



## District Council Agenda December 8, 2018



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| 08:00 - 08:45 AM | Check-in, Refreshments & Fellowship  |   |
| 08:45 - 09:15    | Call to Order & Welcome<br>Invocation<br>Rotary Moment<br>Introductions  | Melisa Schrock, DG<br>Donna Saskowski, AG<br>Jeanette Murphy, AG<br>All |
| 09:15 - 09:30    | <b>Consent Agenda – approve reports by motion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Secretary's Report<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• District Council Meeting Minutes of September 29, 2018</li></ul></li><li>b. District Governor Report</li><li>c. District Governor Elect Report</li><li>d. Training Report</li><li>e. The Rotary Foundation Report</li><li>f. Youth Services Report</li><li>g. Membership Report</li><li>h. Public Image Report</li><li>i. Assistant Governor Coordinator Report</li></ul> |   |
| 09:30 – 09:40    | ISC Minutes/Motions  | John DePaolo, Dir. Service Projects                                     |
| 09:40 – 09:50    | Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MDPETS</li><li>• CLT</li></ul>  | Ralph Montesanto, Dir., PDG<br>Frank Adamson, DGN                       |
| 09:50 – 10:10    | District Incorporation   | Karen Oakes, PDG  |
| 10:10 – 10:30    | Coffee Break   |   |
| 10:30 – 10:55    | Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Partnerships</li><li>• Manual</li></ul>   | Kevin Crosby, Dir., PDG<br>Tamara Coleman – Lawrie, Chair, AG           |
| 10:55 – 11:20    | Governor Update  | Melisa Schrock, DG  |
| 11:20            | Adjourn District Council Meeting &<br>Call Annual Meeting to Order   | Melisa Schrock, DG  |
| 11:20 – 11:50    | Audited Financials 2017 – 2018   | Rino Bidenti, Treasurer   |
| 11:50 – 12:00    | Resolution Ratifying the Actions of<br>Governor and District Council 17-18   | Bob Artis, DGE  |
| 12 Noon          | Thanks/Annual Meeting Adjournment  | Melisa Schrock, DG  |



## **District Council Minutes Saturday, September 29, 2018**

**Location:** Best Western Hotel & Conference Center, St. Catharines, ON

**No. of Attendees:** 33

**Call to Order:** 08:48 a.m. by Governor Melisa Schrock, welcoming all to the meeting.

**Invocation:** Cathy Henry, AG. An excerpt of her invocation is, *“There is a sense of purpose we all share in goals, friendship, and meaningful service. Let us give thanks for Rotary, all our leaders and members. Let us rise to the challenges given to us.”*

**Rotary Moment:** Melisa asked Ryan Huckla, District Rotaract Representative to stand in for Donna who was delayed. Ryan shared that his Rotary journey started with RYLA. He noted that he was a little jaded about attending. Once he got there, he indicated that he thought okay I think they are on to something. He continued with, I am bonding with people, getting along great. About the 3<sup>rd</sup> day in – the group became “his people”. He stated, *“The RYLA thing was legitimate. Now, I am standing here today. You know how that turned out.”*

**Introductions:** DG Melisa asked the participants to announce themselves with name, club name and role(s), District involvement(s), and what they will do to inspire others this year.

**Consent Agenda:**

**MOTION BY MARLEE DIEHL, PDG TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA;  
SECONDED BY FRANK ADAMSON, DGN. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Strategic Planning Process: Chair Reg Madison, IPDG.**

IPDG Reg introduced the plan, and the process. Asked committee chairs/directors to report on their area of responsibility:

Kevin Crosby for Membership. Kevin noted that there are 4 – components to his area.

- Make training more accessible. Planned are 4 regional workshops this year, including a face to face orientation training for new members. Developing a presentation on membership that will fit into a club meeting presentation.
- Website revamped.

- Continuing to support the District webinars and including RI and Zone with marketing.
- Awareness and best practices around alternative membership types.

Lisa Mueller, PI, absent. See her report in the agenda packet.

John Teibert for District Foundation.

- Raising awareness about The Rotary Foundation. John introduced his team. He also announced the tentative date of **November 10, 2018 as the District Foundation celebration and grant training qualification process.**

John DePaolo, Service Projects, absent. See report in agenda packet.

Aad Vermeyden for Youth Services.

- Share more stories – working on that.
- The marketing automation project. Actually rolled that out. Gathering information on youth past and present from all program areas.
- More training for clubs on youth projects. Couple of guys that are really excited about talking to the clubs about YE.
- One year Goals:
  - 15 Rotaract clubs 6/19. Have 12 currently.
  - 5 more clubs involved in Youth Exchange
  - 7 more Rotary clubs sponsoring Interact or EarlyAct clubs.

Ralph Montesanto for Training.

- Took the PE training online.
- Sue Czynny will be the Training Director beginning 2019 – 2010.
- Reduced costs for Rotaractors to attend RLI training, etc.
- Rotary Club Central Coordinator. Marlee Diehl has put together a marvelous team with Dave Berry and Don Thorpe. Ralph introduced Don and Dave to speak.

Don spoke to the method that the Welland club uses to work to obtain the Rotary Citation. He indicated that the board examines the citation and selects the goals it wants to achieve. The board then takes the goals to the club for approval. Every board meeting, they continue to update what has been accomplished and what still needs to be done.

Dave indicated his approach is a business approach. He noted, most of us would not run our business without goals. He demonstrated online and displayed the new Rotary Club Central Toolbox page on the District 7090 website under Club Tools and explained how it works to show you how to enter, report the goals.

Marlee announced Zoom trainings to learn how to use Rotary Club Central on 4 dates, as follows:

- October 10, 16, 23 and 24. An email announcement with links to the online meeting will be going out shortly to all presidents, presidents elect, secretaries and District Council members.

**Training: Director Ralph Montesanto, PDG.**

Ralph's topic was Club Leadership Training. He noted that he had worked really hard to get a chair, Tracy Ford. For the purpose of discussion, Ralph asked the council to consider, "Why are we doing CLT?" He spoke about all the training that is going on online. Also, Rotary Leadership Institute. He commented that we used to get 300+. He also reported the current numbers at 160 – 180 and all the things the committee has done to try to get the numbers up with little results in attendance. He also indicated, however, that we will still be doing CLT on April 6, 2019, at Niagara County Community College in Sanborn, NY.

Tracy Ford spoke to the differences between RLI and CLT. Ralph asked each table to discuss training opportunities and how should we design them. Sue Czyrny lead the table feedback reports. She will be taking the comments back and looking at them in terms of Training goals.

Ralph noted that there are many components to training, these are just two. He said, "I am leaving the future of Training in good hands with Sue."

**DG Update: Melisa Schrock, DG**

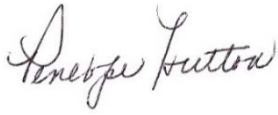
DG Melisa shared an update on what's been going on in her year. She mentioned how she has promoted area club projects instead of the traditional governor's visits. She indicated as #changemaker she thought it was important to demonstrate/do the work of Rotary not just talk about Rotary. She shared the project completed by Area 1, which included Simcoe, Norfolk Sunrise and Delhi along with the Norfolk Rotaractors. Together they made 185 floral arrangements and delivered them to nursing home residents. Afterwards the Area Rotarians and Rotaractors enjoyed a picnic type dinner and celebration. The clubs hired a videographer that followed them around filming and interviewing those involved in the project and who put together a couple of awesome videos that they are using to demonstrate "Service Above Self", and for recruitment via social media. The club also sold advertising and put together a public image newspaper piece talking about Rotary in Norfolk County. During the day, Melisa had opportunity to ask the videographers and other non-Rotary participants to consider Rotary or Rotary Corps.

