



MINUTES OF DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING **Saturday, November 22, 2008**

Attendance: 46 Rotarians

Chair: Ralph Montesanto, District Governor 2008-09

Welcome & Invocation: DG Ralph called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.. He gave the Give Thanks invocation. Governor Ralph then asked the attendees to introduce themselves and “in the spirit of thanksgiving” to share their memory of the last time they demonstrated or were thankful.

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

Pene noted that the Official Minutes of the noted below meetings are posted on the website in advance of today's meeting for review.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2008, AND THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING OF OCTOBER 17, 2008 WAS MADE BY PDG BOB BRUCE, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR JOHN HEISE. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Marlene gave an overview of the Financial Statements as of October 31, 2008. She noted the following:

- 6 clubs still have outstanding dues, but 3 of those clubs have indicated recently that the check is in the mail.
- The statements look better than reality as neither the District Conference nor The Foundation Dinner expenses are all reflected or paid as yet. Additionally noted is that no Balance Sheet was included because the income/assets are over-inflated until the invoices are all received and paid for those two events.
- Financial records are at the auditor's for June 20, 2008. She expects that they will be available for approval at the January District Council meeting.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT WAS MADE BY DAVID GREENFIELD, SECONDED BY PDG BOB BRUCE. MOTION CARRIED

District Governor's Report: Ralph Montesanto (see attached report)

The Governor noted that 3 major events have occurred since the last District Council meeting.

- The GSE Team was here. Great team and from all accounts enjoyed the experience and their hosts. Additionally the team leaders for the outbound GSE back to Paraguay and Misiones Argentina have been selected. Doug Johnson, Welland Rotary Club, is the

team leader, and Susan Thompson, Norfolk Sunrise Rotary Club, is the alternate. They will head out in May of 2008.

- The District Conference was a great success. DG Ralph recognized all the committee and subcommittee members as having done a wonderful job. Expect the conference to break even.
- Last week was The Rotary Foundation Dinner at Salvatore's Italian Restaurant. 225 people were in attendance and Past RI President Frank Devlyn spent an hour with over 40 PEs before dinner. DG Ralph noted the individuals who helped make this such a success.

To date, the Governor noted that he had completed 69 of his Official Club Visits.

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

As noted previously, DGE Pravin noted that 40 PEs had attended TRF Dinner...and that Past RI President Frank had given them motivation during his hour with them. Special upcoming dates noted:

- Train the Trainers, Saturday, January 10, Harlem Road Community Center, Amherst, NY - For all AGs, District Directors, and a few others.
- PETS 1, Saturday, January 31 Niagara Falls Conference Center, Niagara Falls, NY
- PETS 2, Friday & Saturday, March 27 & 28 Bank of Montreal training facility, North Toronto, CA
- District Assembly, Early May 2009 (actual date TBA), Location TBA

Other announcements included:

- Group Study Exchange will be with Belize, Guatemala & Honduras, District 4250.
- District Conference, October 16 - 18, 2009 at the Millenium Hotel, Cheektowaga, NY
- Before and after, vacation packages are available for the Birmingham, England RI Convention. See DGE Pravin for more details.

District Governor Nominee's Report: Karen Oakes

DGN Karen indicated that she had made an amazing number of contacts with her fellow class mate of governors; that the networking already was phenomenal. She noted that her team was coming together; that Bob Leek would be her Trainer and that Kevin Crosby, would continue on also as the PE Trainer. She also included a few remarks about success of The Rotary Foundation Dinner and publicly thanked Pene Hutton for her help with a Make Dreams Real pin – pinned on by DG Ralph.

Director's Reports:

Public Relations:

Communications: Pene Hutton (see attached report)

Pene updated Council members on the status of the website – particularly the directory and noted also the progress with using credit cards online to secure event reservations.

Membership: PDG Bob Leek for Andy Skrypnik, Director (see attached report)

Club Extension: PDG Bob Leek, Chair

In addition to giving Andy's report, PDG Bob encouraged Council member to make up at the new Erie AM Club, which meets on Friday morning at the Holiday Inn in Fort Erie to encourage them.

He finished by promoting the RI Convention in Birmingham, England with these words – DK – UK - OK

The Rotary Foundation: Bob Bruce, PDG and Director (see attached report)
PDG Bob likewise noted that TRF Dinner was a success, with 225 in attendance, but that one week prior to the event, we were only at about 100 reservations. He stressed that we need to teach Rotarians to register faster. He also noted that it was important to keep member information updated on both the RI and District websites for receipt purposes; or you may never get your receipt; which is especially important when sending in a tax deductible donation. Another mention was to the vision of TRF. He referred to his comment in his report. A decision will be upcoming as to whether District 7090 may want to be included as a pilot District for the process.

Group Study Exchange: DGE Pravin noted the need to recruit outbound GSE team members for the exchange with the Paraguay, Misiones Argentina trip.

Polio Plus: Roger Crysler, Co-Chair

Scholars: John Tiebert, Chair announced the deadline for applications is April 15, 2009 for 2010 – 2011 Ambassadorial Scholarship.

Grants: Roy Sheldrick noted that RI had approved a \$70K grant to build 233 latrines in the Artibonite Valley in Haiti. – every time the village receives a well, it will also now receive a latrine.

National Immunization Days – PDG Bob noted that his report included information about how to get involved in this hands-on service.

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

Youth Exchange: Chair David George commented as to the following:

- Noted that 2 students had gone home; one due to extreme home sickness and another that just a poor choice on behalf of the sending District. He noted that his team was working with that District to ensure no future problems with their students.
- Another issue that is being resolved is the ability of inbound students, residing on the US side, to participate in inter-scholastic sports. Steps are being taken to participate in the program that will allow that participation.
- 3 new clubs are going to participate in YE. He also noted that if you see Joanna Turchin, tell her that David said she did a great job with the students at the District Conference.
- Outbound student interviews will be held January 17th in Hamburg and January 18th in Hamilton. Deadline for District to receive student applications is December 1st.

SlapShot: Director Kevin distributed Slap Shot brochures to the AGs or representatives from each club for them to take back to the clubs. He also noted the early registration is \$200; with full registration at \$250.

Service Projects: John Heise, Director (see attached report)

Community Service: Director John referred to his report and noted that Chair John Crawford is putting together a book of club activities and urged all to send in photos etc. of their clubs in action.

District Training: PDG Wally Ochterski, Director

PDG Wally reported most Visioning training activity at present being done in US side headed by PDG Dick Earne. He also noted several other activities such as Train the Trainer on January 10th. He announced that soon there would be a Public Speaking training such as was done on the US side in St. Catharines, ON at a date soon to be determined.

District Administration Reports:

Friendship Exchange: AG Nan Bruce, Chair

Chair Nan gave a little overview of FE for the PEs. She introduced PDG Wally who gave a report on his recent FE trip to Australia.

PDG Wally and his wife Barbara just returned from Australia. Wally noted that FE is about acquaintanceship, learning and bringing back project ideas. He said that it is an opportunity to meet people in other sides of the world and noted a fence project in South Africa that had come about because of these connections made through FE. He went on to tell Council members about his trip including the fact that Australia is suffering from a 10 year drought and all the steps they have taken to conserve water, like recycling gray water to use for plants and toilets. He noted that the suicide rate among Australian farmers is 4 times the national average because of ailing crops due to the water shortage and about how one Rotary club in Australia purchased a semi-tractor trailer using it to take a pot luck supper and a movie to the farmers. As Wally put it, "Acquaintanceship provides a means to help the farmers deal with day to day life". Among other ideas, he also described another project called "Mensheds" where men gather together to build things. The Rotary club provides the mean and the materials and the counselors, as needed.

