



## MINUTES OF DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING Saturday, November 17, 2007

**Chair:** Bob Leek, District Governor 2007-08

**Welcome:** DG Bob called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. District Governor Nominee Pravin Suchak brought an African influenced invocation (a “roongoo” meaning to keep order) Attendees introduced themselves around the room with special recognition for the visiting incoming presidents.

**Secretary's Report:** Pene Hutton (see attached report)

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2007, WAS MADE BY PDG BOB BRUCE, SECONDED KAREN OAKES. MOTION CARRIED

**Treasurer's Report:** Marlene McGraw (see attached report)

Marlene noted she had prepared a new presentation of the budget and distributed. Also noted was new interest bearing accounts.

**District Governor's Report:** Bob Leek (see attached report)

Governor Bob announced that RI would accept the District Assembly as our District Conference along with certain adjustments to make it comply with RI requirements. He also noted that the 2010 Rotary International Convention was announced to be in Montreal.

Other announcements included the regretful acceptance of the resignation of three members of the Public Relations Committee, Director Paul McAfee, Communication Chair Roman Groch and Webmaster Jim Mendola. Paul McAfee although resigning as Director would continue to carry forward the billboard campaign if RI approves the grant request for same.

**District Governor Elect's Report:** Governor Bob for Ralph Montesanto (see attached report)

Governor Bob announced the upcoming trainings:

|                   |                  |   |
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| PETS I            | February 9, 2008 | Niagara Falls Conference Center   |
| District Assembly | May 3, 2008      | University of Buffalo (Noted - this could change based on the RI requirements in order for the Assembly to qualify as Conference.). |

**District Conference Promotion:** Michael Howes, Co-chair

Power Point presentation regarding the District Conference named “On the Waterfront, a clear commitment” scheduled for October 17-19, 2008 in Hamilton

Ontario. The theme is as per the conference name “clean water” and will represent the conferences for both Bob Leek (07-08) and Ralph Montesanto (08-09).

**District Governor Nominee's Report:** Pravin Suchak (see attached report)

DGN Pravin noted particularly his attendance at Rotary Day at the United Nations in NYC – see attached report, and announced that it has been scheduled for November 8, 2008.

**Director's Reports:**

Rotary Foundation: PDG Bob Bruce, Director (see attached report)

GSE – Bob announced that the GSE Team leader has been selected – Bob Morrow of Rotary Club of Dundas Valley Sunrise Club will be the leader for the exchange with Bulgaria in May 2008 and Jacquie Herman-Wing of Rotary Club of St. Catharines Sunrise would be the alternate. Bob also announced that Keith Lindberg, GSE Team leader 2007 to Africa of Rotary Club of Niagara Falls is available as a speaker to clubs in the District.

The Rotary Foundation – Bob also noted that the Trustees of TRF have announced its future vision plan. In crafting the vision, the Trustees used a simple 5 Way Test of:

- Is it simple?
- Is it cost effective?
- Does it require Rotarian involvement?
- Does it have sustainable outcomes?
- Is it consistent with TRF's mission?

Please refer to the attached report for the details in the types of grants etc. available.

Director Bob also noted the success of The Foundation Dinner and the many District awards that were given for service to TRF. Special recognition was given to Karen Oakes who received the prestigious Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service award from Rotary International.

Youth Services: Kevin Crouse, Director (see attached report)

Interact – Larry Coons introduced Dr. Meshack Asiaho and his spouse, Hellen, of Kenya who addressed the Council about the Crossroads Springs Institute in Kenya. Dr. Asiaho is the Founder and Chairman of the Board. His wife likewise is a Director of the program and very involved in the operations of the organization. The Crossroads Springs Institute is an orphanage and school that the Interact Club of Kenmore has taken on as a special project.

Training: Wally Ochterski, PDG, Director

Director Wally announced that two special trainings are being investigated for incoming presidents based on feedback. One would be on presentation skills and the other on consensus building. Also, a show of hands was taken as to which of the incoming presidents would be interested in transportation to PETS 2 by bus as was done in 2007.

Youth Services (continued):

RYLA – Director Kevin introduced Jennifer Middleton, RYLarian graduate of RYLA program a couple of years ago. Jen presented her trip to Mozambique where she and others distributed boxer shorts and nightgowns to a hospital among other things. \$8,000 has been raised and put toward building a children's center for AIDS orphans and they are looking to raise an additional \$8,000 to finish building the center.

SLAPSHOT – Director Kevin distributed informational packets to AGs for distribution to clubs for the upcoming program scheduled for April 25 – 27 at Canterbury Hills in Ancaster. Deadline for application is March 25<sup>th</sup> but only the first 100 applications will be accepted.