DG Melisa also shared how she had hoped to get Barry Rassin, RI President, to attend our District 7090 Conference via Zoom. She had sent letters and was waiting. Then she happened to have a couple of opportunities at Zone to speak with President Barry. What started as an apology, soon turned into a discussion of our great Rotaractors who chanted Bar-ry, Bar-ry and then broke out into a dance party on the RI Convention floor. Needless to say, our awesome Rotaractors are a tremendous draw. It's a great story of not taking no for an answer and of never giving up. So – Barry is supposed to be in NOTL in person on October 20, 2018.

**Adjournment: By acclaim at 12:00 p.m.**

**Next Meeting:** Milo's Restaurant, 5877 Main Street, Williamsville, NY on Saturday, November 17, 2018. (This meeting was rescheduled to December 8, 2018).

**Respectfully submitted,**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Penelope Hutton".

**Penelope Hutton  
Executive Secretary**

**Reports Attached:  
District Governor's Report  
District Governor Elect's Report  
District Governor Nominee's Report  
Training Report  
District Foundation Report  
Youth Services Report  
Public Image Report  
Service Projects Report**

District Governor Report  
District Council December 8, 2018  
Submitted By: DG Melisa Schrock

**“Together we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.”**

As the calendar year draws to a close, I am thrilled to report that our District and Clubs seems to be in very strong positions. I have finished about half of the Club visits and have participated in several Area projects. The idea of “service” is really taking hold and we are making significant impact in our local communities. Here is a small list of some of the things we have done to “take action to create lasting change... in our communities”

1. Created 180 floral arrangements and delivered them to all 11 nursing homes in Norfolk County
2. Helped to refurbish Christmas Light Displays
3. Served dinner to 57 teenagers at a teen outreach home in downtown Brantford
4. Helped to clean up the grounds at Craddle Beach Camp
5. Served at Carnival booths at Craddle Beach Camp which served 100 kids
6. Worked a Rotary Day of Service with Goodwill Industries which included sorting clothes and helping to clean and restock a local store
7. Worked a Rotary Day of Service with the Western New York foodbank which included filling “Blessings in a Backpack” bags, and making thank you cards to be sent to donors who gave Thanksgiving turkeys
8. Served 500 underprivileged students lunch in downtown Hamilton, Ontario
9. Delivered 400 sandwiches and bottled water to kids at a local elementary school in Niagara Falls before heading home; they come from low income homes and for many, this was the only meal they might get that evening
10. Collected and packaged hygiene supplies and donated them to a local battered womens shelter in Lincoln/Grimbsy, Ontario
11. Collected and packaged hygiene supplies and donated them to a local hospital to be given to victims of domestic violence/rape in Albion, NY

And this is just the beginning!! Many more events are still in the planning stage for 2019! One of the most exciting things for me through all of this, are the endless number of Rotarians who take a moment to stop me and tell me how excited they are again about Rotary – how they feel like their batteries have been recharged! This is music to my ears!! I am so honored to be able to share these moments with our members, and I look forward to many more to come in the new year!

As a result of the inspiring message from our RI President which was given at our recent District Conference, I am pleased to announce the release of the 2018-2019 Lighthouse Award, which has been renamed “The Flamingo Of Change” Award for this year!! My goal when developing the criteria for this award, was to create something that was achievable for any Club, regardless of size. A copy of the criteria has been attached to this report. The Flamingos have arrived and are being distributed to the Clubs via the AG’s. I have already received my first photo of the Flamingo/Club in action and can not wait to share these with everyone as we continue along this year.

Our annual District Conference took place on October 20, 2018 in Niagara On The Lake. As you know by now, our Rotary International President was our opening speaker! And let me tell you... it was just awesome!!! If you missed it, then I am sorry to say... you missed an amazing time! The energy at the Community Center was electrifying the whole day!! Every room you walked into was just “a buzz” with activity, conversation and Rotary Fellowship!!! It checked all the boxes I was hoping for! I think most Rotarians arrived “curious” to see exactly “how” you do a one day Conference, but left inspired and excited to take back some of the Rotary JuJu they experienced that day, to their own Clubs! Several Clubs embraced the idea of the no-sew blankets and blessing bags (hygiene kits) and are doing the same projects again within their own Clubs!

As you can imagine, membership is the main topic of conversation when I visit clubs and talk with their boards. I continue to challenge Clubs to examine their “Club Culture” and determine if there is anything that might “need tweaking”. We’ve had some very frank conversations and members are excited at the idea of thinking about new ways to “do Rotary”. Several Clubs are discussing the idea of starting satellite Clubs, so I am looking forward to see how that all works out.

In closing, I would like to thank each and every one of you that participate at the District. Your dedication and passion for Rotary is infectious. There have been times when I felt as though my Rotary Well had run dry – but all I needed to do was spend just 5 minutes, with any one of you – and my well was filled and overflowing! I am so grateful to each of you for your friendships and inspiration. Thank you for supporting me as I do my best to serve our District as your Governor!

# Flamingo of Change Award 2018-2019



BE THE INSPIRATION

In honor of President Barry Rassin and his challenge that we all be “Flamingos of Change”, this award will recognize Clubs who go above and beyond the achievements set out in the Presidential Citation Award. This award will be given out after the conclusion of the Rotary year 2018-2019. To qualify for this award, Clubs must meet all of the following criteria:

- Club must set all of their goals in Rotary Club Central
- Club must engage in a hands-on service project (not fundraiser) and take a photograph with the Flamingo. Photo must be submitted to the District Governor
- President Elect must attend all PE required training
- Club must increase Polio Plus contribution by 10% over the prior year
- Have one club member serve on a District wide committee
- Be a #Changemaker - Commit to try **one** new idea in an effort to make your Club more vibrant- include this summary with your flamingo photo



## DGE Report to District Council – December 8, 2018

1. Completed a comprehensive Governor Elect Training in Montreal.
2. Attended a successful one day conference and the first of it's kind in our District.
3. Preparing 2019 - 2020 District Conference
4. Preparing to attend Rotary International Assembly in San Diego.
5. Participant in several video conferences "Ride for Roswell"
6. Spearheaded video conference with local and Rotarians in St. Maarten for International project during our cruise there.
7. Observer at WCS meeting
8. Participant at recent RLI
9. One of three lead roles in planning this year's MDPETS
10. Preparing for Online PETS 1 & 2
11. Establishing dates for club's visits during year as DG
12. Preparing times and locations of District Leadership Meetings
13. Preparing change over meeting.
14. Prepared DG budget for RI

This about sums up my activities.