Nominating Committee: PDG Bob Leek for PDG Art Wing, Chair noted that an email had gone out requesting nominations for DG for the year 2011-2012.

Issues for Discussion:

Disaster Relief/Recovery: PDG Bob Leek

PDG Bob noted that this committee was beefing up to be a stand alone committee reporting directly to the DG and no longer reporting under WCS who is busy with international projects. He indicated that this would allow Rotarians and clubs to respond more quickly to disasters with minimum government interference and maximum participant support. Roy Sheldrick is the Zone Coordinator for Disaster Relief. Roy noted the Shelter Box Project; that it is one of the projects approved to go club to club to raise funds. The role of the Rotary club with this project is one of replenish and stock the shelter boxes so that the product is there when a disaster hits and Shelter Box has the ability to get into countries with this assistance more easily than government assistances. PDG Dick Earne asked for a job description for this committee. PDG Bob responded that passion and organization would be two desired traits along with enough time to research and develop the program. Bob Mahony asked whether or not relief has to be Shelter Box and the answer was "no"; it is whatever is appropriate for the disaster.

RI Convention in Montreal in 2010: DG Ralph distributed chart paper to each table and directed participants to list ideas of how to promote attendance at this geographically close convention. Each table shared its ideas also with the larger

group. DG Ralph took the chart paper to consolidate the ideas. (See attached consolidated Ideas to get all District 7090 Rotary Clubs to be Represented at RI Convention in Montreal in 2010).

Other Business:

There were several announcements but no new business. Of particular note is the passing of Jim Grant, Buffalo Club Rotarian who will be greatly missed.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 11:45 AM BY ACCLAM.

Respectfully submitted,



Pene Hutton
District Executive Secretary

Reports Attached:

Executive Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

District Governor's Report

District Governor Elect's Report

District Governor Nominee's Report

Committee Reports:

- Communications
- Membership
- The Rotary Foundation
- Youth Services
- Service Projects
- Role of the District Disaster Relief Response Officer

Brainstorming Consolidation: Ideas to get all District 7090 Rotary Clubs to be represented at the RI Convention in Montreal in 2010



District Council Agenda November 22, 2008

Phillip Sheridan Building, 3200 Elmwood Ave, Kenmore, NY
Located just North of Sheridan Drive (Route 324), Take the Elmwood Avenue
(North) or Delaware Avenue (South) exit from the I-290. Dress is Casual.

- 08:00 – 08:45 AM Check-in, Coffee, Juice, Fellowship
- 08:45 – 09:00 AM Welcome & Invocation Ralph Montesanto, DG
- 09:00 – 09:30 AM Secretary's Report Pene Hutton
- Treasurer's Report Marlene McGraw
- District Governor's Report Ralph Montesanto, DG
- District Governor Elect's Report Pravin Suchak, DGE
- District Governor Nominee's Report Karen Oakes, DGN
- 09:30 – 10:00 AM Directors' Reports
- Public Relations
 - Communications Committee – Pene Hutton
 - Membership – Bob Leek for Director Andy Skrypniak
 - The Rotary Foundation - Director Bob Bruce, PDG
- 10:00 – 10:15 AM Break
- 10:15 – 10:45 AM Directors' Reports (continued)
- Youth Services - Director Kevin Crouse
 - Service Projects – Director John Heise
 - Training – Director Wally Ochterski, PDG
- 10:45 – 11:15 AM District Administration Reports - DG Ralph Montesanto
- Finance Committee – Don DeMeo
 - Friendship Exchange – Nan Bruce
 - Nominating Committee – Bob Leek
- 11:15 – 11:45 AM Issues for Discussion or Follow Up
- Disaster Relief/Recovery – Bob Leek
 - RI Convention Montreal 2010 – Ralph Montesanto
- 11:45 – 12:00 PM Any Other Business
- 12:00 PM Adjournment
- 12:00 – 1:00 PM Governors Council (working lunch) Karen Oakes, DGN
- Area Reports and Discussion Assistant Governors



Executive Secretary's Report to District 7090 Council November 22, 2008

During the period from September 28, to November 22, 2008, the Executive Secretary provided support in the following manner, among other things:

District Governor/District Council:

- Prepared Minutes of September Council Meeting & the Annual Business Meeting - sent for posting to website
- Collected reports, prepared agenda with Governor, formatted, posted to website and distributed link 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 Official Club Visits emails to club presidents and secretaries for October and November eptember visits.

District Governor-elect and Nominee Support

- Added PE Training Newsletters pages to website
- Distributed PE Update newsletter links prepared by Trainers to Presidents Elect

District Committee Support:

- Distributed emails as requested
- Assisted TRF Committee with advance reservations for The Rotary Foundation Dinner, made badges and helped with check in at door.

Club Support:

- 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.

Publishing/Website:

- Maintaining/adding information to new ClubRunner District 7090 website
- Assisted clubs with website questions

Attendance:

- Maintained club attendance online at website for those clubs still sending reports by postal service or email.
- Utilizing website function - emailed attendance reporting reminders to non-reporting clubs.

Rotary International District 7090
Budget Performance Statement
July through October 2008

		\$ Over/(Under)			
		Jul '08 - Oct '08	YTD Budget	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Specified Revenue & Expenses					
DG	4300 · District Governor RI Revenue	10,835.00	10,835.00	0.00	15,700.00
	6010 · District Governor - Admin Exp	10,149.49	9,500.00	649.49	9,500.00
	6070 · District newsletter	2,625.00	2,350.00	275.00	7,000.00
	Net District Governor	(1,939.49)	(1,015.00)	(924.49)	(800.00)
AG	4400 · AG RI reimburs Revenue	1,029.00	1,029.00	0.00	1,400.00
	6020 · Assistant Governors	0.00	437.00	(437.00)	1,750.00
	Net Assistant Governors	1,029.00	592.00	437.00	(350.00)
DC	4200 · District Conference Revenue	56,328.59	80,000.00	(23,671.41)	80,000.00
	4020 · District Conference assessment	8,022.00	8,775.00	(753.00)	8,775.00
	8010 · District Conference Expenses	18,516.81	61,000.00	(42,483.19)	80,000.00
	Net District Conference	45,833.78	27,775.00	18,058.78	8,775.00
FND	Foundation Dinner Revenue & Expense				
	5010 · Foundation dinner	2,660.00	2,000.00	660.00	11,000.00
	8500 · Foundation Dinner and Projects	49.35	2,000.00	(1,950.65)	11,000.00
	Net Foundation Dinner & Projects	2,610.65	0.00	2,610.65	0.00
YEX	Youth Exchange Revenue & Expense				
	5022 · Temagami Rev	0.00	0.00	0.00	22,000.00
	5023 · Blazers/Cards/Name Badges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	5025 · Orientation/Fellowship	0.00	3,000.00	(3,000.00)	3,000.00
	Total 5020 · Youth Exchange Revenue	0.00	3,000.00	(3,000.00)	25,000.00
	7092 · Temagami	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,000.00
	7093 · Blazers/Cards/Name Badges	0.00	250.00	(250.00)	1,000.00
	7095 · Orientation/Fellowship	1,792.65	3,500.00	(1,707.35)	4,000.00
	7096 · Other YE expenses	205.54	250.00	(44.46)	2,000.00
	Total 7090 · Youth exchange	1,998.19	4,000.00	(2,001.81)	31,000.00
	Net Youth Exchange	(1,998.19)	(1,000.00)	(998.19)	(6,000.00)
RYL	5030 · RYLA	0.00	0.00	0.00	26,270.00
	7100 · RYLA	0.00	0.00	0.00	26,270.00
	Net Ryla	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SLP	5035 · Slapshot	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00
	7105 · Slapshot	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00
	Net Slapshot	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PET	5040 · PETS assessment	35,530.00	40,150.00	(4,620.00)	40,150.00
	8020 · PETS expenses	2,678.25	3,000.00	(321.75)	40,150.00
	Net PETS	32,851.75	37,150.00	(4,298.25)	0.00
COT	5050 · COTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,500.00
	8030 · COTS expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,500.00
	Net COTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
DSG	5060 · District Simplied Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,950.00
	7015 · District Simplified Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,950.00
	Net Simplified Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
DI	4030 · Insurance Assessment	27,531.45	30,140.00	(2,608.55)	30,140.00
	7520 · District insurance	30,902.86	30,000.00	902.86	30,000.00
	Net Insurance	(3,371.41)	140.00	(3,511.41)	140.00
Net Specified Revenue & Expenses		75,016.09	63,642.00	11,374.09	1,765.00

