

## Minutes of District Council Meeting September 8, 2012

Attendance: 37 Rotarians

Chairs: Rick Sterne, District Governor 2012-2013

Welcome and Invocation: DG Rick called the meeting to order at 8:45a.m. IPDG John Heise gave the invocation – referencing a call to guide us to find solutions to the many needs in the world. Introductions were made around the room.

DGN Jack shared his “Rotary Moment” telling the story of how he was first proud to be a Rotarian and how his club responded to a need of a former fellow Rotarian who had fallen ill with MS and dropped out of the club. When due to an emergency the rescue team had to knock down his door to get in to help him, 12 West Seneca Rotarians – all jumped in to replace door and perform other needed items. Recent hero award reminded Jack of this when the parents of autistic child were recognized for making disease better known in the Buffalo community. They had shared about the many holes in walls etc. that are common place with an autistic child. Once again several club Rotarians are jumping up to help, reminiscent of his first proud moment.

PDG Ralph helped pin the AGs who were not sworn in at Changeover.

Secretary’s Report: District Executive Secretary Pene Hutton reported that the minutes of the June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting had been posted on the website available for review and also included in the agenda packet.

IPDG JOHN HEISE MOVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup> MEETING BE APPROVED, SECONDED BY PDG RALPH MONTESANTO WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS – AREA 5 NOT AREA 1 NEEDS AN ASSISTANT GOVERNOR AND IT WAS THE ST. CATHARINES SUNRISE CLUB THAT MERGED WITH THE ST. CATHARINE SOUTH CLUB. MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer’s Report (see attached): Past Treasurer Don DeMeo went over the unaudited Rotary year end June 30, 2012 financials. Net income is \$24,924.68.

MOTION BY AG REG MADISON, SECONDED BY TRAINER KEVIN CROSBY TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER’S REPORT AS SUBMITTED. MOTION CARRIED.

District Governor’s Report (see attached): DG Rick asked the assembly to stand and give each other – High Fives all around. He referenced his report and noted that the new Peace Through Service Committee is being chaired by Patty Johnson and is open for more members. This

committee will have a program at the conference. A Peace Through Service Project is necessary to earn the Presidential Citation.

District Governor Elect's Report (see attached): DGE Kevin spoke of lots of driving and visits to lots of places as he often accompanies DG Rick to events and is learning what it is a DG does.

District Governor Nominee's Report (see attached): DGN Jack noted his involvement in attending AG meetings to get more familiar with the clubs. He also noted that he is facilitating a vehicle to collect success stories with a number of people working very hard to bring awareness about our community and vocational service. A best practices manual for the areas the district is involved in is being developed for the clubs. They will be making a big effort with the help of the AGs to collect the information - specifically success stories on Service Projects, Membership Recruitment, and Fund Raising.

District Directors' and Committee Reports:

Service Projects (see report attached): DGN Jack for Andy Skrypniak who could not make it. Because we had guests, DGN Jack explained the committees that fall under the Service Projects area. He noted catalogue online for World Community Service and that to be in the catalogue as an approved project which allows you to go club to club to raise money, your project has to be approved by this committee and ratified by the District in order to go club to club to raise funds.

MOTION TO RATIFY THE APPROVAL OF THE WCS COMMITTEE APPROVING THE CATACORE FISH FARM IN BOLIVIA SPONSORED BY WELLAND AS AN APPROVED PROJECT. MOTION RATIFIED BY DC.

Patty Johnson spoke for the Peace Through Service committee. She noted that the Peace Through Service panel discussion at District Assembly was well-received. She also noted that the opposite of Peace is not only War – but going to bed hungry, only having dirty water to drink, etc. Her committee will be putting together a program for conference. There will be a Speakers Bureau which will help clubs find speakers on this topic also.

Membership (see report attached): Director Pravin Suchak, PDG, announced that a Facebook group for membership has been set up by Anne Bermingham. He also noted that recently – RI has realized that the issue of stagnant membership is not going anyway.....so they are putting a big emphasis on it.....with more guidance and resources from the top now. RI has a net 3 % growth goal over the next 2 years. PDG Pravin Suchak noted that there is an important point also regarding Membership. RI asking District Council members to commit to bringing at least one new member this year.

The Rotary Foundation (see report attached): Foundation Director – Karen Oakes, PDG, noted that only 5 of District 7090's clubs did not give anything last year to TRF and that 1 of those, Pt. Colborne disbanded and did send in \$3600 too late for last year, but it will be credited for this 2012 – 2013 year. The Foundation Committee with DG Rick, DGE Kevin and DGN Jack approved a donation of \$25,325 to Polio Plus (which represents 20 % of 2012-2013 DDF) and **\$25,000 to Rotary Peace Fellowships (as part of ongoing Rotary Centers Peacebuilder commitment)** from our District Designated Funds for 2012 – 2013. PDG Wally Ochterski announced that October 24th is Polio Awareness Day. There is a free pamphlet you can get from RI that you can distribute to your friends and acquaintances. He noted, “Don't keep asking Rotarians but ask the community for support Polio eradication. We all benefit.” He went on to

say that Pakistan has approached India for help in how they got rid of Polio.....PDG Pravin Suchak remarked that this is a perfect example of Peace Through Service. PDG Wally noted that Pakistan, Nigeria and Afghanistan still have cases, but Pakistan making headway as its last case was in July.

PDG Karen noted that 47% of the clubs have registered for Future Vision training on September 29<sup>th</sup>. The ones who do not send 2 club members will not be eligible for grants in 2013-2014. It will be an ongoing annual certification requirement. But, the sessions should be shorter in years to come. Spread the word to your clubs.

Group Study Exchange: Bob Gosselin, Co-Chair of GSE announced – “GSE will be sourcing an outgoing team very shortly. Earlier than usual with a departure to the Philippines in MARCH. This is the last year that GSE will be structured as is – so please take advantage of it.” Changes in the future will include no age limits and being about to modify the left of the visit and there will be a particular focus of the trip – to be called Vocational Training Teams. RI has details. Per Karen – seminar on September 29<sup>th</sup> will address these changes also and a Memorandum of Understanding will be required to be signed by President and President Elect.

New Generations (see attached report): Greg Norton stated that all new students have arrived. One outbound has returned for medical attention. He also noted that family of the student is not able to afford return to exchange. Encouraging the sponsoring club to see what they can do. Orientation Weekend this coming weekend. Conference is coming – a couple of programs on New Gen. 1 is being done by a RYLarian soon to be Rotarian on inter-generational communication – what do younger generation need to know about Rotary that will intrigue them and will cause them to become a Rotarian.

Rotaract: There is a new team – Jelaine Foster (Ham AM’s newest member) Focus will be on youth involvement and club structure, PDG Nick Norton will focus on getting Rota5ry clubs to sponsor new Rotaract clubs.

Training (see report): Director Kevin Crosby stated that it is important for Rotarians to know about the world beyond their club. That is why Buffalo Sunrise is present today. He challenged the assembly to bring their club members to a District Council. He noted that one of the things he is proud about District is the effort to develop a strategic plan which includes a focus on Training. ...education Rotarians about the larger world of Rotary. The District Assembly has been scheduled for May 4, 2013. Will be developing a club survey to determine what a club is most interested in – will help develop a speaker’s bureau and also type of training the club wants. Other important dates are:

PETs 2 is March 22 and 23, 2013.

