

## Minutes of District Council Meeting February 1, 2014

**Attendance:** 23

**Chair:** Kevin Crouse, District Governor 2013 – 2014

**Welcome:** DG Kevin called the meeting to order at 9:55 am welcoming everyone

**Invocation:** AG John Boronkay. Differences around the world in invocations. Religious leaning doesn't matter. It is a way of getting you launched into the meeting. Less about your religion and more about your faith – faith in each other, the project – in working together to help the people of the world. We come here today to see how we can continue that work.

**Introductions:** DG Kevin asked council members to introduce themselves and describe their most recent Engaging Rotary Moment in membership in their club and area.

**Secretary's Report:** Pene Hutton, Executive Secretary.

MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING DATED NOVEMBER 9, 2013 BY JOHN HEISE, SECONDED BY MARLEE DIEHL. MOTION CARRIED.

**Treasurer's Report (see attached revised report):** Don DeMeo, Treasurer absent. Current assets of \$369,926; current liabilities of \$56,203; retained earnings of \$254,377; net income year to date of \$59,346.

MOTION TO ACCEPT TREASURER'S REPORT BY KAREN OAKES; SECONDED BY JOHN HEISE. MOTION CARRIED.

**District Governor's Report (see attached):** Kevin Crouse

Governor Kevin shared his graph of membership data; we are losing about 85 members a year and if we continue this spiral, we will no longer be viable. His goal and emphasis is to grow membership this year.

**Announcement:** Patty Johnson reported on a new club on the Buffalo Medical campus being sponsored by Buffalo Sunrise. District has approved the decision to go

ahead with this new club. Recruitment has started. Within a couple of years, 17,000 people will be working on this campus and there is a lot of enthusiasm for it there.

**District Governor Elect's Report (see attached):** Jack Amico

Just back from San Diego and the RI Governor's Assembly. One thing he wants to report is that our District is one of the best run districts in the world.

Announcement: Marlee Diehl, AG. Last year Jack encouraged us to go to our clubs and bring back best practices. Marlee has compiled some information. Will share with the AGs and with their help, we should end up with a workable document.

**District Governor Nominee's Report (see attached):** Kevin Crosby

A couple of things to mention – continues to meet with AGs and that is productive. Thomas Brock is acting AG for a temporarily smaller Area 5. Melissa Schrock is new AG for Area 12. Still need an AG for Area 17.

On tables is the agenda for District Team Training seminar on February 22. Everyone in this room should be there – a few have conflicts. Please get registered. This is the one time of the year that we get to get together with incoming DGs to hear from them and prepare.

**Directors' Reports:**

**Membership (no report):** Pravin Suchak, PDG, Director, absent.

Co-Director Brian Carmichael noted that it was covered well in DG Kevin's report.

**Public Relations (no report):** Phillip Beckermann, Director, absent.

Concern expressed regarding the grant and direction to the clubs on utilizing the grant for 2013-2014. Also – noted that RI may be cancelling the third year of the grant (2014-2015).

**The Rotary Foundation (see attached report):** Karen Oakes, PDG, Director

Director Karen invited her team up.

- John Teibert – Scholarships. Received 25 applications, 20 of which qualified for distribution to committee for selection.
- Roy Sheldrick – Grants. Old system, all on time with reports. New system of Global Grants, a couple of grants approved.
- Bob Gosselin – VTT. Had to cancel the program with Argentina – Paraguay. New proposal on a project in St. Maartens, educational program. Moving along fairly well. Need to hear from the Rotary Club of St. Maartens to respond in the affirmative and then can proceed with sourcing a team similar to GSE process.
- Bob Bruce – Paul Harris Society. Made up of people who pledge \$1000 or more per year. 3% contribute 35% of what is raised a year for the Annual Fund world-wide, more like 10% in our district.

- John Teibert. Today is the last day to apply for grant for 2014 – 15.