EARLYACT – Committee Chair Chris Lowes presented this elementary school age program which is closely linked to the ideals of Rotary and which instills community service seed planting at an early age EarlyAct..Interact..Rotaract..Rotary. As with the other school programs, it requires a Rotary club to sponsor it. The core value of EarlyAct is three prong....School, Community and International and requires that the club does 3 projects a year – 1 for each of these prongs. The committee goal is to start 11 District clubs this year. Many are already initiated.

Public Relations: Paul McAfee, Director (see attached report)

Membership: Andy Skrypniak, Director (see attached report)

### **Governor's Committees Reports:**

Friendship Exchange: Nan Bruce, Chair announced the upcoming exchanges to Australia and New Zealand. Note – details are on the District website.

Visioning: Co-chairs Dick Earne, PDG and Nan Bruce described their team's goal is to help a club plan its futures. There is both a Canadian team and a US team to assist clubs. (see attached report).

Mentoring Program: Chair Karen Oakes issued an invitation to the visiting incoming presidents and a reminder to AGs of availability of confidential Mentors to help clubs with challenges.

Family of Rotary: Mary Hirsch-Schena, Chair (see attached report)

Nominating: DG Bob in Chair Charlotte Herlong's absence issued a call for nominations for District Governor for 2010-2011 with a deadline of January 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **New Business:**

None. Art Wing, PDG and PE Trainer reminded the incoming presidents to return their name badges.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 p.m. by acclaim.

Respectfully submitted,



Penelope Hutton  
District Executive Secretary

Reports Attached:

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

District Governor's Report

District Governor Elect's Report

District Governor Nominee's Report

Committee Reports:

Rotary Foundation

Youth Services

Public Relations

Membership

Visioning

Family of Rotary



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

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

### District Governor/District Council:

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

### District Governor-elect and Nominee Support

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

### District Committee Support:

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

### Miscellaneous:

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

### Publishing:

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

### Attendance:

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

# Rotary International District 7090

## Balance Sheet

As of October 31, 2007

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

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Profit & Loss Budget Performance  
October 2007

| Ordinary Income/Expense           | Jul - Oct 07 | YTD Budget | \$ Over Budget | Annual Budget |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Income                            |              |            |                |               |
| 4000 • Club assessment            |              |            |                |               |
| 4010 • General assessment         | 103,394.78   | 108,765.00 | (5,370.22)     | 108,765.00    |
| 4030 • Insurance Assessment       | 0.00         | 0.00       | 0.00           | 0.00          |
| Total 4000 • Club assessment      | 103,394.78   | 108,765.00 | (5,370.22)     | 108,765.00    |
| 4200 • District Conference        | 0.00         | 0.00       | 0.00           | 0.00          |
| 4300 • District Governor RI reimb | 10,706.00    | 11,025.00  | (319.00)       | 15,750.00     |
| 4400 • AG reimbursement           | 0.00         |            |                | 1,750.00      |
| 5000 • Earned revenues            |              |            |                |               |
| 5010 • Foundation dinner          | 0.00         |            |                | 5,000.00      |
| 5020 • Youth Exchange             |              |            |                |               |
| 5022 • Temagami Rev               | 0.00         |            |                | 23,000.00     |
| 5023 • Blazers/Cards/Name Badges  | 0.00         | 500.00     | (500.00)       | 2,000.00      |
| 5025 • Orientation/Fellowship     | 4,350.00     | 0.00       | 4,350.00       | 0.00          |
| Total 5020 • Youth Exchange       | 4,350.00     | 500.00     | 3,850.00       | 25,000.00     |
| 5030 • RYLA                       | 0.00         |            |                | 19,250.00     |
| 5035 • Slapshot                   | 0.00         |            |                | 11,250.00     |
| 5040 • PETS                       | 0.00         |            |                | 27,000.00     |
| 5050 • COTS                       | 0.00         |            |                | 5,200.00      |
| Total 5000 • Earned revenues      | 4,350.00     | 500.00     | 3,850.00       | 92,700.00     |
| 5060 • District Simplified Grants |              |            |                |               |
| 5200 • Interest income            | 0.00         | 0.00       | 0.00           | 24,750.00     |
| 5400 • Other income               | 383.67       | 920.00     | (536.33)       | 3,250.00      |
| 5401 • Other income               | 100.00       | 0.00       | 100.00         | 0.00          |
| Total 5400 • Other income         | 100.00       | 0.00       | 100.00         | 0.00          |
| Total Income                      | 118,934.45   | 121,210.00 | (2,275.55)     | 246,965.00    |