4 – PETs 1 – localized for convenience. PE only needs to attend one of the PETs 1 sessions.

Council on Legislation (see report): PDG Dick Earne explained for our guests what COL is. The COL is an event that happens every three years. Representatives from each District around the world meet in Chicago to look over and review Enactments and Resolutions put forth from the clubs. Enactments deal with changes to 3 basic documents of RI. Resolutions deal with things the clubs want the RI board to consider. We need to get District feedback to the annual business meeting if you want it to go forward.

Governor’s Agenda:


Awards: Governor Rick noted that the Presidential Citation is a citation from RI president to the individual club – not a citation to the club president. There are no criteria for

membership growth in the citation. Lighthouse Award – is a district award...recognizing our most outstanding clubs. Have to have the presidential citation criteria first in order to be considered for Lighthouse Award which is on the District website and included in this packet.

District Conference: DG Rick stated that he needs our help in promoting our District conference. Pleased to announce our RI Rep and his wife is from Florida, IPDG Karen and partner Wolf will be their aides. Events at the conference include a special RI Rep lunch Oct 12 Noon on Friday for Council members only at the Brantford Club. The Annual Business Meeting will be held at 3 pm at hotel. Both an Ambassadorsial Scholar and a Rotaractor will be speaking. Key note speaker at lunch is a paralytic swimmer and a 14 year old girl who raised 96k swimming across Lake Ontario. After lunch 6 breakout sessions all on Rotary followed by tours – Military museum, Alexander Bell homestead. Dinner Saturday night will include as speakers a young couple who climbed Mt. Everest. After dinner – hospitality suite by the two Brantford clubs. Sunday morning – memorial service followed by YE presentation on Sunday. In the past we have raised money in silent auctions for the TRF. This year we are asking the clubs to create a toy box for children.....or a joy box.....for adults and fill it. Any box that raises over a \$1000 – the club will receive a Paul Harris Fellow to give away. The 3 highest bid boxes will be moved to a live auction at dinner. Please take this announcement back to your clubs. Paul Harris Fellow will be awarded for best hospitality suite also.

Adjournment: IPDG John Heise moved to adjourn at 12pm. Seconded by all. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Penelope Hutton  
District 7090 Executive Secretary

Reports Attached to Minutes:

Treasurer's Report  
DG Report  
DGE Report  
DGN Report  
Service Projects  
Membership  
The Rotary Foundation  
New Generations  
Training  
Council on Legislation  
Lighthouse Award  
Hospitality Suite Registration  
House of Friendship Registration

**Rotary International District 7090**  
**Balance Sheet**  
 As of June 30, 2012

	<u>Jun 30, 12</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Chequing/Savings</b>	
1010 · HSBC US	64,934.28
1015 · HSBC Short Term Investment	86,532.44
1020 · BoM Cdn	102,729.68
1040 · Petty cash	1,500.00
1090 · Restricted Grants Committee	8,698.82
<b>Total Chequing/Savings</b>	<u>264,395.22</u>
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	
1110 · Accounts Receivable	15,240.17
1115 · Accounts Receivable - Cdn	625.00
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<u>15,865.17</u>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
1021 · Exchange on CDN bank balances	3,272.12
1450 · Prepaid Expenses	10,303.48
1451 · Prepaid District Conference	2,000.00
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<u>15,575.60</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>295,835.99</u>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
1700 · Equipment	2,457.44
1750 · Accum Amort - Equipment	-2,457.44
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>295,835.99</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Accounts Payable</b>	
2010 · Accounts Payable	26,121.98
2020 · Accounts Payable - Cdn	5,739.81
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<u>31,861.79</u>
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
2030 · Accrued Expenses	8,429.00
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<u>8,429.00</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>40,290.79</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>40,290.79</u>
<b>Equity</b>	
3900 · Retained Earnings	230,620.52
Net Income	24,924.68
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>255,545.20</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>295,835.99</u></u>

Rotary International District 7090

Profit & Loss

July 2011 through June 2012

	<u>Jul '11 - Jun 12</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
<b>4000 · Club assessment</b>	
4010 · General assessment	88,097.75
4020 · District Conference assessment	7,709.77
4030 · Insurance Assessment	26,405.15
<b>Total 4000 · Club assessment</b>	<u>122,212.67</u>
<b>4200 · District Conference</b>	
4202 · DC - Registrations	-100.00
4208 · DC - Draws, etc	23,642.89
<b>Total 4200 · District Conference</b>	<u>23,542.89</u>
<b>5000 · Earned revenues</b>	
5030 · RYLA	33,177.19
5035 · Slapshot	20,717.00
5040 · PETS	32,712.87
5050 · District Assembly Income	5,519.16
<b>Total 5000 · Earned revenues</b>	<u>92,126.22</u>
<b>5060 · District Simplified Grants</b>	24,881.03
<b>5200 · Interest income</b>	283.00
<b>5400 · Other income</b>	
5401 · Other Income	148.57
5403 · Public Relations Income	13,389.69
5400 · Other income - Other	59.05
<b>Total 5400 · Other income</b>	<u>13,597.31</u>
<b>5406 · RLI</b>	<u>5,968.72</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>282,611.84</u>
<b>Expense</b>	
<b>6000 · Administration</b>	
6030 · District council	2,799.75
6050 · District history	126.50
6060 · District Website Administration	2,909.50
6061 · District Website Club Runner	1,548.00
6070 · District newsletter	1,500.00
6080 · District office	
6081 · Office Support	13,904.85
6082 · Phone Charges	1,300.00
6084 · Office Supplies	400.02
6085 · Bank Charges	2,079.19
6086 · Supplies, Treasurer	434.37
<b>Total 6080 · District office</b>	<u>18,118.43</u>
<b>6090 · Awards &amp; Recognition</b>	<u>774.00</u>
<b>Total 6000 · Administration</b>	<u>27,776.18</u>
<b>7000 · Directors and Committees</b>	

Rotary International District 7090

Profit & Loss

July 2011 through June 2012

	<u>Jul '11 - Jun 12</u>
7010 · Group study exchange	1,244.53
7015 · District Simplified Grants	24,769.21
7030 · Long-range planning	565.00
7040 · Membership	903.64
7050 · Rotary foundation	437.67
7065 · Rotary Scholars	200.00
7080 · World community service	237.35
7100 · RYLA	31,211.86
7105 · Slapshot	22,031.50
7130 · Public Relations	17,762.15
7140 · Communications	2,940.00
7200 · Other committees	
7205 · Other Committees - Misc	56.98
7215 · District Gov - Change Over Even	415.86
7200 · Other committees - Other	375.50
<b>Total 7200 · Other committees</b>	<u>848.34</u>
<b>Total 7000 · Directors and Committees</b>	103,151.25
7041 · CRCID	678.00
7500 · Standing Committees	
7520 · District insurance	32,166.11
7530 · Finance and audit	5,000.00
<b>Total 7500 · Standing Committees</b>	<u>37,166.11</u>
8000 · Training	
8010 · District conference	
8012 · DC - Expenses	28,989.50
8016 · DC - Bank Chges & CC Discounts	69.37
<b>Total 8010 · District conference</b>	<u>29,058.87</u>
8020 · PETS expenses	29,566.71
8030 · District Assembly Expenses	1,143.74
8036 · Visloning	485.67
8040 · District training	2,827.13
8070 · Dist Gov Nominee Training	3,218.14
8080 · Dist Gov Elect Training	6,475.57
8090 · District Gov Training	11,980.72
<b>Total 8000 · Training</b>	<u>84,756.55</u>
8032 · Rotary Leadership Institue	4,159.07
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>257,687.16</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>24,924.68</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>24,924.68</u></u>



