



#### MINUTES OF DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING

Saturday, November 20, 2010

#### APPROVED AS AMENDED BY 1-22-11 DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Attendance**: 29 District 7090 Rotarians

**Chair:** Karen Oakes, District Governor 2010-11

<u>Welcome & Invocation</u>: DG Karen called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. AG Chris Yates gave the invocation with a focus on thanksgiving.

<u>Introductions</u>: DG Karen asked the attendees to introduce themselves and cite one proud moment they have experienced in Rotary since the beginning of the new club year. As an example, Grants Committee Chair shared his proud moment when the Haiti well project team reported the completion of 219 water wells; another was shared by Club President Bob Graczyk (Niagara County-Central Rotary Club) who described how the interaction with one District Conference and Rotary International Conference speaker this year (Ontario-Lieutenant Governor David C. Onley) moved him to develop a District 7090 Community Service project to provide wheelchairs at the 3 major USA-Canada border crossing for use by arriving disabled visitors while clearing customs. See additional details below.

**Secretary's Report:** District Executive Secretary Pene Hutton reported that the official Minutes of the September 11, 2010 and District 7090 Annual Meeting of September 24, 2010, were posted to the District 7090 website along with the Agenda for this meeting in advance of today's meeting for review.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 21, 2009 September 11, 2010, WAS MADE BY AG CHRIS YATES, SECONDED BY PDG JOE DEPAOLO. THE MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT 7090 ANNUAL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2010, WAS MADE BY AG CHRIS YATES, SECONDED BY PDG JOE DEPAOLO. THE MOTION CARRIED.

**Treasurer's Report:** District Treasurer Jim Jackson (see attached report)

Jim reviewed the July 1 through November 17, 2010 Revenue/Expenditure Comparison to Budget. He noted that current cash flow is very positive as expenses to date have not been very high; there are 6 U.S. Rotary Clubs that have not remitted their assessments to the District and that 9 Canadian Rotary Clubs are past due on dues to Rotary International. He also noted that most all of the bills for this year's District Conference have been settled and that the event ended with a surplus of \$950.00. Lastly Jim reported that the independent audit of the District's financials has commenced and the final audit report is expected soon.

## MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT WAS MADE BY DGE JOHN HEISE, SECONDED BY PDG RALPH MONTESANTO. MOTION CARRIED

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

Governor Karen supplemented her report by noting her appreciation to all who helped make the District Conference held September 24, 2010 in Simcoe hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Norfolk County a success. Karen asked the Assistant Governors to remind District clubs of the importance of remitting District and Rotary International dues on a timely basis. She also reported that to date she has completed 71 of her 73 club visits and has logged (according to her capable driver) over 28,000 kilometers in her travels since July 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **<u>District Governor Elect's Report</u>**: John Heise (see attached report)

DGE John reported that he was extremely impressed by the quality of presentations and materials at the Zone Institute and Governor Elect Training that he attended this Fall.

#### **<u>District Governor Nominee's Report</u>**: Rick Sterne (see attached report)

DGN Rick expressed his appreciation for the prayers & well wishes he received from Rotarians in District 7090 following his accident in late summer. He also thanked DG Karen for leading in his stead the AG Roundtable meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Several Council members noted their thanksgiving for Rick's recovery from his accident and his return to "active" status in the District as noted in the activities covered in his report.

#### **District Director's & Committee Reports:**

<u>District Training</u>: Kevin Crosby, Director (see attached report)

Kevin noted that a survey of District Rotary Clubs to help identify training needs is being developed; an informal Club level position of Club Education Coordinator has been proposed and that a catalog of training materials available to clubs is under development. Lastly he noted that he is looking to develop an enhanced orientation for new members, the creation of a District Training Advisory Committee comprised of District leaders who can oversee various training programs e.g. PETS, RLI, Membership, etc. and a District Leadership Seminar to prepare new District Officers.

Rotary Leadership Institute: PDG Dick Earne, Chairman, reported that 20 Rotarians attended the October 23<sup>rd</sup> sessions held in Fredonia. Dick noted that follow-up on RLI participants indicates a high retention rate for Rotarians that participate in the program. Two upcoming RLI sessions have been announced and details can be found on the District web site; goal is to have 48 participants in these sessions.

<u>Club Visioning</u>: PDG Dick Earne, Co-Chair noted that 2 sessions have been scheduled for District Clubs in the U.S. and Canada. He and Visioning Facilitator John Boronkay noted a recent successful session was conducted with the Rotary Club of Orchard Park.

#### Service Projects: Jack Amico, Director (see attached report)

Jack encouraged Council members to review his report and noted that he invited two individuals from the recently formed District 7090 Rotary Action Group to make a presentations today. First he introduced Michelle Holder (West Seneca Rotary Club) who introduced the following new initiative:

RAG Blood Donation Program: Michelle (Shelly) Holder explained the development of a voluntary blood donation program in which District Clubs are challenged to host blood drives with local community blood centers. As an encouragement, Donate Life Rotary Pins will be awarded to members of clubs that have 100% participation in donating or volunteering as hosts at local blood drives. Materials will be made available to all participating clubs and monthly results of donations made by Rotarians, their families and recruited blood donors will be posted.

RAG Border Wheelchair Project: President Bob Graczk of Niagara County-Central Rotary Club detailed the project which grew out of his discussions with Lt. Gov. David Onley (Ontario Province) over the past 9 months. Essentially individuals, Clubs and Areas within District 7090 can participate in acquiring wheelchairs at a discount price (\$275) for use at the 3 major river border crossing in South Ontario and Western New York by individuals that need a way to transit customs. The wheelchairs will located on both sides of the border and will have a silkscreened imprint recognition which identifies the Club or Area responsible for donating the particular wheelchair. While many clubs may wish to make individual contributions to the project, the Assistant Governors committed to a minimum of 1 wheelchair per Area which will help exceed the initial goal of 10 chairs.