Rotary International District 7090
Budget Performance Statement
July through October 2008

			\$ Over/(Under)	
	Jul '08 - Oct '08	YTD Budget	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
General Revenue & Expenses				
4010 - General assessment	73,615.21	80,535.00	(6,919.79)	80,535.00
5200 - Interest income	14.87	900.00	(885.13)	2,800.00
5405 - Exchange Gain/Loss	760.78	0.00	760.78	0.00
5401 - Other Income	647.80	0.00	647.80	0.00
Total General Revenue	75,038.66	81,435.00	(6,396.34)	83,335.00
General Expenses				
6000 - Administration				
6030 - District council	337.50	500.00	(162.50)	2,000.00
6040 - District directory	0.00	3,000.00	(3,000.00)	3,000.00
6060 - District website	3,397.07	3,150.00	247.07	7,000.00
6080 - District office				
6081 - Office Support	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	12,000.00
6082 - Phone Charges	288.05	220.00	68.05	650.00
6083 - Postage	1.34	150.00	(148.66)	150.00
6084 - Office Supplies	237.04	400.00	(162.96)	1,200.00
6085 - Bank Charges	239.00	240.00	(1.00)	720.00
Total 6080 - District office	4,765.43	5,010.00	(244.57)	14,720.00
6090 - Awards & Recognition	587.60	700.00	(112.40)	2,000.00
Total 6000 - Administration	9,087.60	12,360.00	(3,272.40)	28,720.00
7000 - Directors and Committees				
7010 - Group study exchange	860.53	1,000.00	(139.47)	4,500.00
7020 - Interact, Rotaract	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
7030 - Long-range planning	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
7040 - Membership	594.97	600.00	(5.03)	1,000.00
7050 - Rotary foundation	751.48	750.00	1.48	1,250.00
7060 - Grants Committee	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
7065 - Rotary Scholars	170.00	200.00	(30.00)	700.00
7070 - Vocational service	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
7080 - World community service	0.00	250.00	(250.00)	500.00
7120 - Early Act	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
7130 - Public Relations	0.00	250.00	(250.00)	1,000.00
7140 - Communications	0.00	250.00	(250.00)	1,000.00
7150 - Family of Rotary	0.00	100.00	(100.00)	300.00
7510 - Council on legislation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7530 - Finance and audit	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,280.00
7200 - Other committees				
7205 - Other Committees - Misc	0.00	150.00	(150.00)	500.00
7215 - District Gov - Change Over Even	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 7200 - Other committees	0.00	150.00	(150.00)	500.00
Total 7000 - Directors and Committees	2,376.98	3,550.00	(1,173.02)	16,780.00
8000 - Training				
8040 - District training	1,304.00	2,500.00	(1,196.00)	8,000.00
8050 - Assist Gov Training	0.00	250.00	(250.00)	1,000.00
8070 - Dist Gov Nominee Training	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00	4,500.00
8080 - Dist Gov Elect Training	4,846.97	9,500.00	(4,653.03)	12,000.00
8090 - District Gov Training Exp	6,410.90	6,500.00	(89.10)	11,100.00
Total 8000 - Training	17,061.87	23,250.00	(6,188.13)	36,600.00
8600 - Meeting Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9915 - Unbudgeted Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00
Total General Expenses	28,526.45	39,160.00	(10,633.55)	85,100.00
Net General Revenue & Expenses	46,512.21	42,275.00	4,237.21	(1,765.00)
Net Income/(Loss)	121,528.30	105,917.00	15,611.30	0.00

Rotary International District 7090

Clubs that have not paid 2008/2009 Dues as of November 19, 2008

4726 Rotary Club of Cheektowaga
4696 Rotary Club of Fort Erie
59744 Rotary Club of Grimsby@Noon
28054 Rotary Club of Hamburg Sunrise
4751 Rotary Club of Southshore-Blasdell/Lackawanna
4756 Rotary Club of Williamsville

Clubs that have not paid \$550 PETS assessment as of November 19, 2008

4745 Rotary Club of Medina
4746 Rotary Club of Middleport

District Governor Report to District Council
November 22, 2008

Since the last District Council meeting three major events have occurred. The Group Study Exchange team from District 4840 spent the month of October in District 7090, the Annual District Conference took place October 17 – 19, and the Annual Foundation Dinner was held November 14.

I am pleased to report that the GSE team from Paraguay and Misiones Argentina were very pleased with their stay in our District. This was a specialized GSE and offered a holistic look at the issue of water. Carlos Fernandez, an architect lead the team comprised of Cinthia Apodaca a lawyer, Francis Penayo an agronomist, Gerardo Schwarz an economist and Federico Domecq a biologist. The team covered aspects of water from the legal concerns of boundary waters between countries, to large scale water projects, to end users for drinking, sanitation and agriculture. Thank you to all of the clubs in New York and Ontario that provided both overnight and daytime hosting. From what the team told me at their farewell dinner, they thought you were fabulous hosts.

I also want to report that Doug Johnson of the Welland Club and Susan Thompson from the Norfolk Sunrise Club are the team leader and alternate for our District. They will be preparing a water specialty team to go to District 4840 in May of 2009.

After two years of preparation, the District Conference, also focusing on water, was a great success. The goal was to offer something a bit different than usual and I am pleased to say that the planning team did just that. Over 600 Rotarians and guests were in attendance over the three days and feed back has been very positive. Thank you to Bob Morrow from Dundas Valley Sunrise and Michael Howes from the Hamilton Rotary Club for Co-Chairing the conference. Also thank you goes to each of the subcommittee chairs, Jan Southall - program, Cynthia Janzen – promotions, Adrienne Davidson - logistics, Eugene Gillies and John Burroughs - registration, Paul Gibel - finance, Joanna Turchin – youth exchange, Dan Rodriques – sponsorships, and Pearl Wolfe – Sergeant-at-Arms. There were also many others who were on the committees just mentioned, and still others who worked on gift baskets, decorations and registration. Thank you to every one. We are still trying to close the books on the finances but barring any unforeseen issues should be pretty close to breaking even.