## DISTRICT GOVERNOR REPORT

September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Rick Sterne



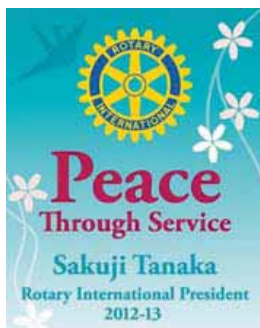
On Sunday June 24, 2012 we held the District Changeover Luncheon in Brantford, Ontario. It was a wonderful event. We celebrated and honoured District Governor John Heise's leadership over the past year. I welcomed the opportunity to introduce this year's RI Theme "**Peace Through Service**" and my own District 7090 theme for the year "**HIGH FIVE!**" Jeanette and I thank all of you who attended and made the day so special for us and Rotary.

In the two weeks afterwards, I attended Club President and officer Installations at Jamestown, Lockport, Amherst South, Niagara on the Lake, Hamilton AM, and Ancaster AM. What an exciting beginning to the Rotary year!

We can all be proud of our District for exceeding over \$330,000.00 to the Annual Fund last year. Congratulations to everyone who worked so hard to make this happen.

I began my official Club visits during the last week of August and will have completed nine by the time of our District Council meeting. I wanted to give our new Presidents time to settle into their role before my visit. I'm pleased to report that these are strong Clubs and so far the District is in great shape. I will complete all of my visits by mid-December if all goes according to plan.

I'm looking forward to this year's District Conference in Brantford, Ontario, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>. The conference will kick off with a fun dance show including Elvis, Johnny Cash, and Elton John. Hospitality suites will provide for some great Rotary fellowship both Friday and Saturday evenings. Keynote speakers include an Ambassadorial Scholar, a Rotaractor, a Paralympian swimmer, and a young couple who climbed Mount Everest. Our RI President's Representative is Phil Lustig III from Florida. A Peace through Service seminar will be part of the morning plenary session and much much more. I hope to see you there.



Rick Sterne  
District Governor  
Best of Friends District 7090



# District Governor Elect Report

September 8, 2012

**KEVIN CROUSE – DG 2013-14**

September 8, 2012  
Authored by: Kevin

# District Governor Elect Report

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September 8, 2012

## **Year End Bar-BQ**

My wife and I attended an excellent Year –end picnic at the home of incoming President Joe Goedes and his wife on JUNE 19. Joe’s backyard was full of Rotarians from his Dundas Valley club, there to celebrate their year and to look forward to next year’s events. Incoming District Governor Rick Sterne was also present to watch members receive awards for outstanding contributions throughout the previous year. Excellent food and fellowship highlighted the very pleasant evening.

## **District Governor Changeover – JUNE 24**

Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> marked the day when Past District Governor John Heise passed on the reins of the District to incoming DG Rick Sterne. An excellent turnout at the Brantford Golf and Country Club featured many past District Governors and spouses and families of district leaders. Food and fellowship flowed freely at the buffet bar and an excellent presentation from Rick regarding this year’s goals was the highlight. DGE Kevin Crouse emceed the event and PDG Ralph Montesanto presented pins to the incoming Assistant Governors.

## **August 27 – Dundas Rotary and the Group Study Exchange presentation**

DG Rick had a busy day on Tuesday, August 29. After presiding over the Dundas Valley Sunrise meeting at 7:00 a.m. that morning, he did another excellent presentation at the Dundas noon-hour club. The Rotary Moment at that meeting was presented by President-Elect John Mills who reviewed his Rotary Walk of Awareness experience of walking from Dundas, Ontario to Dundas’ sister community in Shawinigan, Quebec. John wore out several pairs of shoes during the event but experienced great camaraderie and awareness on his visits to several Rotary clubs along the way. President Ken Hall concluded the meeting with a beautiful rendition of blended national anthems of our two countries.

Following that event, Rick and I picked up two Group Study Exchange participants and drove to Dunkirk for a Rotary meeting conducted by Group Study Exchange leader Dan Smith. At an excellent setting at the Golf Course overlooking Lake Erie, we enjoyed superb presentations given by the GSE candidates on their experiences in Brazil.

## **August 29 – PETS 2 Meeting, Ajax**

DGE Valerie Wafer held the first planning meeting for PETS 2 this year at her magnificent home north of Whiby. In addition to enjoying her and her husband’s hospitality, we made significant strides in setting up this year’s program. Look for more engagement in this year’s program

## **August 30 – Youth Exchange Go-To-Meeting**

This meeting elected the new officers of the corporation but will be concluded next month as soon as the Financial Report is received. PDG John Heise is the incoming secretary, Rick Sterne is President and Aad Vermeyden is chair of the Youth Exchange Committee. Ray Tisi continues as Treasurer.

## **District Governor Nominee, Jack Amico, Report to District Council – Sept. 8, 2012**

During the course of the summer, I have been involved with the following District 7090 duties:

- Meeting with AGs to better understand the needs of the people in that role and to provide better service to the clubs whom they serve.
- Observing/participating in a program review and planning session for the Visioning committee.
- Participating in Area 13's summer event – cruise on the Niagara River
- Observing/participating in Area 11's first area meeting of the fiscal year.
- Participating in the District World Community Service's Go-To-Meeting to review current projects and recommend new ones for the WCS catalog.
- Elected to the District 7090 Youth Exchange Corporation board, participated in the quarterly board meeting (via a Go-To-Meeting).
- Setting up a vehicle to collect and consolidate club success stories in Service Projects, Membership Acquisition and Fund Raising. The compiled information will be offered to the respective chairs with the concept of a "Best Practices" manual in mind for each area.
- Preparing for DGN training at the Zone Institute (to take place in October) (you wouldn't believe the amount of reading required).

**District 7090 Service Projects Report**  
**District Council September 8, 2012**  
Report presented by Andy Skrypniak, Director

I am very happy to return to the District 7090 Directorship role. It is my pleasure to present my first report as Director for Service projects.

The first order of business is to recognize the incredible work that DGN Jack Amico has done over the last three years in bringing together such a hard working and inspiring group of Rotarians that continue to do amazing work in their home communities and around the world.

Most of the committees have taken a bit of a break over the summer months to do individual work and will resume their formal meetings this Fall. Below is a review of the composition of the various committees for the upcoming year as well as the results of the latest meeting of the World Community Service Committee.