New Generations (formerly Youth Services): Director Kevin Crouse (see attached

Youth Exchange: Chair Greg Norton reported that he accepted the appointment of District Chair for a one year period and that Aad Vermeyden (Brantford Sunrise Rotary Club) has agreed to act as Chairelect. He explained the development of a District Youth Exchange Team and announced Vice-Chair appointments. 25 applications for 2011-12 have been received and District level interviews have been scheduled for January 15<sup>th</sup> in Hamilton, Ontario, and January 16<sup>th</sup> in Hamberg, New York. Greg also outlined plans for a large gathering of Rotex students to be held following the Rotary Bike Trek sponsored by the Rotary Club of Niagara-on-the-Lake to be held in June 3-5, 2011. The gathering will be used to celebrate the final RYE event for 2010-11 and recruitreturning ROTEX students for membership in Rotaract and Rotary. The next RYE event will be the Buffalo Winter Weekend sponsored by the Rotary Club of Buffalo being held December 3-5.

SlapShot: Chair Kevin Crouse

report)

Kevin referenced the brochures distributed on the tables and the packets to AGs for club presidents. He noted that the training always sells out in advance of the registration deadline which is February 28, 2011. The event is scheduled for April 29 – May 1, 2011.

Rotary Foundation: PDG Art Wing, Director (see attached report)

PDG Art expressed appreciation to all who attended the Annual District 7090 Rotary Foundation Dinner held on November 6, 2010 at Salvatore's Restaurant. He noted the excellent reception that the District attendees gave Past RI President Wilf Wilkinson who was the keynote speaker. He also noted the recognition of Rotarian Harold Ruslander (Buffalo Rotary Club) and Lois as

new major donors and Rotarians PDG Bob and Nan Bruce (Waterdown) .He also reported that Matching Grant funds totaling \$128,000 are available in District 7090; he indicated \$32,000 will be donated to the Rotary's Polio Plus Fund and another \$25,000 will go to the Rotary International Peace Centers.

<u>Polio Plus</u>: Co-Chairs PDG Wally Ochterski and Valerie Bailey-Phillips. Co-Chair Wally announced the very favorable reduction in the number of new cases of polio e.g. India where the 2009 reported cases were 528 and year to date in 2010 are 39 and Nigeria where 2009 cases were 382 and year to date in 2010 are 10.

Membership: Jacquie Herman-Wing, Director (see attached report)

Jacquie announced the next Area Membership Training for Area Membership Chairs from the U.S. will be held December 9<sup>th</sup> in Williamsville. She also indicated that it is very challenging to get an accurate count of District membership.

#### <u>Public Relations</u>: Paul McAfee, Director (see attached report)

<u>District eClub</u>: Paul McAfee, Chair. Paul asked Council members to promote the formation of the District's first eClub. Charter members are being recruited; a total of 20 members is required. Paul indicated the District 7090 eClub will be a hybrid format with meetings alternating between on-line and live meetings at various Rotary clubs within the District. He also emphasized that the eClub format is ideal for Rotarians who cannot make regular weekly meetings, have moved out of the area or travel extensively.

<u>Public Relations Committee</u>: Paul McAfee, Chair. Paul reported that the 2010-11 PR grant application to RI was fully approved. He explained how funds will be allocated to radio/TV stations in order to maximize the cost benefit of PSA's and other media.

#### Communications:

Paul additionally announced that Chris Yates has agreed to chair the Communications Committee. Paul suggested the communications committee focus on one or two important goals from the current District Strategic Plan rather than try to cover all of the goals outlined for Communications in the Plan.

#### **Other Business:**

<u>Rotary District 7090 Youth Exchange Program, Inc.</u>: Chair IPDG Pravin Suchak (see attached report)

IPDG Pravin noted that the response to RI has now been completed and will be forwarded to and received by RI in advance of the extension date of November 30. He noted the delay was brief but required the approval of the abuse policy by the corporation before it could be submitted.

#### **Recognitions**: Karen Oakes, DG

IPDG Pravin was then presented with a certificate crystal award from Zone 24 from Rotary International for his support of the RI Convention in Montreal. District 7090 was recognized for having 250 350 attendees at the convention – a goal reached set by Pravin of 5 members per club.

DG Karen Oakes also presented IPDG Pravin with a <u>erystal award from Zone 24 certificate</u> for District 7090's outstanding effort last year in furthering The Rotary Foundation by the donation of \$30,265 of the District's DDF to the Polio Plus Challenge. TRF Trustees matched this with \$.50 per dollar from the World Fund, resulting in a donation of over \$45,300 as a District 7090 contribution.

#### **Announcement:**

Buffalo Centennial: Rich Adams, AG

Rich cited 5 reasons to attend the event which is scheduled for April 28, 2011 at the Hyatt Regency in Buffalo – the most important of which is that Buffalo is the first District club to reach the age of 100 and secondly – it is a chance to meet RI President Ray Klingensmith.

**2010-11 Rotary International Convention**: Chairman Dave Greenfield, Training Director Kevin Crosby and PDG Dick Earne shared a promotional video on the International Convention in New Orleans, LA, being held May 21-25, 2011. Materials for early registration were distributed to Council members.

#### **Adjournment:**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, ON MOTION MADE BY DGE JOHN HEISE, SECONDED BY PDG JOE DEPAOLO, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 12:05 PM BY ACCLAIM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Penelope Hutton, District 7090 Executive Secretary

#### Reports Attached:

Minutes of District Council Meeting of September 11, 2010-11-21

Minutes of District 7090 Annual Meeting of September 24, 2010

Treasurer's Report

District Governor's Report

District Governor Elect's Report

District Governor Nominee's Report

Committee Reports:

- Training
- Service Projects
- New Generations (Youth Services)
- Rotary Foundation
- Membership
- Public Relations & eClub
- Rotary District 7090 Youth Exchange Program, Inc.

