

Minutes of District Council Meeting February 2, 2013

Attendance: 16 Rotarians

Chair: Rick Sterne, District Governor 2012 – 2013

Welcome and Invocation: DG Rick called the meeting to order at 8:45 am. AG Ian McEwan gave the invocation with a reflection on new beginnings – a new calendar year, new opportunities, new accomplishments, peace through service; reflections and dreams.

Introductions: DG Rick asked council members to introduce themselves and to tell of personal inspiring Rotary events since the last District Council meeting.

Rotary Moment: AG Vern Anderson was to give his Rotary moment but was unable to be here – recent loss of his brother and also some health concerns of his own prevented his attendance.

DG Rick noted that the Area 13 peace seminar was worth the drive to Hamburg. 6 clubs came together on the project. He also shared the email from Greg Norton about the GSE team member who visited Santa Maria and narrowly missed the nightclub fire there and the tragedy of the many who perished there.

Secretary's Report: District Executive Secretary Pene Hutton noted that the minutes of the November 10, 2012 Council were posted on the District website and included in the agenda packet for review.

PDG KAREN OAKES MOVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NOVEMBER DISTRICT COUNCIL BE APPROVED; SECONDED BY DGE KEVIN CROUSE. MOTION CARRIED.

District Governor's Report (see attached): DG Rick noted that he need's everyone's help to encourage attendance at Saturday, March 2nd, the Rotarians for Peace Symposium at the Royal York Hotel. President Tanaka will be there. DG Rick also noted the Presidents Awards banquet/DG Changeover will be held together on Sunday, June 9th at Salvatore's Italian Gardens Restaurant.

District Governor Elect's Report (see attached): DGE Kevin reminded everyone that PETS I is starting this month with the 4 – on location trainings.

District Governor Nominee's Report (see attached): DGN Jack stated that he'd had the opportunity to attend some AG meetings run by some fantastic assistant governors. He is going in for some heart surgery this week. He has not been able to be as involved as he had hoped due to health, but after a couple of months, he will be back at it.

Treasurer's Report (see attached): Marlene McGraw absent (see also narrative) Cheektowaga has paid dues; Eastern Hills still outstanding – seems confused between RI dues and District dues. \$5000 profit on conference; \$2000 profit on Foundation Dinner. Director Karen noted that some of the profit on Foundation will be moved to programs.

District Directors' and Committee Reports:

Foundation (see report): Director Karen Oakes, PDG reported 17 District grant applications (grants) in hand. The applications were due February 1st (yesterday) *District grants are block grants to districts that fund scholarships, projects, and travel that align with the mission of The Rotary Foundation. Global grants fund scholarships, projects, vocational trainings teams, and some travel within the six areas of focus that are sustainable, measurable, and host community driven.

Public Relations (see report): Director Paul McAfee announced last two webinars of this Rotary year will be Tuesday February 5th and Wednesday February 6th. Go to SOWNY Website, calendar link to register. An email has been sent to club Membership and PR Chairs and AGs.

OPEN FORUM – for discussion

What can we do to help our struggling clubs? Visioning? 10% have fewer than 10 members – but are passionate about Rotary. What can we as a District do to help? The following discussion was recorded.

- Kevin Crosby – a tract targeted at small clubs – focus on strategies that will be beneficial to small clubs
- Ian – one small club in his area – seem happy enough, but they do struggle with fees, training fees – like PETS
- John Heise – set up system – 1 time assistance, for District helps with the PETS fee.
- Ian is there a way to help ongoing – like bigger clubs pay more?
- Ever try to yoke them with another club? Larger club sponsor a smaller club?
- Greg Norton - Problem could be negativity – not finances. Growth by subtraction – get rid of the negative person.
- David Elliot - Average Rotarian doesn't know or care about the district – merger is great as long as they come to us. Strength may be found in the area – seem to love the area meetings – role of AG increasingly important. Decentralized....
- Kevin Crosby - Exposure – to youth exchange or other programs – how to expose – bring back to club – sometimes it only takes one Rotarian with a fire in the belly.
- John Boronkay - Those who want to do good in the world today are different than those who wanted to do in the world some years ago.
- The following was recorded as to who would be in favor of charging per capita PETS training as opposed to the per club rate currently being charged which small clubs are complaining about. How many in favor of per capita charge? 10 How many opposed to the per capita charge? 2.

District Directors' and Committee Reports (continued):

Membership (see report): Director Pravin Suchak, PDG absent

Service Projects (see report): Director Andy Skrypniak, absent
MOTION BY PDG KAREN OAKES, SECONDED BY PDG JOHN HEISE TO APPROVE PORTABLE GENERATORS FOR CUSCO, PERU AS AN APPORVED PROJECT FOR CLUB TO CLUB SOLICITATION. MOTION APPROVED.

New Generations (see reports): Director Greg Norton announced that registration for SlapShot has opened – after February 28, the price goes up. 1/3 of the spots are already filled. Clubs can fill the spots without a student. SlapShot is April 26 – 28. He also noted that they are busy developing and energizing

Interact clubs. Batavia is looking at starting a Rotaract club. April 20 at 6pm at a location to be determined there will be a Rotaract/Rotary gathering. Greg will be off to Algonquin for 7 days with the Youth Exchange students this week.

Training (see report): Director Kevin Crosby noted that all 4 PETS 1 sessions are all listed on the District website. He and his team have begun the annual ritual of chasing down PEs to attend. District Team Training Seminar is Saturday, February 23rd at Niagara Community College. There is an orientation program for new Rotarians – Release Your Inner Rotarian, March 14 at the Saturn Club in Buffalo. Special tract for small clubs at District Assembly. The training team is looking for a key note speaker at lunch - someone who has had their life changed by Rotary. Any suggestions, please send to Marlee Diehl.

OPEN FORUM – for discussion

GSE (Group Study Exchange) TO VTT (Vocational Training Teams) - how do we bridge the gap? Karen Oakes noted that the grants committee had an application come in that was not eligible. The application could have easily been reworked and presented as a VTT opportunity by enhancing the various vocation work of the members involved in the project, and presenting it as a VTT project, including the vital training component of the project. One of the negative comments of the GSE of the past was that it was seen by some as a “vacation”. The clear thrust of the VTT is that it is sending a vocational team to train others.

OPEN FORUM – for discussion

What can we do to celebrate World Understanding Month?

- Bob Bruce something going on in Hamilton. A couple of people who are coming in from Haiti – one from Hotel Albert Schweitzer, of course, Roy and the wells, will be talking about what is going on there so we can see what we can see what we can do. We need to know more about what is going on. District grants application now has a question on it “How are you going to publicize this?”
- Jack Amico putting together a best practices book with the help of Rotaract. Marlee Diehl helping. Discussion about some of the District activities. Discussion about the best vehicle to use to publicize/share it.

CRCID Video: Karen Oakes – offered also to do presentation on CRCID. CRCID realigned their priorities with Rotary International. DGN Jack noted it is available online at You Tube.

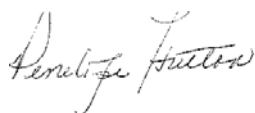
Other Business:

Announcement that the Nominating Committee is looking for applications for DG 2015 – 2016. See Nominating Committee Report (copy of memo to Club Presidents). Applications are due by February 25, 2013. Contact PDG Pravin Suchak.

AG Marlee read letter from Samantha Vagg, regarding the 53 foot 18 wheeler filled with donations she took along with other LeRoy and Batavia Rotarians to Hurricane Sandy victims in Staten Island.

Adjournment: 12:15 by acclaim.

Respectfully submitted,



Penelope Hutton
District 7090 Executive Secretary

Reports Attached to Minutes

DG Report

DGE Report

DGN Report

Treasurers Report

Foundation Report

PR Report

Membership

Service Projects

New Generations

Training

Nominating



DISTRICT GOVERNOR REPORT

February 2, 2013

Rick Sterne



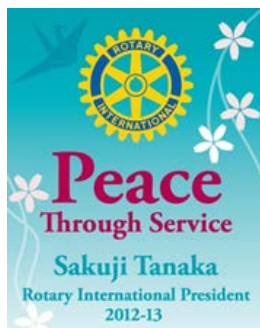
I completed all of my Official Club visits on Dec. 13, 2012 at Dunnville, Rotary. Since our last Council meeting Nov. 10, 2012, I've had the opportunity to attend the Amherst South Mix 'n Mingle, the GSE Team farewell dinner, our Foundation dinner, the GSE outgoing Team Interviews, and an Area 14 meeting. I also attended the Area 14 Christmas party and Paul Harris events at St. Catharines South, and Ancaster. I was also a clown in the Brantford Rotary "Clowns for Kids" project in their local Santa Claus parade. I am very impressed with how dedicated and active the Rotary Clubs of District 7090 are. They are all doing good work. I thank every Rotary Club for their warmth and hospitality. It was a very rewarding experience.

Since the beginning of the New Year, I have attended Area meetings in Area 2, and 3, the Area 11 Mix 'n Mingle, and the Area 13 Peace through Understanding Forum on Faith Traditions. I also attended the Waterdown Rotary Robbie Burns dinner, the GSE Team send-off event, and the Lincoln Rotary Paul Harris dinner. The events were all very well done and I very much appreciate the invitation to attend. I also participated in Go-To-Meetings on Vocational Training Teams, the cost of Pets, and the 2013-2014 budget.

As we begin the second half of our year, it is very important that each Club review where they stand on earning a Presidential Citation and Lighthouse Award for this year. The deadline is March 31st, 2013. I would ask each Assistant Governor to follow-up with their Clubs. We will be have an Awards Luncheon this year at Salvatore's in Buffalo on Sunday June 9, 2013. This luncheon is being held in conjunction with the District Governor changeover.

We are holding a multi-District "Rotarians for Peace" Symposium in Toronto on Saturday March 2, 2013 at the Royal York hotel. President Tanaka will also be participating. Let's really promote this event to ensure that we have great participation from our District. I have asked our Peace through Service Committee to create a Club Award for outstanding Peace through Service projects this year. Nominations for this Award will close June 1st, 2013.

I thank you for the privilege to serve as your District Governor. **HIGH FIVE!**



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Rick Sterne'.

Rick Sterne
District Governor
Best of Friends District 7090

District Governor Elect Report

February 2, 2013

KEVIN CROUSE – DG 2013-14

February 2, 2013
Authored by: Kevin

District Governor Elect Report

February 2, 2013

AQ Roles

Many thanks to District Governor Rick for introducing a new format for Council meetings that honours the significant contributions that Assistant Governors make to our district organization. As our eyes and ears at the club level, they will now provide a two-way communication from the clubs to the district regarding issues, programs and feedback

PETS Programs

Thanks to the significant contributions of District Trainer, Kevin Crosby, PDGs John Heise, Wally Ochterski and Karen Oakes, this year's programs will be better than ever. PETS 1 programs will occur on February 19, 20, 26 and 27 at Hamilton, Williamsville, Fredonia and St. Catherines. See Kevin Crosby's reports for specific times and locations .PETS 2 continues at the Bank of Montreal Centre in Toronto on March 22, 23. Both programs have been revised to make them more attractive and engaging and to be more in tune to the needs of President Elects.

2013 District Conference

Brochures are now available for early registration at next year's conference October 25-27 at the Marriott Gateway on the Falls hotel in Niagara Falls, Canada. Feature events include a Rotary Golf tournament and VIP Wine Tour on Friday prior to the beginning of the conference and special discounted room costs for those who register before March 30, 2013. Guest Speakers to date include Hilda may Binns, Canada's most decorated Olympic Athlete, and possibly Bob Thirsk, Canadian astronaut, and Criag Keilburger, originator of **Free the Children** and **the Me to We** programs. We are currently seeking dynamic speakers from the U.S. as well. Please contact chair Reg Madison or myself if you have any suggestions for the conference program. Those who register before March 30 can save \$50. on a two night stay at the Marriott Gateway on the Falls Hotel.

International Conference, San Diego.

Next year's International Theme is **Engage Rotary – Change Lives**. Ron Burton, Rotary International President Elect presented an outstanding conference for 2000 DGE's, spouses and Foundation Chairs from January 20 – 26 at the Manchester Hyatt Hotel. Highlights included speakers on New Generations, Polio, Foundation, and Membership. We were reminded that membership is everyone's job, that we need to shift from measuring attendance to measuring engagement, to focus on engaging each individual member, and to reform. motivate and inspire. Craig Keilburger, one of the many outstanding speakers focused on the Power of Youth and explained how an organization of 100,000 students started from a group of 12 - 12 year-olds who were concerned about youth abuse in third world countries. Keilburger's first organizational support came from a local Rotary Club. His *Me to We* program now has 2.4 million followers on Facebook

District Governor Nominee Report for 2/2/2013

Since the last District Council meeting, I have visited some of the area meetings run by our great team of Assistant Governors, and have participated in planning sessions and an AG Gotomeeting related to the revised District Council agenda structure established at the November DC.

