



## **MINUTES OF DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING Saturday, September 29, 2008**

**Chair:** Ralph Montesanto, District Governor 2008-09

**Welcome & Invocation:** DG Ralph called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. and reprised Past District Governor Wally Ochterski's invocation of last year's first District Council of the new Rotary year which was a remembrance of the health, hunger and literacy needs of youth around the world. Governor Ralph then asked the attendees to introduce themselves and to share their most special Rotary moment since the beginning of the new Rotary year.

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

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 28, 2008, WAS MADE BY PDG BOB BRUCE, SECONDED BY PDG BOB LEEK. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Finance Committee Co-Chair Don DeMeo reported for Marlene McGraw. He noted that dues are coming in at a good pace and the only outstanding items from the previous year are some outstanding receivables relating to PETS training; he also viewed the financial reports, including the Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Budget year to date August 31, 2008. MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT WAS MADE BY DAVID GREENFIELD, SECONDED BY PDG NICK NORTON. MOTION CARRIED

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

Governor Ralph circulated a print out of the District 7090 District Directory and requested that attendees review same for any additions/corrections that may be needed. He also announced the following

- The District 7090 Manual of Procedure & Policies is being updated and a draft will be discussed at the November 22<sup>nd</sup> District Council meeting.
- The deadline for nominations for District Governor for 2011-2012 is January 19, 2009.
- Youth Exchange structure. The Governor noted that protocols would be investigated and established, revised and/or documented regarding Club versus District in decision making process.
- District Assembly – vote to select a Representative to the Council on Legislation

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

**District Governor Nominee's Report:** Karen Oakes (see attached report)

**Director's Reports:**

Public Relations:

Communications: Pene Hutton (see attached report)

Public Relations Committee: Bob Klingensmith (see attached PR 2008-2009 Grant Application). MOTION TO ACCEPT THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION AND TO FILE A FORMAL PR GRANT REQUEST WITH ROTARY INTERNATIONAL WAS MADE BY DGE PRAVIN, SECONDED BY JOHN HEISE. MOTION CARRIED

Membership: Andy Skrypniak, Director (see attached report)

Club Extension: IPDG Bob Leek, Chair

Bob noted that 4 prospective clubs within the District have been identified and sponsoring clubs are being solicited.

Recruitment: Kevin Crosby, District Co-Trainer

Kevin noted that over 30 prospective names were received for 6 participants who will participate in the video; release of the DVD is anticipated to be by the end of October.

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

PDG Bob Bruce summarized District TRF results for 2007-2008 noting that a total of \$321,000 was raised for the Annual Fund representing an average of \$110/member for the District. He also noted that training of Area Representatives will take place over the next few months.

Foundation Dinner: DGE Karen Oakes, Chair

This year's dinner will be held November 14<sup>th</sup> at *Salvatore's Italian Garden Restaurant* in Depew. Past RI President Frank Devlin will be the main speaker; cost for the event is \$70/person and reservations are a must as a sell-out is expected.

Group Study Exchange: AG Bert Rappole, Co-Chair

Bert reviewed the itinerary for the Inbound Team from Argentina-Paraguay. He expressed concern that responses have been sparse from some clubs regarding involvement in GSE, especially with regards to hosting team members.

Polio Plus: Roger Crysler, Co-Chair (see attached report)

Roger provided a progress update on polio eradication noting that 313 cases of new infections were reported in the past year worldwide. He cited favorable press coverage in the Montreal Gazette and New York Times has been received. Also, the Taliban has been reported to now support polio eradication efforts in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Grants: Don DeMeo, Co-Chair

Don reminded attendees that the District has \$73,000 available over the next three years and reminded attendees to keep the District Simplified and Matching Grants in mind for funding of small projects.

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

RYLA: Kevin noted that a review of the program is being undertaken to assess the relevance of this particular youth training program.

RYE: David George, Chair (see attached report)

Youth Exchange Incorporation: PDG Dick Earne reported the incorporation process is now complete; responsibility for preparation of required corporate reporting and audit still needs to be finalized. This will include preparation of an RFP for selection of an independent audit firm to review financials of the corporation.

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

World Community Service: David Johnson, Chair

Director John reviewed a new project to establish a micro credit program in Ecuador under the sponsorship of the Norfolk Sunrise Rotary Club which the WCS committee recommends for approval for intra-club funding solicitation.

MOTION TO APPROVE OF THE PROJECT WAS MADE BY JOHN HEISE, SECONDED BY ROY SHELDRIK. MOTION CARRIED

District Training: PDG Wally Ochterski, Director

Wally reported on the Public Presentation module of Leadership Training recently completed for American Clubs; 28 people were registered for the training and 19 participants received the Dale Carnegie training. The program will be repeated for Canadian Clubs in the future. Additionally, a consensus building training module is being developed for introduction in the near future.

District Conference: Robert Morrow & Michael Howes, Co-Chairs

DG Ralph reported that PDG Bruce Christiansen from British Columbia has been named the RI President's Representative to the District Conference. He also asked attendees to encourage all clubs in the District to support the basket auction the proceeds of which benefit TRF.

Friendship Exchange: AG Nan Bruce, Chair

The upcoming exchange will be with New Zealand and PDG Wally Ochterski will be the group leader. Nan also reviewed the program which requires advance approval by the Districts to be involved.

Water Boundary Treaty Committee: PDG Dick Earne, Chair

Dick explained the goal of the group is to involve individuals from the US and Canada in exploring the long use of the Great Lakes which the countries share in common. More details of the formation and programs envisioned will be discussed at an upcoming meeting scheduled for October 16th.

## **New Business:**

Disaster Relief vs. Disaster Recovery Discussion: PDG Bob Leek, Chair

Several construction insights were shared by attendees. WCS Chair David Johnson

supported emphasis on recovery efforts and suggested the District Disaster Relief Committee be asked to establish criteria for selecting appropriate disasters to be supported, identifying reliable (on the ground) contacts to route funds and monitor the appropriateness/effectiveness of funding. AG Ann Bermingham recommended District level Disaster Relief Action Group be charged with establishing criteria for both relief and recovery situations. DG Ralph recommended attendees see the informative article on RI's Disaster Relief Action Group in the September, 2008 issue of the *Rotarian*. Roy Sheldrick noted he is dialoguing with PRID John Eberhard on RI's evolving focus on disaster assistance.

**Other Business:**

District 7090 Gift of Life Fund, Inc.: (see attached report)\_  
DGE Pravin Suchak asked attendees to review PDG John Ridzik's report on 2007-2008 activities of the fund.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 11:58 AM BY ACCLAM.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Yates, Secretary Pro Tem

**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
- Public Relations
- Membership
- Rotary Foundation
- Youth Services
- Youth Exchange
- RYLA/New Generations
- Rotaract
- Service Projects
- District 7090 Gift of Life, Inc.