Director Karen noted and stressed that we need to have reports in timely so that District can pay out funds committed, as noted: **District grant funds will not be released until the previous Rotary year's District Grant is closed.** The members of District Council were reminded that our 2013-2014 District Grant must be fully completed and closed before our 2014-2015 District Grant Spending Plan will be even considered by The Rotary Foundation Trustees. Therefore, it is imperative that all participants engaged in our 2013-2014 District Grant Spending Plan submit their final report to 2013-2014 District Grant Chair person, Bob Munroe, ASAP, and not later than early May 2014.

#### **Assistant Governor Forum: Kevin Crosby, DGN**

Broke into 4 tables to discuss Succession Planning for Your Position

#### **Directors' Reports (continued):**

**Training (see attached report):** John Heise, PDG, Director

PETs: PEs have received email to register for PETs 1 & PETs 2. AGs encourage your PEs to register.

District Assembly: Marlee Diehl, Chair. This is the year to pre-register, pre-select and pre-pay. John Burroughs is helping with this online process. Well on way to getting the agenda in place by next weekend. Looking for AG helpers as Sergeant at Arms to help with crowd control and directions.

**Youth Services (see attached report):** Greg Norton, Director.

Director Greg reports that all is good in Youth Services. He did report that off topic: He attended a recent Rotary Club of Fredonia meeting recently and it dawned on him that in his father's generation, Rotary, Kiwanis was expected. That is no longer the case in this generation. We do what we do now because we want to.

Heading up to Algonquin this week for the Winter Wilderness Experience with Youth Exchange. Glad to see winter finally returned to Canada.

**Service Projects (see attached report):** Willy Heidbuechel, Director, absent.

**CRCID (see attached report):** Karen Oakes, PDG, Representative for District 7090

Karen began by reading excerpts from president of CRCID. Motion being considered today by members, to wind up the operations by March 31, 2014. Karen gave her proxy to Jim Johnson, CRCID Treasurer. Will keep us apprised of the result.

**MOPP Revisions:** Karen Oakes, PDG

Karen invited her team up consisting of Bob Bruce, Jack Amico, John Heise, Kevin Crosby, Dick Earne and Rick Sterne. She also noted that it had not been updated since 2008-2009 and it is supposed to be updated every three years.

DGN Kevin noted that they divided up sections of the manual. Each spoke as to Karen's leadership and the process. Noted was that the manual was updated to reflect what we actually do now.

MOPP intended to be done in time for the PEs to pass at District Assembly with the 2014 – 2015 Budget. Will come in final form to District Council at its April meeting. Will be distributed to clubs 21 days in advance of vote.

**Council on Legislation (see attached report which replaces his November 9, 2013 report to District Council):** Dick Earne, PDG, COL Representative

PDG Dick referenced a survey gone out to COL Reps of past to get ideas on future planning. He also noted the new club constitution that reflects the changes to the RI constitution and documents. Suggestion to clubs – do not update your club constitution, replace it. As noted previously, the club constitution is fixed, only the club bylaws can be amended by the club.

**Other Business:**

**Strategic Planning:**

IPDG Rick Sterne reported on strategic planning session. We are going to take a new approach to our plan. Already heard today that our District's plan is one of the best. This year in updating it, the new approach will include 6 webinars prior to the day's planning event to get input from clubs. On Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a final discussion at Brock University.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am by acclaim.