I have also participated in the District Youth Exchange Corporation, the Budget Committee and planning committees for a number of District 7090 educational programs and planning gotomeetings for the District Team Training and District Assembly programs.

I will undergo open heart surgery on 7 February to replace a faulty valve. The deteriorating health condition which led to the discovery of this problem has, unfortunately, not allowed me to participate as aggressively in my position as I would have wished. I do apologize for that, especially to the AG team, with whom I'd hoped to work more closely.

The prognosis, I am told, is excellent for the procedures and surgery planned, and I expect to be back in the active ranks of Rotary before summer starts. Until then, I'll be asking some of my District Council friends to help pick up the activities in which I will not be able to participate.

February 2, 2013

Rotary District 7090 Report from District Treasurer:

The financial reports presented are as of December 31, 2012, our half year point.

The balance sheet shows our cash position as of the end of December at approximately \$316,000. As of December 31, we had not yet received dues from two US clubs, Cheektowaga and Eastern Hills Sunrise. As I am unaware of the membership numbers for these two clubs, no receivable has been set up. Prepaid expenses of \$1,017 are for the cost of a bulk purchase of district pins which will be used over the next 18 to 24 months. The \$2,000 prepaid district conference amount is for a deposit on the 2013/2014 district conference facility.

The Profit and Loss actual to budget for the 6 months ended December 31, 2012 shows a net profit for the period of just over \$60,000 compared to the budget forecast of \$50,500. The higher than budget 6 month income amount is primarily a result of \$5,000 net profit on the district conference, the approximately \$2,000 net profit on the foundation dinner and and general revenue and expense underspending of approximately \$2,000. The general revenue and expense underspending is primarily due to timing of actual expenditures compared to the budget allocation.

Rotary International District 7090
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2012

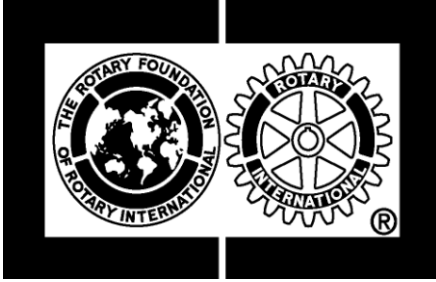
	<u>Dec 31, 12</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
1010 · First Niagara US	95,141.28
1015 · First Niagara Short Term Invest	86,568.60
1020 · BoM Cdn	121,773.24
1040 · Petty cash	1,500.00
1070 · First Niagara Debit Card Bank	2,152.61
1090 · Restricted Grants Committee	8,698.82
Total Chequing/Savings	<u>315,834.55</u>
Other Current Assets	
1450 · Prepaid Expenses	1,017.00
1451 · Prepaid District Conference	2,000.00
Total Other Current Assets	<u>3,017.00</u>
Total Current Assets	318,851.55
Fixed Assets	
1700 · Equipment	2,457.44
1750 · Accum Amort - Equipment	-2,457.44
Total Fixed Assets	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>318,851.55</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2030 · Accrued Expenses	8,429.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>8,429.00</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>8,429.00</u>
Total Liabilities	8,429.00
Equity	
3900 · Retained Earnings	250,282.85
Net Income	60,139.70
Total Equity	<u>310,422.55</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>318,851.55</u></u>

Rotary District 7090
Profit and Loss
Actual to Budget July through December, 2012

				\$ Over/(Under)	
		Jul - Dec '12	YTD Budget	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Specified Revenue & Expenses					
DG	4300 · District Governor RI Revenue	-	-	-	-
	6010 · District Governor - Admin Exp	-	-	-	-
	Net District Governor	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
AG	4400 · AG RI reimburs Revenue	-	800.00	(800.00)	1,600.00
	6020 · Assistant Governors	-	800.00	(800.00)	1,600.00
	Net Assistant Governors	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
DC	4200 · District Conference Revenue	35,600.00	37,350.00	(1,750.00)	37,350.00
	4020 · District Conference assessment	7,275.00	7,650.00	(375.00)	7,650.00
	8010 · District Conference Expenses	37,832.35	45,000.00	(7,167.65)	45,000.00
	Net District Conference	<u>5,042.65</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,042.65</u>	<u>-</u>
FND	Foundation Dinner Revenue & Expense				
	5010 · Foundation dinner	10,530.00	14,000.00	(3,470.00)	14,000.00
	8500 · Foundation Dinner	8,630.75	14,000.00	(5,369.25)	14,000.00
	Net Foundation Dinner	<u>1,899.25</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,899.25</u>	<u>-</u>
MIS	Miscellaneous Projects Revenue & Expense				
	5405 · Grant Seminar Training Revenue	4,380.00	-	4,380.00	-
	7057 · Grant Seminar Training Costs	5,250.77	-	5,250.77	-
	Net Grant Seminar Training	<u>(870.77)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(870.77)</u>	<u>-</u>
RYL	5030 · RYLA	-	-	-	32,000.00
	7100 · RYLA	-	-	-	32,000.00
	Net Ryla	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
SLP	5035 · Slapshot	-	-	-	23,000.00
	7105 · Slapshot	-	-	-	23,000.00
	Net Slapshot	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
PET	5040 · PETS assessment	30,600.00	29,250.00	1,350.00	33,000.00
	8020 · PETS expenses	186.88	-	186.88	33,000.00
	Net PETS	<u>30,413.12</u>	<u>29,250.00</u>	<u>1,163.12</u>	<u>-</u>
DA	5050 · District Assembly Revenue	-	-	-	6,000.00
	8030 · District Assembly Costs	750.00	1,000.00	(250.00)	6,000.00
	Net District Assembly	<u>(750.00)</u>	<u>(1,000.00)</u>	<u>250.00</u>	<u>-</u>
DSG	5060 · District Simplified Grants	-	-	-	24,900.00
	7015 · District Simplified Grants	-	-	-	24,900.00
	Net Simplified Grants	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
RL	5406 · Rotary Leadership Institute Revenue	-	-	-	5,000.00
	8032 · Rotary Leadership Institute Costs	-	-	-	5,000.00
	Net Simplified Grants	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
DI	4030 · Insurance Assessment	32,399.20	34,100.00	(1,700.80)	34,100.00
	7520 · District insurance	32,254.79	34,100.00	(1,845.21)	34,100.00
	Net Insurance	<u>144.41</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>144.41</u>	<u>-</u>
	Net Specified Revenue & Expenses	<u>35,878.66</u>	<u>28,250.00</u>	<u>7,628.66</u>	<u>-</u>

Rotary District 7090
Profit and Loss
Actual to Budget July through December, 2012

	Jul - Dec '12	YTD Budget	\$ Over/(Under)	
			YTD Budget	Annual Budget
General Revenue & Expenses				
4010 · General assessment	77,697.00	81,700.00	(4,003.00)	81,700.00
5200 · Interest Income	41.97	498.00	(456.03)	1,000.00
5405 · Exchange Gain/Loss	(683.98)	-	(683.98)	-
5401 · Other Income	1,350.07	150.00	1,200.07	300.00
Total General Revenue	78,405.06	82,348.00	(3,942.94)	83,000.00
General Expenses				
6000 · Administration				
6030 · District council	697.25	1,400.00	(702.75)	2,800.00
6080 · District office				
6081 · Office Support & website	8,499.96	8,500.00	(0.04)	17,000.00
6082 · Phone Charges	500.00	600.00	(100.00)	1,200.00
6083 · Postage	172.70	100.00	72.70	200.00
6084 & 6086 · Office Supplies	225.17	350.00	(124.83)	700.00
6085 · Bank Charges	1,193.76	1,200.00	(6.24)	2,400.00
Total 6080 · District office	10,591.59	10,750.00	(158.41)	21,500.00
Total 6000 · Administration	11,288.84	12,150.00	(861.16)	24,300.00
7000 · Directors and Committees				
7010 · Group study exchange	336.41	500.00	(163.59)	1,500.00
7020 · Interact	-	750.00	(750.00)	1,500.00
7025 · Rotaract	-	500.00	(500.00)	1,000.00
7027 · Early Act	-	250.00	(250.00)	500.00
7030 · Long-range planning	-	300.00	(300.00)	600.00
7040 · Membership	56.00	500.00	(444.00)	1,000.00
7050 · Rotary foundation	721.74	1,350.00	(628.26)	2,700.00
7060 · Grants Committee	-	50.00	(50.00)	100.00
7065 · Rotary Scholars	-	-	-	200.00
7070 · Vocational service	-	100.00	(100.00)	200.00
7080 · World community service	-	-	-	-
7130 · Public Relations	1,362.11	3,000.00	(1,637.89)	6,000.00
7134 · Promotion of RI Theme	3,861.54	3,000.00	861.54	3,000.00
7140 · Communications	3,918.00	4,200.00	(282.00)	7,000.00
7510 · Council on legislation	568.59	-	568.59	-
7530 · Finance and audit	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
7200 · Other committees				
7205 · Other Committees - Misc	-	350.00	(350.00)	700.00
7215 · District Gov - Change Over Even	-	-	-	400.00
Total 7200 · Other committees	-	350.00	(350.00)	1,100.00
Total 7000 · Directors and Committees	15,824.39	19,850.00	(4,025.61)	31,400.00
8000 · Training				
8035 · PETS Training Costs	-	-	-	2,000.00
8036 · Visioning	144.89	100.00	44.89	200.00
8040 · District training (Zone Institute)	6,999.00	7,000.00	(1.00)	7,000.00
8050 · Assist Gov Training	-	500.00	(500.00)	1,000.00
8070 · Dist Gov Nominee Training	3,803.35	4,000.00	(196.65)	4,000.00
8080 · Dist Gov Elect Training	6,795.34	7,000.00	(204.66)	11,000.00
8090 · District Gov Training Exp	7,442.69	8,000.00	(557.31)	11,000.00
8090 · CRCID	-	350.00	(350.00)	700.00
8098 · Awards & Recognition	1,845.52	1,000.00	845.52	2,000.00
Total 8000 · Training	27,030.79	27,950.00	(919.21)	38,900.00
8600 · Meeting Expenses				
8600 · Meeting Expenses	-	100.00	(100.00)	200.00
9915 · Unbudgeted Expenses				
9915 · Unbudgeted Expenses	-	-	-	1,000.00
Total General Expenses	54,144.02	60,050.00	(5,905.98)	95,800.00
Net General Revenue & Expenses	24,261.04	22,298.00	1,963.04	(12,800.00)
Net Income/(Loss)	60,139.70	50,548.00	9,591.70	(12,800.00)



District 7090 Rotary Foundation Committee
District Council Report
 February 2nd, 2013

The Rotary Foundation “Doing Good in the World”.

Karen L. Oakes, Director, District 7090 Rotary Foundation

The following reports are provided as an update of the ongoing efforts of our various sub-committees within The Rotary Foundation. It is indeed our honour to enjoy such stellar support to the programs and funding needs of The Rotary Foundation.

Annual Programs Fund Committee

Report attached.

Bob Bruce
 Annual Programs Fund Sub-committee Chair

District 7090 Foundation Permanent Fund Committee

No Report Received.

Polio Eradication Committee- Chair PDG Wallace Ochterski

No report received.

Paul Harris Society Committee

I have only to report that we have TWO new Paul Harris Society members to date since the last reporting.

Art Wing
 Paul Harris Society Chair

Alumni Committee

No Report received.

Group Study Exchange Committee

The outgoing team had its Farewell dinner Tuesday, January 29th, 2013 with well wishes extended to all the participants. Their departure for District 6600 in the Philippines is set for Feb 15 returning Mar 15.

Bob Gosselin and Dan Smith - District GSE Chairs.

Rotary District 7090 Scholarships Committee

Other than what you will probably touch on about Future Visions, I don't have a lot to add about the Scholars Committee at this time.

I did attend the Lockport Rotary Club on Tuesday to make a presentation about the Peace Scholarship program – it went well and was well received.

Unfortunately, due to work commitments, I am unable to attend the District Council meeting.

John N. Teibert, C.A.