## **District Council Agenda September 27, 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 – 09:35 AM      Secretary's Report      Chris Yates for Pene Hutton
- Treasurer's Report      Don DeMeo for 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 – 10:30 AM      Directors' Reports
- € Public Relations
- PR Grant Application - Robert Klingensmith, Chair
- Communications – Pravin Suchak for Pene Hutton, Chair
- € Membership - Director Andy Skrypniak
- Membership Seminar
- Extension – Bob Leek, PDG
- DVD Update – Kevin Crosby, Co-Trainer
- Future Plans
- € The Rotary Foundation - Director Bob Bruce, PDG
- Foundation Dinner – Karen Oakes, DGN
- GSE – Bert Rappole, Co-chair
- Grants – Don DeMeo, Chair
- Polio Plus – Roger Crysler/Dudley Ericson, Co-chairs
- 10:25 – 10:40 AM      Break
- 10:40 – 11:00 AM      Director's Reports (continued)
- € Youth Services - Director Kevin Crouse
- RYLA Program Review
- YE Update – Kevin Crouse for David George, Chair
- YE Incorporation Updates – Dick Earne, PDG
- € Service Projects – Director John Heise
- Community Service – John Crawford, Chair
- World Community Service – David Johnson, Chair
- € Training – Director Wally Ochterski, PDG
- District Administration - DG Ralph Montesanto
- 11:00 – 11:10 AM      District Conference Presentation – Bob Leek, PDG

11:10 – 11:25 AM	Friendship Exchange - Nan Bruce, Chair Water Boundary Treaty Committee – Dick Earne, PDG Manual of Procedures and Policies – Joe DePaolo, PDG	
11:25 – 11:45 AM	Discussion: Disaster Relief vs. Disaster Recovery – Bob Leek, PDG	
11:45 – 12:00 PM	Any Other Business	
12:00 PM	Adjournment	
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Governors Council (working lunch) Area Reports and Discussion	Karen Oakes, DGN Assistant Governors



## **Executive Secretary's Report to District 7090 Council September 27, 2008**

During the period from June 29, to September 27, 2008, the Executive Secretary provided support in the following manner, among other things:

### District Governor/District Council:

- Prepared Minutes of June Council 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 September 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 August and September visits.

### District Governor-elect and Nominee Support

- Responded to various informational inquiries
- Added PE Training Newsletters pages to website and loaded August and September issues to site
- Distributed PE Update newsletter links prepared by Trainers to Presidents Elect

### District Committee Support:

- Distributed emails as requested
- Send Presidents labels to John Rydzik for Gift of Life mailing

### 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.
- Provided information to insurance carrier for Canadian club liability insurance.

### 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.
- Emailed attendance reporting reminders to non-reporting clubs.

**Rotary International District 7090**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As of August 31, 2008**

	<u>Aug 31, 08</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Chequing/Savings</b>	
1010 · HSBC US	54,594.89
1015 · HSBC Short Term Investment	82,757.23
1020 · BoM Cdn	53,993.97
1025 · BoM GIC	25,000.00
1040 · Petty cash	1,500.00
1090 · Restricted Grants Committee	1,428.00
<b>Total Chequing/Savings</b>	<u>219,274.09</u>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
1450 · Prepaid Expenses	10,175.75
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<u>10,175.75</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	229,449.84
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
1700 · Equipment	2,457.44
1750 · Accum Amort - Equipment	-1,228.73
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<u>1,228.71</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>230,678.55</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Accounts Payable</b>	
2020 · Accounts Payable - Cdn	1,312.50
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<u>1,312.50</u>
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
2030 · Accrued Expenses	1,500.00
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<u>1,500.00</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>2,812.50</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	2,812.50
<b>Equity</b>	
3100 · Restricted funds	7,109.22
3900 · Retained Earnings	130,404.14
Net Income	90,352.69
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>227,866.05</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>230,678.55</u></b>



**Rotary International District 7090**  
**Profit & Loss Budget Performance**  
July through August 2008

			\$ Over/(Under)	
	Jul '08 - Aug '08	YTD Budget	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
4000 · Club assessment				
4010 · General assessment	45,452.03	80,535.00	(35,082.97)	80,535.00
4020 · District Conference assessment	4,953.00	8,775.00	(3,822.00)	8,775.00
4030 · Insurance Assessment	16,753.15	30,140.00	(13,386.85)	30,140.00
<b>Total 4000 · Club assessment</b>	<b>67,158.18</b>	<b>119,450.00</b>	<b>(52,291.82)</b>	<b>119,450.00</b>
4200 · District Conference				
4202 · DC - Registrations	14,978.00	15,000.00	(22.00)	70,000.00
4204 · DC - Sponsorships	8,500.00	10,000.00	(1,500.00)	10,000.00
4200 · District Conference - Other	0.00		0.00	
<b>Total 4200 · District Conference</b>	<b>23,478.00</b>	<b>25,000.00</b>	<b>(1,522.00)</b>	<b>80,000.00</b>
4300 · District Governor RI reimb	10,835.00	10,835.00	0.00	15,700.00
4400 · AG reimbursement	1,029.00	1,029.00	0.00	1,400.00
5000 · Earned revenues				
5010 · Foundation dinner	0.00			11,000.00
5020 · Youth Exchange				
5022 · Temagami Rev	0.00			22,000.00
5025 · Orientation/Fellowship	0.00			3,000.00
<b>Total 5020 · Youth Exchange</b>	<b>0.00</b>			<b>25,000.00</b>
5030 · RYLA	0.00			26,270.00
5035 · Slapshot	0.00			15,000.00
5040 · PETS	19,250.00	40,150.00	(20,900.00)	40,150.00
5050 · COTS	0.00			7,500.00
<b>Total 5000 · Earned revenues</b>	<b>19,250.00</b>	<b>40,150.00</b>	<b>(20,900.00)</b>	<b>124,920.00</b>
5060 · District Simplified Grants	0.00			24,950.00
5200 · Interest income	5.06	400.00	(394.94)	2,800.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>121,755.24</b>	<b>196,864.00</b>	<b>(75,108.76)</b>	<b>369,220.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
5405 · Exchange Gain/Loss	(437.30)			
6000 · Administration				
6010 · District Governor				
6011 · District Governor - RI reimb	6,837.66	7,000.00	(162.34)	9,500.00
<b>Total 6010 · District Governor</b>	<b>6,837.66</b>	<b>7,000.00</b>	<b>(162.34)</b>	<b>9,500.00</b>
6020 · Assistant Governors	0.00			1,750.00
6030 · District council	0.00			2,000.00
6040 · District directory	0.00	2,800.00	(2,800.00)	3,000.00
6060 · District website	2,349.04	2,380.00	(30.96)	7,000.00
6070 · District newsletter	1,312.50	1,200.00	112.50	7,000.00
6080 · District office				
6081 · Office Support	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	12,000.00
6082 · Phone Charges	161.20	110.00	51.20	650.00
6083 · Postage	0.00	150.00	(150.00)	150.00
6084 · Office Supplies	0.00	200.00	(200.00)	1,200.00
6085 · Bank Charges	139.50	120.00	19.50	720.00
<b>Total 6080 · District office</b>	<b>2,300.70</b>	<b>2,580.00</b>	<b>(279.30)</b>	<b>14,720.00</b>
6090 · Awards & Recognition	587.60	600.00	(12.40)	2,000.00
<b>Total 6000 · Administration</b>	<b>13,387.50</b>	<b>16,560.00</b>	<b>(3,172.50)</b>	<b>46,970.00</b>