## **Rotary International District 7090** Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 1 through November 17, 2010

	Jul 1 - Nov 17, 10	Budget	Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4000 · Club assessment				
4010 · General assessment	78,247.26	80,450.00	-2,202.74	97.26%
4020 · District Conference assessment	208.02		208.02	100.0%
4030 · Insurance Assessment	29,272.17	30,000.00	-727.83	97.57%
4000 · Club assessment - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 4000 · Club assessment	107,727.45	110,450.00	-2,722.55	97.54%
4200 · District Conference				
4202 · DC - Registrations	24,686.00	0.00	24,686.00	100.0%
4204 · DC - Sponsorships	5,500.00	0.00	5,500.00	100.0%
4208 · DC - Draws, etc	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
4200 · District Conference - Other	7,650.00	7,650.00	0.00	100.0%
Total 4200 · District Conference	37,836.00	7,650.00	30,186.00	494.59%
4300 · District Governor RI reimb	0.00	15,700.00	-15,700.00	0.0%
4400 · AG reimbursement	0.00	1,400.00	-1,400.00	0.0%
5000 · Earned revenues				
5010 · Foundation dinner	2,280.00	14,000.00	-11,720.00	16.29%
5020 Youth Exchange				
5022 · Temagami Rev	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
5023 · Blazers/Cards/Name Badges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
5025 · Orientation/Fellowship	20.00	0.00	20.00	100.0%
5020 · Youth Exchange - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 5020 · Youth Exchange	20.00	0.00	20.00	100.0%
5030 · RYLA	0.00	30,000.00	-30,000.00	0.0%
5035 · Slapshot	0.00	17,600.00	-17,600.00	0.0%
5040 · PETS	29,727.00	32,850.00	-3,123.00	90.49%
5050 · District Assembly Income	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.0%
5000 · Earned revenues - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 5000 · Earned revenues	32,027.00	99,450.00	-67,423.00	32.2%
5060 · District Simplified Grants	0.00	24,800.00	-24,800.00	0.0%
5200 · Interest income	266.11	187.80	78.31	141.7%
5400 · Other income				
5401 · Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
5402 · Seminar Training Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
5403 · Public Relations Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
5404 · Rotary Now DVD Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
5400 · Other income - Other	-60.00	1,000.00	-1,060.00	-6.0%
Total 5400 · Other income	-60.00	1,000.00	-1,060.00	-6.0%
Total Income	177,796.56	260,637.80	-82,841.24	68.22%
Expense		·		
6000 · Administration				
6010 · District Governor - RI Reimburs	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.0%

# Rotary International District 7090 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

July 1 through November 17, 2010

	Jul 1 - Nov 17, 10	Budget	Over Budget	% of Budget
6020 · Assistant Governors	0.00	783.33	-783.33	0.0%
6030 · District council	369.50	940.00	-570.50	39.31%
6040 · District directory	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
6050 District history	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
6060 · District Website Administration	1,125.00	603.93	521.07	186.28%
6061 · District Website Club Runner	13.67	0.00	13.67	100.0%
6070 · District newsletter	0.00	750.00	-750.00	0.0%
6080 · District office	5,00			
6081 · Office Support	5,152.50	6,165.00	-1,012.50	83.58%
6082 · Phone Charges	250.00	241.17	8.83	103.66%
6083 · Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
6084 · Office Supplies	169.98	156.67	13.31	108.5%
6085 · Bank Charges	975.36	281.70	693.66	346.24%
6086 · Supplies, Treasurer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
6080 · District office - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 6080 · District office	6,547.84	6,844.54	-296.70	95.67%
6090 · Awards & Recognition	222.30	2,000.00	-1,777.70	11.12%
6000 · Administration - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 6000 · Administration	8,278.31	16,921.80	-8,643.49	48.92%
69800 · Uncategorized Expenses	70.75	0.00	70.75	100.0%
7000 Directors and Committees				
7010 · Group study exchange	0.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00	0.0%
7015 · District Simplified Grants	0.00	24,800.00	-24,800.00	0.0%
7020 · Interact, Rotaract	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
7030 · Long-range planning	0.00	600.00	-600.00	0.0%
7040 · Membership	0.00	1,200.00	-1,200.00	0.0%
7050 Rotary foundation				
7055 · Paul Harris Society	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%
7058 Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
7050 · Rotary foundation - Other	200.21	1,200.00	-999.79	16.68%
Total 7050 · Rotary foundation	200.21	1,400.00	-1,199.79	14.3%
7060 · Grants Committee	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%
7065 · Rotary Scholars	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.0%
7070 · Vocational service	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%
7080 · World community service	0.00	800.00	-800.00	0.0%
7090 · Youth exchange				
7092 · Temagami	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
7093 · Blazers/Cards/Name Badges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
7095 · Orientation/Fellowship	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
7096 · Other YE expenses	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
7090 · Youth exchange - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 7090 · Youth exchange	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
7100 · RYLA	0.00	30,000.00	-30,000.00	0.0%
7105 · Slapshot	0.00	17,600.00	-17,600.00	0.0%
7120 · Early Act	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%

# Rotary International District 7090 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

July 1 through November 17, 2010

	Jul 1 - Nov 17, 10	Budget	Over Budget	% of Budget
7130 · Public Relations	-90.00	4,000.00	-4,090.00	-2.25%
7140 · Communications	1,225.00	4,500.00	-3,275.00	27.22%
7150 · Family of Rotary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
7200 · Other committees	· C			
7205 · Other Committees - Misc	0.00	675.00	-675.00	0.0%
7215 · District Gov - Change Over Even	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
7200 · Other committees - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 7200 · Other committees	0.00	1,175.00	-1,175.00	0.0%
7000 Directors and Committees - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 7000 Directors and Committees	1,335.21	90,575.00	-89,239.79	1.47%
7500 · Standing Committees			•	
7510 · Council on legislation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
7520 · District insurance	19,215.85	30,000.00	-10,784.15	64.05%
7530 · Finance and audit	0.00	2,550.00	-2,550.00	0.0%
7540 · Manual of procedures	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
7500 · Standing Committees - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 7500 · Standing Committees	19,215.85	32,550.00	-13,334.15	59.04%
8000 · Training				
8010 · District conference				
8012 · DC - Expenses	36,608.00	0.00	36,608.00	100.0%
8014 DC - Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
8016 · DC - Bank Chges & CC Discounts	278.00	0.00	278.00	100.0%
8018 · DC - Youth Exch	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
8010 · District conference - Other	0.00	7,650.00	-7,650.00	0.0%
Total 8010 · District conference	36,886.00	7,650.00	29,236.00	482.17%
8020 · PETS expenses	440.00	40,150.00	-39,710.00	1.1%
8030 · District Assembly Expenses	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.0%
8035 · Seminar Training Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
8036 · Visioning	100.00	600.00	-500.00	16.67%
8040 · District training	675.00	6,500.00	-5,825.00	10.39%
8050 · Assist Gov Training	0.00	600.00	-600.00	0.0%
8070 · Dist Gov Nominee Training	0.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00	0.0%
8080 · Dist Gov Elect Training	0.00	7,500.00	-7,500.00	0.0%
8090 · District Gov Training	0.00	7,500.00	-7,500.00	0.0%
8000 · Training - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 8000 · Training	38,101.00	78,000.00	-39,899.00	48.85%
8500 · Foundation Dinner Costs	29.58	14,000.00	-13,970.42	0.21%
8504 Rotary Now DVD Costs	15.91	0.00	15.91	100.0%
8600 · Meeting Expenses	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
9915 · Unbudgeted Expenses	0.00	1,725.00	-1,725.00	0.0%
Total Expense	67,046.61	233,871.80	-166,825.19	28.67%
Net Ordinary Income	110,749.95	26,766.00	83,983.95	413.77%