Rotary District 7090 Scholarships Committee Chair

Grants Committee

District 7090 District Simplified Grant #74407, 2011-2012 for US \$24,800.00

Approved and Reported Grants January 23, 2013

Note: 50% of these DSGs have been successfully reported to the Rotary Foundation and confirmation held that funds for DSG 2012-2013 have been released to our District:

#	Date Received	Club	Project Description	Amount US \$	Date Approved	Final Report Received
133	July 1, 2011	Niagara Falls Sunrise	Computers and office furniture for Cultural Centre Guatemala	\$2000.00	July 29, 2011	March 9, 2012
134	July 7, 2011	Westfield/Maryville	Tables for Chautauqua Children's village	\$1996.00	August 8, 2011	March 18, 2012
135	August 10, 2011	Lakewood/Chatauqua	Boulevard Banners	\$535.61	August 15, 2011	January 18, 2012
136	August 26, 2011	Jamestown AM	Community Terraced Garden	\$2000	September 2, 2011	February 1, 2012
137	August, 2011	St. Catharines Lakeshore	Reading Materials	\$2000	September 8, 2011	August 28, 2012
138	September 22, 2011	Niagara Falls	Rabies treatment, Uganda	\$2000	September 26, 2011	March 29, 2012

139	September 2011	West Seneca	Literacy Development, Guatemala	\$2000	October 19, 2011	April 25, 2012
140	October 2011	Akron-Neustead	Latrines in Mexico	\$2000	November 4, 2011	Dec. 2012
141	October 31, 2011	Amherst North	Computers for treatment centre Buffalo	\$2000	November 15, 2011	April 20, 2012 (\$1983)
142	November 2011	Welland	Literacy Supplies for Welland Schools	\$2000	November 23, 2011	May 9, 2012
143	November 2011	Orchard Park	Dental Supplies for Domi5932 nican Republic	\$1003	November 30 2011	March 26, 2012 (\$979.57)
144	November, 2011	LeRoy	Literacy Materials for LeRoy area	\$429	December 5, 2011	October, 2012
145	November 2011	Waterdown	Dictionaries for Waterdown schools	\$765.60	December 13, 2011	April 18, 2012 (\$765.60)
146	December, 2011	Hamilton Mountain	Water Filters for Cambodia	\$2000.00	December 21, 2011	Repeatedly requested
147	January 2012	Falconer	Equipment for Emergency Food Services	\$2000.00	March 29, 2012	Sept. 2012
Totals		15	9 for local; 6 for international	\$24,729.21		

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District 7090 District Simplified Grant #76822, 2012-13 for US \$24,900.00**Report to Council February 2, 2013****Note: DSGs are expected to be completed within 1 year**

Project Number	Date Received	Club	Project Description	Amount US \$	Date Approved	Report Status
148	July, 2012	Delhi	Day Care Equipment	\$2,000	July 26, 2012	Completed Nov16, 2012
149	July, 2012	Ellicottville	Library Computers	\$2,000	July 26, 2012	Completed Jan 25, 2013
150	July, 2012	Ancaster AM	Wheelchairs for Dominican Republic	\$2,000	July 26, 2012	Interim Report Jan 14,2013
151	Sept, 2012	Niagara Falls, ON	Anti-Rabies Campaign in Kampala	\$2,000	Sept 30, 2012	Completed Jan 25, 2013
152	Sept, 2012	Niagara-on-the-Lake	Bicycle Lights for Immigrant Workers	\$1309.39	Sept 30, 2012	Almost Finished
153	Sept, 2012	6 Area 13 clubs	4 Public Forums on Understanding Diversity	\$1825	Sept 30, 2012	2 Forums held
154	Sept, 2012	Lockport	Software for Mental health Clinic	\$2,000	Sept 30, 2012	Almost Finished
155	Oct, 2012	Waterdown	Back 2 School for Street Kids, Cebu, Philippines	\$2,000	Nov 30, 2012	Completed Jan 22, 2013
156	Oct, 2012	Simcoe	A Well in Haiti	\$2,000	Nov 30, 2012	Work Underway
157	Nov,2012	Akron-Newstead	A Well in Sierra Leone	\$2,000	Nov 30, 2012	
158	Nov, 2012	Norfolk Sunrise	Linking 2 Trails in Waterford	\$2,000	Nov 30, 2012	Work Underway
159	Nov, 2012	Albion	Mural Celebrating Heritage of Quarrymen	\$2,000	Nov 30, 2012	
160	Nov, 2012	St Catharines Lakeshore	Home Reading Project in 2 Schools	\$1765.61	Nov 30, 2012	

Totals		13 8 in District 5 International		\$24,900		
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Matching Grants

The following Matching grants are currently open in our district

Project	Sponsor	Last Payment or Report Date	Report Due	Report Overdue?	Coordinator Email
DS1274407	D-7090	13-Jul-12	13-Jul-13	NO	callie.czerkie@rotary.org
DS1376822	D-7090	31-Aug-12	31-Aug-13	NO	callie.czerkie@rotary.org
MG1175054	Ancaster	31-May-12	31-May-13	NO	AnneMarie.Giangiulio@rotary.org
MG1275347	Grand Island	29-Jun-12	29-Jun-13	NO	AnneMarie.Giangiulio@rotary.org
MG1276405	Brantford	30-Jun-12	30-Jun-13	NO	Janna.Glucksman@rotary.org
MG1276325	Welland	30-Apr-12	30-Apr-13	NO	Janna.Glucksman@rotary.org
MG1072460	Waterdown	9-May-12	9-May-13	NO	Janna.Glucksman@rotary.org
MG1072435	Waterdown	14-Jun-12	14-Jun-13	NO	Janna.Glucksman@rotary.org
MG1377893	Waterdown	31-Dec-12	31-Dec-13	NO	Janna.Glucksman@rotary.org

District 7090 was **100%** up-to-date with reporting requirements for grants sponsored by the district and its clubs as of the January 2013 analysis. The Trustees rely on district leaders to ensure that stewardship guidelines are being upheld worldwide and they thank you for your efforts. We recognize the hard work involved to maintain this level of compliance and encourage your district and its clubs to continue your good work.

We appreciate the efforts by the clubs to ensure that this important reporting is completed in a timely manner.

Roy Sheldrick
Chair Matching Grants

Future Vision Transition Team

As your District Rotary Foundation Chair, I had the opportunity to participate in 2 days of Training at the recent International Assembly in San Diego, CA. I am pleased to report that our district is in relatively good shape regarding our transition to the Future Vision plan of The Rotary Foundation, and I thank all of our district membership for their support during this process. Our transition team of PDG Art Wing, PDG Bob Bruce, Pat Castiglia, PDG Wally Ochterski, Roy Sheldrick and Bob Munroe has devoted significant hours of personal time and talent to this undertaking, and I am deeply grateful to each of them for their commitment to this opportunity in ensuring our District is well poised for the upcoming 2013-2014 Rotary year.

In preparation for the upcoming year, we are looking forward to the avalanche of applications from the qualified clubs in our district for humanitarian projects, scholarships, and vocational training teams. We are excited to begin the construction of our District Spending Plan based on the eligible club applications. Once complete, our District Spending Plan will be submitted to The Rotary Foundation Trustees for their approval. It is imperative that clubs recognize that the proposed projects must not be started prior to the final approval of the spending plan by The Rotary Foundation Trustees. Once approval is in hand, our completed Spending Plan will be posted on the district website.

The following memo was circulated to all eligible Clubs in early January, 2013.

Deadline February 1st, 2013 District Grant applications 2013-2014

Dear Club President and President Elect

c.c. District Leadership

We are sending this friendly reminder to all the clubs who have submitted the required documents for the upcoming Rotary Year grant monies consideration. As you will remember from the Grant Management Seminar held on September 29th, 2012, we need to have applications for 2013-2014 District Grant spending in hand by February 1st, 2013. **The required application is on the district web site along with the Terms and Conditions for Rotary Foundation District Grants and Global Grants and is also enclosed as attachments for your ready reference at this time.**

We ask that all completed applications be forwarded via email to District Grants Chairperson, Bob Munroe rbm@rossmcbride.com not later than February 1st, 2013 for consideration for the upcoming Rotary year, 2013-2014. The applications will be assigned a tracking number to allow ready identification by the Grants committee to assign District Grant monies on District 7090 standard First Come basis in fairness to all of the qualified clubs.

Respectfully Submitted

Karen L. Oakes

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Annual Programs Fund (APF)

Report to February 2, 2013 District Council

As of January 22, 2013 District 7090 clubs have contributed \$215,763 to the Annual Programs Fund. This is the fund that returns 50% of the contributions to the District in 3 years' time to allow it to fund District Grants and Global Grants.

Our Goal for the year is a minimum of \$300,000 and \$125 per member.

The chart below gives the current status of club contributions per capita.

A complete Monthly Contribution Form is on the 7090 website and available to club officers at RI website.

Clubs at \$100+ or Over Their Goal	Clubs On Their Way to \$100+	Clubs at 10% or Less of Their Goal
Akron-Newstead- \$82	Ancaster AM- \$79	Amherst South
Albion-\$164	Batavia- \$49	Buffalo
Amherst East- \$120	Cheektowaga- \$9	Buffalo Sunrise
Ancaster - \$493	Dunnville - \$28	Dundas
Brantford - \$167	Fredonia- \$38	Dunkirk
Brantford Sunrise - \$146	Greater Jamestown- \$25	East Aurora
Caledonia - \$101	Hamburg Sunrise- \$67	Eastern Hills Sunrise
Clarence - \$101	Hamilton - \$38	Falconer
Delhi - \$237	Hamilton Mountain - \$87	Flamborough AM
Dundas Valley Sunrise \$206	Lancaster-Depew - \$55	Fort Erie
Ellicottville - \$100	Niagara County Central - \$34	Grand Island
Fonthill- \$117	Niagara Falls, NY - \$63	Grimsby
Grimsby @ Noon- \$164	Niagara Falls Sunrise - \$62	Hamburg
Hamilton AM- \$203	Olean - \$85	Hamilton Sunset
Hamilton East Wentworth \$102		
Lakewood-Chautauqua- \$111	Simcoe - \$19	Holley
LeRoy- \$84	Blasdell/Lackawanna - \$38	Jamestown
Lewiston-Niagara-o-t-Lake- \$122	The Tonawandas - \$31	Kenmore
Lockport- \$79	Westfield-Mayville- \$41	Lincoln
Middleport- \$154		Medina
Niagara Falls, ON- \$501		Norfolk Sunrise
Niagara-on-the-Lake- \$136		Orchard Park
Port Colborne Centennial- \$469		Salamanca
St Catharines- \$199		St Catharines Lakeshore
St Catharines South- \$118		Stoney Creek
Waterdown- \$239		
Welland-\$162		
West Seneca- \$121		
Williamsville- \$79		

Reminder to all clubs

The Presidential Citation is based on figures at April 1, 2013. Don't miss out on this honour: act now!

Terms and Conditions for Rotary Foundation District Grants and Global Grants

For grants awarded after 1 July 2013



The Rotary Foundation may modify the terms and conditions of the grant at any time. Updates can be found on rotary.org or requested at futurevision@rotary.org. Terms and conditions for packaged grants may be found on the website.

I. What We Fund

The Rotary Foundation funds district grants and global grants. District grants are block grants to districts that fund scholarships, projects, and travel that align with the [mission](#) of The Rotary Foundation. Global grants fund scholarships, projects, vocational training teams, and some travel within the six areas of focus that are sustainable, measurable, and host community-driven.

II. Eligibility Guidelines

All Foundation grant activities must:

1. Relate to the [mission of The Rotary Foundation](#)
2. Include the active participation of Rotarians
3. Exclude any liability to The Rotary Foundation or Rotary International beyond the funding amount of the grant
4. Adhere to the governing laws of the United States and the host area of the grant, and harm no individuals or entities
5. Only fund activities that have been reviewed and approved before their implementation. Grants may not be used to reimburse clubs or districts for activities and expenses already completed or in progress. Planning for grant activities prior to approval is encouraged, but expenses may not be incurred.
6. Demonstrate sensitivity to the host area's tradition and culture
7. Comply with the Conflict of Interest Policy for Grant Participants as outlined in section 7.030 of [The Rotary Foundation Code of Policies](#)
8. Comply with the policy regarding the use of Rotary Marks as outlined in section 1.050.2 of [The Rotary Foundation Code of Policies](#)

District Grants

1. Support local and international projects, scholarships, vocational training teams, and related travel
2. May allocate up to 3 percent of the grant award for grant-related administrative expenses such as bank fees, postage, software, and an independent financial assessment

Global Grants

1. Align with one or more of Rotary's [areas of focus](#)
2. Are [sustainable](#). Host communities must be able to address their own needs after the Rotary club or district has completed its work.
3. Are measurable. Sponsors select standard measures from the [Global Grant Monitoring and Evaluation Plan supplement](#), and may add their own measurements in their report to the Foundation. Expenses to measure project outcomes are capped at 10 percent.
4. Are host community-driven. The host community designs the grant based on local needs that they have identified.
5. Can include up to 10 percent of the project budget for a project manager
6. Support humanitarian and educational projects
7. Provide scholarships to fund graduate-level coursework or research or its equivalent for a term of one to four academic years
8. Support vocational training teams that address a humanitarian need by providing or receiving professional training
9. Support travel for up to two individuals as part of a humanitarian project. These individuals provide training or implement the project should the host club confirm that their skills are not readily available locally.
10. Support communities in Rotary countries and geographical areas
11. Are sponsored by at least one Rotary club or district in the country or geographical area where the grant project will take place (primary host sponsor) and one or more outside that country or geographical area (primary international sponsor)

III. Restrictions

Grants cannot be used to unfairly discriminate against any group; promote a particular political or religious viewpoint; support purely religious functions; support activities that involve abortion or that are undertaken solely for sex determination; fund the purchase of arms or ammunition; support [Rotary Youth Exchange](#), [RYLA](#), [Rotary Friendship Exchange](#), [Rotaract](#), or [Interact](#); or serve as a new contribution to the Foundation or another Rotary Foundation grant.

