubs in line to submit the required documentation (MOU and Addendum) by November 30th, 2013 to 2014-2015 District Grant Chair John Teibert. To date, we have 6 clubs who have submitted the necessary documentation. We remind the reminder of the 53 eligible clubs to ensure that their documentation is submitted in a timely manner to ensure that your club is eligible for the 2014-2015 Grant funds, i.e. District Grants, Global Grants and Packaged Grants alike.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Foundation Dinner celebration on Friday, November 8th, 2013 at Salvatore's Italian Gardens Restaurant. We want to see YOU there as we celebrate our success stories, and enjoy great food, fellowship and some TRIVIA challenge fun. Please register with payment on the district website. We hope to see YOU there.

Respectfully Submitted.

Karen L. Oakes

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District Membership Committee Report
District 7090 Annual Business Meeting
October 25, 2013

Strategic Priority Area #1: Responsibility of Membership Director
To find new and innovative ways to help clubs address membership issues

District 7090 Strategic Plan --- Action Items for Membership

1. Encouraging clubs to use Facebook to communicate about Rotary to existing and prospective Club members; share news of upcoming speakers; connect with former members of each club.
2. Effectively reach out to the Membership chair in each club (rather than the club president). As a district, support each club to have a retention and recruitment plan in place – that is actively being implemented. Encourage each plan to include an item on how to track and stay connected to departing Rotarians.
3. To encourage each club to develop a mechanism to measure membership satisfaction (surveys of members; exit interviews; fire side chats; focus groups)
4. To create some ways to connect Membership chairs from each club together – through LinkedIn, Facebook, area meetings, etc.
5. Regularly measure number of Rotarians in our district and see if number is increasing quarter over quarter.

This report will try to tie in the Membership Committee activities to the Actions listed above

1) Highlights of what has been accomplished during 2012-2013:

1. We have created a Rotary District 7090 Membership Facebook group. This is set up as a Closed Group. Anyone can see the group and who is in the group. However, only members can post messages, photos and documents which are then accessible only to the members of the group. We have requested club membership chairs to join this group. The objective of creating this group is to create a way to connect Membership chairs from each club together as well as use it as a central depository of membership resources. (Action Items 1 and 4)
2. I have taken part in several Membership related webinars held by the Zone and RI during the year. The emphasis from RI and the Zone for this year is on Engagement and Retention.
3. PDG Brian Carmichael and I presented Membership Retention and Engagement workshops at the District Assembly. This workshop dealt with Retention and Engagement strategies that the clubs can use to improve the retention rate and help their members become more engaged in the club. Both the workshops were well attended. Combined attendance was over 60. Handouts included Club Assessment Tools, Member Satisfaction Survey, Club Engagement Action Plan, club membership health check and several other documents that help clubs become more engaged in Rotary. (Action Item 2 and 3)

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4. A District Membership Growth and Retention Report for 2012-2103 was attached with my June 8 report. The district has a growth of 2% in 2012-2013 - close to net 50. However, these numbers will shrink as clubs clean up their roster at the end of June. I continue to work with Pene to have all the clubs update their membership data on the District Web site as well as on the RI Web site regularly. (Action Item 5)

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

The following awards were presented on June 9th at the DG Changeover and Club Awards Lunch.

The four Clubs with the highest membership growth in 2012-2013, as of April 30, 2013 are:

Amherst East – 27%
Welland – 22%
Fonthill – 21%
Ancaster AM – 20%

The three Clubs with the highest membership growth over the past six years as of April 30, 2013 are:

Buffalo Sunrise – 50%
Williamsville – 37%
Hamburg – 29%

- 5 In June I had RI send several membership resource documents directly to each club President in the District. The objective was to make sure that every club has the valuable resources offered by RI. (Action items 2 and 3)
- 6 PDG Brian Carmichael has relocated from District 7080 to Norfolk and he has agreed to work with the Membership Committee. He will oversee all the Membership Committee activities on the Canadian side.
- 7 At present we have several Area Membership Representatives (AMR) and we would like to have one AMR in every area. We have asked PDG's Rick Sterne and John Heise to pass along the names of any of their outstanding presidents. They will be contacted and asked to join the Membership Committee.
- 8 Our focus this year would be to ensure that there is a functional membership committee(s) in every club to work on Growth, Retention, and Engagement.
- 9 The members of the Membership Committee will do the following:
- Make contact with all the clubs Membership Chair with a cc to the President Elect. If there is no Membership Chair we will be contacting the President and encouraging them to get a committee operating. We will stress the importance of creating an active membership committee. We will also be encouraging them to appoint the chair for at least 2 years.
 - Verify that the clubs have received the membership materials that were sent out to every club.
 - Verify that the clubs have completed the RI Club Membership Survey
 - Verify if the club does an exit interview.

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- - All clubs were sent the RI Club Membership Retention statistics. We have reconfigured the information into 2 lists. These lists show New Member and Long Term Member retention rates. The lists are arranged in order of descending retention rate and for comparison include both the World and North American retention averages. This information will be sent again to every club (President, President Elect and Membership Chair).
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 - All our contact with the clubs will be with the Club Membership Chair with a cc to the President Elect. If there is no Membership Chair we will be contacting the President and encouraging them to get a committee operating.
- 10 I attended the Zone Institute in Philadelphia last month and participated in a special 1 ½ day District Membership Chair training. I also attended a half day Membership Retreat at the Institute specifically designed for Clubs in the Philadelphia area where the RI and Zone Membership leaders addressed the RI strategies for Membership Engagement, Retention and Growth in the clubs. Besides these two sessions, a significant portion of the Zone Institute was devoted to topics related to Rotarian engagement and issues related to helping clubs become vibrant clubs.
- 11 We plan to hold two or three regional Membership Workshops this year based on the content and format followed at the Membership Chair training and Membership Retreat in Philadelphia.
- 12 We will continue to update the District 7090 Membership Facebook page. (strategy 1 and 3)
- 13 We will Work with DG Kevin Crouse and other District Directors to determine how best we can implement District and RI Membership goals and areas of emphasis on membership
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Pravin D. Suchak

District Club Extension Report

District 7090 Annual Business Meeting

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1) New Club Chartered in District 7090

Rotary E Club of Southern Ontario and Western New York (SONWY) was finally chartered on July 20 after almost two year of efforts to find and select 21 Charter members. My thanks to Paul MacAfee, Liz Kovacs and others who worked tirelessly to make this happen. I am proud to say that my daughter finally found a club that would be convenient to her schedule and became a charter member of the E Club.

2) Potential New club in the Medical Corridor, Buffalo, NY:

We are currently looking into forming a new club in the Medical Corridor, Buffalo NY. Dr. David Johnson, member of the Grand Island Club is working on this project. We hope to have the Buffalo Club and the Buffalo Sunrise Club sponsor this new club.

3) Two Clubs in the District give up their charter

South Shore Lackawanna Blasdell and the Hamilton Sunset Clubs have given up their charter.

4) Additional New clubs

If any of you are aware of a potential for a new club or would like to bring Rotary to a new community please let me know and we will help you to do an analysis to determine if there is potential for a new club in the area that you are proposing.

Pravin D. Suchak