11:00 AM 11/17/10 **Accrual Basis** 

## **Rotary International District 7090** Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 1 through November 17, 2010

	Jul 1 - Nov 17, 10	Budget	Over Budget	% of Budget
Other Income/Expense				
Other Expense			•	
5405 · Exchange Gain/Loss	1,079.59	0.00	1,079.59	100.0%
9920 Additions to Reserves	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
9930 · Program admin allocations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Other Expense	1,079.59	0.00	1,079.59	100.0%
Net Other Income	-1,079.59	0.00	-1,079.59	100.0%
Net Income	109,670.36	26,766.00	82,904.36	409.74%



#### District Governor Report to District Council November 20, 2010

Welcome! It is my pleasure to see all of you here today to our 2nd District Council meeting of the 2010-2011 Rotary Year.

I have been involved in the following activities since our September 2010 meeting:

- With the incredible support of the Norfolk area clubs, Delhi, Norfolk Sunrise and Simcoe hosted the 2010-2011 Rotary year District Conference (September 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, 2010)
- Attended Niagara Falls Sunrise Rotary Club 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
- Attended several functions throughout the district to honor our inbound GSE team from South Korea
- Participated in 3 PHF club events (Waterdown, Brantford Sunrise, Ancaster-Haiti night)
- Participated in 2 Interact charter ceremonies (Sir John A. Macdonald S.S. Hamilton AM, and Niagara Wheatfield Senior High School- Niagara County Central)
- Attended Eastern Cities Dinner in Rochester N.Y. (head table consisted of 63 Rotarians and partners I kid you not!)
- Participated in GSE team leader selection congratulations to Roseanne Morissette)
- Faculty member for RLI (Rotary Leadership Institute) in Fredonia, NY
- Participated in Zone 24 Conference call regarding RRC (Regional Rotary Coordinator)
- Participated in the monthly D7090 Directors meeting
- Participated in October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010 District Advisory Committee meeting
- Celebrated the fabulous generosity of our D7090 Rotarians in Foundation giving, and Polio Eradication support with a wonderful evening in Salvatore's Restaurant on November5th, 2010 under the leadership of TRF Director, PDG Art Wing and his support team – CONGRATULATIONS to all!
- Attended the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Rotary club of Clarence
- Addressed 38 D7090 clubs as part of the official club visit, and engaged with the Club board either prior to or after the official visit, presented PHFs to worthy recipients, inducted new members, and recognized clubs with 2009-2010 Presidential Citations, and special membership awards.
- Attended the DG session at 2010 Zone 24-32 Institute in London, Ontario we were all
  thrilled with the recognition afforded to our District for our commitment to Polio, to the
  Montreal convention, and to the incredible community event for literacy Telling Tales!
  Our own Rotarian Roy Sheldrick was the recipient of the ZONE 24 Donald MacRae
  Peace Award -Well done ROY!
- Addressed ongoing issues within the district
- The year to date has been filled with countless hours of great communications between

fellow D7090 Rotarians and beyond our District as we work together in Building Communities, Bridging Continents.

I have been blessed to have enjoyed this busy calendar of activities and celebrations with Wolfgang always at my side in support of my commitment to our Rotary work. The opportunity to serve as District Governor 2010-2011 is a privilege that I appreciate daily.

THANK you for this opportunity in Service above Self. Respectively submitted,

Karen L. Oakes

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

November 20, 2010

#### John Heise

Wow! It has been a busy few weeks. The highlight was the attendance at the Zone Institute in London last week. It was a week filled with a great deal of information about Rotary, fellowship, and networking. From Tuesday through Saturday I was out of our room by 7:30 a.m. and often did not get back until after 4 p.m. Then out again in a couple of hours for the evening meals and festivities. The conversations were very informative.

Below are my activities since our last Council meeting:

- I participated in the Directors' Go To Meeting on September 20;
- I attended the District's Foundation Training seminar on September 21-thanks to Art for organizing and chairing this informative event;
- I attended our annual District Conference the weekend of September 24-26; (Karen's conference has provided a good role model for designing the one for my year; a congratulations also to the Karen and her committee for a great conference)
- On September 30 I participated in a Go To Meeting conference call about the multi-District PETS2 in March;
- On October 5 I participated in a Webinar about the Foundation sponsored by RI;
- I participated in another Directors' Go To Meeting discussion on October 18;
- On October 26 I attended the Paul Harris dinner in Ancaster;
- On October 31 I participated in a Go To Meeting discussion among DGs, DGEs, and DGNs sponsored by our Zone coordinator Nancy Gilbert;
- On November 5 Sandy and I attended our District's Foundation Dinner-a thank you to Art and all who assisted him in organizing this dinner;
- From November 8-14 Sandy and I were at the Zone Institute in London, Ontario;
- On November 15 I participated in the Go To Meeting Directors' meeting;
- On Friday of this week I will also be participating in a YE Go To Meeting.