In addition, grants cannot fund:

1. Continuous or excessive support of any one beneficiary, entity, or community
2. Establishment of a foundation, permanent trust, or long-term interest-bearing account. Grant funds can be used to establish a microcredit fund if the sponsors comply with the requirements detailed in section X.
3. Purchase of land or buildings
4. New construction of any structure in which individuals live, work, or engage in any gainful activity, such as buildings (schools, homes/low-cost shelters, and hospitals),

containers, and mobile homes, or of structures in which individuals carry out manufacturing or processing activities. Additions to existing structures are acceptable.

5. Fundraising activities
6. Expenses related to Rotary events such as district conferences, conventions, institutes, anniversary celebrations, or entertainment activities
7. Public relations initiatives not directly related to a humanitarian or educational activity
8. Project signage in excess of \$500
9. Operating, administrative, or indirect program expenses of another organization
10. Unrestricted cash donations to a beneficiary or cooperating organization
11. Travel for staff of a cooperating organization involved in a humanitarian project
12. Global grant humanitarian projects that consist solely of individual travel expenses
13. Activities and expenses already in progress or completed
14. Activities primarily implemented by an organization other than Rotary
15. Transportation of vaccines by hand over national borders
16. Travel to National Immunization Days (NIDs)
17. Immunizations that consist solely of the polio vaccine
18. International travel for youth under the age of 18, unless accompanied by their parents or guardians

IV. How to Apply

Apply for grants online through [Member Access](#).

In order to receive a grant from The Rotary Foundation, all districts involved must be qualified by The Rotary Foundation, and for global grants, all clubs involved must be qualified by their district. In addition, districts, clubs, and all grant committee members must be in good standing with Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation. Individuals prohibited from serving on a grant committee include RI fiscal agents, national treasurers, and officers and paid staff of a cooperating or beneficiary organization associated with the grant. When acting as a primary sponsor, all districts and clubs are limited to 10 open grants at a time.

For district grants, districts may submit one application per Rotary year, and this application must include a spending plan. Any requests for an increase in the grant amount must be made before any portion of the grant has been paid by the Foundation. Districts may reserve up to 20 percent of their district grant funds for contingencies that may arise during the year; note this contingency fund on the spending plan and itemize contingency items when you submit your final report. All district grant applications must be received before 15 May of the Rotary year for which the funds are requested.

For global grants, scholars and vocational training team members must submit individual applications to supplement the overall grant application. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the Rotary year; however, applications involving travel expenses should be submitted 90 days prior to the travel dates. Note that:

1. If grant applications are not completed and approved within six months of submission, the application will be withdrawn.

2. If payment requirements are not met within six months of approval, the grant will be canceled.
3. If grants are not implemented within 12 months of payment, the grant will be canceled and the sponsors will be required to return the funds.

District Grants

Districts must establish a grant committee of three Rotarians, including the district governor of the implementation year, the district Rotary Foundation committee chair, and the district grants subcommittee chair.

Global Grants

Primary host and international sponsors must each establish a grant committee of three Rotarians for a global grant. Members of this grant committee must come from the primary sponsor club (if the grant is club-sponsored) or district (if the grant is district-sponsored). For club-sponsored grant applications, district Rotary Foundation committee chairs must confirm that the clubs are qualified.

Scholarship applications must:

1. Provide proof of university admission to a graduate-level program or letter of invitation to conduct postgraduate-level research when applying for the grant. Admission that requires a guarantee of financial support is acceptable.

Vocational training team applications must:

1. Support teams composed of at least two members with at least two years of work experience in the area of focus and a Rotarian team leader who has a general level of Rotary knowledge, international experience, leadership skills, and some expertise within the area of focus. Non-Rotarians may serve as team leaders provided the sponsors establish the need for this in the grant application.
2. Confirm that if more than one team is traveling under a single grant, the teams must share the same two primary sponsors and begin travel within one year of each other.
3. All team members must be approved by The Rotary Foundation prior to travel. Any alterations to team composition must be reported to, and approved by, The Rotary Foundation.

V. Travel Policies

Airfare for any travel funded by Rotary Foundation grants must be booked through Rotary International Travel Services (RITS) according to established travel policies.

Rotary Foundation grants will cover the following budgeted expenses related to travel:

1. Economy-class ticket(s)
2. Transportation to and from airport and local travel related to grant implementation
3. Cost of inoculations/immunizations, visas, and entry and exit taxes
4. Insurance costs
5. Normal and reasonable luggage charges

Rotary Foundation grants will not cover the following expenses related to travel:

1. Expenses associated with optional stopovers before or after preapproved travel
2. Penalties resulting from changes in personal travel arrangements, including optional stopovers
3. Excess baggage charges, shipping charges, and flight cancellation insurance

The club or district sponsoring the grant is responsible for maintaining emergency contact information and travel itineraries for all grant recipients traveling on grant funds. This information must be provided to the Foundation upon request.

Grant recipients are responsible for:

1. Making travel arrangements through RITS. Failure to arrange travel promptly may increase the cost of travel or result in the cancellation of the grant.
2. Any expenses that exceed the approved travel budget, unless approved by the Foundation
3. Meeting all medical requirements for international travel.
4. Arranging and funding any personal travel. Such travel may take place *for* a maximum of four weeks at the end of the grant activities, after which grant recipients are expected to return home.
5. Abiding by RI country travel restrictions.

Travelers are also expected to hold the following minimum insurance coverage prior to travel:

1. US\$250,000 or equivalent for medical care and hospitalization for basic major medical expenses, including accident and illness expense, hospitalization, and related fees
2. US\$50,000 or equivalent for emergency evacuation
3. US\$50,000 or equivalent for repatriation of remains
4. US\$500,000 in professional liability (a.k.a. errors and omissions liability) insurance appropriate to the furnishing of professional health care services. (This applies only to healthcare professionals who will be providing services as part of the grant activities and refers to coverage for that participant's legal liability arising from their professional acts or omissions that cause harm to others).

Insurance coverage should be worldwide, not limited to the host country, although coverage in the home country may be excluded. Insurance must be valid from the date of departure through the date of return home.

Non-Rotarians receiving grant funding for scholarships, participation in vocational training teams, or travel to implement a humanitarian project are expected to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of Rotary
2. Participate in an orientation session before departure
3. Participate in club and district activities as requested by their sponsors
4. Be proficient in the language of the host country

In addition:

1. Relatives of a vocational training team member may participate on the same team if they meet eligibility requirements
2. Scholarship recipients must reside in their host district

VI. How Grants Are Funded

District Grants

District grants are funded by The Rotary Foundation solely with allocations from the [District Designated Fund](#) (DDF). A district may apply for a single grant each Rotary year to support one or more projects using up to 50% of the district's [SHARE allocation](#), which represents 50 percent of its annual giving from three years' prior plus any Permanent Fund-SHARE earnings.

Global Grants

Global grants are funded by The Rotary Foundation from the World Fund, and awards range from US\$15,000 to \$200,000. The Foundation matches cash at 50 percent and DDF contributions at 100 percent. All global grants have a minimum budget of US\$30,000.

The Foundation will match non-Rotarian contributions toward a grant, provided they do not come from a cooperating organization or a beneficiary of the project.

International sponsors for humanitarian projects are required to provide at least 30 percent of the total sponsor funding. Host sponsors for humanitarian projects are encouraged to contribute toward the financing of the grant.

Grant financing cannot be changed after approval. Paul Harris Fellow recognition credit will only be given for sponsor contributions sent to The Rotary Foundation and will not be granted for contributions sent directly to the project. Contributions sent prior to grant approval may not be available for that specific grant. All global grant contributions are considered irrevocable contributions to The Rotary Foundation and will not be refunded.

VII. Cooperating Organizations

Cooperating organizations are reputable non-Rotary organizations or academic institutions that provide expertise, infrastructure, advocacy, training, education, or other support for the grant. Cooperating organizations must agree to comply with all reporting and auditing activities required by The Rotary Foundation and provide receipts and proof of purchase as required. No more than five global grants may be approved in one Rotary year for projects involving a single cooperating organization. Universities hosting scholars are not considered a cooperating organization.

District Grants

All funding provided to cooperating organizations must be used for specific project expenses. The sponsoring district must maintain an itemized report of such expenses.

Global Grants

At the time of application, grant sponsors need to provide a [memorandum of understanding \(MOU\)](#) signed by both primary sponsors and the cooperating organization. The MOU should include the following:

1. Verification from both primary sponsors that the grant is initiated, controlled, and managed by Rotary clubs or districts
2. Endorsement from the primary sponsors affirming that the cooperating organization is reputable, responsible, and acting within all governing laws
3. Grant implementation plan clearly delineating the activities of each party
4. Agreement from the cooperating organization to participate in any financial review by the Foundation of activities connected with the grant

VIII. Payments

District Grants

Grant funds will be paid only to the district or district foundation bank account identified by the district at the time of application. District grant funds will not be released until the previous Rotary year's district grant is closed. Funds are not available after the close of the implementation year; if sponsors do not meet all payment requirements by 15 May of the implementation year, the grant will be canceled.

Global Grants

Grant funds will not be released until sponsor contributions have been submitted to The Rotary Foundation and any payment contingencies have been met. Grant funds will be paid to the account provided in the application. Account signatories must be members of the sponsoring club or district. If a grant project is canceled after the project sponsors receive payment, all remaining grant funds must be returned to the Foundation, where they will be credited to the World Fund.

IX. Reporting Requirements and Documentation

Grant recipients are responsible for reporting on the use of grant funds to The Rotary Foundation. Progress and final reports must be submitted via [Member Access](#) and all forms must be completed in their entirety for the report to be accepted. New grant applications will not be accepted by the Foundation if a grant sponsor has an overdue report for any Foundation grant. The Foundation reserves the right to review grants at any time, conduct an audit, send a monitor, require additional documentation, and suspend any or all payments.

The following reporting criteria also apply to grant recipients:

1. Unused grant funds must be returned promptly to The Rotary Foundation.
2. Districts must report the use of grant funds to their member clubs in accordance with the terms of qualification.
3. Grant sponsors must maintain copies of all receipts and bank statements related to grant-funded expenditures in accordance with the terms of qualification and any applicable local and international laws.

4. Grant sponsors who fail to adhere to Foundation policies and guidelines in implementing and financing grant projects must return grant funds in their entirety and may be barred from receiving future grants for a period of up to five years.

District Grants

These additional criteria apply to district grants:

1. Final reports documenting the disbursement of funds must be submitted to the Foundation within 12 months of receiving the payment, or within two months of the grant's total disbursement.
2. All grant projects and activities funded by district grants must be completed within 24 months of disbursement by the Foundation or the local district to the club or project site.
3. Unused grant funds in excess of US\$500 must be returned promptly to The Rotary Foundation and will be credited to the district's DDF. Unused grant funds below US\$500 must be used for charitable purposes.

Global Grants

These additional criteria apply to global grants:

1. Progress reports must be submitted within 12 months of receiving the first grant payment and every 12 months thereafter.
2. Final reports must be submitted within two months of completing the project.
3. Unused grant funds in excess of US\$500 must be returned to The Rotary Foundation and will be credited to the World Fund. If grant funds remain after a project's completion, the Foundation may approve their use for project-related expenses, such as additional project supplies.

Acceptable reports contain detailed accounts of the project's implementation, including:

1. A description of how the project has advanced the goals of the selected area(s) of focus
2. An account of how the project achieved the specific objectives outlined in the application, including the relevant measures and data collected
3. An explanation of how the project's outcomes will be sustained over time
4. A description of the participation of both host and international partners, as well as any cooperating organizations associated with the grant
5. The report should also include a detailed account of spending for the project and project account bank statements. Sponsors must explain any budget variances in the final report. Additionally, the Foundation may request that sponsors submit receipts in support of the report.

The Foundation will close the grant once the project implementation is complete and sponsors have demonstrated that sustainability measures are in place to ensure that the local community will continue the project.

X. Microcredit

The Rotary Foundation is committed to using microcredit programs to facilitate small, self-help enterprises. Clubs and districts applying for global grants are encouraged to partner with

reputable and established cooperating organizations/microfinance institutions to administer loan programs as a way of undertaking sustainable development projects. However, microcredit programs funded by the Foundation must incorporate a component, such as training, that extends beyond the management of loan capital. In addition:

1. Clubs and districts that wish to use global grant funds to support a microcredit project must submit the [microcredit supplement form](#) with the grant application.
2. Microcredit activities must be supervised and controlled by the sponsoring club or district.
3. Interest and fees generated by microcredit fund capital from The Rotary Foundation may be used for administrative expenses that directly support the project.
4. Grant sponsors must submit a microcredit supplement form with the grant report.
5. If a microcredit project is terminated before the Foundation's reporting requirements are met, grant funds must be returned to The Rotary Foundation.
6. The Rotary Foundation will not fund loan guaranty systems.