Respectfully Submitted,



Penelope Hutton  
Executive Secretary  
Rotary International District 7090

Reports attached:  
Financial Statements dated January 31, 2014  
DG Report  
DGE Report  
DGN Report  
Foundation Report  
Training Report  
Youth Services Report  
Council on Legislation Report  
Service Projects Report

Rotary International District 7090

Balance Sheet

As At January 31, 2014

Assets

Current Assets

Petty Cash	1,500
Cash , First Niagara	258,338
Cash , Bank of Montrael	<u>89,353</u>

Total Cash	349,191
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Prepaid Expenses	20,235
Prepaid District Conference Expenses	<u>500</u>

Total Current Assets	<u>369,926</u>
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Liabilities and Equity

Current Liabilities

Accrued Liabilities	56,203
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Total Current Liabilities	<u>56,203</u>
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Retained Earnings	254,377
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Net Income	<u>59,346</u>
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Total Equity	<u>313,723</u>
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Total Liabilites and Equity	<u><u>369,926</u></u>
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Rotary International District 7090  
Statement of Income  
Seven Months Ended January 31, 2014

Income

General Assessments	82,469	
Insurance Assessment	<u>28,439</u>	
Total Club Assessments		110,909
District Conference		
Registrations	33,825	
Sponsorships	3,500	
Other	<u>5,833</u>	43,157
Pets		12,400
Foundation Dinner		9,930
District Grants		62,687
Grants Management Income		4,505
Other Income		<u>167</u>
Total Income		<u>243,756</u>

Expenses

Administration		
Office Support	7,083	
Phone Charges	500	
Office Supplies	95	
Bank Service Charges	866	
Clubrunner	774	
District Council	582	
Newsletter	<u>750</u>	10,650
Directors and Committees		
District Grants	62,687	
Grants Managemnet	6,306	
World Community Service	37	
Rotary Foundation	116	
Communications	<u>1,715</u>	70,861
District Insurance	32,012	
Finance and Audit	<u>5,000</u>	37,012
District Conference		44,804
Training		
Visioning/Release Your Inner Rotary	132	
Rotary Leadership Institue	100	
District Training	5,293	
District Nominee Training	1,770	
District Governor Elect Training	1,819	
District Governor Training	2,670	
Awards & Recognition	<u>653</u>	12,437
Rotary Foundation Dinner		8,645
Total Expenses		<u>184,410</u>
Net Income		<u>59,346</u>

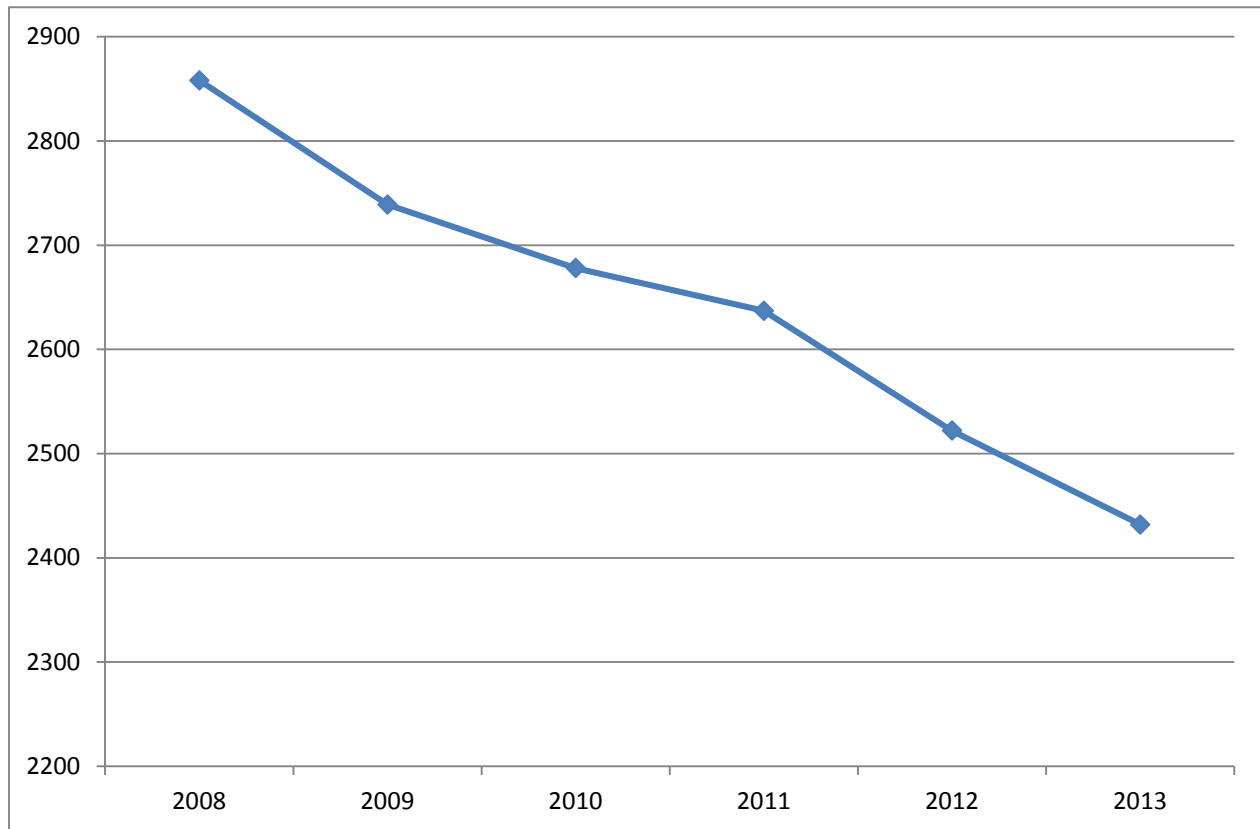
Rotary International District 7090  
Unpaid District Assessment