Bob

**From:** [Bob Artis](#)  
**To:** [Brad Burtch](#)  
**Subject:** EOM Report  
**Date:** Saturday, December 01, 2018 3:06:35 PM

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This period was rather hectic in leading an enthusiastic team of 12 Rotarians to District 3360, NE Thailand. The following Rotarians made up our team:

CDG Charlotte Herlong RC of Dunkirk/Fredonia  
PDG Pravin Suchak RC of Amherst  
PP Dave Fisk RC of Guelp-Wellington now w/RC of Lincoln  
Rotarian Liz Fisk RC of Grimbsy  
PP Bill Greenwood RC of Niagara Falls, ON (noon club)  
PE Barb Greenwood RC of Niagara Falls, ON (noon club)  
Andy Rich RC of LeRoy  
Anne Marie Dean RC of Dunkirk/Fredonia  
PP Bard Babij RC of Ft. Erie, current Treasurer RC of Dundas  
Terry Babji, husband to Barb (non Rotarian)  
Rotarian Walt Vecki RC of Dundas Valley Sunrise  
Anka Masek-Tonkovic, Walt's partner, from Osijek, Croatia

We were a group of exhausted but anxious Rotarian, barely awake, greeted by several 'smiling' and warm Thai Rotarians at Suvarnabhumi International Airport in Bangkok. 'Smiles' is why Thailand is often referred "Land of 1,000 'smiles'". They even have a domestic airline named, Thai 'Smile' Airways!

We anticipate a journal of our activities by the next publication. However, every one's expectations were exceed in terms of sights, foods, adventures, and new friendships being bonded. Perhaps an International project as well. Please stay tuned for our next update.

Yours in Rotary Service,  
Bob Artis DG 2019 - 2020  
An Inspired Clarence Rotarian  
District 7090  
Best of Friends  
M 716.553.0345

## Director of Training Report to District Council December 8, 2018

The areas of responsibility for the Director of Training are PETS, MDPETS, CLT, RLI, Visioning and Rotary Club Central Training. The reports are from the chairs of each area. Thank you to each of them for the great work that each of them and their committees continue to do for our district.

**PETS and MDPETS:** Al Lutchin and Susan Czyrny report that **Registration is now open for both PETS online and MDPETS 2019:** Please visit the District Web site at: <https://rotary7090.org/>. Dates for PETS online will be Jan 22 repeating on Jan 30 and Feb 5 repeating on Feb 13. Training sessions will be two hours starting at 7 pm. There is no charge for PETS online. Topics will include: developing goals, use of Rotary online tools, district grants, planning for a successful year, membership and youth services.

MDPETS Toronto will be the evening of March 1 and full day March 2 and Rotary Clubs have been billed for this advanced training. President Elects are expected to attend both events.

**Developing for 2020:** The District Training Team has recommended a new PETS 2 Training Platform for 2020. After ten years of MDPETS being held in Toronto, in-class advanced training will return to the District. The reasons for this include: greater flexibility to address our Rotary Club Leaders training needs, less driving time to attend, more economical costs, greater control over training content and stronger club participation.

The new strategy will be rolled out under Frank Adamson as our DG 2020. This will be a comprehensive one day training event that will rotate between Greater Buffalo and St. Catharines /NOTL and will be held in an appropriate hotel/conference centre venue with highway access and parking. This is very exciting and more information will be communicated later in 2019.

PETS 1 online will continue as per normal and supplemented with PETS 2, an in class advanced training in our District. A new District 7090 PETS training committee will be established to plan and organize both PETS training events to ensure innovation, sustainability and avoid duplication of subject matters between the two events. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact one of the PETS Co-chairs. Committee members will be appointed for a three- year term.

**CLT:** Frank Adamson reports that the committee is in the formation and planning stages for Club Leadership Training. We are planning a name change to better reflect the purpose of the day, perhaps Rotary Summit, with the theme: Celebrate and Serve Rotary. We would like to align with the focus of RI, the District and Clubs and ensure that our Strategic direction is encapsulated in some way. The venue and date has been selected, The Niagara County Community College in Sanborn. N.Y. on Saturday April 6, 2019. The committee will have another planning meeting on December 14/18.

**RLI:** Glen Christensen reports that another successful RLI was held at NCCC, Sanborn, New York on December 1, 2018. There were 11 participants in Part 1, 7 in Part 2, and 6 in Part 3. The District is now offering RLI to Rotaractors at a discounted rate of \$30.00. We hope to see our first Rotaractors at the March 2019 RLI Sessions. Our next RLI is scheduled for March 23, 2019 in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario. (A new venue is being explored). Consideration had been given to offering the RLI Graduate Courses within the District. A response from District 7090 RLI graduates indicated that there is not enough demand to hold these at the District Level so consideration is being given to holding the Graduate Courses within the Shining Waters Division of RLI.

**Visioning:** Matt Smith reports that New York visioning has been slow. A survey was conducted with BNMC and will be followed up in December. Nothing else is new at this time. Anne Bermingham reports that in Ontario she is in the midst of finalizing the session with Ancaster AM which is planned for January. Dunnville is looking to have a session in the spring.

**RCC:** Marlee Diehl reports the training team held another three zoom meetings to help club leaderships learn how to meet the requirements of RI and our district. The team stressed the opportunity to use the collected data to help their clubs have a viable history going forward that will gain credibility over the years. This information will also help with recruitment and for use in developing materials to seek sponsorship for fundraising events. Additionally, if each club shows its members how to access and view the club's achievements it will help members have an understanding of how and where the club money comes from and how is it disbursed to benefit their community. Time will tell whether the attendees are using the RCC toolkit. Dave Berry and Don Thorpe did a great job of preparing the toolkit and demonstrating the "how-tos."

Submitted December 1, 2018  
Ralph Montesanto  
Director of Training  
D7090

District 7090 Rotary Foundation Committee  
District Council Report December \*, 2018



The Rotary Foundation “Doing Good in the World”.

John Teibert, Director, District 7090 Rotary Foundation  
The reports from the Chair persons are copied below for your review.

**Annual Fund – Chair – Pat Castiglia; Vice Chair – Sandi Chard**

Rotary District 7090  
Annual Fund Committee Report  
December 8, 2018

As we approach the half year mark many clubs have still not entered their goals for both the Annual Fund and Polio Plus (End Polio Now). (31 of 68 clubs have entered Foundation goals) Setting goals has been a problem every year and the reasons why are perplexing. The setting of goals is important for RI as it is an indication of the funds that RI can anticipate receiving. For the past two years our district has exceeded the benchmark amounts set by RI for both funds so it appears that the actual giving by clubs does not seem to be a major problem. With the help of the Assistant Governors, I hope that this will be the last year that we shall have this problem.

The following is a report of where our district stands as of 11/30/18:

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| Benchmark for 2018-19 set by RI based on membership               | \$215,500.00 (up approximately<br>\$3,000 from last year) |
| District Annual Fund Goal calculated by goals identified by clubs | \$126,974   |
| Total Club donations at present                                   | \$58,298  |

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| 2018-19 | Total clubs with goals submitted: 31/68 (33.82%)            |
| 2018-19 | Total clubs with contributions to this date: 43/68 (45.59%) |

A major goal of this chair, in addition to having goals entered for each club, is to have every club donate something (even the minimum of \$25) to the Rotary Foundation’s Annual Fund. A secondary goal is to increase the number of clubs designated as “Every Rotarian Every Year” which requires that each member of the club donate \$100 to the Annual Fund.

If any club wishes to have a speaker on the Annual Fund or Polio Plus, a visit can be arranged.