XI. Special Considerations for Rotary Foundation (India)

The Rotary Foundation and the Rotary Foundation (India) encourage all Rotary clubs and districts in India to become registered with the Government of India (GOI) under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA). For general information about the FCRA, go to <http://mha.nic.in/fcra.htm>; for registration forms, go to <http://mha.nic.in/fcra/intro/forms.html>.

In addition to all other terms and conditions, grants with full or partial payment to a Rotary club or district in India should follow these payment and reporting procedures to comply with GOI laws and the FCRA:

1. Grant funds will not be released to a bank account in India unless all general payment conditions listed below have been met. Either the sponsors provide documentation showing that the bank account is registered under the FCRA or staff must determine that sufficient funds are available from contributions made within India. Otherwise, the payment will be placed in a queue and paid on a first-come, first-served basis only when additional contributions are made and sufficient funds are available. The sponsors of grants must ensure funds are not co-mingled.
 - a. District Grants

Payment is contingent upon the approval of a detailed spending plan that includes an itemized budget for each listed project or activity. Grant funds will be paid only to the district bank account. The name of the district bank account must be easily identifiable with both the district and the project. (A proper naming example is Rotary District 0000 District Grant 12345). District grant funds will not be released until the previous Rotary year's district grant is closed. Funds are not available after the close of the implementation year; if sponsors do not meet all payment requirements by 15 May of the implementation year, the grant will be canceled.
 - b. Global Grants

Grant funds will not be released until all sponsor contributions have been submitted to The Rotary Foundation and any payment contingencies have been met. Grant funds will be paid to the account provided by the grant sponsors.

2. Progress reports on grant funds released to India through 31 March are due by 31 May of that same year. Final reports are due two months after the grant's completion. Grant sponsors must ensure that funds received in a FCRA-registered bank account are not commingled with local funds.
3. All progress reports must:
 - a. Meet all general reporting requirements as listed in section IX.
 - b. Show that a copy of the progress report filed electronically via Member Access has been submitted to the South Asia Office.
 - c. Include a utilization certificate if a portion of the grant amount has been used, along with statement of receipt and payment for the grant amount, certified by an independent chartered accountant (including membership number)
 - d. If the grant funds were not used for any reason, include an original bank statement or bank passbook (or a photocopy certified by the bank manager or a chartered accountant) indicating the date on which the grant amount was credited and a statement explaining why the grant amount has not yet been used, even if the grant amount was received before March
4. All final reports must:
 - a. Meet all general reporting requirements as listed in section IX.
 - b. Show that a hard copy of the final report filed electronically via Member Access has been submitted to the South Asia Office.
 - c. Include the following:
 - i. A utilization certificate along with statement of receipt and payment for grant amount, certified by an independent chartered accountant (including membership number)
 - ii. An original bank statement or bank passbook (or a photocopy certified as true copy by the bank manager or a chartered accountant)
 - iii. A bank reconciliation statement, if multiple grants were paid to a single FCRA account
 - iv. Originals or photocopies of bills of payment/expenses vouchers and, if only photocopies are provided, a written undertaking that "all originals will be kept for a period of eight years and will be produced as and when required by Rotary Foundation (India)"
 - v. Beneficiary information (for example, photographs, newspaper clippings, appreciation letter from beneficiary)
 - d. Return of any remaining funds of any amount to the Rotary Foundation (India)
5. A FCRA-registered club or district is responsible for furnishing FC-3 return along with the financial statements to the Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi, in a timely manner.



**Rotary International District 7090
The Rotary Foundation Committee**

District Grant Application 2013-14

Clubs must use this application to apply for a District Grant for 2013-14. Complete applications must be in the hands of District Grants Chair Bob Monroe on or before February 1, 2013. Incomplete applications will be returned to the club with a brief explanation. Please type all applications.

Questions can be directed to any member of the District Rotary Foundation Committee's Transition Team as listed as an appendix to this application.

Rotary Club _____ Club Number _____

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Describe the project and its objectives.

2. DESCRIBE HOW THIS PROJECT WILL BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY.

3. IF THIS IS AN INTERNATIONAL PROJECT HOW WILL YOUR CLUB AND PARTNERS COMMUNICATE AND WORK TOGETHER TO IMPLEMENT THIS PROJECT?

Please provide specific examples of activities.

4. LIST ACTIVITIES THAT DEMONSTRATE SIGNIFICANT ROTARIAN INVOLVEMENT.

How many Rotarians will work on this project? _____

What will they do? Give 2 examples. (Fund raising is not an acceptable activity for this section.)

5. Estimated project dates.

Estimated Project Start Date: _____

Estimated Project Completion Date: _____

6. COOPERATING ORGANIZATION

A *cooperating organization* is an organization that is directly involved in the implementation of the project, offering technical expertise and project coordination. A *benefiting entity* is the recipient of the goods or services and is not considered a cooperating organization. If this project does not involve a cooperating organization, check here.

If this project involves a cooperating organization:

1. Provide the name of the organization below.
2. Attach a *letter of participation* from that organization that specifically states its responsibilities, how it will interact with Rotarians in the project, and the organization's agreement to cooperate in any financial review of activities connected with the project; and/or
3. Attach a *letter of endorsement* of the organization from Rotarians.

Name of organization: _____

Letter of Participation from organization attached. Letter of Endorsement from Rotarians attached.

7. PRIMARY HOST PARTNER IN THE PROJECT COUNTRY.

If this District Grant Application involves a project with a Rotary project outside of our District, please complete this section. Otherwise go on to section 8.

List the club or district in the project country that assumes joint responsibility for the project.

Club Name *Club ID No.* *District* *Country*

Project Committee: A committee of at least three Rotarians must be established by the primary host partner club to oversee the project for its duration, even if the project continues into another Rotary year.

Primary Contact

Name _____ Member ID _____

Rotary Club _____ Position/Title _____

Address _____

Street Address

City/State/Postal Code/ Country

E-Mail _____ Telephone _____

Home *Office*

Fax _____

Project Contact # 2

Name _____ Member ID _____

Rotary Club _____ Position/Title _____

Address _____

Street Address

City/State/Postal Code/ Country

E-Mail _____ Telephone _____

Home *Office*

Fax _____

Project Contact # 3

Name _____ Member ID _____

Rotary Club _____ Position/Title _____

Address _____

Street Address

City/State/Postal Code/ Country

E-Mail _____ Telephone _____

Home

Office

Fax _____

8. DISTRICT 7090 ROTARY CLUB CONTACTS

Project Committee: A committee of at least three Rotarians must be established by the District 7090 club to oversee the project for its duration, even if the project continues into another Rotary year.

Primary Contact

Name _____ Member ID _____

Rotary Club _____ Position/Title _____

Address _____

Street Address

City/State/Postal Code/ Country

E-Mail _____ Telephone _____

Home

Office

Fax _____

Project Contact # 2

Name _____ Member ID _____

Rotary Club _____ Position/Title _____

Address _____

Street Address

City/State/Postal Code/ Country

E-Mail _____ Telephone _____

Home

Office

Fax _____

Project Contact # 3

Name _____ Member ID _____

Rotary Club _____ Position/Title _____

Address _____

Street Address

City/State/Postal Code/ Country

E-Mail _____ Telephone _____

Home

Office

Fax _____

9. PROJECT BUDGET

Include a complete itemized budget for the project and indicate currency used. Use separate pages, if necessary.
 Keep copies of all quotes from suppliers. Ideally have 3 quotes per item. If 3 quotes are not available, please explain.

Item to be purchased	Name of Supplier	Cost

TOTAL (identify currency) _____

Exchange Rate Used _____

Total in US\$ _____

District 7090 club contribution	
Host club contribution (if an International project)	
Other Funding (Specify)	
Total DSG Funds requested from District 7090 (May not exceed US \$2000/club)	

Total in US\$ _____

A separate bank account will be established for these funds.

_____ Yes _____ No

10. WHO WILL OWN THE EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS, OR SUPPLIES?

11. WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTENANCE, OPERATING AND/OR STORAGE COSTS OF THE EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES?

12. WHAT IS YOUR PUBLICITY PLAN FOR THIS PROJECT AND HOW WILL YOU EXECUTE IT FOR MAXIMUM EXPOSURE?

13. REPORTS

Although both partners (where applicable) are responsible for completing progress and final reports, Rotary International District 7090 requires that the District 7090 club takes primary responsibility for submitting the reports to the Rotary International District 7090 Grants Subcommittee.

"By signing below, our club/district accepts primary reporting responsibility."

District 7090 Club Primary Contact's Signature

Print Name

Date

Club President's Signature

Print Name

Date

14. AGREEMENT FORM

This District Grant Application and Agreement Form (collectively "Agreement") is entered into by the clubs and/or district (partners) as identified above. In consideration of receiving a District Grant from Rotary International District 7090, the partner(s) agree:

1. That they have understand the ***Terms and Conditions for Rotary Foundation District Grants and Global Grants*** (on District website) and will abide by them.
2. To utilize district grant funds to support a short-term humanitarian project, as outlined in this application, which benefits a community in need. Funds provided by Rotary International District 7090 will not be used for any purposes other than those considered eligible by The Rotary Foundation as described in the ***Terms and Conditions for Rotary Foundation District Grants and Global Grants***.
3. To defend, indemnify and hold harmless Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation, Rotary International District 7090, their respective Directors, Trustees, Officers, employees, and agents (collectively "RI/TRF/DISTRICT") from any and all claims (including claims of subrogation), demands, actions, damages, losses, judgments, costs, fines, awards, liabilities, or expenses (including without limitation reasonable attorney's fees and other legal expenses) collectively ("losses") asserted against or recovered from RI/TRF/DISTRICT that result or arise directly or indirectly from the project, including any acts or omissions of the partners.
4. To keep RI District 7090 informed through the District Grants Chair on the project's progress by submitting progress reports **every six (6) months** during the implementation of the project and submitting the final report with complete financial accounting within two months of the project's completion. The partners will immediately inform RI District 7090 of any significant problems with the implementation of the project or deviations from the project, including deviations in the budget, as approved.
5. To complete the project **by June 30, 2014**, or sooner
6. That this Agreement may be cancelled by Rotary International District 7090 for any reason without notice upon the failure of the partners to abide by the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement. The partners agree to return any grant funds, in their entirety, including any interest earned, should funds be misused or used for ineligible purposes.

By signing below, the partner(s) acknowledge and accept the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

**Host Partner Club President
Or Cooperating Organization Official**

**International Partner
(7090 Club President)**

Name

Name

Title

Title

Club/ District or Cooperating Organization Name

District Club

Signature

Date

Signature

Date

15. COMPLETION CHECKLIST

Before submitting your District Grant application, please take a minute to review this checklist. Check each item that applies to your project. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact a member of the District Rotary Foundation Grants Transition Team.

- Does the project meet all grant policies and guidelines?
- Has your club met all of the conditions outlined in the Club Memorandum of Understanding including the Addendum?
- If this is an international project, have both the host and District 7090 partners created committees to oversee the project? Are these individuals correctly listed on the application?
- If this is an international project, or a project involving a domestic partner organization, have the responsibilities of the partner organization been outlined?
- Are the required written comments and signatures on the application?
- Is a *cooperating organization* involved? If so, are there letters
 - 1) from the organization specifically stating its responsibilities, how it will work with Rotarians, and its agreement to cooperate with any financial review of the project; and/or
 - 2) from the District 7090 club, indicating that it has knowledge of the organization and endorses the co-operative effort?
- Have you kept copies of all quotes for materials, goods, or labour associated with the project?
- Have you made copies of all documents for your files prior to submitting the application?
- Have you reviewed the *District Grant Report Form* to ensure that you will be able to answer all sections?

16. DISTRICT GRANTS SUBCOMMITTEE CERTIFICATION (DISTRICT COMPLETION)

Upon review and acceptance, the District 7090 Grants Subcommittee Chair will certify the application as complete. *If the application is not complete or eligible, it will be returned to the District 7090 club.*

Submit completed applications to the Chair of District 7090's The Rotary Foundation's Grants Chair Robert B. Monroe, 1 King Street West, 10th Floor, Hamilton, ON., L8P 1A4, Phone: (905)572-5832 Fax: (905)526-0732, E-Mail: rbm@rossmcbride.com

"On behalf of the committee, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and ability this grant application is complete and meets all Rotary International District 7090 guidelines."