The following Clubs have not paid District Assessment as of January 31, 2014

Caledonia  
Fort Erie  
Delhi  
Waterdown

Eastern Hills  
Cheektowaga  
Jamestown AM  
Lockport  
Middleport

## District 7090 Membership Data 2008 - 2013



Engage

Retain

Recruit

Change

Lives



## District 7090 Membership Data 2008 - 2013

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### Membership – June 30

2008 – **2858**

2009 – 2739

2010 – 2678

2011 – 2637

2012 – 2522

2013 – **2432**

We have **lost 851 members** over the last 5 years. As of July 1, 2013 we lost another 29 members to bring District's total membership **to 2403**. That is an average loss of 85 members per year. If this loss were to continue, our district would be reduced **to 2007 members by the year 2018**.

The good news is that we have added **a new E Club** this past summer and Pravin Suchak indicates that we will have a **new Buffalo club** soon. We have also seen an **increase this year of 19 members** as of December 31, 2013. That means our current membership is now 2422, not 2403. RID Bryn Styles also indicates that membership is improving in adjacent districts. Of course, membership inevitably declines in July as clubs attempt to "clean house".

Let's do everything we can this year to make our clubs more vibrant, increase retention and Engage Rotary and Change Lives

Cheers

Kevin Crouse

District Governor

## **District Governor Elect Report for 2/1/2014**

“Mike” and I recently returned from The Rotary International Assembly in San Diego. We went with a lot of expectations based on comments and recommendations from PDGs and DG Kevin. It is safe to say that those expectations were far exceeded by the week itself. The learning experience was worth the trip alone. But, even more enlightening was the regular chance to meet with other Governors Elect and learn from their experiences in our work sessions. We also had the chance to meet some of the recent Giants of Rotary and found out that they are real down to earth people who are thoroughly engaged in “doing good in the world”. And the six hours in which we were able to see a little of San Diego were an additional eye-opener☺

I have also been involved in the following projects and committees as related to my duties as District Governor Elect and training for my year as District Governor.