**Rotary International District 7090**  
**Profit & Loss Budget Performance**  
July through August 2008

			\$ Over/(Under)	
	Jul '08 - Aug '08	YTD Budget	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
<b>7000 · Directors and Committees</b>				
7010 · Group study exchange	0.00			4,500.00
7015 · District Simplified Grants	0.00			24,950.00
7020 · Interact, Rotaract	0.00			500.00
7030 · Long-range planning	0.00			500.00
7040 · Membership	196.79	200.00	(3.21)	1,000.00
7050 · Rotary foundation				
7058 · Donations	0.00			250.00
7050 · Rotary foundation - Other	0.00			1,000.00
<b>Total 7050 · Rotary foundation</b>	<b>0.00</b>			<b>1,250.00</b>
7060 · Grants Committee	0.00			300.00
7065 · Rotary Scholars	0.00			700.00
7070 · Vocational service	0.00			200.00
7080 · World community service	0.00			500.00
7090 · Youth exchange				
7092 · Temagami	0.00			24,000.00
7093 · Blazers/Cards/Name Badges	0.00			1,000.00
7095 · Orientation/Fellowship	123.17	500.00	(376.83)	4,000.00
7096 · Other YE expenses	205.54	150.00	55.54	2,000.00
<b>Total 7090 · Youth exchange</b>	<b>328.71</b>	<b>650.00</b>	<b>(321.29)</b>	<b>31,000.00</b>
7100 · RYLA	0.00			26,270.00
7105 · Slapshot	0.00			15,000.00
7120 · Early Act	0.00			250.00
7130 · Public Relations	0.00			1,000.00
7140 · Communications	0.00			1,000.00
7150 · Family of Rotary	0.00			300.00
7200 · Other committees	0.00			500.00
<b>Total 7000 · Directors and Committees</b>	<b>525.50</b>	<b>850.00</b>	<b>(324.50)</b>	<b>109,720.00</b>
<b>7500 · Standing Committees</b>				
7520 · District insurance	0.00			30,000.00
7530 · Finance and audit	0.00			4,280.00
<b>Total 7500 · Standing Committees</b>	<b>0.00</b>			<b>34,280.00</b>
<b>8000 · Training</b>				
8010 · District conference				
8012 · DC - Expenses	8,085.94	9,400.00	(1,314.06)	78,650.00
8016 · DC - Bank Chges & CC Disc	671.55	700.00	(28.45)	1,350.00
<b>Total 8010 · District conference</b>	<b>8,757.49</b>	<b>10,100.00</b>	<b>(1,342.51)</b>	<b>80,000.00</b>
8020 · PETS expenses	0.00			40,150.00
8030 · COTS expenses	0.00			7,500.00
8040 · District training	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	8,000.00
8050 · Assist Gov Training	0.00			1,000.00
8070 · Dist Gov Nominee Training	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	4,500.00
8080 · Dist Gov Elect Training	3,700.04	7,000.00	(3,299.96)	12,000.00
8090 · District Gov Training	4,269.32	4,500.00	(230.68)	11,100.00
<b>Total 8000 · Training</b>	<b>17,926.85</b>	<b>24,800.00</b>	<b>(6,873.15)</b>	<b>164,250.00</b>
8500 · Foundation Dinner and Projects	0.00			11,000.00
9915 · Unbudgeted Expenses	0.00			3,000.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>31,402.55</b>	<b>42,210.00</b>	<b>(10,807.45)</b>	<b>369,220.00</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>90,352.69</b>	<b>154,654.00</b>	<b>(64,301.31)</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>90,352.69</b>	<b>154,654.00</b>	<b>(64,301.31)</b>	<b>0.00</b>

## **District Governor's Report to District Council September 27, 2008**

What an exciting ride this is! Until you have been here you don't really understand how much fun it is or how much of one's time goes into the role. It's been only three months but as Tennessee Ernie Ford said in *You Load Sixteen Tons*, "I owe my soul to the company store."

### **Official Club Visits**

I am at visit 34 and by far this is the most special part of the role of District Governor. Visiting clubs, being welcomed, meeting with each club's Board and members is an adrenalin rush. Every club is different, yet every club is the same. I visited clubs with budgets in excess of \$250 000 to clubs with budgets of less than \$10 000. But every club, regardless of its size and infrastructure, truly believes that what it is doing is so important to the local and/or international communities that it serves. By the time of the next District Council meeting on November 22, I will have only a handful of clubs left to visit.

### **Unofficial Club Visits**

Along with the "official visits" come invitations. I attended induction and/or Paul Harris Awards ceremonies at Port Colborne, Niagara-On-the-Lake, Caledonia and Hamilton AM. As well, I attended and brought greetings to the St. Catharine's RibFest and the Hamilton AM BBQ/fundraiser. I put the most mileage on, for the Norfolk Sunrise Club, riding 340 km on the back of a Triumph 900 motorcycle as the club raised money and awareness of the PolioPlus program.

### **District Meetings**

I meet every two weeks with the District Treasurer to monitor cheque requests and sign for payment.

I have had one formal meeting of the Youth Exchange Incorporation Group under the leadership of Arnie Zelman and follow-up emails and phone calls with Arnie and David George as we finalize the bylaws and administrative functions.

I attended the Communication Committee meeting chaired by Pene Hutton where we continue to work through the new website and fine tune it to meet District needs. Pene is working with clubs to update the data and ensure this is a dynamic data base. Some clubs are right on top of the data entry. Pene is assisting those clubs that are struggling with the process. As well, this will be the last year that the monthly newsletter will be produced and edited by Gary Evans at Northbooks. He is retiring from this type of work and the committee is looking to use Clubrunner as the vehicle for the newsletter. We will also be looking for a champion to take on the role of coordinating the stories that come in each month. This should save the District five or six thousand dollars per year.

I also met with the Governor's Advisory Committee. Thanks to Art Wing for hosting and providing dinner. The committee is comprised of PDGs Bob Leek, Art Wing, Dick Earne and Bob Bruce. As well as the sitting District Governor, the committee includes DGE Pravin Suchak and DGN Karen Oakes. This committee helps to ensure that decisions are not made in isolation and that sufficient discussion goes into any major changes.

### **Zone Institutes**

My wife Barb and I attended two Zone Institutes and Governor Training. The Zone 27/28 Institute met in Sandusky Ohio; the Zone 22 Institute met in Victoria BC. This will be the last time District 7090 will be in two different Zones. In 2009, all of the District will be assigned to a new zone called Zone 24. This will be made up of some of the old Zone 22 districts, and includes Canada, USA, Eastern Russia and the French islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon; but, rather than 23 districts there will be 16. They are 5010\*, 5040, 5050\*, 5060\*, 5360, 5370, 5550, 6330\*, 7010, 7040\*, 7070, 7080, 7090\*, 7790\*, 7810\*, 7820. The \* indicates an international districts.

At the Zones I had a chance to talk with RIP D.K. Lee and his wife Young and RIPE John Kenny and his wife June. As a matter of fact our District had not yet been assigned the President's Representative to the District Conference which was less than a month away. I privately asked DK about it. He just had not gotten around to it and he did it that day.