It has been a busy, but rewarding couple of months. Sandy and I have enjoyed the journey to date and look forward to spending next year visiting clubs and learning more about Rotary, our District, and the many great things being accomplished by our clubs locally and throughout the world.

The Zone Institute was even more informative this year. It helped clarify many things for me, such as Future Vision, RI's Strategic Plan, the Polio Plus effort, and much more. While there I had an opportunity to meet some representatives from the Foundation and RI staff. They were able to answer some questions I had right away and when they could not immediately answer a question I often had an answer waiting in my email by the time I made it back to the room.

Some of our other leaders were also in attendance. RI President Ray and his wife joined us toward the end of the institute. I had a chance to talk one-on-one with Bob Scott about the efforts to eradicate polio, for example. There were also representatives there from the Foundation and from club and district service.

Of greater value to me were the discussions I had with my classmates. For two of the days at the Institute Sandy and I were involved in GETS training. These two days were very intense and every minute was planned. I was given a flavor of the upcoming International Assembly I will be attending in San Diego this January.

This training really set the tone of our conversations for with my classmates for the remainder of the week. We exchanged ideas on strategic planning, visioning, membership development and retention, and PETS. Once again I felt that on many of these issues our District was way ahead of the curve. There were some Districts, however, that are working on ideas from which we can learn things.

We have been paired up with District 2520 for our GSE during 2011-2012. It is a district in northern Japan. I am in the process of communicating with my counterpart in that District.



### DISTRICT GOVERNOR NOMINEE REPORT – November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010

#### RICK STERNE - DG 2012-13

Since our last District Council Meeting, I have been active at the following events:

On September 25<sup>th</sup>, I attended the District Conference in Simcoe. I was very impressed with the quality of the presentations on Saturday Morning.

On October 13<sup>th</sup>, Jeanette and I attended the Brantford Sunrise Rotary Paul Harris Night cocktail party where they presented three PHFs to community leaders. They also got leads on 25 prospective new Rotarians for their Club.

On October 18<sup>th</sup>, I participated in the District Director's Advisory Go-To-Meeting.

On October 20<sup>th</sup>6, I attended the Brantford Sunrise Rotary breakfast and Directors meeting with DG Karen Oakes.

On October 26<sup>th</sup>, Jeanette and I attended the Ancaster Rotary Paul Harris Night for Haiti dinner in Ancaster. Congratulations Roy.

On October 29<sup>th</sup>, I participated in the District Governor's Advisory Go-To-Meeting. I was the scribe.

On October 31<sup>st</sup>, I participated in the Zone 24 Go-To-Meeting.

On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, I met with Bob Bujas, Interact Chair, to review the District Interact Program for this year. He plans to organize a District Interact Conference for next spring.

On November 5<sup>th</sup>, Jeanette and I attended the District Foundation Dinner at Salvatore's Restaurant. I introduced PRIP Wilf Wilkinson, our guest speaker.

On November 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>, Jeanette and I attended the Zone 24/32 DGN Training Seminar and Rotary Institute in London, Ontario. It was a great first session.

On November 15<sup>th</sup>, I participated in the District Director's Advisory Go-To-Meeting.

On November 17<sup>th</sup>, I attended the Area 2 AG meeting in Brantford.

I am pleased to report that Marlene McGraw will return as District Treasurer in 2012-13 and that Scott Lyons will be the District Conference Chair for our Conference in Brantford, October 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

Respectfully submitted

Yours in Rotary

**RICK STERNE** 

**DGN 7090** 

# Rotary District 7090 Report of Training Director, September 2010

Strategic Goals for Education & Training

**Goal #1:** To strengthen the role of the AG in helping the district to support the educational needs of the clubs.

**Goal #2:** To develop measurement tools that enable the district to assess the needs as well as satisfaction of Rotarians throughout the district as it relates to education and training; and to collect the needs and satisfaction ratings of Rotarians in district and ensure that actions are taken annually to meet needs and increase satisfaction.

**Goal #3:** Improve utilization of education programs at club level – as measured by achieving a 30% utilization rate of these offerings. The goal of "30% utilization rate" is interpreted to mean that at least 30% of members in each club participate in at least one training/educational program

**Goal #4:** Form Education Committee by July 1, 2010 to focus on orientation of new members and continued growth of current members.

- 1. Highlights of what has been accomplished since the last council meeting as it relates to these strategic plan goals outlined in our district plan:
  - a) The Training Advisory Committee held an online meeting on 10/25/10 to discuss several issues related to training in the district, including: use of an online needs-assessment survey, development of a brochure (print and online) providing an orientation to the District, developing a 2-level orientation process for new Rotarians (Level 1 orientation to the club; Level 2 orientation to RI, TRF and the District); establishing the position of Training Registrars in the District; promoting the role of "Club Education Coordinator" in the District.
  - b) Kevin Crosby and Ralph Montesanto attended the District Training workshop at the Rotary Institute & Leadership Forum for Zones 24 & 32 in London, Ontario, Nov. 8 13.
- 2. What are some actions that you are committing to lead / ensure are accomplished between now and next meeting relative to the council strategic plan?
  - a) Distribute an online survey tool to be used to solicit input from clubs regarding training and education needs
  - b) Develop a new "job description" for the role of "Club Education Coordinator"
  - c) Develop a "Guide to Training and Education Programs" for clubs
  - d) Develop a process for tracking/reporting participation in training and education programs at the club level (including self-study programs)
  - e) Develop and disseminate recommendations and resources for the orientation of new members
  - f) Propose the selection of Program Chairs for each of the following District training activities (these chairs would comprise the District Training Committee): PETS 1, PETS 2, District Leadership Seminar, District Assembly, RLI, and Club Visioning.
- 3. Is there an item that you would like to bring to council for decision relative to the strategic plan? If yes, please state the item for discussion.

No.

4. Is there an item that you would like 'input' from council (ideas – not decision) relative to the strategic plan?

Any ideas on how to generate interest at the club level for creating the position of "Club Education Coordinator"? (This would be the "point person" for information about training and education programs and resources available to clubs. This also would be the person who would provide periodic reports on the participation of club members in educational programs, including self-study.)