Just last week we held a wonderful Rotary Foundation Dinner at Salvatore's Italian Restaurant. There were 225 people in attendance and we even turned a number of folks away because they waited to register after the deadline. Our guest speaker, Past RI President Frank Devlyn, spent an hour with over 40 Presidents-Elect before presenting to the entire group. Thank you to District Governor Nominee and Permanent Fund Chair Karen Oakes for all the work she put into making the evening one of great fellowship, celebration and learning. Thank you also to Pravin, for chauffeuring Frank; to those Past District Governors and others who dined with Frank on Thursday evening at the golf club; and to everyone who put together and distributed the awards that night. A special thank you to Pene Hutton who managed registration and to Chris Yates who kept Pene sane during the arrival time onslaught!

Now, to the District Governor function that I have been living and breathing for the last five months. To date, I made an official visit to 69 Rotary Clubs in the District, doing 35 visits since the last council meeting. What a fabulous experience. And, I completed and emailed to the President and Assistant Governor a report of each visit, usually by the next day. Presidents were great getting reports to me prior to my visits. A special thank you to the Assistant Governors who faithfully accompanied me to each club! After the 4th or 5th meeting they still applauded when my speech was over, although, several of them clapped a little too loudly when the last club in their area was completed.

Besides the official visits, I also took part in the GSE team leader interviews, a Communication Committee meeting, a RYLA Committee meeting, four meetings with the District Treasurer, the GSE Farewell Party, the Governor's Advisory Committee meeting and three other club functions to which I was invited. My wife Barb and I also attended the Eastern Cities Dinner and talked with President D.K. Lee. We also managed to have a private meeting with Hillary Clinton who was at the Rochester Convention Centre for a fundraising dinner. When I shook her hand, I told her I was not of much use to her because I was from Ontario and my vote did not count; she laughed and I took off my Make Dreams Real pin and gave it to her.

District Governor-Elect Report

District Council November 22, 2009

District Foundation Dinner

We had a very successful one hour Pre-Dinner session for the District President Elects and their partners with the Guest of Honor and the Keynote speaker Past RI President Frank Devlyn. It was attended by 40+ PEs and a few partners as well as few PENs. PRIP had an inspiring message for everyone and PEs had an opportunity to meet and network work with other PEs in the District.

PETS1, PETS2 and District Assembly

The District Trainers Dick Earne and Kevin Crosby and two other team members Bruce Baum and AJ Block have already started to work on the training for President Elects, Assistant Governors as well as District Committees chairs and Club officers and committee chairs. Here are the dates.

Train the Trainers & Facilitators

Saturday, January 10, 2009

- This is for all the AGs, District Directors and few others who will be involved in training and facilitating at PETS1. This will be held at the Harlem Road Community Center in Amherst, NY
- We are also planning another session for others who will be trainers & facilitators at the District Assembly. Date & time will be advised later.

PETS1

Saturday, January 31, 2009

- Niagara Fall Conference Center, Niagara Falls, NY

PETS2

Fri & Sat, Mar 27, 28 2009

- This will be the usual Multi-District PETS with District 7080 and 7070. It will be held at the Bank of Montreal training facility in north Toronto

District Assembly

Early May 2009 Date TBA

- We are still working with a couple of locations in the center of the District but have not been able to firm up the arrangements.

Group Study Exchange

Group Study Exchange for 2009–2010 will be between District 7090 and District 4250. District 4250 is made of clubs in Belize, Guatemala and Honduras. Formal applications from both the Districts requesting the GSE pairing with each other has already been accepted by RI. We now have a confirmation that the incoming team will be coming during October 2009 and will attend our District Conference on Oct 16, 17 & 18 October 2009.

District Conference 2009-2010

The District Conference Committee is well into planning for the conference. The conference will be at the Millennium Hotel in Cheektowaga, NY on October 16, 17, and 18, 2009.

The Friday's theme will be "Blues in the Night" with a live Jazz & Blues Band, Mardi Gras theme, New Orleans Menu Dinner followed by Club Hospitality Suites that will continue with the theme. During the dinner we will have a several clubs participate in a competition by presenting a skit/song which will be consistent with the musical theme.

The theme for Saturday Rotary programs will be Rotarians "***Making A Difference***". We will have exciting plenary sessions on several ways Rotarians and Rotary Foundation Alumni are Making A Difference locally and all over the world every day. In the afternoon we will have programs highlighting the benefits of Youth Exchange, Rotaract, Interact and RYLA and how these programs have made a difference in the lives of the families and the youth who take part in these programs.

Stay tuned for additional details about Saturday evening and the Sunday program. We also hope to get the Conference Web pages going on the District Web Site soon.

District & Club Meetings

During since July 1, I have attended various District committee meetings as well as District and Area events. Many of you have also seen me at club meetings when DG Ralph did his official visit as I familiarize myself with clubs in the district.

The International Assembly

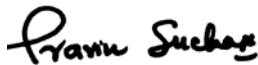
As required by RI & as a condition of my taking the position of the District Governor next July, Sheela and I will be taking part in the International Assembly in San Diego from January 18–25, 2009. This is where 530+ District Governor Elects and their partners get their final training. RI President Elect John Kenny will announce his theme as well as expand on his and the RI goals for 2009-2010 at the Assembly. The International Assembly is also an opportunity for RI and the Foundation Leaders do presentations on various RI programs and goals for their area of involvement. Finally, this is where the DGE get an opportunity to interact with other DGE from all over the world.

District Committees

I have started to work on the District team that will work with me to implement the RI and District goals and programs in 2009-2010. I hope that many of the current District chairs and committee members will continue to work in their respective positions next year. However, like in any other organization, some of them will be leaving their positions and taking on other challenges in the District or in their own clubs. So I have started the process of identifying District Rotarians who would fill these and other positions. I am urging every one to identify Rotarians in your clubs and areas who are capable candidates for District positions and communicate their names and areas of interest to me over the next few weeks.

Rotary International Convention

I am also the District's Promotion Chair for the Rotary International convention in Birmingham, UK. from 21-24 June, 2009. I want all of you to join Sheela and me and be a part of history and celebrate the 100th Rotary convention in Birmingham. Please take advantage of early registration pricing and register early to save on registration fees. You can go to www.rotaryconvention2009.com for more information & registration. Plan early and take a few days before or after the convention to tour the British Isles and Europe and make your trip a vacation of a lifetime.