Topics covered during the two Institutes included the Polio Challenge, Zone Realignments and TRF Future Vision Plan. As well, I talked with Tom Henderson the founder of Shelter Box who told me he was now putting a portable water filtration system into the boxes. With that new information I invited him to display at the District Conference and he accepted.

There were several highlights of the Zones. They were meeting with my class of District Governors, helping to present DGE Pravin Suchak and Sheela to the delegates (Very formal and very classy!), receiving The Every Rotarian – Every Year Award on behalf of the District, and being present at the memorial service where PRID Gerry Wooll and PDG Dr. John Frid were honoured.

### **District Conference**

It is great to be in good hands! Bob Leek and I are under the care of Co-Chairs Bob Morrow from the Dundas Valley Sunrise RC and Michael Howes from the Hamilton RC. They are working with each of the sub-committee chairs to make this year's District Conference extra special. To date there are 533 Rotarians, guests and Youth Exchange students registered. With three weeks left, the planning committee expects over 800 delegates. On the Waterfront: A Clear Commitment is in Hamilton Ontario, offers a program at the Hamilton Convention Centre and various sites in the Hamilton area, and is a great opportunity to move along that continuum of Rotary Experience through increased knowledge and fellowship.

**Group Study Exchange**

On October 1 the GSE team from District 4840, Paraguay and Argentina (Misiones) will be arriving in Buffalo to begin their one month stay. Co-chairs Keith Lindberg and Bert Rappole have organized host clubs and events. As well, they set up a schedule for applications and interviews for our District's team leader and team members who will be going to District 4840 in May 2009. By November 8, team members should be selected and the following week be at an orientation session in Toronto.

**Assistant Governors**

The Assistant Governor for Area 15, Mary Hirsch-Schena, resigned from the position and from her Rotary Club because of a job commitment. As a result, the Ellicottville, Olean and Salamanca Rotary Clubs are presently without an Assistant Governor. As well, Mary was the Chair of the Family of Rotary Committee.

# District Governor-Elect Report to District Council

## September 27, 2008

As a DGE this is the year of training. It is the year for me to participate in the training at the Zone and RI level. It is also a year of training for the Club President Elects for 2009-2010, Assistant Governors, District Directors & Committee Chairs as well as Club Officers and any one else who is playing a role in running of the District. It is also a year of planning, implementing some of these plans and goal setting. Finally it is a year when I continue to visit clubs and meet as many Rotarians in the District as I can.

### **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. Dates and brief details for all the training events are on the web site

### **Governor Elect Training**

As part of my training as DGE, I attended the Governor-Elect Training for Zone 27/28 in Sandusky, Ohio and the Zone 22 training in Victoria, BC. As part of the training, I also attended the Zone Institutes both in Sandusky and Victoria. My wife Sheela took part in the DGE partners training and the Zone 22 Institute in Victoria.

Besides getting trained, these two weeks were full of great opportunities to meet and interact with other District Governors-Elects in my class, Regional Chairs and Zone Directors, and of course, RI President D.K. Lee, RI President Elect John Kenny and several other RI and Foundation Leaders.

### **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.

### **District Conference 2009-2010**

The District Conference Committee is well into planning the conference. I will continue to conform to the change of the timing of the District Conference to the fall. The conference will be at the Millennium Hotel in Cheektowaga, NY on October 16, 17, and 18, 2009. We will be announcing the conference theme and other details on Sunday, Oct 19<sup>th</sup> as part of the closing of this year's conference in Hamilton.

### **Meetings**

During the first three months as DGE I attended various District committee meetings as well as District and Area events.

## **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 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.

## **Goals for 2009–2010**

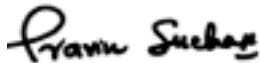
I am in the process of developing my goals for 2009–2010 and will be sending them out to District Directors, District Chairs and the Governor's Advisory Committee for their input. Once I return from the International Assembly in San Diego I will add RI President Elect John Kenny's goals and expectations to the list.

## **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 potential 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](http://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



## **2009 RI Convention in Birmingham, England, 21-24 June**

**Be a part of history and celebrate the 100th Rotary convention, which will take place in Birmingham, the heart of England!**

Birmingham is a lively canal city known for its outstanding shopping and dining. Birmingham — or Brum, as the natives call it — underwent a dramatic facelift in the 1990s. The transformation has resulted in a modern, more pedestrian-friendly city that retains traces of its medieval and Industrial Age roots.

Download the [convention booklet](#) for more reasons to come to Birmingham in 2009. This 24-page booklet also contains registration, hotel reservation, and Host Organization Committee forms.

### **Register early and save**

Register early for the convention to take advantage of special pricing!

**First deadline:** 15 December

**Second deadline:** 31 March

[Register online](#). It's convenient and secure. Your confirmation materials will be e-mailed to you.

Or download the [registration form](#).

Information for [first-time convention attendees](#).



# Rotary's 100<sup>th</sup> International Convention

## Why attend?

**By** participating in an RI Convention, you'll gain a broader appreciation of Rotary's global impact and strengthen your commitment to service. And seeing a convention may move your invited guests to become Rotarians too. Here are some other great reasons to attend a convention:

- Service projects. Find out how fellow Rotarians developed their service projects by visiting club and district project booths. You can also partner with other Rotarians in an international project or exchange.
- The Rotary Foundation. Learn more about PolioPlus and other Foundation programs during plenary sessions and workshops that show how Rotarians take humanitarian action and promote peace and understanding throughout the world.
- Development of future club leaders. Expand your network of international contacts by getting to know Rotary leaders and members from your own district, and become more involved in district plans.
- Club administration. Attend a special workshop for incoming presidents and the Presidents-Elect Luncheon, where you can meet and exchange ideas with fellow leaders.
- Family fun. With so much to do around the event, you and your family can plan a memorable vacation around the convention.

## Maximizing your convention experience

Take advantage of preconvention meetings, RI luncheons, and host events before the official start of the convention.

- Showcase your club or district humanitarian service project in the Club and District Projects Exhibition.
- Organize an event! Request a form by contacting [uae@rotary.org](mailto:uae@rotary.org).
- Get involved behind the scenes of this major RI meeting by volunteering to be a sergeant-at-arms. Sign up when you register, or stop by the sergeant-at-arms office on-site during the convention.
- Organize a group to attend from your club
- Say yes to personal information sharing when you register, and you'll receive information about local attractions, events, and activities from convention organizers and the local Host Organization Committee.
- Subscribe to the International Meetings and Convention E-Group through [Member Access](#) to receive convention information updates.