District Grants Chair Signature

Print Name

Date

FOR DISTRICT GRANTS COMMITTEE USE ONLY. GRANT NUMBER: _____ DISTRICT NUMBER: _____

DRFC, November 1, 2012

R.I.District 7090 Rotary Foundation Future Vision Transition Team Members

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District 7090 PR Report – February 2, 2013

PR Director – Paul McAfee

PR Co-Chairs – Roseanne Morissette & Chrissy Casilio

Pro Bono Consultant – Philipp Beckermann, President, IMP Canada (a social media marketing company)

Strategic Plan Goals supported by the District 7090 PR Team

District 7090 Strategic Plan PRIORITY AREAS

1. To find new and innovative ways to help clubs address membership issues.
2. To take new and improved approach to educate Rotarians about the larger world of Rotary and how the district is here to help each club
3. To improve the 2-way communication between the district and you – both in terms of messages and use of technology
4. To use our work with youth to excite and engage current and potential Rotarians

Priority #1: Recommended District Actions

KEEP	Using Facebook to communicate about Rotary and encouraging clubs to have a Facebook page to tell about good work of Rotary; great speakers; how to join
START	1. Reach out to our membership chairs in each club – helping to ensure membership chair in place and that club has a retention and recruitment plan (how to track departing Rotarians and keep connected to them)

We have received a three-year grant of \$15,000/year from Rotary International, matched with \$5,000/year by our District. The purpose of the new three-year timeframe is to allow Districts to maintain an ongoing campaign.

The following list shows the currently participating Rotary clubs. This includes all clubs that have asked to participate, except a couple clubs that Paul is unable to activate for technical Facebook reasons.

2012-2013 Ads for Rotary District 7090 clubs							
Club	Ad Start	Ad End	Days	Manager F	Manager L	URL	
Amherst East	12/25/12	2/28/13	65	Paul	McAfee	http://www.facebook.com/AmherstEastRotary	
Ancaster	1/2/13	2/28/13	57	Lee	Kirby	http://www.facebook.com/pages/Ancaster-Rotary-Club/110659135689795	
Batavia	1/2/13	2/28/13	57	Samantha	Southall	http://www.facebook.com/pages/Batavia-New-York-Rotary-Club/226001690762156	
Brantford	1/14/13	2/28/13	45	Alan	Giles	http://www.facebook.com/pages/Rotary-Club-of-Brantford/232711730122544?ref=ts&fref=ts	
Brantford Sunrise	1/2/13	2/28/13	57	Linda	Bazoian	http://www.facebook.com/pages/Rotary-Club-of-Brantford-Sunrise/207240802633898	
Buffalo (Lunch)	1/2/13	2/28/13	57	John	McClive	http://www.facebook.com/pages/Rotary-Club-of-Buffalo/12014064593	
Cheektowaga	1/9/13	2/28/13	50	Jason	Czeraniak	http://www.facebook.com/pages/Cheektowaga-Rotary/102128079910947	
Dundas Valley Sunrise	1/2/13	2/28/13	57	Ralph	Montesanto	http://www.facebook.com/pages/Rotary-Club-of-Dundas-Valley-Sunrise/184449428328278	
Dunnville	1/19/13	2/28/13	40	Jacqueline	Kleniewski	http://www.facebook.com/pages/Dunnville-Rotary/325774960844846	
East Aurora	12/29/12	2/28/13	61	Linda	Heckathorn	http://www.facebook.com/pages/East-Aurora-Rotary-Club/188356837842806	
Flamborough AM	1/2/13	2/28/13	57	Ryan	Bridge	http://www.facebook.com/FlamboroughAMRotary	
Fonthill	1/9/13	2/28/13	50	Carolyn	Mullin	http://www.facebook.com/pages/Rotary-Club-of-Fonthill/330385230326199?ref=ts&fref=ts	
Fort Erie	1/2/13	2/28/13	57	Lorne	White	http://www.facebook.com/pages/Rotary-Club-of-Fort-Erie/348626538490700	
Hamilton East-Wentworth	1/2/13	2/28/13	57	Paul	Crossman	http://www.facebook.com/pages/Rotary-Club-of-Hamilton-East-Wentworth/342254402528266?ref=ts&fref=ts	
Hamilton Sunset	1/2/13	2/28/13	57	Earl	Inglis	http://www.facebook.com/HamiltonSunsetRotary	
Lakewood	1/17/13	2/28/13	42	Susan	Fiedler	http://www.facebook.com/pages/Rotary-Club-of-Lakewood-Chautauqua-South/471593292897698?ref=ts&fref=ts	
Lincoln	1/2/13	2/28/13	57	Jennifer	Turner	http://www.facebook.com/pages/Rotary-Club-of-Lincoln/123508597720474	
Lockport	12/28/12	2/28/13	62	Paul	Lehman	http://www.facebook.com/pages/Rotary-Club-of-Lockport-NY/216652731721123	
Niagara County Central	1/2/13	2/28/13	57	Amy	Kauderer	https://www.facebook.com/pages/Niagara-County-Central-Rotary/229979763756680	
Norfolk Sunrise	1/9/13	2/28/13	50	Paul	McAlister	http://www.facebook.com/pages/Rotary-Club-of-Norfolk-Sunrise/160821790637269	
Simcoe	1/18/13	2/28/13	41	Albert	Madill	http://www.facebook.com/RotaryClubSimcoe?ref=ts&fref=ts	
St. Catharines South	1/2/13	2/28/13	57	Roseanne	Morissette	http://www.facebook.com/RotaryClubStCatharinesSouth	
West Seneca	12/30/12	2/28/13	60	Amy	Thompson	http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-West-Seneca-Rotary-Club/229101040511065	
Westfield-Mayville	1/2/13	2/28/13	57	Crystal	Layman	http://www.facebook.com/pages/Westfield-Mayville-Rotary-Club/229101040511065	
Rotary E-Club of SOWNY - Canada	12/20/12	2/28/13	70	Paul	McAfee	http://www.facebook.com/RotaryEClubSOWNY	
Rotary E-Club of SOWNY - USA	12/20/12	2/28/13	70	Paul	McAfee	http://www.facebook.com/RotaryEClubSOWNY	
Rotary District 7090 - Canada - Fixed	12/19/12	2/28/13	71	Paul	McAfee	http://www.facebook.com/RotaryDistrict7090	
Rotary District 7090 - Canada	12/20/12	2/28/13	70	Paul	McAfee	http://www.facebook.com/RotaryDistrict7090	
Rotary District 7090 - USA - Fixed	12/20/12	2/28/13	70	Paul	McAfee	http://www.facebook.com/RotaryDistrict7090	
Rotary District 7090 - USA	12/20/12	2/28/13	70	Paul	McAfee	http://www.facebook.com/RotaryDistrict7090	
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Total							

The “Ad End” date in this file does not represent the end of the campaign. This date is a “safety” shut-off for the campaign. This will cause expenses to stop unless we extend the date. To goal is to find a combination of expense per day and the number of included clubs to have a year-around ongoing campaign.

Currently, we are using only Facebook. This helps to simplify campaign and budget management. We will explore adding LinkedIn later in the campaign.

We started testing our new campaign on December 20 with Facebook ads for the District 7090 and E-Club Facebook pages. We began expanding the campaign December 29 - 31 to the pages of other clubs that had already enabled Paul to run ads on their behalf. We continue to include clubs as their Facebook pages are configured to enable Paul to run their ads.

Generally, we set the demographic and geographic targets for clubs’ ads as follows:

- Approximately 20,000 people who are ...
 - Within 10 – 50 miles of the club’s meeting location.
 - The distance is set at a number that includes the 20,000 people if possible.
 - Between the ages of 25 – 45.
 - The purpose of this age group is to attract a younger group to Rotary clubs.
 - Limiting the age range also improves the efficiency of the campaign, increasing the frequency with which the audience sees each club’s ads.
 - For Facebook members who have the Interests of Charity or Education.
 - This also limits the number of ad viewers and hopefully attracts people who might be interested in Rotary.

The daily expense per ad for each club varies depending on how the campaign is working. Currently, daily expense per club is \$6.00. As of January 22, we have spent \$5,480.00 on this year’s Rotary PR campaign on Facebook.

This current daily rate of spending is too high. We will have to establish a process that reduces the daily expense to a sustainable amount, enabling the campaign to run year-around. This probably will entail running the campaign for groups of clubs for a specific period, and rotating the clubs in the campaign.

We have scheduled the first RI PR Grant Web Seminar (webinar) for Thursday, January 24, at 7:00 pm. The Rotary E-Club of SOWNY is sponsoring this webinar. GoToTraining allows 25 attendees per session, and this session is full. We will announce additional webinars that we will hold on different days of the week to give everyone an opportunity to attend. Anyone wanting to see future meetings should visit the Rotary E-Club of SOWNY Calendar page at www.rotaryclub7090.org.

We record our RI PR Grant webinars and post them on the Rotary E-Club of SOWNY website: www.rotaryclub7090.org. Rotarians can use these meetings as make-ups for missed regular meetings because they are Rotary E-Club of SOWNY club meetings. Viewing the recordings also counts as a make-up.

This is an example of a Rotary club’s ad.
Notice that the ads are always the most recent post by the club.



District Membership Committee Report

District Council

February 2, 2013

Strategic Priority Area #1: Responsibility of Membership Director
To find new and innovative ways to help clubs address membership issues

Membership Strategies

1. Encouraging clubs to use Facebook to communicate about Rotary to existing and prospective Club members; share news of upcoming speakers; connect with former members of each club.
2. Effectively reach out to the Membership chair in each club (rather than the club president). As a district, support each club to have a retention and recruitment plan in place – that is actively being implemented. Encourage each plan to include an item on how to track and stay connected to departing Rotarians.
3. To encourage each club to develop a mechanism to measure membership satisfaction (surveys of members; exit interviews; fire side chats; focus groups)
4. To create some ways to connect Membership chairs from each club together – through LinkedIn, Facebook, area meetings, etc.
5. Regularly measure number of Rotarians in our district and see if number is increasing quarter over quarter.

1) Highlights of what has been accomplished since last District Council Meeting:

1. We have created a Rotary District 7090 Membership Facebook Group. This is set up as a Closed Group. Anyone can see the group and who is in the group. However, only members can post messages, photos and documents which are then accessible only to the members of the group. We have requested club membership chairs and district leadership to join this group. The objective of creating this group is to use it as a central depository as well as means of communications on membership within the district.
2. I have taken part in several Membership related webinars held by the Zone and RI over the last 3 months. The emphasis this year is on Engagement and Retention.
3. I have completed a power point presentation that the Area Membership Reps will use to do a presentation at the clubs they are responsible for over the next six months.
4. I am also working on the presentations that the Membership Committee will be using at the PETS1 training sessions and at the District Assembly.

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February 2, 2013
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5. I have been with Pene working on having all the clubs update their membership data on the District Web site so that the District Finance Committee e can have a realistic count of District membership for coming up with a correct amount for the 2013-2104 District Dues.

2) What are some actions that you are committing to lead / ensure are accomplished between now and next District Council relative to the Strategic Priority #1 of the District Strategic Plan?

1. Over the next few months the Area membership Reps will be presenting the Membership Retention and Engagement Strategies at their area clubs based on the power point that I have created. They will also use the successful strategies that have worked in some of the area clubs to help clubs that are facing challenges in membership retention and growth.
2. Continue to update the District 7090 Membership Facebook page.
3. Work with DGE Kevin Crouse to determine how best we can implement the RI Membership goals and areas of emphasis on membership.

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 assistance from the District Directors and District Leadership relative to the “revised” strategic plan?

- I still need Area Membership Representatives in the following areas – Area 3, 6, 14, 15, 16 and 17. I would like the members of the Council to help me in finding Rotarians in these areas who have been successful in helping their clubs resolve any membership challenges. I also would like assistance in identifying Rotarians with expertise in Human Resource development, Public Relations, Marketing, Communications and Social media that we can use as resources in the district.

Pravin D. Suchak

District 7090 Service Projects Report
District Council February 2, 2013
Report presented by Andy Skrypniak, Director

Community Service:

- No report at this time

Literacy:

- No report at this time

Vocational Service:

- No report at this time.
- Looking for a new Canadian co-chair as the current co-chair had to step down due to health.

Water Task Force:

- Committee chair reported work continues with the availability of the committee to speak with or assist any club that is interested in doing a water project

Siemens Computer Project:

- No report at this time

Gift of Life INC:

- No report at this time, report only once a year.

Peace Through Service Speakers Bureau:

- No report at this time

World Community Service:

- The WCS committee continues its long tradition of meeting on a regular basis. Meetings are held in person or by Go To Meeting. The last meeting of the committee occurred on January 15, 2013 via the Go To Meeting format. This is the preferred method during the time of year when travel could be affected by winter weather.
- *Pakistan Literacy*: An update on the new Matching Grant which began in September 2012. There are 45 literacy centers, each with about 20 students. 900 students have received basic reading and writing skills. The second phase is due to begin this month. The program (HELP-Health, Education, Literacy in Pakistan) is well monitored and there is involvement from Pakistani Rotarians. Check the District 7090 website to watch a compelling video of this project. The District 7090 clubs of Hamilton, Norfolk Sunrise and Ancaster evening have supported this project.
- *Water wells – potable water, wells and latrines in Tanzania*: This project is moving into a second phase. Buffalo Sunrise Rotary Club will be securing funding through grants and solicitation at other Rotary clubs for a second deep bore well and stand alone latrines, hopefully in partnership with the Arusha Tanzania Rotary club, the Immaculate Heart Sisters of Africa and the Girls' Education Collaborative. This is an ongoing WCS project.