## **End Polio Now – Chair – Pat Castiglia; Vice Chair – Sandi Chard**

Rotary District 7090  
End Polio Now Committee Report  
December 8, 2018

We are very close to eliminating Polio worldwide but still not quite there yet. Our District has been very generous in past years and we hope for the same response this year. The Foundation Committee approved a donation of \$25,000US to the End Polio Now Campaign from our District Designated Funds (DDF). That contribution was made in time to participate in the Miles to End Polio campaign. Sometimes when we near the finish line in a race, we become tired and some participants fall back. We hope that does not happen this year.

The current number of cases of Wild Polio Virus is 27 as of 11/30/18. There have been 19 cases in Afghanistan and 8 in Pakistan. The total number of cases last year was 22.

Unfortunately we have the same problem with goals not being submitted as we have had with the Annual Fund. At present, 30/68 clubs have submitted goals. The same rationale applies, i.e. the need by RI to identify the expected income for the effort to eradicate polio from the world.

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| The DDF Goal is                   | \$23,134  |
| District Goal as entered by clubs | \$41,629  |
| District Giving to date           | \$52,625 (includes District Contribution of \$25,000) |

All Rotary clubs are asked to voluntarily donate to this humanitarian effort. Many clubs in our area have held functions to benefit the eradication of polio. Many clubs do not even make a small donation to the End Polio Now effort. If polio is not eradicated, within 10 years, as many as 200,000 children could be paralyzed by it each year. Today, over 95% of the world's children live in polio-free countries. The cost to fully protect a child against polio is an average of US\$3.00. Children must receive multiple doses of polio vaccine to be fully protected. At present 90% of the world's population lives in the 145 countries and territories certified as polio-free. It should be emphasized that as long as low-level undetected transmission exists, the risk to children persists. A country must be declared polio free for a period of three years to be certified as polio free. Wild Virus Polio must be eliminated completely.

My major goal for this year is to have more clubs donate to the End Polio Now effort than last year. Of course the ultimate goal is to have no new cases of Wild Polio Virus reported anywhere in the world.

## **District Grants – Chair – Paul Saskowski**

Rotary District 7090  
District Grants Committee Report  
December 8, 2018

Our District Grant seminar was held Saturday November 10, 2018 in conjunction with our Foundation Celebration event. We would like to thank everyone that helped make the event a success. A total of 108 attended representing 42 clubs. Of the 42 clubs 38 had at least two attend and therefore those 38 have completed the first stage in qualifying for District and Global Grants for the 2019-2020 Rotary Year. The next step for those 38 clubs is to sign the MOU's and Addendum and have them submitted by December 31, 2018.

In October we were notified that we will be able to access \$27,448 of DDF and apply those funds to the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Rotary years - \$13,724 each year. These funds have been applied to our draft District Grant Spending Plan.

The Draft District Spending Plan for 2019-2020 is total is \$92,102 allocated as follows:

Club Matching Grants – \$63,000  
District Scholarship - \$5,000  
District VTT - \$10,000  
District Grant Management Seminar - \$6,000  
Administration - \$1,500  
Contingency - \$6,602

## **Paul Harris Society – Chair – Jim Morabito**

Rotary District 7090  
Paul Harris Society Council Report  
December 8, 2018

Year to date - 3 new PHS members inducted.  
Many expressed interest after the Foundation Celebration Lunch

Jim Morabito

## **Endowment “Permanent” Fund – Chair – A.J. Block**

No Report

## **Global Grants – Chair –PDG Karen L. Oakes**

Rotary District 7090  
Global Grants Council Report  
December 8, 2018

### **Global Grants – Chair PDG Karen L. Oakes**

#### **Primary Goal:**

Facilitate global grant approvals to maintain our clubs history of approved grant approvals.

**Action:** serve as key resource for global grant questions and concerns.

#### **Current status:**

##### **Approved Global Grants:**

19 global grants in various stages of completion with ongoing reporting tracked for timely submissions.  
All current at this time.

##### **Submitted Global Grants:**

None at this time.

##### **Draft Global Grants:**

4 grant applications in various stages of development with dialogue/discussions ongoing with the primary contacts as these grants requires DDF monies, thus necessitating our District authorization.

##### **Closed Global Grants:**

19 grant applications have been closed with final reporting accepted in good order since July 1, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

*Karen L. Oakes*

Karen L. Oakes

## **Scholarship – Chair – Stephen Keefe**

Rotary District 7090  
Scholarship Committee Council Report  
December 8, 2018

My main goal for our committee is to publicize our scholarship and get applications in hand. Then we will move into the screening process and then selection. Applications are due December 31, 2018

Our District has chosen to allocate **\$3,000** for one scholarship available to offer to students currently enrolled in their first year of post-secondary study. There is no restriction as to where there school is. This new grant structure gives Rotarians greater flexibility in sponsoring the next generation of leaders.

The club remains the point of contact for the applicants and must approve the scholar and submit the application to the District with its endorsement.

A club can have as many applicants as they can find (as long as they are not a lineal relative of a Rotarian).

Prospective applicants, download the application from this page. To submit, contact your local area Rotary club.

Clubs, contact Stephen Keefe, Rotary District 7090 Scholarships Chair, if you have additional questions.

- See more at: <http://www.rotary7090.org/sitepage/scholars-programs-1>

With respect to Peace Scholarships/Fellowships my intention is to continue to promote the program with our District.

No Report – but in June 6 Peace Fellow applications were received, interviews conducted and recommendations forwarded to The Rotary Foundation. # of the six were selected to receive the Peace Fellowship. 2 have entered the diploma program and 1 has been selected for the masters program.

### **Vocational Training Team – Chair – Dan Smith**

## **Vocational Training Team - VTT**

Rotary Districts 7090 and 4480 are offering men and women in the Medical Industry a new Vocational Training Team experience to Sao Paulo, Brazil about May 7 to 28th, 2019.

This Vocational Training Team (VTT) will offer participants the opportunity to experience the expertise of the Brazilian world renowned medical facilities and personnel in the Cancer, Ophthalmology and/or Heart and Coronary Procedures areas. The goal is to share best practices, Research, help others and improve quality of life. The VTT Team Leader, a Rotarian, and the three VTT Team Members, either Rotarians or non-Rotarians, who are qualified medical industry personnel, can apply online. There are no age limitations. Applications for Team Leader (by Dec 14<sup>th</sup>) and Team Member (by Dec 31<sup>st</sup>) can be found on the District website at [www.rotary7090.org/sitepage/vocational-training-teams](http://www.rotary7090.org/sitepage/vocational-training-teams).

The cost of the VTT is covered by a District Grant and the hosting Rotary District. This includes all air and local transportation, accommodation and meals. If chosen, the only personal expenses are for passports, visas (if required), inoculations, gifts for host families and spending money for personal items.

Interviews will be conducted by the VTT Committee in early January 2019.

**Daniel F Smith**

**District 7090 VTT Chair**

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**Stewardship – Chair – Wally Ochterski**

No Report

### **Year to Date Summary**

Our committee is working hard and are available for presentations to all clubs. We have visited a number of clubs during Foundation month (November) but would like to encourage clubs to use us as resources.