Pravin D. Suchak
District Governor Elect



District Governor Nominee

**District Council Report
November 22, 2008**

Activities of note:

- **Joined in D.G. changeover celebration @ Liuna Station, Hamilton, Ontario
Congratulations I.P.D.G. Bob Leek on a great year, and all the best to D.G.
Ralph Montesanto**
- **Attended Y.E. Incorporation Meeting @ Grand Island, New York**
- **Attended Foundation Seminar, Mississauga 23-08-2008**
- **Participated in District Advisory Council Meetings, 2 F2F, 1 conference Call**
- **Attended DGN Training Zone 27/28 –Sandusky, Ohio**
- **Attended Zone 22 (24) DGN training, and Institute – Victoria, B.C.**
- **Pre-work assignments and follow up ongoing**
- **A.G. co-ordinator role – ongoing**
- **Attended Area Meeting hosted by A.G. Angela Carter.**
- **Engage in ongoing emails with fellow DGN classmates as we build upon our
September Face 2 Face to enhance our Rotary friendships.**

**Appointments of note: Special thank you to I.P.D.G. Bob Leek on accepting the
role as District Trainer for 2010-2011.**

**Both Bob and I joined in the Training Advisory committee meeting held on
Saturday, October 4th, 2008, in Amherst, N.Y. , led by DGE Pravin Suchak and his
trainers to build upon the 2009-2010 Training movement.**

**UPDATE: Kevin Crosby has committed to continue on the Training Team. On
behalf of Bob and myself, we thank Kevin for his commitment, and we look
forward to working with him.**

**In conclusion, the past few months have been busy, with lots of opportunity for
Rotary involvement and personal development. Thank you again for this
wonderful honour to lead our District in 2010 -2011.**

Respectively submitted,

Yours in Rotary

Karen L. Bakes

Rotary International District 7090
Communications Committee
November 2008 Report to District Council

Committee: DG Ralph Montesanto, DGE Pravin Suchak, Chair Pene Hutton, Eugene Gillies, Thomas Brock, PDG Art Wing and Vern Anderson

This committee met in November. Progress of the committee is reported below.

- I. Newsletter
 - o DGE Pravin is considering the future of newsletter
 - o Options – include using Constant Contact or other inexpensive web-based program.
- II. On Line Events Registration - Website Event Management
 - o Made some great headway with The Rotary Foundation Dinner online registration. Still not fully utilizing its utility. Will continue to seek better performance. Thanks so much to Serge Paquin, St. Catharines Club for his assistance.
- III. Directory
 - o Jeff L at ClubRunner has been contacted with our wish list of club officers, directors and committee chairs. We are trying to gather the same information at the club level as was in the published directory howbeit in the spreadsheet format.
- IV. Clubs
 - o More clubs are utilizing the District website.
 - o 23 clubs now have their own ClubRunner websites
- V. Help Needed?
 - o Please encourage your club members and or club secretary to go online to complete personal information pages. Start by learning how to do it yourself. Pene is available to walk you through it. Contact her by phone at 716-484-8814.

Respectfully submitted,



Pene Hutton,
Committee Chair

Rotary International District 7090
Membership Committee Report for District Council
Presented by Andy Skrypniak Membership Director
November 22, 2008

Attendance:

- Attendance average for September is 67%
- 14 clubs did not report
- 5 clubs under the 50% attendance requirement (all but one between 40 and 50)

Membership count:

- July 1 count is 2776 (as per July semi-annual reports)
- September 30th count is 2788
- 14 clubs did not report

Club Visioning:

- No sessions held since last report
- Need to find female facilitators for US team
- Need more facilitators for Canadian team

Club Extension:

- Fort Erie AM was proclaimed a provisional club on November 1, 2008
- Membership drive open house slated for January 9, 2009

Area Membership representatives:

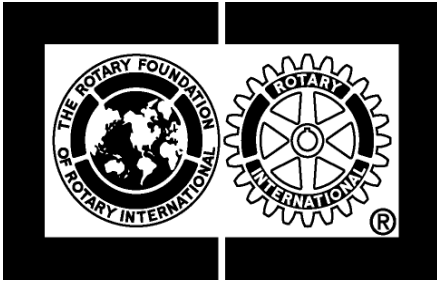
- Lincoln and two Grimsby clubs will be doing a joint membership drive
- Stoney Creek and Hamilton East Wentworth will also be doing a joint membership drive
- Most areas have met at least one time
- Some areas are having difficulties with clubs not responding to requests to meet

Clubs with less than 20 members:

- There are currently 19 clubs with less than 20 members
- One on one assistance has been offered to each club
- To date 9 have requested and received assistance
- 2 more are pending

Other Items:

- Kevin Crosby (Buffalo Sunrise) and John Paget (Buffalo) have volunteered their expertise to create a recruitment video that will be geared to 25 to 40 year olds



District 7090 Rotary Foundation Committee

District Council Report

November 22/08

Bob Bruce, District Rotary Foundation Director

The Rotary Foundation Annual Dinner

Karen Oakes, Chair

On Friday, November 14, 2008, The District 7090 Rotary Foundation Annual Dinner was held at Salvatore's Restaurant, with 225 Rotarians, partners and friends in attendance. Guest speaker PRIP and PTRF Trustee Frank Devlin 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. Our thanks go to DGN Karen Oakes and Executive Secretary Pene Hutton and all the other people who worked to make this evening a success.

GSE News

Keith Lindberg and Bert Rappole, Co-chairs

The GSE team from Argentina and Paraguay has returned home; a host district evaluation, an RI requirement, was sent to our GSE coordinator, Mary Beth Johnson in early November.

A sub-committee of the GSE interviewed four candidates for the GSE Leader position on Oct. 25. Doug Johnson of the Welland Rotary Club was selected as the GSE Leader and Susan Thompson of the Norfolk Sunrise Club was chosen as the alternate leader. Doug and Susan attended the Zone Orientation in Toronto, November 14, 15.

Applications for the GSE team are slow, despite a concerted effort by many Rotarians. Some potential applicants do not meet the age criteria and others change their mind because of the 4 weeks involved. We currently have three excellent candidates, two from the Hamilton area and one from St. Catharines. As of Nov. 14, a possible candidate from St. Catharines is attempting to clear the four weeks next spring with their employer and another application from Niagara Falls is problematic because he does not meet the age requirement.

A decision was made recently to provide more time for applications, with the date for interviews now December 13.

Doug Johnson and Sue Thompson attended the Zone 22 East GSE seminar on November 14 & 15 and found it very enlightening and useful. Doug wishes he had had his whole team there as it would have provided an excellent commencement to the GSE team training.

Seminars for Club Rotary Foundation Chairs and Presidents

Art Wing and Bob Bruce

Seminars for Club presidents and Club Foundation Chairs have been held in Dundas, Brantford and Jamestown. 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 other 13 areas.

In addition there have been 11 Foundation presentations to Rotary clubs so far this month by a number of committee members

The Grants Committee

Don DeMeo, Chair

The grants committee is reviewing one Matching Grant application and several District Simplified Grant applications. Further applications should be sent to Don DeMeo from US clubs, and to Roy Sheldrick for Canadian clubs, the Chair and Vice-chair respectively of the Grants Sub-committee.

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.

The Trustees are reviewing a number of items in their plans at the November meeting and their report should be available shortly. A full presentation of the Future Vision plan will be made at the January Meeting of the District Council.

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.

2007-08 District Service Award winners were:

Nan Bruce, *Waterdown*, for her service in the Philippines, NIDs and as an AG.

Sue Dolan, *Welland*, for her service as the Alumni Chair and with WCS.

Doug Geddie, *St Catharines*, for his service as Chair of the Scholars committee.

Andy Glavic, *Welland*, for his service as an Area Foundation Representative.

John Heise, *Holley*, for his service as an AG, Area Foundation Specialist, and Service Director.

Cam Johnston, *Brantford Sunrise*, for his service as an Area Foundation Representative.

Paul Lakin, *Hamilton AM*, for his service as an Area Foundation Representative.