**Rotary International District 7090**  
**Profit & Loss Budget Performance**  
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|  | <b>Jul - Oct 07</b> | <b>YTD Budget</b> | <b>\$ Over Budget</b> | <b>Annual Budget</b> |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Expense</b>                         |                     |                   |                       |                      |
| 5405 · Exchange Gain/Loss              | (14.78)             | 0.00              | (14.78)               | 0.00                 |
| 6000 · Administration                  |                     |                   |                       |                      |
| 6010 · District Governor               | 3,359.74            | 3,400.00          | (40.26)               | 10,200.00            |
| 6020 · Assistant Governors             | 0.00                | 500.00            | (500.00)              | 1,750.00             |
| 6030 · District council                | 242.25              | 450.00            | (207.75)              | 1,800.00             |
| 6040 · District directory              | 2,848.30            | 2,000.00          | 848.30                | 4,500.00             |
| 6060 · District website                | 0.00                |                   |                       | 3,000.00             |
| 6070 · District newsletter             | 2,577.13            | 2,340.00          | 237.13                | 7,100.00             |
| 6080 · District office                 |                     |                   |                       |                      |
| 6081 · Office Support                  | 4,000.00            | 4,000.00          | 0.00                  | 12,000.00            |
| 6082 · Phone Charges                   | 140.53              | 40.00             | 100.53                | 120.00               |
| 6083 · Postage                         | 150.88              | 100.00            | 50.88                 | 300.00               |
| 6084 · Office Supplies                 | 65.37               | 80.00             | (14.63)               | 220.00               |
| 6085 · Bank Charges                    | 149.04              | 120.00            | 29.04                 | 360.00               |
| Total 6080 · District office           | 4,505.82            | 4,340.00          | 165.82                | 13,000.00            |
| Total 6000 · Administration            | 13,533.24           | 13,030.00         | 503.24                | 41,350.00            |
| <b>7000 · Directors and Committees</b> |                     |                   |                       |                      |
| 7010 · Group study exchange            | 0.00                |                   |                       | 4,500.00             |
| 7015 · District Simplified Grants      | 0.00                | 0.00              | 0.00                  | 24,950.00            |
| 7020 · Interact, Rotaract              | 0.00                |                   |                       | 1,000.00             |
| 7030 · Long-range planning             | 0.00                |                   |                       | 500.00               |
| 7040 · Membership                      | 796.05              | 500.00            | 296.05                | 1,000.00             |
| 7050 · Rotary foundation               | 262.46              | 250.00            | 12.46                 | 1,000.00             |
| 7060 · Rotary Scholars                 | 0.00                |                   |                       | 650.00               |
| 7070 · Vocational service              | 0.00                |                   |                       | 250.00               |
| 7080 · World community service         | 191.52              | 250.00            | (58.48)               | 1,100.00             |
| 7090 · Youth exchange                  |                     |                   |                       |                      |
| 7092 · Temagami                        | 0.00                |                   |                       | 25,000.00            |
| 7093 · Blazers/Cards/Name Badges       | 444.39              | 625.00            | (180.61)              | 2,500.00             |
| 7095 · Orientation/Fellowship          | 3,088.99            | 875.00            | 2,213.99              | 3,500.00             |
| 7096 · Other YE expenses               | 193.31              | 0.00              | 193.31                | 0.00                 |
| Total 7090 · Youth exchange            | 3,726.69            | 1,500.00          | 2,226.69              | 31,000.00            |