**Community Service:**

- Cathy Henry of the St. Catharines South club has agreed to be the Canadian Co-Chair
- Angela Hintz of the Buffalo Sunrise club has agreed to be the American Co-Chair

**Gift of Life INC:**

- PDG John Rydzik has agreed to continue as the chair of this committee
- The committee continues to provide annual reporting through the World Community Service Committee

**Literacy:**

- PDG John Olsen will return to his role as American Co-Chair
- Joe Persia of the Brantford Sunrise club has come on board to be our Canadian Co-Chair
- The Rotary Club of Cheektowaga will be hosting Adventures in Storyland on Saturday September 8th
- The Rotary Club of Hamilton Sunset in cooperation with the Hamilton area Rotary clubs will be hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Telling Tales event on Sunday, September 16th

**Vocational Service:**

- Andrea Aldinger from the Batavia club will continue in her role as the American Co-Chair
- Franco Olivieri from the Niagara on the Lake club will continue in his role as the Canadian Co-Chair
- Rotary at Work will be co-chaired by Kerry Thomas from Welland and Robert Graczyk from the Niagara County Central club

**Water Task Force:**

- Roy Sheldrick from the Ancaster club will continue in his role as committee chair

#### **Disaster Relief:**

- For official purposes our District Disaster Relief Officer will continue to be Jos Nolle from the Welland club.
- While we have an official officer, Rotary does not practice Disaster Relief and will continue to come to the aid after all rescue work has been completed and assist in the rebuild efforts.

#### **Siemens Computer Project:**

- Celine Legret from the Hamilton Sunset club has agreed to take the chair role of this committee
- A few committee members have stepped aside and there will be an effort mounted to add members from the neighbouring clubs

#### **Peace Through Service Speakers Bureau:**

- New committee that would like to put together a list of speakers, organizations and projects that the clubs in our district can use as resources for their Peace Through Service efforts
- Patti Johnson (Buffalo Sunrise), Carolyn Seabrook-Ferguson (Ancaster AM) and Chris Cutler (Hamilton)

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

- David Johnson and John Harbison from the Grand Island club have agreed to continue in their roles as the co-chairs for this committee
- Committee held a Go To Meeting on Monday, August 27, 2012
- Heard presentations from 3 groups seeking inclusion in 2012-2013 World Community Service (WCS) Catalogue
- Reviewed the 2011-2012 WCS catalogue and discussed the annual reporting of all the projects currently listed in the catalogue.

#### **Projects which will be included in the 2012 – 13 WCS catalogue:**

- Poverty Reduction - literacy program in Afghanistan (Uddin – Brantford)
- Microcredit - small business support in Mexico (Peters – Norfolk Sunrise)
- Water for Life – potable water, wells in Haiti (Sheldrick – Ancaster)
- Gift of Life – free surgery – International (Rydzik – Hamburg Sunrise)
- Crossroads Springs – orphanage support in Kenya (Coon – Kenmore)
- Water wells - potable water, wells in Niger (Casey, Wakeman – Olean)
- Water wells – potable water, wells in Tanzania (Crosby-Buffalo Sunrise)
- Stove and latrine project – health and sanitation in Nepal (Dave Johnson – Grand Island)
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- Ripple Effect – education for children in Guatemala (Montesanto – Dundas Valley Sunrise)
- Buffalo Tanzania Education Project - education etc. in Tanzania (Biggie – Amherst East)
- Trees That Feed – food and sustainable farming in Jamaica, Haiti (Henry – St. Catharine's S.)
- Fresh Water Project – clean water in Sierra Leone (Hatswell – Akron Newstead)
- Adrie's House of Hope – orphanage support in S. Africa (Klassen – Lincoln)

Action item:

**Motion: A Committee recommendation be given to the District Council to approve inclusion of the Catacore Fish Farm - Bolivia in the district WCS catalogue. Moved by Dave Johnson, seconded by John Crawford, and unanimously accepted.**

## DISTRICT COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT- SEPTEMBER,2012

Under the Co-chairmanships of Angela Hintz, Rotary Club of Buffalo Sunrise and Cathy Henry, Rotary Club of St. Catharines South, a questionnaire is being developed to ask each club in District 7090 for descriptions of their community service projects .

This data will be correlated into a manual that can be utilized by each club for future projects in their respective communities.

Cathy Henry  
Angela Hintz

**District Membership Committee Report**  
**District Council**  
September 8, 2012

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

- 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.
- 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.
- To encourage each club to develop a mechanism to measure membership satisfaction (surveys of members; exit interviews; fire side chats; focus groups)
- To create some ways to connect Membership chairs from each club together – through LinkedIn, Facebook, area meetings, etc.
- 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. I have attended several Area meetings to do a brief presentation on Membership. This has given me an opportunity to interact with a few PEs at a time and it has also given the PEs an opportunity to present any opportunities and concerns they may have regarding membership. Some of the Club Membership chairs also attended this meeting. Whenever I could not attend the Area meeting I have sent the handouts of my presentation to the AG who did the presentation on my behalf.
2. I have been following up with clubs to compile list of Club Membership Chairs.
3. Held a meeting with District Membership Committee and several District Leaders to explore ways in which we can implement the Strategic Priorities listed above. During the deliberations several great ideas were discussed. The group narrowed down some of the action items that the District Membership Committee should implement. These are listed under Section 2 on page 2.
4. 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 hope to have the District Leadership, Area Membership Representatives and Club Membership Shares.
5. I took part in a Zone 24 Webinar on August 29 on "Planning Effective District Membership Strategies." This is the first of several webinars that Zone 24 will hold to address membership challenges faced by the clubs.

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**District Council**  
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**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. We have a great deal of information regarding what the clubs want in the area of membership from the survey that I did with the club presidents and you did with the select group for strategic planning. We need to sift thru and come up several specific club needs that we can address.
2. We agreed to hold Area based membership workshops to address these needs and have clubs that have done well to take a lead in organizing these workshops.
3. We should hold a Go To Meeting call with participation from the successful clubs to learn and document what works for them.
4. Create a membership Facebook page.
5. Create an evaluation instrument and distribute it to clubs.
6. Suggest clubs do exit interviews to learn why members leave and learn from them and address the factors that make members leave.
7. While we have been creating the above listed action steps, RI has been busy addressing the declining membership as well. Recognizing the declining membership in North America, Rotary International leaders have taken several steps to address the membership challenges that the clubs face. RI has created a three year North American Membership Plan. Based on this RI plan, Zone 24/32 has proposed a Tactical Implementation Plan which contains district-focused actions as well club-focused steps.
8. I and DG Rick are planning to meet with the Zone East Rotary Coordinator shortly to go over these proposals and determine what resources that the Zone can provide for us to implement these proposals. I will also be attending the one day Membership Training Session and several other membership workshops at the Zone Institute in October.

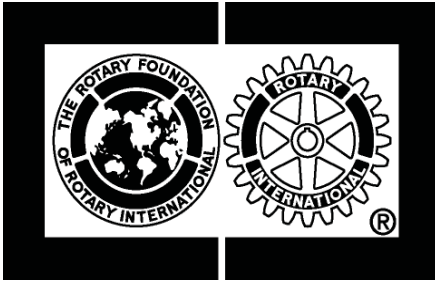
**3) Is there an item that you would like to bring to council for decision relative to the strategic plan? If yes, please state the item for discussion. No**

**4) Is there an item that you would like assistance from the District Directors and District Leadership relative to the "revised" strategic plan?**

- **HELP ME build a team of effective Area Membership Representatives:** – I need several area representatives. I would like the members of the Council to help me in finding Rotarians who have been successful in helping their clubs resolve any membership challenges. Do not assume that these Rotarians may or may not agree to help the district. Just email me the names and a brief description of what they have done. 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.
- **Use of Facebook and Other Social Media** - I will need a lot of assistance is selecting the right people and implementing the use of Facebook and other Social Media to help clubs in the area of Membership Growth – as per the suggestion to include this in the District Strategic Plan.