## **District Governor Nominee**

**Report to Council September 27, 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, 1 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**
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**Appointments of note: Special thank you to I.P.D.G. Bob Leek on accepting the  
role as District Trainer for 2010-2011.**

**In conclusion, the summer has 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  
September 2008 Report to District Council

Communications Committee Meeting  
August 27, 2008

Attendance: DG Ralph Montesanto, DGE Pravin Suchak, Chair Pene Hutton, Eugene Gillies, Thomas Brock, PDG Art Wing

I. Newsletter

Future of newsletter

Gary Evans retiring end of Rotary year

RI Requirement – Letter from the Governor to Clubs

Options -

Put letter online at website

Continue to publish newsletter – send out scope of work to clubs

and develop a newsletter committee to assist with publisher/editor

Pravin to think about the options above and others and let committee know how he would like to proceed as Governor in 2009-2010 by the September District Council meeting

II. On Line Events Registration - Website Event Management

Discussion of registering with PayPal – events are already being listed on line, but pay function is not enabled. We have already an agreement with Moneris. Pene to ask ClubRunner if Moneris is an option. If yes, she will enable Moneris for the online payment function.

III. Directory

Pene to contact Jeffrey L at ClubRunner to discuss wish list including

- A Full Directory that encompasses the same information as the old published version
- Addition of District Committee Members to the Organizational Chart
- Excel Option to the Full Directory

IV. Status on Club Information & Support to the Clubs

More clubs are updating their information online at the website

Educational seminars are an option that we may need to look at

V. Review of PE/President Handbook

Pene indicated that Kevin Crosby has access to change the name and content of the PE pages. Also, she will look at the President's Handbook to make sure it is complete as possible.

**Next meeting is scheduled for November 6<sup>th</sup> at the Niagara Falls Public Library from 11 am to 2 pm.**

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

**Followup Email to Committee**

Hi all,

Thanks for participating yesterday. I think we are making progress. Anyway, I put some minutes of the meeting together - key points only.

The feedback from Club Runner is that we can use Moneris, that is what the SimpleLink option is for. So I will need some information from Eugene to implement that. Will call him soon.

Also - the Full Directory option can be amended and I will be sending CR the components - I am not sure of the implementation period. The Excel sort and the addition of the District Committee Members to the Organizational Chart is something I will request in writing and we will await their response. This may or may not get a favorable response and as we discussed, may require additional money.

YIR,

Pene

Rotary International District 7090  
Membership Committee Report for District Council  
Presented by Andy Skrypniak Membership Director  
September 27, 2008

**Membership Growth Targets for 2008-2009:**

	Net Club Increase	Net District Increase
8 large clubs (over 70):	1	8
20 medium large clubs (40 - 69):	2	40
24 medium clubs (25 – 39):	3	72
21 small clubs (under 25):	4	84
<b>Total District Increase</b>		<b>204</b>

**Attendance:**

- Attendance rate for July is 64%
- 9 clubs did not report
- 6 clubs under the 50% attendance requirement (all but one between 40 and 50)

**Membership count:**

- July 1 count was unknown until all semi-annual reports are processed
- July 31<sup>st</sup> count is 2791
- 9 clubs did not report
- 16 new members
- 51 terminations

**District Membership Seminar:**

- Only one seminar this year
- Took place on September 20, 2008
- 21 clubs represented
- 25 participants
- Presenters from 7010 and 7070 well received

**Club Visioning:**

- 4 more sessions completed (6 to date)
- Kenmore, Buffalo Sunrise, Lancaster-Depew, Clarence
- Four more confirmed and six pending
- Need to find female facilitators for US team
- Need more facilitators for Canadian team

**Club Extension:**

- Fort Erie AM is on track

**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
- A computer disc containing 28 assorted membership pieces has been mailed to every membership representative for distribution to clubs
- Area representatives are contacting clubs and organizing the first of 4 quarterly meetings
- Membership presentation made to Brantford Sunrise
- Membership presentation made to Lewiston-NOTL
- Attended area meeting for Batavia/LeRoy/Akron-Newstead
- Every club with a membership count of less than 20 has received an email invitation to have an evening presentation from the membership director focusing on membership growth (14 in total)



## **District 7090 Rotary Foundation Committee**

### **District Council Report**

*Sept. 27, 2008*

**Bob Bruce, District Rotary Foundation Director**

2007 - 08 was another good year for our District clubs' contributions to the Annual Programs Fund. Our total target for the year was \$300,000, and the actual amount was \$321,853, or \$110.64 per member, the highest total in our history. Clubs yearly contributions support The Rotary Foundation's annual programs such as Group Study Exchange, Ambassadorial Scholars, Matching and District Simplified Grants, etc. All contributions are eligible for Paul Harris Recognition. Funds donated to the Annual Programs Fund are held by TRF for 3 years. Interest earned from these funds supports the administrative costs of our foundation. After three years 50% of the funds are returned to the District to distribute for Humanitarian programs as Matching and District Simplified Grants, and Educational programs such as Ambassadorial and Peace Scholarships along with other recognized Rotary Foundation programs such as PolioPlus. The other 50% is designated as the World Fund and it is from this fund that our Rotary Foundation matches club and district dollars for approved grant programs and Group Study Exchanges. Clubs also donate funds to PolioPlus and specific International projects, as well as to the Permanent Fund. These contributions are not part of the Annual Programs Fund.

### **The Rotary Foundation Annual Dinner**

The Dinner will be held this year at **Salvatore's Italian Gardens Restaurant**, 6461 Transit Rd., Depew, NY, 14043, telephone (716)-683-7990, on **Friday, November 14, 2008**. We are delighted to have Past RI President(2000-2001) and Past Rotary Foundation Trustee(1996-98 and 2001-03) Frank Devlin of the Rotary Club of Anahuac in Mexico City as our guest speaker. Foundation Dinner Chair Karen Oakes expects that this year's dinner will surpass last year's sellout. Tickets are limited, so order yours today!

### **Annual Programs Fund**

Every club in the District has now established a goal for Annual Programs Fund contributions for 2008-09. This is the first Year that we have had all clubs report their Goal to TRF and thanks goes to Art Wing and Joe DePaolo for co-ordinating this so well. The total of club goals is \$267,007.

### **GSE News**

District 7090 is hosting a Group Study Exchange team from District 4840 in Argentina and Paraguay. The team will arrive Oct. 1 and depart Oct. 30.

The team consists of Group Leader Carlos Jesus Fernandez from Posadas, Misiones, Argentina; he is an architect. Team members are: Cinthia Carolina Romero Apodaca from Asuncion, Paraguay and she is a lawyer. Francis Roland Galeano Penayo is an agronomist (soil scientist) from San Crstobal, Parana, Paraguay; Gerardo Jose Alsonso Schwarz and economist from Posadas, Argentina; Federico Arturo Monte Domecq a biologist from Ascuncion, Paraguay.

GSE co-chair for the U.S. Bert Rappole has his hosting plans in place. Clubs participating include, Dunkirk/Fredonia, Jamestown, Westfield/Mayville, Salamanca, Falconer, Batavia

GSE co-chair for the Canadian visit, Keith Lindberg has the following clubs hosting: Dundas Valley Sunrise, Hamilton, Welland, Niagara-on-the-Lake and Niagara Falls.

Tuesday, Oct. 14, the District 4840 team will cross the border into Canada and be received by the Dundas/Hamilton hosts. The team will attend the District Conference and move to the Welland Club Sunday afternoon, Oct. 19.

It should be noted that there are some excellent plans for the team and, in particular, a good mix of vocational experiences await them.

Wednesday, Oct. 29, there will be a farewell dinner in Niagara Falls. The team departs the next day.