Robert Leek, *Hamilton*, for his service as a GSE leader and District Governor

Peter Neziol, *Ancaster AM*, for his service as an Area Foundation Representative.

Jim Peters, *Norfolk Sunrise*, for his service with micro banks and other WCS projects.

Andy Skrypniak, *Hamilton AM*, for his service on the Hamilton AM 3-H project in Uganda.

Pravin Suchak, *Amherst North*, for his service as an Area Foundation Representative and AG.

John Wallace, *Norfolk Sunrise*, for his service as a GSE Leader.

Art Wing, *St Catharines*, for his service as the Annual Programs Fund Co-chair, GSE Leader, District Trainer, and PDG.

Scholars Committee

John Teibert, Chair

2009-2010 Ambassadorial Scholar Andrea Barton attended the Scholar Training program in Oakville, hosted by Zone 22 East (same training session as the GSE team). She found it very rewarding.

Also Nancy Bargar, an Ambassadorial Scholar Alumni, past member, made an excellent presentation at the Annual Foundation Dinner about her experiences as a Scholar and how it influenced and affected her life. She promoted the program very well.

I will be updating the scholar page in the next month to bring it up to date. Also In the next month, I will be emailing all the Club Presidents reminding them of the scholarship program.

PolioPlus Committee

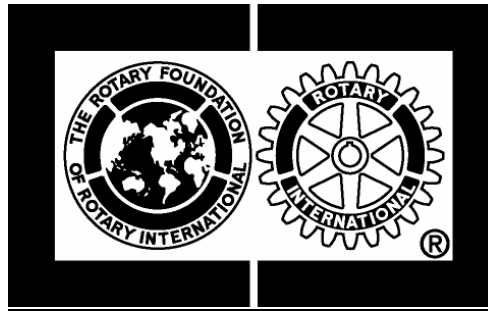
Spud Ericson and Roger Crysler, Co-chairs

On March 26th, there will be a 7080 gala dinner for PolioPlus Major Donors. RSVP to Michael Cooksey, 416-922-6052 or michael.cooksey@bmo.com. The dinner will be held at the BMO Financial Group Executive Dining Room, 68th Floor, First Canadian Place, 100 King Street West, Toronto. Cocktails at 6pm, dinner at 7.

East Aurora, Hamburg Sunrise, Hamburg and Blasdell-Southshore are sponsoring a "Night at the Casino" at the Hamburg Fairgrounds, May 2, Kentucky Derby Day. Proceeds are for the benefit of PolioPlus and will be shared by the sponsoring clubs.

All 4 clubs in Area 17 are working together to conduct a public campaign next year (most likely during the summer) to both educate our communities about Rotary's effort to eradicate Polio and to give them the opportunity to contribute. The minimum goal is \$12,000 which would fulfill the challenge but we hope to do more. We are brainstorming ideas that would not duplicate any fundraising effort of our clubs or other organizations in our area. I'll keep you informed about our progress.

The Permanent Fund
Karen Oakes, Chair



The Permanent Fund: The Rotary Foundation's endowment fund



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

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

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

Giving to the Permanent Fund for District 7090 for the period ending October 31, 2008 rests @ \$17,595. Within our District, we have 177 Benefactors, and 19 Bequest Society Members, please consider joining TODAY.

Respectively submitted

Karen L. Oakes
Permanent Fund Chair



DISTRICT 7640'S INDIA NID* 2009 TRIP

(*National Immunization Day)

ROTARY FRIENDSHIPS / PERSONAL SERVICE / INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING

Polio Immunizing / Rotary Club & Project Visits / City Tours

- **Participate in a polio-eradication National Immunization Day.**

Note: this is a *National Immunization Day* immunizing in the areas where polio cases are still being discovered! The 2008 total of new polio cases in India stands at 496! This is fantastic! Immunize in the state of Uttar Pradesh on February 15, 2009.

Assist WHO (World Health Organization) with one day of door-to-door "mop-up" activities.

Located east and north of Delhi, this state has the highest number of polio cases in India. There are many children with chronic diarrhea, a condition that often goes along with being a carrier of the Polio virus. Rotary's Polio Eradication Committee of India requests our assistance with this area.

- Build international friendships through Rotary club visits.
- **Gain cultural enrichment.** Learn about India through meeting Rotarians and touring the cities of Delhi, Jaipur, Agra, Mumbai, Munnar, and Cochin. Visits to humanitarian service projects will be included.

It is vital that you be in good physical condition. You must be able to walk up to three miles a day over rough terrain, climb stairs, and adjust your medications to the 10 ½ hour time difference. (Just the long plane ride is exhausting.) If you are in doubt about your ability to handle any of these things, then this is not the trip for you!

Women volunteers are especially appreciated. The areas where we will be immunizing have a high percentage of Muslims, a religious group that is reluctant to have their children immunized. Women are the most effective immunizers as Muslim women are allowed to talk with other women, and may make eye contact with them. During door-to-door immunizing women volunteers may be allowed to enter the Muslim home to give the polio vaccine drops. Men can give the drops at the NID stations and certainly provide a valuable draw for area children during the NID and mop-up activities.

Our team of volunteers. Our group will be involved in the February 15th NID and one follow-up day of door-to-door mop-up activities with WHO and local health officials. Our Group will depart from Newark Airport, Newark, New Jersey on February 6, departing India on February 17th and arriving back to Newark airport on February 18th. We will tour the cities of Mumbai, Cochin, Munnar, Allepey, Jaipur, Fatehpur Sikri, and Agra prior to the NID days. Volunteers will become familiar with Indian history and culture prior to helping administer the polio vaccine. After the NID experience we will depart to Delhi to tour and for our return flight.

Travel plans. It is not possible to use air miles for this trip. All participants will fly with their group on Continental Airlines. Participants will be accepted on a first-come basis; however, the absolute final registration deadline is December 5th. After that date reservations may be available based on availability-price could be higher. The two-page registration form must be faxed (800-811-1529) or emailed to Signal Travel – (karenr@signaltravel.com).

The cost of the trip is \$4650 payable to Signal Travel and Tours, Inc. This includes: round trip international airfare from Newark Airport, Newark, New Jersey; visa and courier service; 2 team shirts + 1 windbreaker; transportation within India; hotel and meal costs during the touring section of the trip; monument fees; guide tips; postage and other administration fees. The immunizations you choose to get prior to travel are at your own discretion. India has no requirements for entry from our continent, but recommendations are listed on the Center for Disease Control website, or you may check with your family physician. Total cost for a shared room is \$4650. Cost for a private room is \$5260.

Our travel agents in the U.S. and India are Rotarians. They believe in the Four-Way Test and "Service Above Self." These trips will fill up extremely quickly. Remember, Friday, December 05 is the registration deadline.

Trip questions? Call PDG Tom Veevers at 888-655-8040 or 856-751-2007.

E-mail: tomveevers@comcast.net Do NOT send the registration form to him!

Registration Form – India NID 2009 Trip
DISTRICT 7640 INDIA NID ROTARY VOLUNTEER TEAM, FEBRUARY 2009

Complete this form and return it to Signal Travel by Email: karenr@signaltravel.com or
Fax: 800.811.1529. *Flight questions?* Call Signal Travel at 800.944-6018 or 269.687.6577.
Friday, December 5 is the registration deadline. Space is allotted on a “first-come, first serve” basis. You will promptly
receive a letter of confirmation or a “Sorry this trip is full” letter via email.
Trip questions? Call Tom Veevers at 888-655-8040 or 856-751-2007.