Our committee members include –

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Endowment/Permanent Fund Chair – A.J. Block – [ajblock1@gmail.com](mailto:ajblock1@gmail.com)

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District and Peace Scholarships Chair – Stephen Keefe – [stephenkeefe@netscape.net](mailto:stephenkeefe@netscape.net)

District Grants Chair – Paul Saskowski – [pdsas@rochester.rr.com](mailto:pdsas@rochester.rr.com)

Stewardship Chair – Wally Ochterski – [WallaceO1@aol.com](mailto:WallaceO1@aol.com) (we are looking for a replacement for Wally as his term end June 30, 2019)

District Vocational Training Team Chair – Dan Smith – [dsmith4416@gmail.com](mailto:dsmith4416@gmail.com)

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Where you see vacant positions, any assistance or leads with respect to individuals that may be interested, please feel free to forward them to me.

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## **Youth Services Report for District Council - 8 December 2018.**

### **General**

As you can see from the report below, things continue to roll on. This time of year tends to be a little less busy for some programs (Slapshot, RYLA). The survey results report will be ready for our meeting December 8<sup>th</sup>, unfortunately, I did not have the time to pull that together in time for this report. Apologies!

### **Youth Services Marketing Automation**

Darren met (online) with reps from the different youth programs for him to brief them what is needed. He'll be focusing on the first email in the new year and additional emails after that to not overload the teams. It'll be collecting copy for the first touch email and contact lists of all participants from past years. It'll also be a discussion on what they want and need for communications and settle on points of contacts for me moving forward.

### **Long Term Youth Exchange**

Jill Norton, District 7090 Chairperson:

Update on Goals for 2018:

1. Fully implement the YEAH system

1.(1) Establish and appoint position for YEAH Program Manager, John Heise (Completed)

1.(2) Meet with Kathy to review automated program letters and instructions for implementation (Completed)

1.(3) Roll out program information to YEOs in Oct.

We began this process at the day of assistance on Oct 21st

1.(4) Begin inputting information from clubs into the system Oct-Dec. We began this process at the day of assistance on Oct 21st and will continue to do this throughout the year until everything is entered and processes are in place for its ongoing implementation.

2. Institute YE club training for new and old YEOs and Counselors

2.(1) Refresher training requirements via GoTo Meeting. A refresher training was given Oct 21st and another will be given in Dec.

2.(2) Begin using the NAYEN youth protection training for officers in Dec. Once the vice chairs are in the system fully we will send out the notices

2.(3) Working on a YEO handbook (Nov.) and training materials. Teresa Schooning has taken on this task and it is ongoing

2.(4) Include forms/information on the website for officers. Realistically not happening this year. But laying the ground work for updating the website.

3. Increase program involvement

3.(1) Target clubs who have shown interest or who should be involved. We have some clubs who have asked for information about the program and hope to get them to join in.

3.(2) Start to organize the Rotex students more formally. Work on this began Oct 21st and will continue with Liz O'Connel taking the lead

3.(3) Work on marketing material and website info. Jordana Armstrong is helping develop a marketing plan and Justin Yarbrough is helping with the website

Immediate Needs:

- Youth Protection Officer for all youth services programs (Still looking)
- Third Party volunteer for reviewing and approving background clearance for volunteers (Still looking)
- Advice on how to handle Canadian volunteer information in the YEAH system (Joanna has put me in touch with some folks who offered some guidance and we are beginning to formulate how we can have them fully in the system.)

#### Outbound & Inbounds 2018-19

We have sent home 2 students. One for homesickness and the other for damaging his relationship with his club and host family. One of our outbounds has returned from Germany and I have conducted an exit interview with him. We have had some new clubs express interest, Kenmore and Lancaster, and some bow out, Welland. We are looking at program exchanges with New Zealand and South Korea and perhaps a new district in Paraguay as we have had issues with visas this year.

#### **Short Term Youth Exchange (STEP)**

#### **Report on Short Term Exchange (STEP) for 2018 - Prepared by Bob Stevenson**

The STEP exchange is a family to family exchange for high school age students. A participating student lives in one country for about 3-4 weeks with a family which has a young person of about the same age and interests. He/she lives with a student partner and does things her/his partner and host family does. The family might take various trips in their vicinity of the country or just stay close to home for part of the visit. At the end of that period of time the two exchange partners would travel to the country and home of the other partner for 3-4 weeks. The other exchange partner and family would experience family life and travel to various places of interest. The whole exchange would be about 6-8 weeks. It takes place during July and August. Whoever hosts first is determined by the participants and their families. This is not a school based exchange.

The STEP exchange for District 7090 was very successful in 2018:

1. There were 11 students who participated in 2018, 2 boys and 9 girls. Most of the participants came from the Canadian side of the District.
2. Two new coordinators came on board this year to work with Bob Stevenson: Janet Walker and Connie Forsyth. The responsibility looking after our students was divided as equally as possible amongst the three of us.
3. We are presently exchanging with a number of countries: Italy, Spain, Austria, Hungary, Germany, Czech Republic, Belgium, the Netherlands and Denmark. The latter three countries were new exchange partners in 2018. I feel confident that they will be happy to continue as partners with us in the future.
4. In 2018, we did not exchange with Finland, a former partner. Finland always sent their students here first, and sent them during the last 10 days of June, when our students were preparing for and writing their final exams. This is too difficult for our students, in District 7090, to manage.

5. Just like the long term exchange students, the STEP students are interviewed by their sponsoring Clubs and at the District Interviews in January. They also have their Orientation on the same day as the long term students in March.
6. However, unlike the long term students, they are assigned to their partners and families early. It is very important that the two exchange partners and families get to know each other as well as they can, through e-mail, skype, etc. If they are assigned earlier, communication can begin sooner. The exchange is short and families should be “acquainted” from the very beginning of the exchange.
7. We had two new events for the STEP students and families this year. The first was a “get acquainted” day, when students and families spent a whole day together, getting further orientation, playing games together, having lunch. Also, each student prepared a very short presentation about their host countries. In September, there was a “debriefing” event for students and parents to share experiences during the exchange

Much thanks to Aad Vermeyden for the direction, advice and assistance he provided to make this programme so successful. His wisdom and assistance is invaluable.

## **RYLA**

Darren Luong reports:

We're meeting in January to plan for June and reviewing the evaluations from the students to address areas of improvement and make changes if necessary. It was a pretty stressful and bad year in 2018 with Jen suddenly not available so the T-Shirts issue occurred and I don't want to happen again. Doug is moving to Buffalo so I'm coordinating efforts to move our RYLA boxes out of his house before it's sold. Programming and program assignments will be discussed at the meeting to make sure everyone knows what their responsibilities are since it was kind of nebulous in the past.

## **SLAPSHOT**

Rob Nagy reports:

I wanted to send you my Slapshot report for November 2018. Here's what we have:

- 2019 Slapshot date is set for May 2-5 2019 @ Canterbury Hills in Ancaster ON

-We want to update the district website ASAP to reflect this date but the RYLA date has not been set yet. I've given Darren Luong a two week window to narrow down a date so we can update the site for people to reference. If his RYLA committee hasn't set a date by that time-frame, we will update the 7090 site accordingly. People are already asking about SS so it's crucial that we update ASAP.

- Committee Chairs of Rotex, Ryla + Slapshot met last night alongside some other crucial members of the committees to discuss a new marketing automation system. With this system we will create a 2019 approach to our procedures that allows us to market to alumni program members and potential new members of the programs. Our goal is to market youth services better so that we can have more people involved at a higher

level. This system will allow us to take Rotary Youth Services to the next level; it will no longer be a silo approach but a more comprehensive marketing effort.