5. Are there any other comments you would like to make at this time relative to your part in helping our District deliver its strategic plan?

I believe that selecting chairs for various training activities in the District will enable us to focus more energy and attention on each of these activities and allow us to develop more robust and diverse programs.

# SERVICE PROJECTS REPORT District 7090 District Council meeting 11/20/2010

#### **Community Service Committee:**

#### **Rotary Action Groups**

Shelly Holder, who is leading the Rotary Action Group - Blood Donations reports that she and John Crawford (District Community Service Chair) have started the Rotary Action Group program for our district. Shelly, who works in community outreach for the Upstate New York Transplant Services organization, will be presenting the program to clubs on the US side of District 7090. She has identified a partner organization to provide blood collection in the Canadian part of the District. Her team will be offering a challenge to all Rotarians in the District to make blood and blood products available within the communities of Western New York and Southern Ontario. This program has proven to be very popular in other districts around the world, providing a great community service with no cost to Rotary and no cash costs for our members. The only donations will be time and blood.

#### Border Wheelchair Project

Bob Graczyk, President of the Niagara County-Central Rotary Club, had a chance to meet Ontario Lieutenant Governor David C. Onley at the International Conference in Montreal last summer. Lieutenant Governor Onley is a strong advocate for the disabled and spoke to that topic at the International and District Conferences. Bob Graczyk is employed by the US Department of Homeland Security and recognized a need for transport style wheel chairs at the "best of friends" border crossings in our area. With his club's support, he has established a District 7090 Community Service Program to provide transport chairs at all local border crossings. District clubs will be given the opportunity to "sponsor" a wheel chair for \$200 or less. Each chair will have the District flag imprinted on the seat back and recognition of the individual club supporting the effort. Chairs on the Canadian side of the border will identify Western New York donor clubs. Chairs on the American Side of the border will identify Southern Ontario donor clubs.

#### District 7090 Disaster Response Team

The Disaster Response Team continues to work on documentation and establishment of policies and procedures and is preparing to be able to respond if and when such a disaster presents itself within the district boundaries.

#### **Vocational Service Committee:**

#### Rotary At Work

Chair Andrea Aldinger reports that Kerry Thomas of the Welland Rotary Club and Donna Saskowski of the Batavia Rotary club are moving forward with the Rotary at Work program in the district. Growing out of District 7070, the program connects citizens with disabilities with community-minded professionals and businesspeople. Andrea provided an excellent summary article about the program in last month's District Newsletter.

#### E-Yellow Pages

We are in the very preliminary stages of investigating the potential of an e-yellow pages service for all district members. Other districts have had great results by linking an outside service which provides free listings for all district Rotarians' businesses, funded by an advertising charge for those who wish to provide display advertising in the e-directory. We hope to have more information at the next Council meeting.

#### **World Community Service Committee:**

Doug Johnson has been unable to complete his commitment to the committee chair. In his absence, David Johnson and John Harbison have agreed to co-chair the committee for the balance of the Rotary year. Carl and Mary Vahl have relocated to Baltimore Md. and will not be able to continue their committee involvement. Several interested Rotarians have been contacted and additional committee members are being recruited. The potential of using Go-To-Meeting for the January meeting was discussed, but it was decided to hold an in-person meeting and explore online options for a later date.

#### Maniche, Haiti Medical Clinic

John Harbison provided an update for the clinic project. Construction of the building (financed with non-Rotary donations) is planned to begin in January or February 2011. The bidding process is currently underway. Once construction is started, application for matching grants will be completed, hopefully contributing the remainder of funds required for equipping the clinic to complete the project.

#### Tanzania Education Project

Kevin Crosby and Barb Ochterski of the Buffalo Sunrise Rotary Club presented that club's proposed education project for Mara – Kantanga Village, Tanzania).

Collaborating with a larger project based out of the State University of New York at Buffalo and a local NGO (Immaculate Heart Sisters), the Buffalo Sunrise club will focus on providing a source of potable water, sanitation facilities and educational support for that school.

After an exchange of information between the Buffalo Sunrise members and the committee, it was determined that this project meets the requirements of an approved 2010-2011 District 7090 World Community Service project. Once approved by the District Council, it will be added to the 2010-2011 World Community Service directory of approved projects (about to be published).

#### Guatemala Road Project

Wayne Bacon, of the Buffalo Rotary Club, brought his son, Harrison and Nick Osinski (both Spanish language high school students) and Tom Nye, an engineer for Union Concrete as guests. The four of them recently returned from an information gathering mission to Guatemala. There, they identified the need for a 6 km road to assist with transport, flood control and commerce through improved communications with the industrialized world.

The committee discussed a variety of considerations with the Buffalo Rotary group, involving sustainability, grants potential, partners potential for funding, local governmental cooperation commitment and potential land ownership issues. The Buffalo Rotary group will return to the WCS committee at a meeting later this year in order to address the issues raised at this meeting.

#### Potential Serbian Orphanage Project

Kerry Thomas, of the Welland Rotary Club reviewed his recent visit to orphanages in Serbia where he witnessed how care for physically and/or mentally challenged children takes place across that country. Kerry is fleshing out a program in partnership with Serbian human rights and mental disabilities groups to improve the conditions of those living in Cacak and Belgrade, possibly through a train-the-trainer model. He hopes to address economic, human rights and educational issues in this population in Serbia. He will give further presentations to the WCS group as details evolve.

### **District 7090 New Generations Youth Services Report**

November 2010-11-13 report

#### Interact

Tony Evans reports that the four clubs sponsored by the Olean Rotary Club have just completed a massive food drive, raised \$3,000.00, sponsored Halloween parties for elementary children, and are sponsoring yet another water well in Niger through their parent Olean club. Next month on December 14, Tony will be speaking to the Lockport Rotary Club re starting an Interact Club and on November 9, he attended a Charter Dinner for the 29 members of the new Niagara Wheatfield High School Interact Club. Tony is also creating a directory of all Interact Clubs with phone numbers, emails and meeting times of all American clubs in the district.