*Pravin D. Suchak*





**District 7090 Rotary Foundation Committee**  
**District Council Report**  
 September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**The Rotary Foundation “Doing Good in the World”.**

**Karen L. Oakes, Director, District 7090 Rotary Foundation**

The following reports are provided as an update to all district 7090 membership of the ongoing efforts of our various sub-committees within The Rotary Foundation. It is indeed an honour and my privilege to work with such a dedicated group of Rotarians.

**Annual Programs Fund Contributions**

**The Annual Programs Fund**

For the 2011-12 Rotary year District 7090 clubs reached one of their highest levels of contributions ever, sending \$304,271 to The Rotary Foundation’s Annual programs Fund. This means that in 2014-15 our district will have up to \$152,135 that we can designate for District Grants while the other 50% will go to the World Fund that we can tap for Global Grants.

The \$304,271 works out to \$118 per member across the District. Wow!

Here are the top ten clubs in per capita giving:

<i>Ancaster</i>	\$640	<i>Hamilton AM</i>	\$296	<i>Gr</i>	<i>Grimsby Noon</i>	\$232
<i>Delhi</i>	\$419	<i>West Seneca</i>	\$256		<i>Ancaster AM</i>	\$211
<i>Dundas Valley Sunrise</i>	\$331	<i>Simcoe</i>	\$239		<i>St.Catharines Sunrise</i>	\$197
<i>Waterdown</i>	\$310					

It is interesting to note that most of these clubs have activities to encourage members to donate individually as part of the Every Rotarian Every Year campaign.

Only 5 clubs failed to contribute anything to our Foundation this past year. With 93% of our clubs having set goals for 2012-13 let us make this year the one where every club in the District contributes some amount to the Annual Programs Fund. Every Dollar contributed is appreciated!

Rotary Foundation Area Representatives and Committee members are available to speak to your club about any function of our Rotary Foundation. Just ask and we will be happy to arrange a time and speaker.

Bob Bruce  
 Annual Programs Fund Sub-committee Chair.  
 August 27, 2012

**District 7090 Foundation Permanent Fund Committee**  
**September 2012 Report to District Council**

The committee is composed of several long serving members along with a few “newbies” like me who have a desire to help educate Rotarians on the role the Permanent Fund plays within the Foundation and the ways people can contribute to it. We are starting our second year of working together as a committee and over the next few months we will continue to reach out to the District membership to expand the knowledge and understanding of the Permanent Fund and its value within the Foundation family.

During the previous year the members developed a sense of what methods work best and they are most comfortable with to get the message out. These methods will be used by committee members over the next few months to continue the work started last year'.

You will see us:

- Contacting senior District members for one on one discussions
- Requesting to be speakers at Club meetings
- Asking AG's to have us speak at Area meetings with club presidents and president-elects
- Approach members of our own clubs one On one to discuss the PF
- Connect potential contributors with Carolyn Seabrook-Ferguson, our RI Major Gifts Officer

Our goal is to spread the word about the PF, allowing members to understand the value and ease of participating, making it easy for them to make an educated decision.

Respectfully submitted  
John Mullen, Chair

## Polio Eradication Committee- Chair PDG Wallace Ochterski

### Report to District Council August 30, 2012

There is no doubt in the latest figures worldwide that the polio virus is being eliminated. Just look at the number of cases by country as of August 21, 2012:

	<b>Total cases Year-to-date 2012</b>	<b>Year-to-date 2011</b>	<b>Total in 2011</b>
Globally	123	333	650
Endemic countries	118	111	341
Non-endemic countries	5	222	309

The most significant gains have been in Pakistan, where the cases of paralyzing polio have been cut in half. In a Rotary world press release, Robert S. Scott, Chair of the Rotary International Polioplus Committee reported:

*Pakistan is one of the last polio reservoirs of Asia. In 2012, Pakistan has reported 22 cases (compared to 59 cases at same period in 2011). Pakistan is also the only remaining reservoir of type 3 polio in all of Asia. In 2011, polio spread internationally from Pakistan to cause an outbreak in China's western Xinjiang province.*

*But despite this, Pakistan this year has perhaps the best chance ever to achieve success, because tremendous new efforts are being undertaken, led by the Government of Pakistan in implementing a national polio emergency action plan that mobilized all government and civil society resources.*

*There is strong evidence that implementation of the emergency plan is showing results, particularly in key reservoir areas such as Balochistan (Quetta area) and Sindh (greater Karachi and northern Sindh).*

### **Rotary's Work in Pakistan**

*Through the work of Rotary National PolioPlus Chair Aziz Memon and many Rotary clubs throughout the country who are organizing walks, town meetings, health camps, and advocating to local government authorities, there is still plenty of good news to share regarding Rotary's fight against polio in Pakistan.*

Countries	Year-to-date 2012				Year-to-date 2011			
	WPV1	WPV2	WPV3	Total	WPV1	WPV2	WPV3	Total
Nigeria	57	15		72	18	7		25
Pakistan	26	2	1	29	71	1		72
Afghanistan	17			17	13			13
India					1			1
Chad	5			5	97	3		100

Northern Nigeria is now the global epicenter of WPV3 transmission. Of 17 WPV3 cases reported this year, 15 are from northern Nigeria. Insecurity remains a challenge in parts of the country particularly in the capital cities of these northern states. Reviews of micro-plans have been postponed in the capital cities due to the insecurity situation. An assessment of the impact of the situation on polio activities is ongoing. Given the recent increase in cases in Katsina state (14 cases this year, 8 of which since May), the possibility of conducting immunization campaigns across the border in Niger is being explored, to minimize the risk and consequences of polio spread from Katsina. Niger will participate in planned, multi-country immunization campaigns in October and November, but limited activities in border areas, possibly in conjunction with the September IPDs in Nigeria, would further mitigate risk.

As of June 30, 2011, the Rotary Foundation has committed more than \$1 billion to global polio eradication. In Rotary year 2010-11, program awards to PolioPlus were \$75.6 million. We are so close to eliminating this virus, which selects children as its victims. Clubs are urged to hold at least one Polio Eradication community awareness program or fundraiser this year. Be sure your club is part of the Rotary team leading the effort.

Valerie Phillips ( [valeriephillips@shaw.ca](mailto:valeriephillips@shaw.ca) ) will be pleased to present an update program for Canadian clubs. Wally Ochterski ( [wallaceo1@aol.com](mailto:wallaceo1@aol.com) ) is covering the US clubs. October 24, 2012 is Polio Awareness Day. Plan a program or PR event for that week.

Yours in Rotary,  
Wally Ochterski, PDG

**Grants Committee**  
**District Simplified Grants**  
**Report to Council, September, 2012**

*District 7090 District Simplified Grant #76822, 2012-13 for US \$24,900.00*

*Approved Grants of August 1, 2012*

<b>Project Number</b>	<b>Date Received</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Amount US \$</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Final Report Received</b>
148	July, 2012	Delhi	Day Care Equipment	\$2,000	July 26, 2012	
149	July, 2012	Ellicottville	Library Computers	\$2,000	July 26, 2012	
150	July, 2012	Ancaster AM	Wheelchairs for Dominican Republic	\$2,000	July 26, 2012	

There are several applications in the final stages of completion and when complete these will be considered by the District Simplified Grants Subcommittee on September 30.