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|                                       | Jul - Oct 07 | YTD Budget | \$ Over Budget | Annual Budget |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| 7100 - RYLA                           | 647.45       | 765.00     | (117.55)       | 20,765.00     |
| 7105 - Slapshot                       | 0.00         |            |                | 10,450.00     |
| 7200 - Other committees               | 40.55        | 1,000.00   | (959.45)       | 2,500.00      |
| Total 7000 - Directors and Committees | 5,664.72     | 4,265.00   | 1,399.72       | 99,665.00     |
| 7500 - Standing Committees            |              |            |                |               |
| 7520 - District insurance             | 18,691.77    | 20,000.00  | (1,308.23)     | 30,000.00     |
| 7530 - Finance and audit              | 0.00         |            |                | 3,000.00      |
| Total 7500 - Standing Committees      | 18,691.77    | 20,000.00  | (1,308.23)     | 33,000.00     |
| 8000 - Training                       |              |            |                |               |
| 8020 - PETS expenses                  | 1,000.00     | 1,000.00   | 0.00           | 27,000.00     |
| 8030 - COTS expenses                  | 0.00         |            |                | 7,200.00      |
| 8040 - District training              | 2,368.28     | 3,000.00   | (631.72)       | 9,500.00      |
| 8050 - Assist Gov Training            | 0.00         | 1,000.00   | (1,000.00)     | 1,000.00      |
| 8070 - Dist Gov Nominee Training      | 2,357.70     | 3,200.00   | (842.30)       | 3,200.00      |
| 8080 - Dist Gov Elect Training        | 7,516.91     | 7,500.00   | 16.91          | 10,200.00     |
| 8090 - District Gov Training          | 4,649.90     | 5,000.00   | (350.10)       | 9,000.00      |
| Total 8000 - Training                 | 17,892.79    | 20,700.00  | (2,807.21)     | 67,100.00     |
| 8500 - Foundation Dinner and Projects | 0.00         |            |                | 5,100.00      |
| 8600 - Meeting Expenses               | 0.00         | 150.00     | (150.00)       | 750.00        |
| 9915 - Unbudgeted Expenses            | 1,000.00     | 0.00       | 1,000.00       | 0.00          |
| Total Expense                         | 56,767.74    | 58,145.00  | (1,377.26)     | 246,965.00    |
| Net Ordinary Income                   | 62,166.71    | 63,065.00  | (898.29)       | 0.00          |
| Net Income                            | 62,166.71    | 63,065.00  | (898.29)       | 0.00          |

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5) **PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

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

6) **EASTERN CITIES FELLOWSHIP DINNER**

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

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

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

8) **ROTARY WORLD PEACE SUMMIT**

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

9) **FOUNDATION DINNER**

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

10) **ROTARY CLEAN WATER SUMMIT**

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

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

President-Elect Training

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

#### District Conference

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

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

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

#### District Appointments

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

#### District Website

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

#### LA Rotary International Convention Promotion

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

## District Governor Nominee Report to District Council

November 17, 2007

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

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



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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DAY AT THE UNITED NATIONS

9:30 AM

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

INTRODUCTIONS  
Michael K. McGovern, RIVP

“Rotary Shares”  
Wilf Wilkinson, President Rotary International

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

Brad Jenkins., Moderator  
RI Representative to the United Nations

10:35 AM

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

Bill Miller, Moderator  
Alternate RI Representative to the United Nations

11:25am

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

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

12:15 PM

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

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

1:00 PM

LUNCH AND TOURS

2:30 PM

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

3:15 PM

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

3:58 PM

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

# Rotary Day at the United Nations

Saturday, November 3, 2007

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

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

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

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

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



# Rotary Day at the United Nations

Saturday, November 3, 2007

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Extracted from the UN Web Site**



November 2007

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

Submitted by Paul McAfee

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

### **District PR Committee Members**

#### **Public Relations Committee**

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

#### **Communications Committee**

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

#### **District Newsletter Committee**

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

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

- Chair – Ralph Montesanto, Valley Sunrise

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

**Goals for 2007-2008**

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

**Attendance:**

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

**Membership count:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

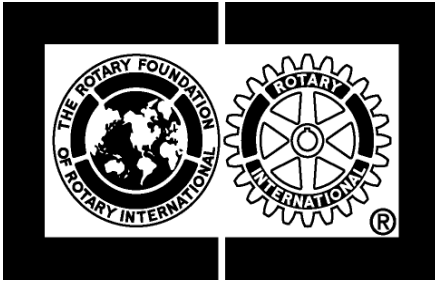
We still need some people experienced in facilitation on both sides of the border to assist in the visioning exercise. Contact Andy to volunteer for facilitation or to have your club to participate.

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

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

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE 2007-08

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



## District 7090 Rotary Foundation Committee

### District Council Report

*November 17, 2007*

Bob Bruce, District Rotary Foundation Director

#### The Rotary Foundation Annual Dinner

*Karen Oakes, Chair*

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

After the event Bob Scott wrote the following message:

"Dear Karen, Bob and Bob

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

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

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

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

Best wishes and even more success for TRF in 7090

Yours sincerely,

Bob"

#### GSE News

*David Greenfield and Jean Armitage, Co-chairs*

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

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

**Tuesday, November 20, 2007:**

**Saturday, December 1, 2007:**

**Sunday, May 4, 2008:**

**Saturday, May 10, 2008:**

**Saturday, May 31, 2008:**

**Saturday, June 7, 2008:**

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

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

**District 7090 GSE Team Departs for Bulgaria**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**The Grants Committee**