#### **Youth Exchange**

Greg Norton reports that all 24 Inbound Students from 16 different countries have arrived safely and all of our 25 outbound students have departed for their exchange. Greg has agreed to take over as Interim YE Chair for 2010-11, and Aad Vermeyden of the Brantford Rotary Club has agreed to take over as chair next year. This year, Aad will continue to hold the position of Vice-Chair for Northern Europe and Lisa Yaggie of the Jamestown club will take over the Northern Europe position next year. David George will return next year and will act as Vice Chair for Southern Europe. Bob Stevenson (Simcoe) will continue as Vice-Chair for Asia/Australia/New Zealand and Gloria Szylak (Niagara on the Lake) will continue as Vice-chair for Mexico/South America. Joanna Turchin will take on the new position of Secretary.

We were all very proud of the efforts of exchange students at the District Conference. Greg feels strongly that a good number of clubs are considering joining the program this year and there is a strong possibility that we will be sending 30 or more students out next year.

#### Rotaract

**Congratulations to** the new Buffalo Sunrise Rotaract club for their involvement in the Brush-up program of 15 homes in the Buffalo area. Their efforts were featured in a Rotary International report last month.

Jennifer Middleton reports that the Brantford Rotaract membership is growing each week. This year they will be working with Habitat for Humanity, End Polio Now and a Rotarian Action Group to end Child Slavery. To date they have raised over \$200.00 to End Polio Now, and on November 29<sup>th</sup> they will be hosting a Pot luck Games Night featuring Rotarians and Rotaractors. Everyone is welcome. Rotarians are to bring an entree.

#### Early Act

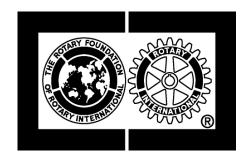
Congratulations to John Gehl for taking on the chair of Early Act. Brantford's first Early Act club was chartered on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. at Graham Bell – Victoria Public School. Jeannie Boniface of the Brantford Sunrise Rotary Club is the club sponsor. Over 30 students attended this meeting as did Jeff Noble, Sunrise president and Kevin Crouse. Plans are already under way for community, school and international projects. The school's principal is the lead teacher in this group.

#### **RYLA**

**Congratulations to** Sue O'Dwyer, the new RYLA Chair. Sue will take over both Canadian and American club responsibilities. RYLA this year will take place once again at SUNY Fredonia, New York on June 19 through June 25, 2011.

#### **SLAPSHOT**

This year's program will take place at Canterbury Hills convention centre in Ancaster, Ontario. The dates are April 29 to May 1, 2010. Early registration remains at \$200.00 for those registered before February 28. Brochures for all club presidents will be distributed at District Council on November 20. Assistant Governors will distribute presidents' letters with details of the program this year to their area PRESIDENTS.



# District 7090 Rotary Foundation Committee District Council Report

November 20, 2010
Art Wing, Director, District 7090 Rotary Foundation

#### **Foundation Dinner**

A Foundation Celebration dinner was held on Friday November 5. Nearly 200 Rotarians and guests attended. Past RI President Wilf Wilkinson gave us an update on the activity of the Foundation and praised our District for our support of the Foundation and Foundation programs.

The following awards and recognitions were made:

#### **Every Rotarian Every Year Clubs -PDG Pravin Suchak**

Buffalo Sunrise, Dunkirk, Flamborough, Greater Jamestown AM, Hamilton-East Wentworth **Sustaining Member Clubs** 

Ancaster, Ancaster AM, Dundas, Medina, Simcoe, Welland

#### Club Polio Recognition-PDG Wallace Ochterski

Amherst South, Batavia, Brantford Brantford Sunrise, Clarence, Dundas, Dundas Valley Sunrise Grimsby, Hamburg, Hamilton AM, Hamilton East Wentworth, Jamestown, Lockport, Niagara Falls ON St. Catharines, St. Catharines Sunrise, Waterdown, Welland, West Seneca

#### **Foundation Service Awards-PDG Bob Bruce**

Doug Manly Fredonia Group Study Exchange Leader.

Janet Vanstrom Falconer Area Foundation Rep.
Pattie Johnson Grand Is. Area Foundation Rep.
Rick Sterne Brantford Area Foundation Rep.

Wayne Massey Dundas Valley Sunrise Area Foundation Rep

#### **Top 3 Per Capita Clubs**

Ancaster \$356 Hamilton AM \$351 Dundas Valley Sunrise \$262

**Bequest Society** 

Reg and Loretta Madison Brantford Sunrise

#### **Special Rotary International Recognition**

PDG Bob Bruce, DG Karen Oakes

Bill Patchett – Rotary Zone Polio Challenge Coordinator Zone 24 East

Presentation to: Thie Convery Dundas RC

In recognition of her swim across Lake Ontario this past summer in support of Polio Eradication

#### Major Donors-District Governor Karen Oakes and PRIP Wilf Wilkinson

Harold and Lois Ruslander Buffalo Rotary Club

Bob and Nan Bruce Waterdown Rotary Club

Thie Convery presented a cheque to DG Karen Oakes for \$52,000 for our Polio Campaign-\$1,000 per kilometer for her swim across Lake Ontario.

#### Grants

Chair Roy Sheldrick has done an excellent job of keeping on top of all of the grant processes.

#### **District Simplified Grants**

All 13 District Simplified Grants are closed for 2008/2009

More than 50% of these 14 District Simplified Grants are closed for 2009/10

The Rotary Foundation have informed that the transfer of \$24,800.00 has been made to Don Demeo for the 2010-11 District Simplified Grant

For 2010-11, 7 District Simplified Grants have been approved for 412,300 and 3 are in process. Approximately \$6,000 remains in the fund for this year.

#### **Matching Grants**

Of the 16 Matching Grants currently open in our district only 1 is overdue and it became overdue on November 1, 2010 for Grand Island

#### **Group Study Exchange**

The GSE committee completed the first part of this year's GSE as we hosted the team from South Korea in September.

The committee has selected Rosanne Morrisette from St. Catharines South RC as the team leader for our team to travel to Korea in March. Paul Lehman from the Lockport RC was selected as the alternate team leader.