- Stove and latrine project – health and sanitation in Nepal: David Johnson provided an update on this project. The dollars have been released from RI and the stoves and latrines are being installed at this time.
- Rift Valley water and sanitation program: Club heard last week that CRCID have turned down their application for further funding aimed at making this program sustainable over three years. John Boot is in touch with the program group in Nakuru RC, Kenya and is asking for their suggestions how things might proceed, without the CRCID funds. We will report back to committee when a new plan has been developed.
- Portable Generators for Cusco Peru: Brian Hettler, a member of a student chapter of Engineers Without Borders showed a Powerpoint presentation on the rural electrification project in Cusco, Peru. He is working with his father, Mike Hettler, who is a Kenmore Rotarian. The project, in a mountainous area of Peru (Abra Malaga Thastayoc), is providing generator-powered electricity and solar panels to 33 households. Having access to electricity in this remote area will assist children in their studies and help neighbors to socialize and do necessary business in the evenings. Maximum power per generator is 90 watts. Total cost of this pilot project is \$12,000 USD and the generators and solar panels will be installed between June and August of this year.

Action Item: Requiring District Council Approval:

Motion:

That District Council be asked to approve the Portable Generators for Cusco, Peru Project as a club to club project.



District 7090 – New Generations

Programs starting to hit full stride. Youth Exchange has the Algonquin trips (Feb 6-9, 9-12), SLAPSHOT is in full recruitment phase with RYLA not far behind.

GENERAL REPORT

Youth Exchange – (Chair – Aad Vermeijden – Rotary Club of Brantford)

Current Outbound students all appear to be doing well and we are not aware of any issues. In fact, they did an awesome job of organizing the Holiday Greetings video to the District, hope you all enjoyed seeing it.

Our current Inbounds are doing well. Unfortunately, we had to send one girl home to France. She was 'living in France through Facebook', rather than engaging with friends, family, club or school. She was given two opportunities to hear concerns and change her ways, but that simply did not work out. We have had to say goodbye to our Jan 2012 arrivals and the new 2013 Jan arrivals have started to arrive. Our Argentinian kids are here and our Australian kids will be arriving later this month.

We had our **District Interviews** for 2013/14 Outbounds January 12/13 and have selected 27 outbounds for the new Rotary year. Our US clubs have shown true Rotary spirit. For some reason 4 clubs were willing to host, but were unable find an outbound student in their local area. We have been able to match them to 4 excellent alternates (3 from Canada and 1 from the US) that, thanks to these clubs' willingness to host, now will get the opportunity to go on exchange. We are currently in the process of making placements.

Algonquin Trip – This year's Algonquin Trips will be from Feb 6-9 and 9-12. We have several veterans of the program in leadership roles on each trip. For first-timers, we will have Rotarian (Carrie Graham – Jamestown) and past inbound student from Argentina (Sofia Fessa hosted by Buffalo in 09-10) on Trip 1. On Trip 2 we will have a RYLA alumna and past outbound to Argentina Madison Calder (Brantford) and RYLA alumna Darrin Luong. So the cooperation between New Generations programs will be on full display up north.

We have started an **eNewsletter** (every 4 to 6 weeks) about District 7090 Youth Exchange in which we share stories that our kids send us. It's free, no obligation to the recipient. The idea behind the initiative is to share the good news of youth exchange with as many as possible, both inside and outside of Rotary, current and former student and their families, host families, Rotarians, etc. The aim is to build a list of 1,000+, so that when it's time to look out for new students, or it's time to line up host families, we can share that through this newsletter. So if you're not signed up yet, please do so now at: <http://www.rotaryye7090.org/newsletter>

Finally, our District Committee will see some changes this year. We have recently added a ROTEX that is helping us with writing the eNewsletter. One of our members needs to cut back on her involvement, due to work circumstances, but it looks like we have found someone willing to join us. Ideally, we find one or two others to join the committee, so that we can focus resources on development of YE at club level and possibly re-activate the short-term exchange program.



SLAPSHOT - (Chair – Margaret Andrewes – Rotary Club of Lincoln)

RYLA - (Chair – Sue O’Dwyer – Rotary Club of Norfolk Sunrise)

The district website has been updated for RYLA 2013, and notices for clubs will be going out this week.

We’ll be reminding people to recruit former SLAPSHOT candidates and Youth Exchange students - keep them involved in Rotary. In addition, we want to emphasize that Rotary clubs can find creative ways to sponsor candidates without having to foot the bill i.e. there are businesses and non-profit organizations who would willingly pay \$635 (early bird rate or \$690) to send young executives on such an amazing week long leadership program.

Rotarians are encouraged to attend the RYLA Thurs night dinner on June 13 at Fredonia University, it’s a great way to show our support to these community-minded young leaders and for them to meet a wider range of Rotarians.

EarlyAct – (Chair – Richard Earne – Rotary Club of Grand Island)

If you have an interest in starting an EarlyAct club or want more information. Please send your name and the clubs name and how we can contact you to richardearne@yahoo.com

Rotaract – (Jelaine Foster)

Sabrina Smith (Buffalo Rotaract Club, former Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar to District 7090) has agreed to assist Jelaine with the Rotaract efforts on the US side of the district. Batavia Rotary is now in the process of pushing to start a club in their local college.

Interact – (Stanley Simmons – Rotary Club of Buffalo Sunrise, Brian Casey – Rotary Club of Buffalo)

Brian Casey has agreed to assist Stan with the Interact development and coordination efforts in the district. Brian is working with the Tapestry Charter School in Buffalo to start an Interact club, and the school is also interested in the possibility of an EarlyAct club as well.

Rotary District 7090
Report of Training Director, February 2013

Strategic Goals for Education & Training

Strategic Priority Area #2:

To improve how we educate Rotarians about the larger world of Rotary and how the district is here to help

Specific Goals:

1. Continue all the District education events – clearly valuable and appreciated
2. Roll-out District Assembly further – taking same topics and offering them via GO TO MEETINGS as well as in regional area formats
3. Use AGs and others to have more 2-way conversations with clubs and help identify topics of interest for education events. Also help clubs find Rotary speakers for their clubs (e.g., one speaker a month)
4. Create social network groups on like interests across clubs (e.g., a fundraising group; a PR group)
5. Create a speakers bureau for the District that everyone can access
6. Increase number of Rotary speakers per club – where Rotary members are learning about Rotary (measured in AG reports)

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:

- With the assistance of Assistant Governors, we distributed a survey asking clubs to discuss topics of interest/need. This directly addresses Goal #2 above and will assist us in (1) prioritizing training program development; (2) guide the development of a “Speakers Bureau” (Goal #5 above) in order to support achievement of Goals #3 and #6 above.

Although the results of the survey present a large volume of data, the four most highly rated topics for clubs were (in order of preference):

- Orientation for new members
- Recruiting new members
- Tips for effective community service projects
- Orientation to our district and RI

There was strong interest in having topics presented at club meetings or regional seminars, giving support to our initiative to promote club-based training. (See next bullet)

- On January 15, Chris Cutler, Co-chair of Club-based Training, PDG John Heise, Bruce Baum, Co-chair of Club-based Training and DT Kevin had a GoToMeeting discussion to refine a strategy for implementing club-based training in the district. We discussed four strategies: (1) Review the role description for Club Trainer and then connect with our pilot group of club trainers, identified previously. Use this group to test and refine our other club-based training strategies. (2) Based on the recent survey of club training needs, prepare a short seminar (2-3 hours) for each of the top five topics that could be offered regionally (e.g., Hamilton area, St. Catharines area, Buffalo-north area, Buffalo-south area, southern tier). These regional presentations would

complement, but not replace, topics covered at District Assembly. (3) Develop a "Speakers Bureau" list that would be posted on the District website - providing a list of good speakers and their topics (including Rotary knowledge topics). Since this meeting we have developed a questionnaire that will be used to identify potential speakers/trainers. (4) Develop a catalogue of online training programs that can be accessed through our District website. We expect to have these strategies implemented over the next few months.

- We conducted GoToMeeting discussions on Dec. 4 (2012) and Jan. 18 (2013) with the DGEs and District Trainers of D7070, D7080, and D7090 to review plans for PETS 2 in March, 2013.
- On Jan. 7, we had a GoToMeeting discussion with DGE Kevin, PDG John Heise, DGN Jack and DT Kevin to plan the agenda for the District Team Training Seminar (attached), which will be held on Saturday, February 23, 2013 at Niagara County Community College (Sanborn, NY). All District leaders and AGs will be expected to attend.
- We are scheduling another offering of "Release Your Inner Rotarian" – the District's orientation program for new Rotarians – for the second week of March (either 3/12 or 3/14) from 6:00-8:00 pm in Buffalo at the Saturn Club. The date will be confirmed on 1/29 and an announcement will be distributed to clubs.
- Club Vision Facilitation sessions continue to be offered to clubs in the US and Canada. Two attached documents, "Vision to Action" and "Schematic for Vision to Action" provide a description of how the club visioning process can/should lead to subsequent activity by the club to translate the vision into activities. Also attached is a "pledge" that has been incorporated into the visioning exercise by the US Vision Facilitation Team. The report of US Vision Facilitation Chair, John Boronkay, is also attached.
- On Jan. 24, DGE Kevin, DGN Jack, PDG John Heise, District Assembly Chair, Marlee Diehl, and DT Kevin had a GoToMeeting discussion to plan the Agenda for District Assembly, which will be held at the Conference Center of Niagara Falls (NY) on Saturday, May 4. Our goal is to publish/distribute the final Agenda by April 1 and strongly encourage all clubs to ensure that their leadership team (current President, PE, PE nominee, Sec., Treasurer, and Chairs) attend District Assembly. We intend to provide a special track for small clubs (15 members or less), to focus on unique challenges (and opportunities) facing small clubs.

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) We will implement action plans for the "club-based training" initiative (see strategies above).
 - b) We will continue implementing the AG Development Plan through the District Team Training Seminar, District Assembly and modifications to the agenda for District Council meetings.
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? - NO
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? NO

To: Kevin Crosby, District Trainer

From: Nan Bruce, Co-Chair, Canada

Re: District Council, February 2, 2013 -- CLUB VISIONING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Canadian side has also not had as many requests for a club visioning session as anticipated. However, there continues to be interest in such a session and in a workable approach to long range planning for Rotary clubs.

A survey of the clubs which have participated in a club visioning session is underway. The purpose of this survey is to share approaches and recommendations for successful club planning.

The first three clubs who had a club visioning session in 2008 are considering a second session.

Sessions planned for the future include:

Rotary Club of Stoney Creek, February/March 2013.

To: Kevin Crosby, District Trainer

From: John R. Boronkay, Co-Chair, US

Re: District Council, February 2, 2013 -- CLUB VISIONING COMMITTEE REPORT

The US has been active but not as busy as we expected. Initially we anticipated that many clubs would request visioning given the criteria for a Presidential Citation.

Our activity included visioning sessions for:

RC Westfield-Mayville, September 25, 2012 – the Delivery Team included Boronkay, Cleary, Crosby, Heise and B. Ochterski; the Club has developed a long range plan (LRP)

RC Lockport, October 24, 2012 – the Delivery Team included Boronkay, Cleary, Crosby, Earne, Hiese, and B. Ochterski; the Club is developing a LRP

RC Olean, November 1, 2012 – the Delivery Team included Boronkay, Cleary, Earne and Oliver; the Club is engaged in the planning process

The feedback provided via a questionnaire indicates that the sessions are successful, well delivered and greatly appreciated

Sessions planned for the future include:

RC Le Roy, February 6, 2013 – the Team will be Boronkay, Crosby, Heise, B. Ochterski; with Earne as observer

RC West Seneca, March 20, 2013 – the Team will be Oakes, B. Ochterski, Reilly, and Wendel

Session structure has been modified to include a “Pledge,” a semi-serious attempt to ensure that the participants commit to future action (see attachment); an offer of “Coaching,” so that the Club can request someone from the Team, or any other District Rotarian, to visit the Club and provide encouragement, direction and process actualization; and emphasis on “Long Range Planning,” by providing a schematic and detail explanation (see attachments).

VISION TO ACTION

From the first step of the Club Vision event to Long Range Planning and Follow up

We propose that successful club planning has four (4) components: 1. determining where to go; 2. how to get there; 3. a way to determine that the club has arrived; and, a parallel plan, 4. the fiscal, materiel and human resource needs.