One registrant per form. Duplicate as needed. Fill every space possible. Type or ***print clearly.***

Name (as it appears on passport) _____ **Age** _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

H. phone _____ B. phone _____ Fax: _____

Cell phone _____ E-mail (Necessary) _____

Passport number _____ Expiration date _____

*Travel to India requires a visa. No vaccinations are needed when arriving from the USA or Canada. Your passport must have two blank pages facing each other with the word VISA written on the top of each page. If not call Karen for further information.

International Air is via Continental Airlines from Newark, New Jersey to Mumbai, India non-stop.

Contact Karen at Signal Travel for assistance.

- ***You may not use accumulated air miles for this trip.***

Group Travel Insurance (non-age based) (additional/optional) \$252/person _____ **Yes** _____ **No**

Minimum of 10 participants needed.

(Cancellation Insurance is recommended. Note that it does not apply to war, acts of war, or terrorism.)

Frequent flyer number Carrier _____ Number _____ Seating preference _____

You may accumulate miles with CO,DL or NW frequent flyer numbers

Hotel Accommodation preference: _____ smoking _____ non-smoking _____ single room (additional \$612)

Special requests/needs (dietary, medical or other): _____

Traveling companion's name: _____ Check one: _____ same room

Emergency contact person _____ Relationship _____

Home phone _____ Business phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Payment and Registration

Deposit by November 24 - \$2000.00 without insurance \$2252. with the group insurance – **Circle one**

Final payment will be processed on your credit card on December 6th for the balance.

Please charge my credit card credit card.

Credit Card Number _____ Expires _____ Sec.Code _____

Name as it appears on the card _____

Sec code for American Express is the four numbers that appear above the embossed number. Master Card, Visa & Discover sec code are the additional last three digits found on the signature space on the card back

Date _____

Signature of Card Member

If you need to change your return flight date while in India there is a penalty of \$250 and any difference in fare. Any deviations will result in higher airfare. If you have purchased insurance and your change is for a covered reason you may be re-imbursed.

Once registered a \$300.00 cancellation fee applies.

If paying by check please send to Signal Travel and Tours, Inc., Attn: Karen Rieder, 219 E Main Street, Niles,

Trip Cost Information*Must Be Completed & Returned with Registration!*

The cost of the trip is \$4650. This includes: international airfare round trip Newark/Delhi, visa, all transportation within India, hotel and meal costs during the touring section of the trip, monument fees, guide tips, 2 team shirts, 1 windbreaker, postage and other administrative fees. Hotel rooms will be reserved on a double basis unless requested otherwise (additional surcharge). Signal Travel will collect and send all U.S. participants' passports and visa applications to the proper consulate and return them via overnight express delivery. It is not possible to use air miles for the international air portion of this trip.

Two team shirts and 1 windbreaker with the Polio Eradication logo and *India NID 2009*, are included in the trip cost. These will be mailed to you in January. (100% cotton, low shrinkage, men's sizing.) Team shirts are used in a team photo and during the NID days. Keep one to wear for club presentations later. The other could be given as a gift to your new Indian friend.

Indicate Man's knit shirt size: ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___ XXXL

Biographical Information Sheet*Must Be Completed & Returned with Registration!*

Tom Veevers needs your biographical information. This information helps with assigning rooming partners and formulating teams. It is also given to the hosting Rotary club. Your NID volunteer team will also receive a compilation containing everyone's information. Team members can begin to know each other prior to traveling together and the hosting clubs will enjoy learning about the team prior to its arrival.

"Fill in the blanks" and we will compose your biography, or use these items to guide you in composing your own biography. Make sure you include all of the information listed here. This is part of your trip registration.

Name as you want it on your badge: _____ Are you a Rotarian? _____

Rotary club (Non-Rotarians name the nearest club) _____ Rotary District # _____

Rotary involvement, offices held, awards received, other volunteer involvement _____

Family information: _____

Professional information: _____

Special interests: _____

Sample Biography

Doe, John P.O. Box 000, Your Town, ST 12345

H: 000.000.000 B: 000.000.000 Fax: 000.000.000 Cell: 000.000.000 Email: johndoe@aol.com

Emergency contact: John Doe, Jr., son H: 000.000.000 B: 000.000.000

321 Main St., City, CA 98765

Rooming with: Best Match

Special needs: allergic to shellfish

John (65) is a retired Big City police captain, detective bureau. He and his wife have one son. His special interests include fishing, skiing, and hiking, mentoring at the high school level, and working with Habitat for Humanity.

Since becoming a member of the Perfect Rotary Club (D1000) in 1990, John has been awarded a Paul Harris Fellow and

the "4 Avenues of Service" Award! He served as club president in 2000-01, was a four-club mentor for the Polio Eradication

Fundraising Campaign, and is presently the chair for youth exchange. This is his second NID volunteer trip.

NID VOLUNTEERS - If you would like to participate in a Polio vaccination campaign contact Rotarian - Ann Lee Hussey who is organizing Polio immunization trips. One to India for early 2009 and potentially another later in the year to west Africa. If you are interested contact her at annlee001@yahoo.com.



**Invitation
to participate in
The Final Push against Polio**

INDIA

Teams departing on several dates in January, February and March 2009

Departure dates: January 23 and February 20, 2009

Be a hands-on Rotarian!

Join PDG Elias Thomas III of Rotary District 7780 Maine USA for this unique opportunity.

The most common route that the Polio virus takes to spread is through human excreta lying around or passing through open drains along the streets of small villages in India. Our teams will build Sanitary Enhancement Facilities (toilet blocks) in a poor Muslim village west of Delhi. Rotary's very first community project was the construction of a public comfort station (toilet), so we are returning to our history! We may also participate in one or two National Immunization Days when literally millions of children in India receive the vaccine against polio.*

If YOU, or anyone you know, would be interested in obtaining more information,
please contact Elias with questions.

Elias Thomas III
Rotary International ~ District 7780
District Governor 2000-2001

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Rotary Club of Sanford-Springvale, Maine USA

*** We are awaiting final dates for the NIDs from the Government of India**

Youth Services November Report

Youth Exchange

David George is still looking for a Canadian host club to host an incoming Youth Exchange student from Australia. If you know of a club interested in hosting this student, David would be very happy to hear from you. The exchange begins in January 2009 and ends in January 2010. An unfortunate incident in Buffalo resulted in a robbery of an incoming exchange student on the way home to the host parents. Such incidents remind us of the ever-present need to exercise diligence in the supervision of our youth.

Interact

Rick Sterne is currently a member of the Slapshot Committee and is assisting that group in its focus on developing Interact clubs. A significant part of the Slapshot program is devoted to the process of developing Interact clubs. Tony Evans, the American Interact chair reports that clubs are working on a variety of project and fundraisers including Christmas efforts and a Purple Pinkie Week in the Southern Tier in the Spring.

EarlyAct and RYLA

No reports at this time

Rotaract

Bruce Williamson reports that currently there are no students at Buffalo State College involved in Rotaract this year. Bruce informed Richard Wojtowicz that he is available if Richard needs help getting the club started again.