For further information on applying for a DSG see the District 7090 website.

Bob Bruce,

Committee Chair

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

**Approved Grants of September 6, 2012**

**Note: 50% of these DSGs have been successfully reported to the Rotary Foundation and we have received confirmation that funds for DSG 2012-2013 are being released to our District.**

**Our Grant Treasurer, Don DeMeo confirms receipt of funds @ 31-08-2012.**

<b>#</b>	<b>Date Received</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Amount US \$</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Final Report Received</b>
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/Chautauqua	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 (subj to small clarificn)
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-Newstead	Latrines in Mexico	\$2000	November 4, 2011	Repeatedly requested
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	Partially complete
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	Completed being reviewed

Robert B. Munroe, Chair

Bob Bruce, Vice Chair

### **Matching Grants**

Report to District Council

As of this date I can report that two grants have been closed in the last month.

- (a) Grant No. 71550 for the Rotary Club of Ancaster involving six wells and seven latrines in Haiti
- (b) Grant No. 65096 for the Rotary Club of St. Catharines involving early childhood education in South Africa

All other grants currently open in this district are progressing nicely.

Sincerely

Roy Sheldrick

Matching Grant Chair

**Rotary District 7090**  
**Scholarships Committee Chair**  
 John N. Teibert, C.A.

Ambassadorial Scholars

OutBound – Shauna Weston, Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Welland, Attending University of Manchester, UK

InBound – None this year

Peace Scholars

OutBound - Janny Jinor, Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Clarence, **Attending at Rotary Center for International Studies at Chulalongkorn University-Bangkok, Thailand (Bob Artis, her councillor, has been providing us with updates of her progress)**

**Group Study Exchange**

Plans to host this year's GSE exchange are well under way under the leadership of Bob Gosselin and Dan Smith. We will be hosting **District 3800, Phillipines.**

A recent ALERT has been circulated to all participating host clubs as noted below:

Terrible weather conditions in Manila earlier this month has resulted in major delays in the Phillipines GSE Team's Travel Visa applications process. Consequently they need to adjust their travel dates to our District and are preparing for their arrival Oct 10th and departure Nov 10th, 2012.

We look forward to meeting our incoming team at the upcoming District Conference in Brantford, Ontario.

**Future Vision Transition Team**

Our Future Vision transition team has been meeting via phone and face to face over the summer months, in addition to extensive email correspondence amongst the team members. We have secured an excellent facility for our upcoming Grant Management Seminar on September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Transit Valley Country Club. Our appreciation is extended to PDG Joe DePaolo for his hosting of our event. As stated in the attached flyer, all clubs are required to have at least 2 members attend this event. This seminar is part of the qualification process for clubs to be in the running for Grants, (District and Global) in 2013. Participants at the seminar could include Presidents, President – Elects, Club Foundation chair and other club members. This seminar has been the subject of several emails this past while and we look forward to having a solid representation of our District at this event.

**Please note registration closes September 16, 2012. Registration and payment can be completed until that time online on the district website under Upcoming Events. We look forward to seeing YOU there.**

Our Regional Foundation Representatives have been actively engaged these summer months with monthly meetings to build our roster of club Foundation Chairs. Rotary International seeks to correspond with the appropriate Club position as noted in the attached correspondence of August 02, 2012 sent to all Club Presidents, President Elects and Foundation Chair. Please take the necessary steps to ensure that your Club has identified the appropriate person as Foundation Chair if you wish them to receive the updates for The Rotary Foundation in a timely fashion from Rotary International.

**From:** [Rotary International \(Leadership, Education and Training\)](#)

**Sent:** Thursday, August 02, 2012 6:01 PM

**Subject:** Important Updated Information – Preparing clubs for new Rotary Foundation Grants



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Dear Club Presidents, Club Presidents-elect, and Club Rotary Foundation Chairs in nonpilot districts: Please download the latest version of [Preparing Your Club for Rotary Foundation Grants in 2013](#), which provides a list of key dates and tasks for clubs to accomplish so that they are ready to apply for the new Rotary Foundation grants by 1 July 2013.

Look for the word \*NEW\* in front of any information that changed or has been added since the last revision.

Visit the new web pages with Future Vision information at: [www.rotary.org/futurevision](http://www.rotary.org/futurevision).

Please feel free to share these resources with other Rotarians in your club or district. If you have questions, ask us at [leadership.training@rotary.org](mailto:leadership.training@rotary.org).

Thank you for your vital service in your own community and throughout the world. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

John Hewko

General Secretary

Rotary International

Respectfully Submitted

*Karen L. Oakes*

PDG Karen L. Oakes

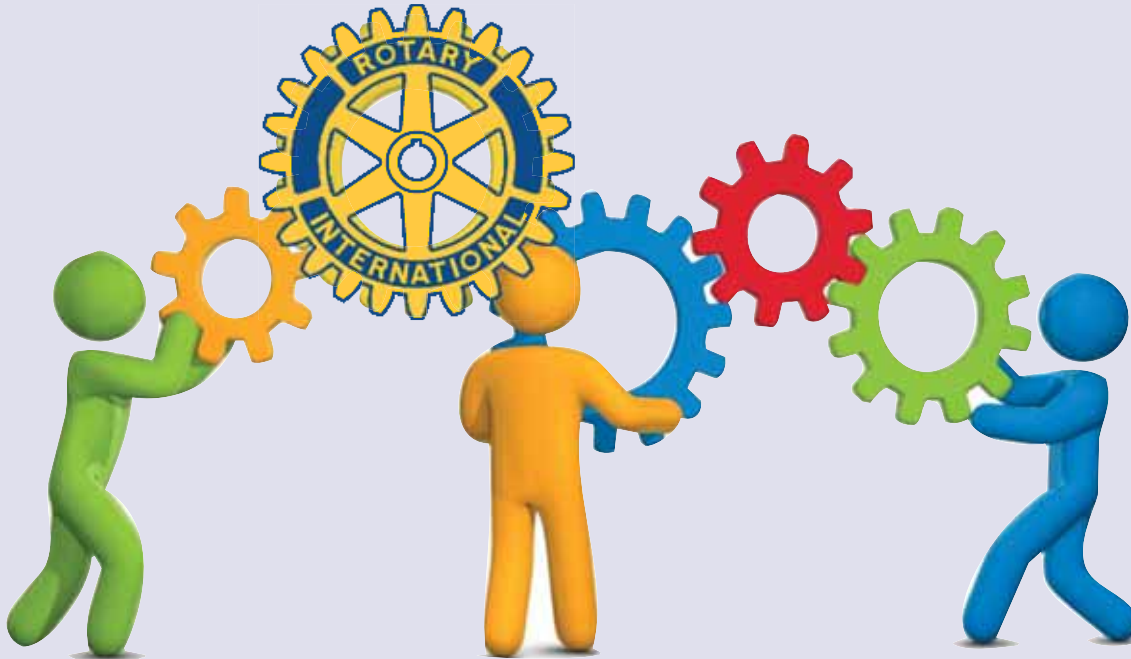
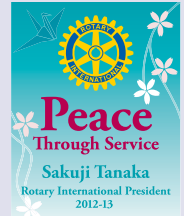
Director District 7090 Rotary Foundation