- I am organizing a SS/Ryla committee meeting for early January to discuss the upcoming program etc.

- Rita-Marie (my registrar) and I will be meeting in the next two weeks to discuss the future program of SS and how we can make registration more efficient and effective. We will also be meeting to create new policies and procedures for the SS program. Currently there are NO SS policies and procedures to represent our program or who is involved at a leadership level. This program has run for 12 years without this and its time to create it so we can sustain the program for the years to come.

- I have realized that the prior Chair and Registrar have run this program by the "seat of their pants" and to move forward we need policies and procedures. We will work on setting these up for the future of SS.

- I met with Jennifer Middleton yesterday and she has decided to take a year off from being apart of the program. Jennifer has been instrumental in the effectiveness of SS and will be missed. I'm sure she will be back next year but this year it will be hard to cope without her. We will be fine, but, it will rely on certain individuals stepping up to fill her void.

- I have a new SS Chair in mind to take over in 2021 and will be approaching her shortly.

This is the conclusion of my report at this time. Key items to note are that I took over this program with no policies and procedures in place. The program has been running for the last 11 years without any real organization in place and its my goal to setup the program for success for the years to come by creating an actual foundation that hasn't existed in the past. We will create plans to ensure that the SS program continues when the key members who started it are gone - The key players represent: Jen Middleton, Matt Pomeroy, Darren Luong, Fred Farnham - When they're gone the program could fail and it's my goal to ensure this does not happen. For the future of this program its essential we create these systems now. The program has run for the last 11 years because these individuals have just done the work repeatedly and without question... they've just done the work... this is scary a bit because when they leave we need to be in a position where we can run it without them - right now we aren't but it's my goal that in two years we can ... with new leadership and new ideas at the forefront. We'll see where that goes this year.

## **INTERACT**

For the US side, John Heise reports:

Really nothing new to report. Still at 13 clubs. I will work over the Christmas break to set up a January date for Zoom meeting.

For the Canadian side, no report from Rick Sterne

## **EARLYACT**

Dick Earne reports:

My responsibilities as Pres this year have taken a lot of time

I will be back on Earlyact in two weeks when I get back from San Diego

Will check in with Lockport and Amherst they should be getting close to chartering

GI still has 2 Earlyact and 2 Interact clubs

I will do the survey as soon as I get Sherry MILLER'S contact info

## **ROTARACT**

Larry Coon reports:

Rotaract was represented at District Conference in record numbers. Exact count is unknown but three Shining Waters Districts contributed attendees (roughly 80 including some Interactors).

Relationships among those who also attended the Toronto RI Convention in June were rekindled. 80% cost subsidy by the District was a big help in getting the impressive turnout.

First time ever Shark Tank Competition attracted 3 presentations (1 Rotaract and 2 Interact) and yielded awards of \$1500, \$1000 & \$500 from the District leadership panel for completion of service projects.

Former District Rotaract Representative, Matthew Falcone was recognized with a PHF which was presented by RI President, Barry Rassin. Both presented in separate sessions and were well received.

The goal of the Rotaract Zoom meeting on Wed Nov 28, 2018 was to further promote collaboration and a cohesive Rotaract community in our District. Very small turnout but those on the call were happy to reconnect. Next steps were planned to increase Rotaract communication. Next Zoom meeting scheduled for Wed Dec 19th at 7 pm. Please help spread the word.

Rotaract members continue to look to Rotarians to invite them to meetings, participate in club events and connect them with young adults who could be potential members.

Rotaract appreciates that RLI leadership offered a subsidized price of \$30 to attend the 12/1 session. Numbers of attendees may be limited due to very close proximity of this semester's final exams. Participation will be promoted again for the spring session, tentatively scheduled for March 23, 2019.

Thank you for supporting our Rotaractors.

Any questions on the Youth Services Report, email or call me:

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## **District Council 12/8/18 Report of Membership Director**

District Membership update (per RI data):

July 1, 2018 – 2,155

November 29, 2018 – 2,176 (+21)

Our District Membership team consists of the following committees:

- **Recruitment** – Chair, IPDGReg Madison (Brantford Sunrise)
  - **Alumni** – Anne Bermingham (Hamilton AM)
- **Retention** – Chair, PDG Marlee Diehl (Albion)
- **New Member Onboarding** – Chair, Tamara Coleman-Lawrie (Welland)
- **Young Professionals** – Co-chair, Amy Gringhuis (Hamilton Tonic After 5) and Co-chair, Jamie Perry (Buffalo Sunrise)
- **Rotary District Accessibilities Committee** – Chair, Rob Benzel (Lancaster-Depew)
- **Club Extension Committee** – Chair, Margaret Andrewes (Lincoln)
- **Rotary Global Rewards** – Chair, Shefali Clerk (Amherst South)

Since the last District Council meeting, we have recruited Anne Bermingham to serve as Chair of the Alumni Committee, reporting to Recruitment Chair, Reg Madison. Also, our District Accessibilities Committee has been working on a way to make online (Zoom) meetings accessible to those who are deaf or have hearing loss. To date, these efforts have not produced a viable, cost-effective solution. We are still planning to schedule five regional workshops in January and February. This will involve two concurrent workshops in each area: (1) Attracting and Retaining Members and (2) Orientation for New Rotarians. These will be held on weekday evenings. Also, we plan to offer online orientation programs for new Rotarians.

With the help of Melissa Wells (Rotary Club of Welland), Pene Hutton, and Lisa Mueller (Public Image Director), we updated the look and organization of the District website to make it more user-friendly for non-Rotarian visitors as well as club members.

Committee report from the New Member Onboarding Committee follows.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Kevin Crosby, Director of Membership

### **Committee: New Member On-Boarding**

The New Member On-Boarding Committee has 4 members: Tamara Coleman-Lawrie, Marie Bindeman, Bilal Mirza, and District Membership Chair Kevin Crosby. We continue to meet the second Thursday of each month at 12pm via Zoom.

Below is a brief overview of our committee work since our last report as well as our planned work for the remaining 2018/2019 Rotary year.

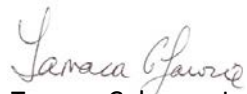
**Update on our work between September 2018 to November 16, 2018:**

- We canvassed feedback during an AG meeting to inquire about Corporate Membership Best Practices. There is limited information and based on feedback only few clubs have had success or are placing efforts in this area. This may be an item for the committee to work on in the future.
- We continue to attempt to recruit for new committee members. We have shared this across the District in the newsletter and in AG meetings. No new committee members have identified their interest to date.
- We are/have developed a customizable orientation manual for clubs to utilize in orienting their members to their Club, the District and the broader world of Rotary. Some adjustments may need to be made, we will be assessing and adjusting where necessary.

**Update on our planned work for remaining 2018/2019 Rotary Year:**

- Make any final adjustments/amendments to the Orientation Manual for Clubs across District 7090 and also look at sharing this document with other Districts
- Continue to promote the use of the Best Practices, Orientation and Information Toolkit across the District
- Host regional in-person orientation sessions across the District (already being planned)
- Host online orientation sessions where necessary and/or other webinars – we are currently looking at re-distributing the recorded webinars and hosting Zoom online discussion forums
- Support the redesign of the District website
- Recruit additional members for the On-Boarding Committee

Respectfully submitted,



Tamara Coleman-Lawrie

Chair, New Member On-Boarding Committee, District 7090

**From:** [Celebrity Entertainment](#)  
**To:** [Pene Hutton](#)  
**Subject:** ADV: Re: ROTARY - REMINDER District Council Rescheduled & Call for Reports  
**Date:** Friday, November 30, 2018 6:38:26 AM

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Good morning, Pene.