*Richard Earne, Chair*

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

**Foundation Alumni Committee**

*Sue Dolan, Chair*

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

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

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

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

**The Rotary Foundation's Future Vision**

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

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

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

There will be 2 types of grants.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

District Service Award winners were:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



**Pene Hutton**

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

## **Youth Services November Report**

### **Youth Exchange**

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

### **Interact**

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

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

### **EarlyAct**

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

### **Rotaract**

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

### **RYLA**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **DISTRICT 7090 CLUB VISIONING OVERVIEW and REPORT**

**November 13, 2007**

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

### **PURPOSE of District 7090 Club Visioning Committee:**

To assist clubs in developing long-range goals to ensure continuity and consistency in leadership and programming, as well as to set the stage for future progress. This will be done with the help of a small District visioning facilitation team during an open forum session of 15-20 club members which will focus on the sharing of the perspectives of the participants and conclude with documentation containing the vision, priorities and action plan of the club as determined at this session.

### **NOTE:**

At this time, each District Visioning Coordinator is working with their committee on revisions, team structure and preparation for trial sessions. While the expectation is that there will be a uniform approach and program for this Visioning process in the District, this approach and program are not yet in place. It is my recommendation that District wide publicity about such a program should not take place until this uniform program, along with the necessary personnel, are in place.

### **PERSONNEL:**

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

Visioning Facilitation Team Leaders: Angela Carter(C) and TBA (US)

Visioning Facilitation Teams: To be organized by the above.

Club Visioning Contact: To be determined by the club involved.

### **PREPARATION:**

**1. Revision of D5960 materials for use in D 7090:** Ongoing

**2. Trial sessions and revision:** Contact Nan Bruce [nbruce@cogeco.ca](mailto:nbruce@cogeco.ca) on the Canadian side and PDG Dick Earne at [richardearne@yahoo.ca](mailto:richardearne@yahoo.ca) on the American side if interested in participating as a club or as a facilitation team member.

**3. District Wide Implementation Plan:** Full implementation to be planned after a joint meeting of both American and Canadian committees after the trial sessions have been completed.

## **CANADIAN CLUB VISIONING DRAFT PROCESS as of November 13, 2007: Nan Bruce**

**TRIAL SESSIONS:** Two or three interested clubs are being sought, as well as interested facilitation team members. Recommendation to participate can be made to the clubs by Andy, the DG, DGE, DGN and AG's. The request to participate must come from the club.

### **PROCESS:**

- 1. Club Request:** This request comes to Nan from the clubs. Initial discussions about the process, the expectations and a possible date for this session are held by Nan and the Club Visioning Contact.
- 2. Club Preparation:** Once the decision has been made by the club to participate, the following background material is emailed by Nan to the club contact: Frequently Asked Questions, Club Facilitation Overview and Club Profile. The Club Profile is returned to Nan by a specified date and then emailed to Angela.
- 3. Visioning Session Date:** This is finalized by Nan in consultation with the club contact and Angela.
- 4. Further Club Preparation:** Four weeks before the event, Nan will email the club contact a Rotary Vision Questionnaire. The summarized responses will be sent by the club contact to Angela no later than 1 week before the session.
- 5. Visioning Session Preparation:** Nan maintains contact with the club contact to confirm numbers, location, directions and the readiness of facility.
- 6. Vision Facilitation Team Preparation:** Angela
- 7. Club Visioning Session:** This may or may not include a meal beforehand. The session itself will run for 3 hours.
- 8. Session Review:** This will be held by Angela with the team members. Nan will contact the club contact for feed back and recommendations.

**AMERICAN CLUB VISIONING DRAFT PROCESS as of November 13, 2007: Dick Earne**

The Vision committee has two new members: Peter Morris, Amherst South, and Kevin Crosby, Buffalo Sunrise.

Both Peter and Kevin have experience in facilitating group training.

The US committee is currently trying to find 2-4 more members to become part of the team to facilitate the vision exercise with clubs on the US side. We are also asking for clubs who are interested in doing a vision exercise. Please contact Dick Earne at [richardearne@yahoo.com](mailto:richardearne@yahoo.com)

This program helps clubs and their members to come up with a vision for their future both now and a few years down the road. There is a simple, not time consuming process to gather material, which is over 2-4 week time line and then a 4 hour session including dinner where the club members address what they would

like to do as a club, prioritize the items and have members buy in as to who will coordinate the various items and then a follow up after the session.

Several districts are in the process of doing the vision exercise.

# Family of Rotary

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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