Attachments – Grant Management Seminar Flyer





**District 7090 Rotary Foundation  
Grant Management Seminar  
Saturday September 29th, 2012  
08:30AM - 03:30PM**



**As part of the qualification requirement for The Rotary Foundation Future Vision all clubs are required to have at least 2 members attend the Future Vision meeting on Saturday September 29th, 2012. Participants might include the Club President, President-Elect, Foundation Chair as well as other members interested in Humanitarian Work.**

**Please register early to attend to ensure your club continues to be eligible for District and Global Grants as we move forward under the Future Vision plan in 2013 and beyond.**

**Karen Oakes - DRFC, District Rotary Foundation Chair**

**District Governor Rick, Governor Elect Kevin and the District Foundation Committee look forward to seeing YOU there.**



**Transit Valley Country Club  
8920 Transit Road  
East Amherst, New York, United States  
14051**

**Map & Directions available at [www.rotary7090.org](http://www.rotary7090.org)  
Register online at [www.rotary7090.org](http://www.rotary7090.org)  
Event Fee: 30.00USD**

**Note Dress Code in effect - no blue jeans, nor T-shirts, please.**





## District 7090 – New Generations

Plans for the incorporation of New Generations into the District Conference continue to develop and we look forward to putting a youth face on this year's proceedings.

### Youth Exchange – (Chair – Aad Vermeyden – Rotary Club of Brantford)

- Youth Exchange is running well, most inbounds have arrived and most are settling well, with one or two having some issues that we're working on.
- Outbounds have almost all left and again most are doing great, with the exception of one that needs unexpected surgery and is returning to Canada to have that. We're hoping he'll return following that, but that's too early to tell at this point.
- We've organized an orientation weekend in Grand Island 14-16 Sept for all inbounds.
- Currently finalizing January arrivals/club combinations and encouraging clubs to start the promotion and selection for finding new outbounds.

Side note: Attached is an article in the Buffalo News from Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> about one our students (Andy Reid) who went to Netherlands on exchange last year. Andy was sponsored by the Lockport Rotary Club.

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

We had another successful year with 48 fantastic participants. I haven't seen the final accounting but think we cleared just over a \$1,000 so we were fiscally responsible. Looking forward to another great year and will start promotions at the District Conference. We are booked and planning for June 9-15 at SUNY Fredonia..

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

**SLAPSHOT 2013 is scheduled (Friday through Sunday) APRIL 26-28, 2013, at Canterbury Hills.** On August 20, I met with Matt Pomeroy & Jen Middleton to discuss the sustainability of the SLAPSHOT program. In my mind, the primary issue around sustainability concerns their engagement as program leaders through a contractual arrangement as RYLA has with Elaine Widmer, as its program leader. Matt & Jen have graciously agreed to submit a proposal for which I'm in the process of preparing a RFP for them to use as a template for their proposal. While Matt & Jen took on 'programming details' for SLAPSHOT 2012, for which they received an honorarium, it's important that we clarify their role & responsibilities and confirm appropriate compensation in our SLAPSHOT 2013 budget.

During the 1<sup>st</sup> year of my leadership as SLAPSHOT chair, I experienced the HUGE CHALLENGE/RESPONSIBILITY, involved in the organization for SLAPSHOT – i.e. promotion & registration/communications with District Rotary Clubs; contractual arrangements with Canterbury Hills, Adventureworks (High Ropes); recruitment of and arrangements with guest speakers/participants, Rotary officials, etc.; recruitment of cabin leaders/mentors; preparation of information packages for all participants – students & cabin leaders; BUDGETING & financial administration +++ Before me, Kevin Crouse did it ALL! However, with 100 student participants



& 25 leaders (max), because that is what the venue (Canterbury Hills) can accommodate, I submit that the only reasonable way that we can sustain SLAPSHOT is to divvy up leadership responsibilities between organization & program with volunteers (Rotarians) responsible for organization & appropriately paid experts responsible for program.

For SLAPSHOT 2013, I'm determined to avoid the deficit situation that occurred with SLAPSHOT 2012 so expect that the registration cost per SLAPSHOT registrant will likely increase to \$225 or perhaps, \$250. As I detailed in previous correspondence to you, the District Treasurer et al, the primary cause for the 2012 deficit was a result of the difference between estimated costs and real per head (students & leaders) costs for accommodation at Canterbury Hills. While I regret that I'm unable to provide you with a firm budget for SLAPSHOT 2013, I intend to rally the SLAPSHOT Committee in time to provide a 'go forward' sustainability plan for SLAPSHOT 2013 and beyond prior to the next District Council meeting.

**Rotaract** – (Jelaine Foster)

No report submitted at this time.

**Interact** – (US Chair – Stanley Simmons – Rotary Club of Buffalo Sunrise)

Have been in regular contact with past Slapshot students who have been waiting for the new school year to start in order to start an interact in their respective schools.

With the start of the school year we can now gauge interest of interact club members in attending the upcoming district conference.

## Rotary District 7090 Report of Training Director, September 2012

### 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 input from the District leadership team, I have created a training needs assessment that will be distributed to clubs by AGs following the District Council meeting of September 8. We'll ask clubs to discuss topics of interest/need and return the survey to their AG. 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.
- PETS 1 Chair, Wally Ochtorski, has scheduled the four sessions of PETS 1, soon to be communicated to club PEs (along with dates for PETS 2 and District Assembly).
- PETS 2 Chair, John Heise, and I attended a meeting of the DGEs and trainers from D7070, D7080, and D7090 on August 29 near Toronto to discuss plans for PETS 2 in March, 2013. Future meetings will be conducted by GoToMeeting (hosted by our District).
- District Assembly Chair, Marlee Diehl, has scheduled District Assembly for May 4, 2013 at the Conference Center of Niagara Falls (NY) – site of last year's event.
- RLI Chair, Patti Johnson, has scheduled dates for RLI sessions in the Fall. Locations are being confirmed.
- Club Vision Facilitation Co-chairs, Nan Bruce and John Boronkay, have been working on updates to the Vision Facilitation program and scheduling club facilitation events. A Vision Facilitation event was conducted at the Salamanca RC on Aug. 23, 2012/
- New Member Orientation Co-chairs, Milica Kovacevich and Michelle Dill, are planning to offer a program for new Rotarians at our District Conference in October, at District Assembly in May, and two other dates during the year (TBD).

- District Team Training Seminar Co-chairs, John Heise and Jack Amico, are making plans for the event, to be held in early February, shortly after DGE Kevin's return from the International Assembly.

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 collect and analyze information from the club training survey and develop a plan to address identified needs, using a mix of regional seminars, club speakers, and online programs – in addition to established training events like PETS and District Assembly.
  - b) We will put together the schedule of training programs for the entire 2012-13 year so that we can begin promoting the events and secure appropriate venues.
  - c) We will develop a "Speakers Bureau" and publicize it to clubs.
  - d) We will continue to develop the role of Club Trainer, using a pilot of ten clubs.
  - e) We will continue to identify new co-chairs for District Training functions. These co-chairs will assist the current Chairs and prepare to assume the role of Chair in July 2013.
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

**DISTRICT 7090 CLUB VISIONING COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**District Council, September 8, 2012**

**Joint Comments:**

The 2012-2013 Rotary year portends to be a busy one for club visioning services.

**The 2012-2013 Presidential Citation** criteria presented by RI President Sakuji Tanaka include the following:

***Strengthen Our Club***

Required activity

Adopt a three-year **strategic plan** for the club, identifying specific annual and long-term goals or make progress in carrying out the annual goals set by your club for the current Rotary year to date.