The majority of what I have in mind for the district for publicity is in the way of social media and as yet, we still don't have anyone else on the district PI Committee team but me. When we secure other volunteers, please let me know.

In the meantime, here is the district PI Committee report:

The most important for the PI Committee team right now is to find a social media coordinator/director. As you know, I don't do this and the only one that I know and trust to do this for us is a celebrity social media director... not cheap and certainly not a volunteer.

It would be best for us to find someone within the district to agree to take this on. Perhaps this meeting would be a good opportunity to ask for volunteers again.

I'm preparing an email to go out to clubs asking for them to create a video of what works and what doesn't in their club for community outreach and project development. I think it would be best to send it out at the beginning of January, when everyone is still in their \*new year's resolution\* frame of mind.

I don't yet have any response about doing a monthly \*member spotlight\* feature for the district. As a reminder, the monthly \*member spotlight\* would be an article or featured post on the district website and in the district newsletter that would highlight a specific member who is selected by the committee and governor.

And as always, any and all input from the district leadership team would be much appreciated!

Yours in Rotary Service,

**Lisa Mueller**

**Executive Director**

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Youth Leadership + Environmental Stewardship: [GAEAproject.org](http://GAEAproject.org)

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## Assistant Governor Coordinator Report

December 2018

The role is slowly evolving; we are barely into five months of the existence of this role, and it is taking some time to assimilate all that it involves. At the same time, the assistance of many of the Assistant Governors has been of great value to the implementation of the duties and responsibilities associated with the role.

Even though I was away for a month, I have been able to attend two more Area Meetings and look forward to attending more during the next few months. I have been impressed with the organization and enthusiasm of the Assistant Governors and also with the commitment made by presidents and presidents-elect in the areas that I have visited; there are some really great things happening that benefit both the local and world communities as a result of Rotary initiative and involvement. I am impressed with the MUCH improved area of collaboration among clubs within areas ... and involving more than one area. In addition, I am seeing a great deal of involvement with Rotaract Clubs; this is very positive.

I have developed a simple reporting format for the Assistant Governors; seems to be working fine.

Although not a complete list, here are some of the things that are happening which may have applicability in other areas in the district.

In Area 1, the Simcoe Club had its visit with District Governor Melisa via ZOOM, and the club has had a number of fundraisers already this year. The Norfolk Sunrise Club had a wonderful Speakeasy Fundraiser (lots of photos on Facebook), and it is a growing club with lots of positive social media presence and public attention. The "mighty" Delhi Club has inducted 2 new members. The Norfolk Rotaract Club is small, but vibrant ... and growing. A joint area social is planned for mid-January.

Sherry Kerr has just taken on the role of Assistant Governor in Area 2 and is working to bring the Ancaster AM club and the Caledonia Club together with the two Brantford Clubs and the RESI e-club. District Governor Melisa's visits to the area have involved service projects.

The Hamilton-East Wentworth Club (Area 4a) is partnering with the Stoney Creek club for a gala in the spring and has provided more than \$10 000 in bursaries to high school students. The Hamilton Club has substituted a service project for the first meeting each month and is holding its usual holiday party for students at Cathy Weaver School. Stoney Creek has a corporate membership which is working out well and has been involved in a number of local service projects.

Areas 4a and 4b (with a Hamilton focus), worked together on World Polio Day with 100 attendees and all physical clubs represented. A tour of the St. James Armoury will have taken place by the time District Council meets, with the "area" meeting first, followed by about 50 members from 4b for cocktails, appetizers and a tour. Note that the Tonic After Five Club has moved to the Hamilton Yacht Club; it is very active and membership is steady. The Hamilton Mountain Club toured the Bob Kemp Hospice recently. Darren Luong from the SOWNY e-club is very active in young programs. Hamilton AM reports that their Exchange student from Switzerland is settling in very nicely. The Rotaract Club of McMaster University held a very successful speaker series in Toronto for high school students.

I had the opportunity to meet with Area 5 earlier this year; two clubs were at the Area meeting – Lincoln and Grimsby. I did a presentation to the Grimsby Club and there were three potential new members in attendance; they seemed to enjoy themselves. The club is working on its big fundraiser – Fantasy of Trees. The Lincoln Club was pleased that one of its projects has been chosen as one of the Niagara Cluster group projects – a maternal/child project in Guatemala.

Area 6 has developed a really nice Rotary brochure which they have had produced in large quantities to be used at events...very, very nice! All three clubs have increased membership, entered their goals and have viable succession plans in place. New clubs are in the works – an Interact Club at Eden School, Rotaract Club at Brock and a Niagara Rotaract Club; all of this reflect clubs that are strong, moving forward and are blessed with excellent leadership.

Area 7 has been extremely active under the leadership of Tamara Coleman-Lawrie. Fonthill held a successful mayoral candidate meeting. President David Alexander is meeting with all members of his club individually to look at traditions, new ideas and club expectations. The club is also working with other service clubs in the Welland area. Dunnville has changed its schedule to 3 meetings per month; it as been working with other local clubs in the Dunville area. The Rotaract Club is assisting with the Rotary TV Auction.

The Niagara Clubs have just completed their TV Auction – weekend of November 29<sup>th</sup>; this usually generates about \$150 000 for the participating clubs...another collaborative effort for Rotary. Assistant Governor Dave Berry (with others) is working on a Tool Box to assist with the use of Rotary Club Central. The cluster funding model is working well; with an investment of US\$12 000, the project will be able to generate \$78 000!

John Cooper reported that things are going well in Area 9. He has already established Pat Sullivan as his “replacement” in the role of Assistant Governor and Pat has been actively involved in the ZOOM meetings...looks like it will be a smooth transition.

Jim Tyrpak reports that Area 10 is plugging along well with all four clubs recognized by the Foundation for their efforts. At the time of writing, Jim was working on the next meeting of the clubs presidents and presidents-elect.

Area 12 was reported on by Keith Artis. The Akron Club raised \$20 000 in three hours at their Christmas auction. The Clarence club is helping to renovate a kitchen facility to provide breakfasts for local children and is erecting a Veteran’s Memorial. The club is working with the Akron Club on a Trivia Night. Middleport has an outbound student for Youth Exchange and may work with Lockport on the exchange program. The area is looking at a food packaging event for the clubs in the area and will try and coordinate with the District Governor on a date in January – a very significant community project which may have applicability in other areas.

Area 14 is doing well with all clubs having established presidents and presidents-elect for 2019-2020, although some may be “repeating” the role they played in years past. All clubs are active in fundraising a community service. Medina has good news in that it has reached a membership level not seen in a number of years. Batavia has chartered an Interact Club and the area is looking at the prospects of an area-based Rotaract Club.

Area 16 has the two Rotary Clubs plus a Rotaract club (SUNY-Fredonia) and the local high school Interact Club. The Youth Exchange Student (Dunkirk-Fredonia) is doing well; the club is developing a strategic plan and starting a member engagement survey.