The call for the outgoing team was distributed this week; applications are at [www.rotary7090.org](http://www.rotary7090.org). We already have 2 applications from the Niagara Region.

The deadline for team leader applications is Oct. 17, with interviews taking place at the Niagara Falls McBain Community Centre, Oct. 25.

The deadline for the team members is Oct. 25 with interviews taking place at the Niagara Falls McBain Community Centre on Nov. 8.

Team members and the leader are expected to attend an orientation in Toronto, Friday, Nov.14 and Saturday Nov.15.

The outgoing GSE team will travel to Argentina and Paraguay, May 10 to June 6, 2009.

Keith Lindberg, co-chair GSE

Bert Rappole, co-chair GSE

### **Polio Plus**

The Rotary Foundation must raise \$103.5 million over the next 3 years to match the challenge grants of the Gates' Foundation and Google.

To do this:

A. Every club is challenged to organize a public fundraising event to raise a minimum of \$1000 annually for the next 3 years.

B. Individual Rotarians are invited to take part in the challenge with special emphasis on new clubs and newer Rotarians who have not yet had the opportunity to contribute to PolioPlus.

Here are a few ideas that clubs have adopted to raise funds for polio eradication:

The Rotary Club of Ancaster is reviewing possibilities for a volleyball tournament in November which could raise \$4000 for polio if the numbers come in as proposed.

The Rotary Club of Simcoe AM had a motorcycle ride for polio Aug 23. At the Queenston Hts BBQ, DG Ralph Montesanto related some of his polio experiences on NID's, and some of the current challenges to eradication. I augmented that with some of my experiences as a survivor of that scourge, and one of the participants piped up, "My mother had polio" and what it meant to her. I think that there may have been some stories by the water cooler on Monday.

The Rotary Club of Waterdown has purchased reusable grocery shopping bags with "Goodbye Polio – Thanks Rotary" imprinted and plans to sell them at local stores as part of their public campaign.

Roger Crysler, PolioPlus Co-chair

### **Credit Card Donations**

The Rotary Foundation has added recurring credit card contributions for the Annual Programs Fund to its **TRF DIRECT Donations** program for **Canadian Rotarians**. This contribution method was previously available only to US Rotarians.

Current **TRF DIRECT** participants are invited, if they wish, to switch over their current bank/cheque debits to the new recurring credit card program using their Visa, Master Card, or American Express credit cards.

The current program of recurring bank savings/cheque debits will continue without change.

To participate, donors must complete a **TRF DIRECT** Credit Card Authorization Form and submit it to The Rotary Foundation at One Rotary Center, 1560 Sherman Avenue, Evanston, IL, 60201. Authorization forms are downloadable from the RI website in English at [http://www.Rotary.org/RIdocuments/en\\_pdf/998en\\_canada.pdf](http://www.Rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/998en_canada.pdf).

The **TRF DIRECT Donations** program for Canada is administered from Evanston, IL, but all credit card contributions settle in Canadian dollars in a Canadian Bank. **TRF DIRECT** tax receipts are issued on an annual basis for **TRF DIRECT** contributions made during the calendar year at the close of the December 31 books, generally in late January or early February.

**US Rotarians** may continue making credit card donations through the **TRF DIRECT** form available at [http://www.Rotary.org/RIdocuments/en\\_pdf/998en.pdf](http://www.Rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/998en.pdf).



**Rotary District 7090  
Youth Exchange Committee  
District Council Report  
9/27/2008**

**Student status**

We are currently hosting 32 inbound students and we have 27 outbound students. Our outbound population has been reduced by 5 as a result of two students who chose not to go on exchange prior to departure and 3 who have decided to return early after their exchange began. The committee is working on initiatives to be introduced in the interview process to help address the root causes of early termination. Among other changes; students will be considered "outbound candidates" through the Jamestown weekend where in the past we told our students that they were "outbounds" at the conclusion of their district interview.

**Activities**

We recently completed our first orientation with the inbound class of 08/09 over the weekend of September 20/21 in Niagara Falls ON. Students were treated to "Niagara's Fury" as well as the "Sky wheel". (We were not able to take the students on Maid of the Mist as a result of a recovery operation in the gorge). All students attended an orientation on Saturday night that covered respectful behavior. Students and YEO's attended an orientation on Sunday morning covering the rules of exchange.

All students will be attending District Conference

**Committee Changes**

We have many new members of the Youth Exchange committee for 2008/2009.

Stan Simmons (Buffalo Sunrise) joins us as events coordinator.

Lisa Yaggie (Jamestown) joins us as Safety Officer

PDG Bob Leek joins us as Safety Officer

Sharon Meikle (Grimsby) joins us as Vice Chair in Training

Gloria Szylak (NOTL) joins us as Vice Chair in Training

Ray Tisi (Welland) joins us as Treasurer

**Incorporation**

Incorporation of District 7090 Youth Exchange is complete. By Laws have been written and accepted and banking has been established in Canada.

Incorporation cont.

**Officers**

President: Ralph Montesanto

Vice Presidents: David George  
Pravin Suchek  
Dick Earne

Secretary: Dick Johnson

Treasurer: Ray Tisi

Respectfully submitted:

David George  
YE Chair

## **New Generations**

### **Kevin Crouse**

*“Working to strengthen our programs for youth helps ensure a new generation of responsible, ethical, and volunteer-minded people. They are our link to the future of Rotary which we ourselves will not see.”*  
*R.I. President, Wilf Wilkinson, Rotary World, July 2007*

### **New RYLA Program**

After repeating essentially the same program for the last thirteen years, the RYLA committee is currently examining a new model that will be more inclusive, relevant and Rotary oriented.

This new program is based on District 9680's model presented to the committee by Jennifer Middleton as a result of her experiences at the International RYLA Conference this past June. It is an attempt to maximize youth and candidate participation in a manner that features RYLA and Rotary goals and meets historical expectations of District 7090's RYLA program. It will be formally discussed at the first RYLA meeting on September 20.

The program will be conducted by a team of RYLA committee members and graduate Rylarians from the past five years. Kevin Crouse, a past Program Co-ordinator for the Ontario Athletic Leadership Centre, will serve as the new director and Kevin will be assisted by Rylarians like Matt Pomeroy and Jennifer Middleton who have already acted as facilitators at past Slapshot and RYLA programs. The Facilitator Team will co-ordinate groups responsible for running the RYLA Dinner, Motivation sessions, a RYLA newspaper, Sergeants at Arms, and Random Acts of Kindness. Facilitators will take on roles as coordinators in charge of Team Building, Leadership, Audio Visual, Program and Evaluation and Reflection. Training will be conducted by Kevin and the Committee prior to the new program to be held the first week of June. This year's program will begin on a Saturday and end the following Friday. The age group remains at 19 – 26.

This change parallels recent changes in the Slapshot program last year where The Seven Habits of Highly Successful Teens, Introduction to the Interact program and sessions featuring Jennifer and Matt were the week-end highlights. Every year over 100 students are involved in this program. Because of accommodation limitations, clubs are encouraged to register early to avoid disappointment. Registration deadline this year is February 28, 2009. Slapshot this year will take place April 24 – 26, 2009 at Canterbury Hills. Fees are \$200.00 per student. The Slapshot program is designed for 16 to 18 year olds.