The McMaster Rotaract club donated \$5,000. to the Haiti Water for Life Program at a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Ancaster. Funds donated were the result of the Rotaract Gala held last spring. Bruce reports that he is very impressed with the talent present in this club. At their recent November 10 meeting, Bruce noted that 60% of the 15 members present were past Interactors. This club is also hosting a "Water Conference" at their next meeting on November 24th at 5:30 p.m., featuring Dr. Zafir Adeel from United Nations University in New York City. Dr. Adeel was one of the presenters at our recent district water conference in October. Bruce has sent invitations and an attachment to 12 nearby Rotary clubs encouraging Rotarians to attend. It is being held at the Michael DeGroote Centre for Learning Building at McMaster.

A Brantford Rotaract Day will be held on Friday, January 9, 2009 at the regular Friday meeting of the Rotary Club of Brantford. Ryan Belowicz, President of the McMaster Rotaract Club will be the guest speaker. Jennifer Middleton, former RYLA Award winner and Paul Harris Fellow who is now attending WLU in Brantford will be attending with some interested students in the hope/expectation of getting a Rotaract Club started in conjunction with Mohawk College and possibly Nipissing University.

Slapshot

The deadline for the Early Bird registration fee of \$200. is February 28. Fees for registrations received after that date will be \$250. Non-refundable cheques must accompany the registration. This year's program will once again be outstanding, featuring Joel Hilchey and the Seven Habits of Highly Successful Teens, The High Ropes course and Rotary leaders promoting the development of leadership skills and Interact Clubs. Brochures including the registration forms will be circulated through the ADG's to presidents of all clubs. Contact Joe McCoy and Cheryle Slattery to register early. Their

emails are cherylet@cogeco.ca in Canada or Joe1mccoy@roadrunner.com in the U.S.



Director



In association with Rotaract and UNU-INWEH

Will be presenting a short conference on the theme:

Safe Water as the Key to Global Health

**At McMaster University, MDCL 3020, Michael DeGroote Center
for Learning building**

November 24, at 5:30 PM

Join us and better understand the keys to a safer world!!

SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

October 17, 2008

World Community Service Committee (Chair: David Johnson)

The District Council has currently approved 23 projects. Three of these are international projects, i.e., Shelterboxes for disaster relief, Gift of Life, and Adopt-a-Minefield. A fourth, RADAR, is centered on the continent of Africa and has an AIDS focus. Other projects are in Belarus, Boliva, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Hati, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, South Africa, and Uganda. Finally, the list includes one project started by the RYLA class of 2006 and being carried on by former students and the Welland Rotary Club.

The committee uses the District website to promote these projects. The website also includes advice for participating in an international project.

During the past few meetings the committee has spent time ensuring that approved projects are program oriented and deal with multiple issues in a given area.

Clubs that are interested in participating and initiating an international project should consult the District's website. I am confident that the contacts listed for each project would be more than willing to be a speaker for your club.

Community Service (Chair: John Crawford)

Last year the committee developed a format for club to use when considering a local community service project. The form assists clubs in determining community needs and whether a proposed project meets those needs.

The committee plans this year to move to the next level and is developing an electronic scrapbook of community service projects. This will give clubs an opportunity to share their ideas and successes. Clubs are asked to forward captioned photos of their projects to the Community Service Chair, John Crawford.

Pene Hutton

From: Bob Leek [bob@hec-group.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2008 5:10 PM
To: phutton@netsync.net
Subject: FW: Role of the District Disaster Response Officer in District 7090 - report to council

Hi Pene. As a follow up to the discussion at our last council meeting, I submit a revised job description for council to consider. Please include this in the reports. I believe that Ralph has put this piece on the agenda

Bob Leek

The Role of the District Disaster Relief/Response Officer in District 7090

- 1) To provide the district and clubs with disaster relief options for immediate response**
- 2) To provide the district and clubs with disaster recovery options for longer term response**
- 3) From time to time, to report to district and clubs where recovery and rebuilding projects are seeking expertise, funding, and physical labour**
- 4) To conduct research, through Rotary International, Zone, Action Group, Rotarians and specific enterprises (i.e. Shelterbox) consultation, so as to be current on disaster status for district and club benefit**
- 5) From time to time, to publicize disaster status through the district newsletter and web site**
- 6) To consider establishing a disaster response plan in the event of a disaster within district 7090**
- 7) To report directly to the District Governor on all disaster related issues**

Ideas to get all District 7090 Rotary Clubs to be represented at the RI Convention in Montreal in 2010

Ideas were brain stormed at District Council November 22, 2008. In attendance were District Leadership Team Members and a number of Presidents-elect

Table 1

Area competition – incentive for greatest percent of club members attending
Club guest speaker – Rotarian who had previously attended an RI Convention – what they thought of it
Sponsor PE to attend – part of club budget
Approach transit to see if they would get a group rate - VIA Rail to fill two cars
Special hotel rate in Montreal for our District attendees
Book a restaurant for a District 7090 dinner
Early bird rate to get people committed on some of the above ideas

Table 2

Club allowance for President elect – registration, travel, accommodation, food
Information session
One-on-one
Make it easy
District hotel, district cocktails
Cancel club meeting
District promoter
Travel as a club before and after

Table 3

Coordinated transport – buses, trains
Encourage clubs to establish a budget line item towards PE attendance
Could district subsidize the small but mighty clubs?
Rotary billets - like a version of Friendship Exchange
Keep the Canadian dollar week to attract upper NY State Rotarians
Establish twinning mechanisms with Montreal area clubs
Alternative accommodations – universities, colleges, RV sites, leverage Rotary

Table 4

Provide PE of club with some funds to assist with costs to attend from club dues
Promotional video and materials
Rent transportation for groups to attend
Promote home hospitality for four nights
Speakers to clubs to tell advantages of attending and Montreal sites
Run club only fundraisers to finance costs
District wide gathering event at convention
Maple sugar candy to all registrants
A prize for best version of O'Canada solo singer
Youth, Rotaract, Interact involved in convention

Table 5

Personal invitation to attend from District Governor to Club Champion via mail
Coordinated district transportation – train, bus
Target mailings – time line, teasers, Montreal food, sites and events both before and after
District recognition for early registration, percent of club members attending
District specific event - A night on the town
Challenge – 7090 presentation

Table 6

Identify and control costs – make it affordable
Charter a bus or train, grand tours
Start talking it up today
Show promo video to all clubs
Promote at PETS. Provide game plan provide scholarships
Club sponsor attendee - help with costs – financial support
Highlight area attractions – Quebec City
Designate hotel for our district
Large clubs subsidize small clubs
Come visit Niagara Falls on way and promote fellowship exchange

Table 7

Communicate opportunity
Rail car for 7090 delegates
Give French lessons
Presentations during lunch at District Assembly, at District Conference, at Governors
Changeover
Special edition of District Newsletter printed and distributed
Governor subsidize it
Club subsidize delegates
Large clubs sponsor small clubs
Prizes for clubs with greatest per capita participation
Volunteer opportunities at convention
Hospitality opportunities in 7090

Table 8

Have an argument for employer so that employee can get the time off work to attend
Place for RV fellowship members, encourage other to RV/tent, Borrow an RV
Stay in Rotarian's homes
Road trip – share bus, RV, car, etc
Tutor in French

Table 9

Financial support by the club for the president elect
Seek support of the PE's employer to allow PE to be absent
Club program to encourage attendance
Group train trip