## **Minutes of the International Service Committee (ISC) 7090 Monday November 19, 2018**

In attendance: David Berry (Niagara Falls, Sunrise), Tom McLeod (Dundas Valley Sunrise), Shefali Clerk, (Amherst South), Lezlie Murch (St. Catharines), John Teibert (St. Catharines South), Ray Chaya (Batavia), Paul Saskowski (Batavia), Linda Milke (Brantford), David Alexander (Welland), Joana Fejzaj (Hamilton), Leo Johnson (Hamilton), PDG Karen Oakes (Delhi), DGE Bob Artis (Clarence), Jim Dawson (Norfolk Sunrise), PDG Jack Amico (West Seneca), Cathy Henry (St. Catharines South), Barbara Ochterski (Buffalo Sunrise), Art Samson (Dundas Valley Sunrise), Greg Fedoryn (NOTL), Martin Quick (NOTL), Bill Charnetski (NOTL), Nancy Tkachuk (Niagara Falls Sunrise), Douglas Johnson (Welland), DGNE Frank Adamson (Fonthill), Najeeb Syed (St. Catharine's South), PDG Art Wing (St. Catharines).

Guest: Mark John Stewart (Hamilton, non-Rotarian), Ryan Huckla (Rotaract of NCCC).

Chair Cathy Henry opened the meeting at 5:40 with a warm welcome and introductions of members and guests. She then thanked Pene Hutton for her work on the ISC catalogue for the district website and Barbara Ochterski and commented on the successful District Conference 2018. Cathy reiterated her interest in visiting clubs in the District to explain the International Service Committee.

Minutes: A motion was made by PDG Jack Amico and seconded by PDG Karen Oakes to accept the Minutes of the September 12 meeting. Carried unanimously.

### **Old Business/Updates:**

Jim Dawson (Norfolk Sunrise RC) gave a summary of the Global Grant activity from his club which included renovating a school for 1500 girls in Jalandar, India and a three year project to end avoidable blindness in Udhampur, India. A third project regards five Vision Centres (eye glasses and testing) in Kampur, India. The club is looking at the potential for a mobile Vision Centre in Nepal.

### **New Business:**

El Carrizal Water Drilling Project: Martin Quick (NOTL RC) gave a comprehensive explanation via Powerpoint of an anticipated project for Water Wells in Guatemala. The RC will be working with [www.wellofhope.com](http://www.wellofhope.com), a group which has done considerable work in the area. Martin answered several questions regarding the project and noted that due to recent changes no money is available from the Canadian Government at this time as they are not funding water and sanitation projects. (A Project Powerpoint was provided with the meeting Agenda).

**A motion was made that ISC recommend to the District Council that the Rotary Club of Niagara on the Lake's efforts to raise money for the El Carrizal Greenfields Water project in the Jalapa area of Guatemala be approved for club-to-club solicitation. Motion was made by Douglas Johnson and seconded by Karen Oakes. Passed unanimously.**

Rio Bocay Water, Northern Nicaragua water/sanitation, education Paul Saskowski (Batavia RC) presented a project idea in cooperation with the Rotary club of Grenada in Rio Bokay, Nicaragua. The area is accessible only by riverboat and has a multitude of need. This project is the first international project for their club and is in celebration of the club's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Paul is interested, at this point, in getting advice on the best

direction to proceed for a successful project. PDG Karen recommended that the Community Needs Assessment is the first step. She stressed that any education piece has to have a significant training component. It is also essential to have evidence that the community can sustain the project whatever direction it takes. He also needs to have assurance that the Grenada RC is qualified for both this year and next year.

Chair Cathy invited Paul to bring more information to the next meeting and he agreed to do so.

Wellspring Foundation for Education (working in Rwanda, Africa) Linda Milke (Brantford) will present her project ideas at an upcoming meeting.

Liberian Learning Center, Paynesville, Liberia - Leo Johnson & Mark Stewart. Joana Fejzaj (Hamilton) Leo led the presentation with the facts of a 23 year war in Liberia, corruption (ex. "ghost teachers" – those paid but not working) as the impetus for a landmark project for Liberia – the first public library, event facility, co-working spaces etc. It is the beginning of a three phase project which will eventually cost \$500,000. Leo explained the project with a comprehensive Powerpoint presentation. (The Project Powerpoint was provided with the meeting Agenda) The Hamilton RC will be working with the Monrovia RC. Land for this project has been donated with a lease to ensure that the land will be used solely for the purpose intended. After some discussion a motion was made.

**A motion was made that ISC recommend to the District Council that the Rotary Club of Hamilton's efforts to raise money for new community Learning Center in Paynesville, Liberia, be approved for club-to-club solicitation. Motion was made by Lezlie Murch and seconded by Karen Oakes. Passed unanimously.**

Mumbai Divas – PDG Karen cautioned that while this may be a nice project it has been District 7090 practice to connect with projects where a Rotarian from one of the clubs in our district personally knows Rotarians in the project host club.

Papa Francisco Village, Sonora Mexico – Shefali Clerk, Ana Fernandez (Amherst South)

Ana Fernandez showed a short video describing a project for which Amherst South would like to apply for a Global Grant in cooperation with the Sonoroa Mexico RC. The Rotary focus would be Basic Education and Literacy but concern was voiced that there was no training component mentioned. The suggestion by PDG Karen was that Ana go back to her Mother's Rotary Club in Sonora and bring more information back to this committee so that we can be of useful assistance. Karen will arrange a ZOOM meeting with Shefali and Ana soon to help them to be able to clarify this project.

Other announcements:

Grant Update– PDG Karen Oakes (Delhi)

### **Government of Canada – Global Grants Program**

Government of Canada support @ \$1.2 Million annually as part of a 5 year commitment as outlined on the TRF Canada website. Program provides 1:1 match for Canadian Club contributions and District Designated Funds. All applications need to complete the Pre-Qualification application form with special note of the development

objectives: Gender Equity, Environmental Sustainability and Good Governance, all of which every project under this program must address.

There were 27 grants approved in the Rotary year 2017-2018 in the amount of \$870,000, with a total project amount of \$3,106,951. This was a significant increase from last year where there were 19 grants in the amount of \$624,000 with a project total of \$1,963,000.

#### **Current District 7090 DDF availability**

Current position after adjustments, as committed support and cancellations/replacements/amendments and so on, forecast as sufficient to support 10 global grants subject to \$10,000 match per project.

GG information from RIPE Mark Maloney – DGE Bob Artis (Clarence)

GE Bob explained the email. However, at this time there are no District 7090 projects that are appropriate for this request.

Peanut Butter Project: Najeeb Syed (St. Catharine's South)

Najeeb announced that a new phase of this very successful project has begun. Using chickpeas rather than peanut butter, medical professionals will begin to distribute nutritional food supplements to Pakistani children suffering from moderate acute malnutrition.

David Alexander (Welland) inquired about the possibility of doing a project for indigenous people at the District level. NOTL RC is interested in pursuing this idea too. Dave will provide ISC with a narrative of this idea.

**STILL TO COME!**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Upcoming meetings: **1-9-2019 (ZOOM meeting)** \* Information will be forthcoming in an email on how to attend this meeting.

**4-3-2019**

**6-12-2019**

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Ochterski, ISC Secretary