The district is also actively involved in the promotion of the EarlyAct program. Our district established the first Earlyact club in Canada at Fonthill. Under the able leadership of Mindy Tweedle and Chris Lowes from Hamilton and Fonthill, New clubs are springing up regularly, the most recent being the Green Acres Club in Stoney Creek. Clubs work on school, community and international projects.

David George is continuing his winning ways with Youth Exchange. Last year there were 34 outbound students and 37 inbound. 25 clubs participated in the outbound program and trips to Temagami and Niagara Falls were featured. Outgoing interviews are held in January.

Interact and Rotaract activities are also on the rise. As a result of the Slapshot program, new clubs are formed yearly, the most recent being the A.N. Myers club in Niagara Falls. And the Welland club at John Vanier. Both presidents made impressive presentations at Slapshot and their presence and presentation were instrumental in the formation of new Interact clubs. Both clubs were successful because they secured a champion in the school and in the local sponsoring Rotary club. As with the Early Act and Rotaract programs, Interact clubs develop school, community and international level projects related to the Rotary program. New Rotaract clubs are also occurring regularly, the most recent being the Buffalo State College club conducted by Rotarian Surgit Singh. The Hamilton a.m. club sponsors the Hamilton McMaster Rotaract Club, run effectively by co-presidents Bibi Khan and Heather Battles. The Brock University Rotaract Club is sponsored by Fonthill and St. Catharines Rotary clubs and the newest, the Laurier Brantford Rotaract Club, sponsored by Brantford Sunrise, is being spearheaded by Jennifer Middleton.

Report to District Council on Youth Exchange Corporation  
Presented by PDG Richard Earne  
September, 2008

As previously reported the corporation is formed.

Since last report,: first meeting held

- directors selected
- officers selected
- by-laws approved
- manual of operation drafted
- two bank accounts set up
- in process of filing registration for Charitable Organizations

Items in process of being completed:

- conformation of adequate liability Insurance
- completion of 1023 form to get 501-c-3 status.
- Arnie Zelman has supplied form and instructions and example of existing corp done by another district. PDG Bob Leek will work on with district YE committee members

After above need to file NYS exemption status.

US Dept of State file for designation as sponsor for a YE program.

9mos to 1 year to finalize

Arnie Zelman also suggests there is a need to determine who will file annual filings

- including:

- IRS 990
- NYS CHAR 500
- NYS ST 1119.2 sales tax exemption

## Pene Hutton

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**From:** Fred (Nick) Norton [arkr@buffnet.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 25, 2008 8:40 AM  
**To:** A.Pene Hutton  
**Subject:** ROTARACT

Penne,

Here is my report re ROTARACT

I have talked with the president of Fredonia University, Dennis Hefner. He was positive on the founding of a ROTARACT club at the university. He referred me to the Dean in charge of student activities. I met with him and gave him a ROTARACT download. I also met with Mary Sasso who is in charge of foreign student program. She was a member of our club several years ago and helps us in our GSE program. I have an advisor appointed, Rich Ryan, a member of our club and who is on staff at the university's foundation. I have given him a ROTARACT download. Next will be to begin notifying students. Our Ambassador scholar has arrived. She may be a help. But I am not sure how effective she will be. She is a musician studying to be a concert pianist

Nick N.

9/25/2008

## SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

*September 27, 2008*

### **World Community Service Committee** (Chair: David Johnson)

At their last meeting the WCS Committee received updates on some of the current projects being undertaken by clubs in our District. Summaries of these updates are listed below.

- RADAR started in a neighboring district as a forum to raise awareness and stimulate activities to combat HIV/AIDs, primarily across Africa. It appears that ongoing educational efforts have not monumentally changed the male population's attitude toward sexual practices. The positive news is that the rate of increase in new HIV cases is slowing and ARV treatments are proving very successful. Any club in our District willing to partner with clubs in South Africa and/or any of the numerous NGOs that are currently working on HIV/AIDs initiatives could very easily be connected via Jos Nolle, a committee member.
- DG Ralph shared a request from District 5110, which has, over the past two years, led a very successful campaign to provide water filters to isolated rural villages in Guatemala in cooperation with the Guatemala City Rotary clubs. District 5110 is soliciting "lead sponsors" in other districts to assist with fundraising to continue this momentum. Our own District has a club (Bob Jones, LeRoy R.C.) participating in an almost-identical water filter project in the same areas of Guatemala as District 5110's initiatives. The committee will contact Bob Jones in the LeRoy Rotary Club for his reaction to District 5110's request and to explore collaborative potentials between our two districts.
- Carl and Mary Vahl from the Olean Rotary Club provided a summary of their club's project progress in Niger. Through financial support from District clubs and a DSG, 3 wells were recently dug in Niamey, Niger. The Vahls shared a video of the well construction demonstrating the participation of several local groups. Although Niger is not without challenges (drought, rainy seasons, shallow water tables), within 24 hours and with the work of 8 men in rotation, each well was constructed to reach the clean water table that lies 50 feet below the surface. Training ensued to ensure that the local population could maintain the water pumps. The wells in Niger project are a relatively new WCS-approved project, which has enjoyed great success in the past 6 months.
- WASRAG: District 7090 was working on water and sanitation issues long before the formation of the Rotary interest group WASRAG (Water and Sanitation Rotary Action Group). Ron Denham is the current chair of WASRAG. WASRAG's focus is on provision of potable water and appropriate sanitation to decrease child mortality among other objectives, which is DK Lee's R.I. goal this year. WASRAG is not a corporate Rotary entity, but rather a collection of interested citizens that is run by Rotarians and is accountable to R.I. As it stands right now, 9 water-related projects are expected to speak or have displays at the District conference in October. Our District is well ahead of many in relation to our emphasis on water.
- Roger Crysler reported to the committee regarding new updates and initiatives around the push to eradicate polio. At this moment, four countries remain endemic: Afghanistan, Pakistan, India and Nigeria. Over the past year, only 313 cases of polio have occurred worldwide. Once the endemic countries reach a rate of zero transmission for three years, the world can be declared polio free! All clubs worldwide are being asked to assist with matching the Gates Foundation 100 million-dollar grant for Polio Plus, which works out to \$1000 per club per year for three years. Our District is well on their way to meeting that goal. Roger also announced a new Canadian government commitment of \$30 million toward the eradication efforts, announced Sept. 4, to bring Canada's total

commitment to the efforts to \$90 million.

Jim and Linda Peters from the Norfolk Sunrise Rotary Club gave a PowerPoint presentation on their current successes in establishing a microcredit program in three villages in Ecuador. The project's mission is to increase disposable income, one family at a time. On average, a microcredit program can increase a family's income from \$1.00 per day to \$10 per day over a two-year period.

Jim outlined projects undertaken in Bahia (tricycle taxis, poultry business, pig farms, sewing machines), which had full repayment success and included a forced savings component, which was returned to the project leader when he or she assumed a guiding role for another microcredit group, and in Puerto Hondo (food generation and sales).