Additional activities

Conduct a club assessment/**visioning activity** and initiate changes (revised committee structures, meeting times, meeting procedures, etc.) based on the feedback/results.

The District 7090 Club Vision Facilitation Team has been working with clubs to meet these criteria. Furthermore, the Southern Ontario and Western New York Teams have seen increased interest and activity; likely in response to the desire to not only receive a Presidential Citation but more likely clubs have recognized the need for taking this first step – visioning -- to achieve effective long range planning.

We welcome inquiries from clubs.

Additionally, we would be very pleased to receive expressions of interest from Rotarians interested in becoming team members.

**Contact:**

In Southern Ontario – Nan Bruce, [nbruce@cogeco.ca](mailto:nbruce@cogeco.ca)

In Western New York – John R. Boronkay, [jrboronkay@verizon.net](mailto:jrboronkay@verizon.net)

## **Report to District 7090 District Council September 8, 2013**

Subject: 2013 Council on Legislation

Submitted by: Richard Earne PDG 2013 COL Rep

The proposed legislation for 2013 Council on Legislation has been completed and has been distributed

The following link will give you access to it. It 199 items 144 proposed enactments, which are changes to the three basic documents of RI: The Club Constitution, The RI Constitution and by laws.

Please refer to the Table of contents which is broken down into several helpful areas such as Club administration, attendance, membership etc.

[http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en\\_pdf/col13\\_proposed\\_legislation\\_en.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/col13_proposed_legislation_en.pdf)

### **From now until the Council in April 2013:**

Clubs and the district have until February 20, 2013 to make statements of support or opposition as to any of the proposals. The districts statements need to be passed at our upcoming District conference. Please go to the following link to the manual of procedure for additional information.

<http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/PoliciesAndProcedures/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

Between now and the conference. We will be soliciting your thoughts on the proposals to see if we want to make statements of support or opposition as a district.

The solicitation will be by emails to Club Pres and AGs.

Clubs have until February 20 to submit you statements of support or opposition to the COL. Forms for ding this and the procedure will be on the District website in the next few weeks.

The comments are collected by RI and then distributed to all of the COL Reps

### **Other Items:**

**I will be available to speak to clubs, area President meetings** between now and the COL as well as after.

Best way to contact me is by email [richardearne@yahoo.com](mailto:richardearne@yahoo.com)

Also available for emails from individual Rotarians with any questions or comments.

**Article in District Newsletter on COL.** I will be submitting an article for each District newsletter as to items that may be of interest

## Pene Hutton

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**From:** Paul McAfee [paulmca@exubrio.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 29, 2012 8:13 PM  
**To:** Pene Hutton  
**Cc:** Roseanne Morissette; Chrissy Casilio; Rick Sterne  
**Subject:** District Council Report

Pene,

There is nothing new to report for District PR for the District Council meeting.

We continue to wait for access to a payment card (credit or debit) that we can use to fund the RI PR Grant campaign. Once we have that, I will start planning the campaign.

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# Lighthouse Award

2012 - 2013



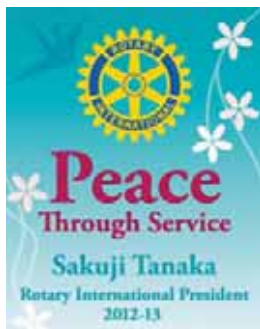
Lighthouse Awards are intended to highlight Clubs that have become beacons to other Clubs because of their organization and involvement in all aspects of Rotary club life. A lighthouse was chosen as a symbol of success because of the large number of lighthouses that dot our District. Lighthouse Clubs will be our most outstanding Clubs.

Clubs will be designated as Lighthouse Clubs by the District Awards Committee. **The designation will be based on information received from Assistant Governors and club presidents through their application for a Presidential Citation.**

Lighthouse Awards will be presented at the District Conference Gala Dinner. The criteria for consideration for these awards will include:

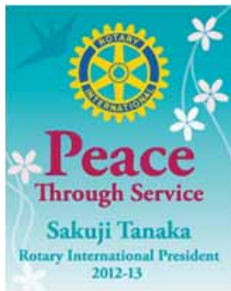
1. Success in the Four Elements of Effective Clubs:
  - Sustaining and growing membership (at least +3% net growth)
  - Implementing successful service projects in the community and internationally
  - Supporting the Rotary Foundation (US \$100 per member to the Annual Programs Fund by April 30, 2013)
  - Developing club leaders beyond the club level
2. A minimum contribution to Polio Plus of US \$1,000 per club
2. Qualified for the 2012 -2013 Presidential Citation.
3. Certified for Rotary Foundation Future Vision.
4. Have held at least four meetings during the year to increase knowledge of Rotary and its programs.
5. Command a high degree of respect in their community and amongst area Clubs.

Presidents of Clubs chosen for this award will be notified by the District Governor by June 1, 2013.



Rick Sterne  
District Governor  
Best of Friends District 7090





2012 Rotary District Conference  
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## HOSPITALITY SUITE REGISTRATION FORM

With this in mind we invite your Club to organize a hospitality suite at the Conference after the Rock of Ages show on **Friday night October 12th, 2012 from 9:00 PM to midnight.** Your Club Suite or Area Suite would be responsible for providing the food, drink, entertainment, decoration, and cleanup.

**This year, we have a prize for the best suite, which is a Paul Harris Fellowship.** The suite winner will be announced at the Brantford/Brantford Sunrise Hosted Hospitality Suite on Saturday night.

Please contact Paula Tysoski via email or 519-761-3737 with any questions.

Please complete the following form - scan and email to [info@paulatysoski.com](mailto:info@paulatysoski.com) or fax to 519-753-2853

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Requests/Details: \_\_\_\_\_

Choose your Room:

Main Floor:

Wayne Gretzky (Seminar One) - 24' X 23'..... \$ 125

Walter Gretzky (Seminar Two) - 24' X 24'..... \$ 125

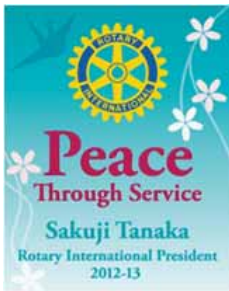
Second Floor:

Syl Apps (Seminar Three) - 24' X 23'..... \$ 125

William Ross Macdonald (Seminar Four) - 24' X 18'..... \$ 100

Harry Nixon (Seminar Five) - 24' X 18'..... \$ 100

**Remember the Theme for the 2012 Distict Conference is  
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## HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

The **House of Friendship** is one of the ways Rotarians can showcase the projects that are near and dear to the hearts of their Clubs. **You are Invited** to host a 4, 6 or 8 foot table at no charge. Bring your display boards, posters, brochures and what ever else you have to showcase your projects and show your neighboring clubs what else is going on in District 7090!

The House of friendship will be conveniently located in a secure room off of the main Lobby and close to the action of the Conference. It will be monitored during the day for those who wish to attend events and locked up overnight.

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Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Theme or Project Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Table Size: 4'  6'  8'  Is Power Required: \_\_\_\_\_

Friday 4 - 7 pm  Saturday 9 am - 6 pm  (Please check all that apply)

Special Requests/Details: \_\_\_\_\_

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE CONFERENCE!**