Applications are still being accepted for the team members. Interviews are scheduled for December 4.

DGE John Heise, has completed arrangements for a GSE program for next year with Japan.

#### **Future Vision**

Over many years Rotary Districts have asked for more control over the decision making with regard to the spending of Foundation funds. The movement of District Simplified Grants decisions to the District level in 2003 was a first step in giving Districts more control as well as accountability and governance responsibility.

One Hundred of our 534 Rotary Districts around the world began this Rotary year as Pilot project clubs on the implementation of the Future Vision direction for Our Rotary Foundation.

The District 7090 Foundation committee considered the opportunity to participate and after lengthy discussions two years ago decided to not apply to be a Pilot District.

The District Foundation committee has made presentations on the Future Vision topic at each of the last two District Assemblies as a beginning of the introduction of our District to this future Direction.

On July 1 2013 all Districts in Rotary will be come part of the Future Vision program.

With that in mind the Foundation committee is in process of forming a **Transition Committee** to study, plan and work on the implementation of the program.

#### **Current issues.**

Under the current Pilot process, only Pilot Districts may enter into matching grant arrangements together.

We currently have at least 3 clubs who are in the process of completing arrangements to implement projects with Pilot Districts. The Foundation committee is beginning to work with these clubs and assist in linking up with a near by Pilot district so that our clubs can continue as they are planning.

Future Vision Pilot news is an excellent monthly newsletter from the Rotary Foundation dealing with all of the issues in relationship to this topic.

There will be lots of information on this topic over the next few years.

### Rotary District 7090 Strategic Plan Template for Directors

Your Portfolio: Membership
The Strategic Plan Goals, as written in plan, to which you are taking the lead:
Goal 1. Slow the attrition rate y 50% in 12 months.
Goal 2. achieve a net + 15% growth per year.

Highlights of what has been accomplished since the last council meeting as it relates to these strategic plan goals outlined in our district plan:

- a) Held Membership Forum for Canadian Clubs
- b) Planned membership Forum for US Clubs to be held Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. Williamsville NY
- c) PDG Pravin reports the potential of two new clubs; AM in Niagara on the Lake and the eclub being developed by Paul McAfee is spearheading this sponsored by Amherst East. Progress being made.

What are some actions that you are committing to lead / ensure are accomplished between now and next meeting relative to the council strategic plan?

- a) Continue to re-build Area Membership Representative Structure-
- b) District membership development and retention seminars to assist clubs in establishing best practices US Clubs
- c) Work with District Secretary and clubs to develop real numbers for club membership.

Is there an item that you would like to bring to council for decision relative to the strategic plan? If yes, please state the item for discussion.

Expected time frame for implementation

Is there an item that you would like 'input' from council (ideas – not decision) relative to the strategic plan?

How the District Membership Strategic plan interrelates with other district committees

How aware and interactive are the clubs currently in the strategic plan?

Are there any other comments you would like to make at this time relative to your part in helping our District deliver its strategic plan?

#### **Rotary District 7090**

### PR and e-Club Committee Reports to District Council November 20, 2010

The Strategic Plan Goals, as written in plan, to which you are taking the lead: Establish an e-club in the District

1. Highlights of what has been accomplished since the last council meeting as it relates to these strategic plan goals outlined in our district plan:

#### a. Rotary District 7090 e-Club

i. Our current priority is to recruit 20 members for the new club. These can be individuals who have left Rotary due to schedule conflicts, but would like to remain active in Rotary. They also can be people who are new to Rotary and appreciate the flexibility of an e-Club.

#### b. RI PR Grant Application

- i. We received the full grant.
- ii. Paul must now finalize the details with WBEN in the USA, and with Cathy Henry's help, with Astral Media in Canada. Then, we can start to promote the campaign to the clubs.
- iii. The goal is to have the ads run in February.
- 2. What are some actions that you are committing to lead / ensure are accomplished between now and next meeting relative to the council strategic plan?

#### a. Rotary District 7090 e-Club

- i. The e-Club Committee met via GoToMeeting on Tuesday, September 14.
- ii. Paul will revise the draft e-Club structure and Organizing New Club 808en form and resubmit to Pravin and Karen for review.
- iii. Once approved, Paul will work with Pravin and Karen to submit the request for a provisional club charter.
- iv. We need a list of committed members before we can submit.
- 3. Is there an item that you would like to bring to council for decision relative to the strategic plan? If yes, please state the item for discussion.
  - a. No.
- 4. Is there an item that you would like 'input' from council (ideas not decision) relative to the strategic plan?
  - a. Both the PR Committee and the e-Club Committee are open to ideas and input from the Council.
- 5. Are there any other comments you would like to make at this time relative to your part in helping our District deliver its strategic plan?
  - a. No.

## Rotary District 7090 Youth Exchange Program Inc. Report to the Council

November 20, 2010

At the last District Council meeting I had reported that there has been a delay in the recertification of our Youth Exchange Program with RI for the year 2009-2010. The Certification application was submitted in June 2009. Since then, the Youth Exchange Services of RI had requested additional information and last year's Youth Exchange chair PDG Bob Leek has been working with RI and providing them with responses to the questions raised by them. However, since RI Youth Exchange Services had received a high volume of certification materials for review their staff was not been able to provide us with timely feedback on our submission and RI had extended the deadline for our district's recertification until September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010. This has had no impact to our 2010-2011 Youth Exchange program as District 7090 is listed as certified in the July 2010 Youth Exchange Directory.

This deadline was further extended by RI to November 30<sup>th</sup> 2010. PDG Bob Leek has completed the response to all the questions raised by RI. Part of Bob Leek's response includes the creation of Youth Exchange Abuse and Harassment Prevention Policy. The policy and related documents were discussed and accepted by the Rotary District 7090 Youth Exchange Program Inc Board of Directors on November 19<sup>th</sup> 2010 and will be submitted to RI next week. We expect that the recertification for 2009-2010 will be completed by November 30th 2010.

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Pravin D. Suchak President, 2009-2010 Rotary District 7090 Youth Exchange Program Inc