The presentation that follows, along with the “Schematic for Visioning and Long Range Planning,” describe a planning process. It is recognized that clubs have different needs, perspectives and characteristics; therefore, the process is intended to be non-cumbersome and allow for maximum club flexibility.

THE ROTARY VISION QUESTIONNAIRE – the entire club membership, or at least a significant majority, uses this form to provide their perspective on current conditions

THE VISION FACILITATION EVENT – key club players, if not the entire membership, facilitated by a District Team, look to the future

A successful event results in:

A variety of ideas of what the future can be

Ideas are recorded on newsprint wall chart sheets

Priorities are determined by a voting process

A Volunteer agrees to record the wall charts (this process creates two spreadsheets -- one with all ideas and the other with the priorities)

One or two people volunteer to draft a vision/mission statement using the priorities

VISION/MISSION STATEMENT -- A committee uses the Wall Sheet Focus Areas (priorities) document to create a draft for the club to work on and approve. Very helpful are the responses to the first three sections from the “writing exercise”: ...stand for in the community; size, and characteristics; and features, demographics.

CLUB ASSEMBLY -- the club president or Vision Event Coordinator arranges a Club Assembly

To share what happened during the session

Review the draft Vision/Mission/Elevator speech

Choosing a Club Planning “Champion”

Select and/or appoint persons to be a Long Range Plan Development Team

SELECTION OF CLUB PLANNING “CHAMPION” -- The club members will need someone who will continuously monitor the progress of the long range plan. This person’s major responsibilities are reminding committees and individuals about the actions that should be implemented, reporting on progress and/or issues and celebrating accomplishments.

ASSEMBLE LONG RANGE PLAN DEVELOPMENT TEAM – these persons are representative of club membership and experienced with planning.

BEGIN THE LONG RANGE PLAN DEVELOPMENT -- The focus areas from the writing exercise, Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, New Generations Service, International Service and Public Image, should be transferred to other documents. It is suggested that each focus area become a separate document and given to the appropriate sub-committee.

To Consider:

1) Avenue of Service chairs might consider oversight of the focus areas in their area.

2) All should be reminded that the Long Range Plan is a broad view of what should be accomplished in each of the next several years. The individual components of the plan will be broken down into actions, tasks, assessments and financials/resources later.

3) Each committee's spreadsheet for their specific focus area should be collected by the Club Vision Champion (or someone to be named) to be collated into one document, which becomes the Club's Long Range Plan.

4) Once the Long Range Plan has been approved, consider how it will be shared with the community. The plan should be relevant and fit the needs of your locale. It could become a recruiting tool. Consider sharing the Long Range Plan with the Assistant Governor (AG) and District Governor. They could refer resources that may be available to help accomplish the plan.

5) If the Club prefers a more formal presentation of the long range focus areas, the final spreadsheet can be revised and transferred to a written-paragraph type format, a brochure, or an electronic presentation tool for communication purposes.

ANNUAL TARGETS, ACTIONS, RESOURCES, METRICS – Next, each committee's goals guide the development of specific annual targets, the actions to achieve them (what needs to be done by who and by when), the financial, materiel, and human resources needed and the indicators to determine success.

IMPLEMENTATION -- For the next 3-5(?) years, club members and committees are going to work through the list of actions following the identified timelines, checking off one task, one action at a time.

REVIEW AND FOLLOW-UP -- Once the Plan is actualized, the process of review and follow-up must be monitored. The committees and "Champion" should use a checklist of actions completed, measurements to be reached by projected timelines, etc., created by the Long Range Plan Development Team.

To consider:

1) Define a method of reporting that will become a part of every board meeting.

2) Create a dashboard or scorecard document to share results and progress.

3) A communications plan for sharing results and progress with all members and the community.

4) Selecting a member who will send updates (and how often) to the District. This is where the AG may become a valuable partner in this process.

5) Celebrating the actions that are accomplished. Do not wait until the very end of (3) years to consider the club a "success". Every action completed is moving the club forward. These need to be acknowledged to continue momentum, energy and support for the long range initiatives. The club "Champion" can lead this action.

RETURNING TO THE BEGINNING OF THE PROCESS -- Near year 3 or 5 and potential completion of the long range plan, the LRPDT should consider sending the Club Vision Questionnaire (RVQ) to club members again to compare against the initial RVQ baseline. By doing so, it becomes possible to monitor change and respond to adjusted perceptions. Gaps can be identified through this comparison.

This would be an opportune time to consider scheduling another Club visioning event as well, to restart and continue the cycle of success in the club.

This product is an adaptation from material originally developed by the International Vision Facilitation Council.

Schematic for Visioning and Long Range Planning

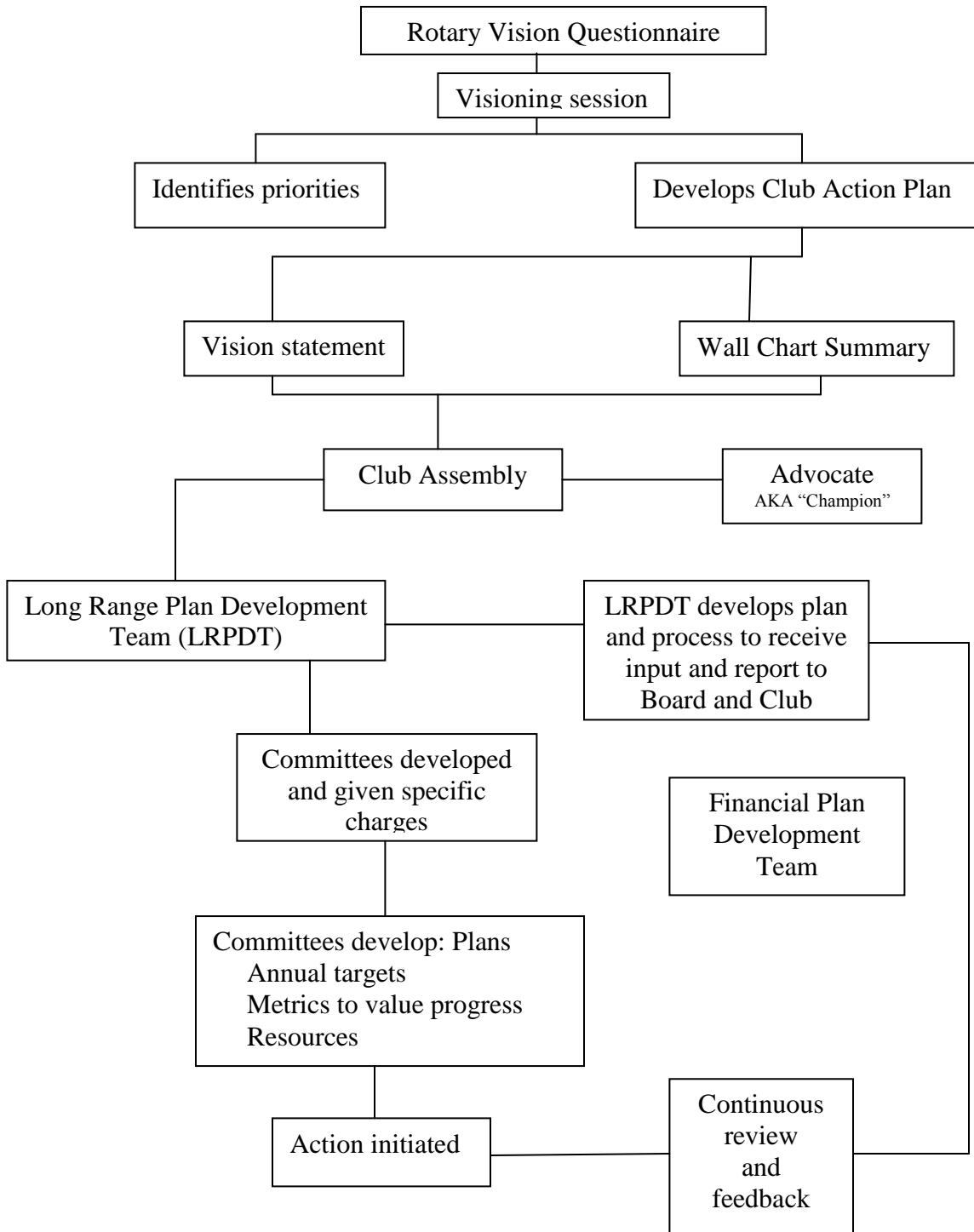
Keep the process crisp, clean and lean

Where does the club want to go?

How does it intend to get there?

How will it know that it has arrived?

What resources, financial, materiel and human, will be needed?



Vision Pledge

Instructions: Ask all participants to stand, place their right hand over their Rotary pin or name badge, or the location where it would be if they had remembered to wear it, raise their left hand, and repeat the following.

(Read slowly, pausing after every few words so participants can repeat after you.)

“As a willing participant in tonight’s exercise,

I have collaborated with

my wise and honorable colleagues

and other members of our club

under the guidance of a brilliant

and good-looking team of facilitators

to create an exciting and powerful vision

of where our great club could be in five years.

I pledge to work with my teammates here tonight

to ensure this wasn’t a big fat waste of time

by supporting the work we need to do

to translate our good ideas into a plan of action

and ensure that all members of our club

are actively engaged in helping us realize this vision....

Including those who might be skeptical at first.

Because I believe that, together, we can make this happen.



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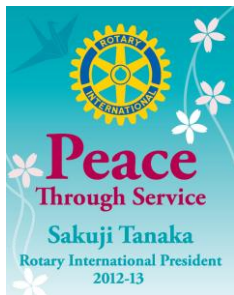
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District Team Training Seminar

February 23, 2013

Proposed Agenda

Start	End	Length	Program Activity	Session Topics	Facilitator
8:30	9:00	30 min	Breakfast & fellowship		
9:00	9:45	45 min	Open Plenary Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome & RI Theme The Power of Engagement 	DGE Kevin
9:45	11:45	2 hrs	Speed Dating Exercise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting Small Clubs Using Electronic Media Club Evaluation Establishing 2-way Communication 	
Noon	12:45	45 min	Lunch & fellowship		
1:00	2:00	60 min	Small Group Discussions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overcoming barriers to change How to energize members How to get clubs involved in District activities How to get clubs & members involved in Foundation support 	
2:00	2:30	30 min	Close & evaluations		

Dear Rotary Club President:

Nominations sought for District Governor for 2015-2016

Our District Nominating Committee will be interviewing the candidates in early March and all our clubs in the district play an important part in the application process.

Every club in our district can nominate a member of their club for this important position. The person you nominate needs to be:

- Someone who has the respect of and can work well with others,
- Knowledgeable of Rotary,
- An inspiration to Rotarians and clubs to help them become more effective Rotarians and Rotary Clubs

Do you have someone in mind? The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. Is a member in good standing of a club in District 7090.
2. Has full qualifications for such membership in the strict applications of the provision therefor, and the integrity of the Rotarian's classification must be without question.
3. Be a member of a functioning club in good standing that has no outstanding indebtedness to Rotary International or to the district as of the close of the Rotary year preceding that in which the Rotarian is proposed as a candidate for nomination as governor.
4. Have served as president of a club for a full term or be a charter president of a club having served the full term from the date of charter to June 30, provided that this period is for at least six months.
5. Demonstrate willingness, commitment, and ability, physically and otherwise, to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of governor as described in Rotary International bylaws section 15.090.
6. At the time of taking office must have completed seven years of membership in one or more clubs and have attended the Governor-elect Training Seminar and International Assembly.

The District 7090 Nominating Committee, chaired by PDG Pravin Suchak, is asking for clubs to nominate a club member for the position of District Governor for the Rotary year 2015-2016. Any club wishing to place an individual into nomination should file with the Nominating Committee chair the form that can be found on our District website or by clicking on the link below.....

http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/7090/HTML/76263/DGNominationForm_2015-2016.pdf

The form includes a certification of a resolution of the club signed by the club secretary. The resolution should certify that the individual nominated meets the qualifications for the position. As well, the form also contains a candidate's signed statement that he or she understands the qualifications, duties and responsibilities as outlined in article 15.070.5 of the Rotary International Bylaws.

I repeat, the deadline for sending nominations to the committee chair is February 25, 2013. Interviews will take place in early March. Please do not put off this important responsibility to the last minute. The future of our District is in your hands. We look forward to your help.

Nominations are to be mailed to Past District Governor Pravin Suchak, 649 Mill Street, Williamsville, NY 14221 or sent by email to pravin.suchak@gmail.com. If you have questions about the application process you can email Pravin or call him at 716-868-9150.

If either you or the nominee you are considering have any questions as to the commitment by either the club or nominee, including costs, time involved or any other, please contact PDG Ralph Montesanto at rmontesanto@cogeco.ca or PDG Dick Earne at richardearne@yahoo.com.

Yours in Rotary,

Pravin D. Suchak, Nominating Committee Chair 2012 – 2013

Cc. District Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs, PDGs, AGs and Club Secretaries