Next steps for the Ecuador microcredit project include raising \$50,000 for use in microcredit undertakings in the villages of Machala, Ecuador and Negales, Mexico.

The committee recommends to the District Council that the Ecuador Microcredit Projects be approved as a District approved World Community Service project with rights to solicit funds and in-kind support from area clubs and responsibility to adhere to reporting requirements.

Finally, the committee also discussed Rotary's focal point of disaster relief vs. disaster recovery. To date, R.I.'s position has been that Rotary is involved in long-term, sustainable disaster recover efforts, with disaster relief best left to the many governmental and NGO organizations with expertise in this field. Recent world disaster events, however, have led to a multitude of requests for immediate assistance in devastating events, Haiti's recent battle with several hurricanes being a prime example. Several responsorial options exist, such as Pure Water for the World's request for financial support to distribute means of purifying water to devastated areas, Haiti's PDG's request for help to deliver aid via boats to those most severely stricken, and the role of Shelter boxes in both disaster relief and recovery.

The discussion ensued regarding R.I.'s true direction in disaster relief vs. recovery. It is neither a District request nor an R.I. request to consider changing the focus from disaster recovery to disaster relief. Some members felt that engaging in disaster relief on a District scale would dilute our efforts ("stay in the business that we're good at - disaster recovery").

Roy Sheldrick was asked by the committee to discuss this issue with the District Council. Please give it some thought prior to Saturday's meeting.

### **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 develop a District list of community service projects throughout the District. This list can be used by club to generate ideas for use in their own communities.

## ***R.I. District 7090 Gift of Life, Inc.***

PROGRESS FOR ROTARY YEAR 2007-2008:

### ***Three children were brought in for life saving open-heart surgery:***

- (1) Xander de Los Santos, 15 year old from Cebu Island, Philippines was sponsored by the R.C. of Ancaster AM. Xander had successful surgery for both the VSD (Ventricular Septal Defect) and to close a leaking aortic valve. Surgery was performed at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto.
- (2) Mary Ann Banglos, 12 year old from Cebu Island, Philippines was sponsored by the R.C. of Niagara Falls, Ontario. Mary Ann had extensive repair of her teeth before heart surgery, had successful surgery for severe Tetralogy of Fallot. After recuperating, Mary Ann had successful surgery to correct her severe scoliosis. Surgery was performed at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. *Note: Gained 4 ½ inches in height and organs functioning normally.*
- (3) Solangeli Perez, 22 month old from the Dominican Republic was sponsored by Paul and Suzanne Mansell from Hamburg, New York. Solangeli had successful surgery to repair a large hole in the heart, ASD (Atrial Septal Defect and VSD (Ventricular Septal Defect). Surgery was performed at the Women & Children's Hospital of Buffalo.

### ***Progress made with hospital affiliation:***

After a lull of three years, The Women & Children's Hospital of Buffalo brought on board pediatric cardiothoracic surgeon Peter Manning. Successful discussions with hospital and medical staff resulted in another working agreement with Gift of Life. Each heart surgical procedure would cost \$5,000. This is the going rate in 41 Gift of Life programs worldwide.

***Rotary District 7090 Gift of Life, Inc. will continue as long as there are sponsors and hospital affiliations. Note: The Gift of Life program is self-supporting and does not require district funding.***

### **Income & expense statement:**

Quarterly financial statements are part of the Gift of Life Directors meeting summaries e-mailed to District Governor, District Governor Elect, District Governor Nominee, other district officers and Gift of Life Directors. The year end Rotary Year budget is prepared in June, reviewed at the Gift of Life Directors meeting in June and e-mailed as stated previously. The Revenue Canada "Charitable Organization" report, United States "Internal Revenue Service 501 (c) (3)" report and the New York State "Exempt Organization Certification" report are forwarded to the District Governor.

### ***September 22, 2007 Financial Report***

Canadian Section:	Opening Balance Assets	\$ 6,212.79
	Expenditures for Mary Ann Banglos	\$ 5,317.42
	Closing Balance is	\$ 886.31
	Liabilities for additional surgical procedures	-\$20,000.00
	(10,000 each for Xander & Mary Ann)	

***Note: The \$20,000 will be taken out of U.S.A. account and***



***paid to the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto***

United States Section:	Opening Balance Assets	\$ 54,392.06
	Liabilities	\$ 0
<b><i>Note: \$20,000 will be paid to HSC for Xander Santos and Mary Ann Banglos.</i></b>		
<b><i>Remaining Balance will be</i></b>		<b><i>\$ 34,392.06</i></b>

***December 8, 2007 Financial Report***

Canadian Section:	Opening Balance Assets	\$ 7,535.76
	Liabilities	\$ 0
United States Section:	Opening Balance Assets	\$ 30,241.85
	Liabilities	0

***April 5, 2008 Financial Report***

Canadian Section:	Opening Balance Assets	\$ 5,201.12
	Liabilities	\$ 0
United States Section:	Opening Balance Assets	\$ 31,216.39
	Liabilities	\$ 0

All income/expenditures are in the official report to Revenue Canada and the Internal Revenue Service as required.

It is anticipated that the Gift of Life's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf & Tennis Tournament will generate sufficient income to bring in three children for life saving open-heart surgery. Also, directors again will investigate heart surgical procedures in foreign countries performed by Canadian/United States surgeons under direct medical supervision of Children's Heartlink program or the Gift of Life International program.

***Note: All revenue generated goes to the hospitals for children's surgical heart procedures and for pre and post housing, meals, etc.***

Submitted by John Rydzik, Ed.D., PDG, President  
R.I. District 7090 Gift of Life, Inc.

Report to District Council September, 2008 on Boundary Water Treaty Centennial Celebration  
By PDG Richard Earne

Boundary water treaty was signed in 1909. It is between the US and Canada promotes decisions about boundary water. Main area is the great lakes. Because of the makeup of our district being on both sides of the boarder and the fact that Commissioner Gray is a Rotarian and because the celebration will be taking place in Niagara Falls our district has been asked to help.

On August 14<sup>th</sup> the first meeting of the committee was held. It was convened by Canadian Consul General Steve Brereton and US Consul General John Ney. The focus of the committee is to:

- to focus (bi)national attention on the Canada-US relationship;
- to bring local/regional and national focus to the importance of water/issues and the binational stewardship of shared natural resources;
- to raise the profile of the cross-border Niagara region on its own and as an iconic symbol of shared Canada-US interests;
- and to develop regional capacity to promote cross-border opportunities (e.g. tourism coordination, environmental cooperation; Niagara 10 governance etc.)

The remainder of the August 15 meeting was organized around three key areas of focus: 1) planning/programming; 2) finances and resources; and 3) communications.

The role of Rotarians and our district has not been determined.

There is also a secondary issue to help establish a Peace Park. The first Peace Park was between US and Canada in the Northwest and was assisted by Rotarians. The thought now is to establish Peace Gardens approx 7-10 focusing on historical sites on both sides of the boarder, not necessarily right on the boarder but in surrounding towns. If clubs or areas are interested we can put you in touch with the coordinators.

The next meeting of the centennial committee is Thursday Oct. 16