- Visit to the Lockport Rotary Club this week, to present their reimbursement from this year’s District Grant. I have to say that the Lockport Rotary epitomizes the “Vibrant Rotary Club”.
- I am looking forward to participating in Niagara Falls ON Rotary Club’s Paul Harris Dinner on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Formation and ongoing activities of the 2014 District 7090 Conference Committee.
- Training Committees for PETS 1 and PETS2 for February 2014.
- Planning Committee for District Assembly for March 2014.
- Attending Inter-district Foundation Committee meetings
- Member of the District 7090 Youth Exchange Corporation
- Participated in the update of the Manual of Policies and Procedures
- Have attended DGE training at Zone Assembly.
- As a result of the Zone GETS training, have submitted copies of D7090 Strategic Plan and Manual of Policies and Procedures which are apparently considered to be exceptional within the zone.
- Have attended the Rotary International Assembly for Governor-elect training.
- Working with the new Rotary.org website to get additional training in the position of DG and the reporting structure of that venue.



## District Governor Nominee Report

February 1, 2014

I continue to work closely with our team of Assistant Governors. With assistance from acting Area 5 AG, Thomas Brock, we are working on a plan to re-constitute Area 5 by recruiting a new AG and eventually bringing the Stoney Creek and Lincoln clubs back into Area 5. We are still trying to recruit an AG for Area 17. Melisa Schrock is the new AG for Area 12.

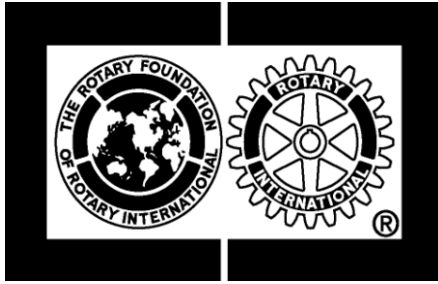
I have been working with my co-chair, PDG Rick Sterne, and a small committee to develop the agenda for the District Team Training Seminar scheduled for Saturday, February 22, 2014, involving all District Leaders and AGs. It will be held at Niagara County Community College in Sanborn, NY.

I met with my 2015 District Conference Chair, Greg Norton, to discuss the committee structure and committee members for the conference, which will be held at the Holiday Valley Resort in Ellicottville in October, 2015.

I have submitted a budget request for the 2014-15 District Budget to cover participation in the 2014 Zone Institute/GETS Training in Toronto and the RI Convention in Brazil.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Crosby, DGN



## **District 7090 Rotary Foundation Committee District Council Report**

February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014

**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.

#### **Alumni Committee**

Chair - Pat Castiglia

No report for this Council meeting.

#### **Annual Fund Committee**

Chair –PDG Art Wing

As of January 20, 2014 District 7090 clubs have contributed \$179,177 to the Annual 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. Last Rotary year Our Clubs and members donated over \$350,000 and \$143 per member. The chart below gives the current status of club contributions per capita.

**Reminder –the Presidential Citation is based on the March 31<sup>st</sup> figures. Do not miss out on this opportunity for your Club to receive this recognition**

<b>Clubs at \$100+ or Over Their Goal</b>	<b>Clubs On Their Way to \$100+</b>	<b>Clubs at 15% or Less of Their Goal</b>
Akron-Newstead- \$100	Albion \$86	Amherst South
Amherst \$110	Brantford \$82	Ancaster AM
Ancaster \$474	Caledonia \$90	Batavia
Brantford Sunrise \$195	Dunnville \$37	Buffalo
Clarence \$104	East Aurora \$57	Buffalo Sunrise
Delhi \$267	E Club \$25	Dundas
Dundas Valley Sunrise \$225	Ellicottville \$83	Dunkirk

Fonthill \$104	Fredonia \$42	Eastern Hills Sunrise
Hamilton AM \$199	Grand Island \$35	Falconer
Hamilton East Wentworth \$100	Hamburg Sunrise \$55	Flamborough
Hamilton Mountain \$103	Hamilton \$22	Fort Erie
Lincoln \$104	Holley \$35	Greater Jamestown AM
Middleport \$166	Jamestown \$95	Grimsby
Niagara Falls Ontario \$141	Lakewood Chautauqua \$76	Grimsby @ Noon
Niagara Falls Sunrise \$124	Leroy \$89	Hamburg
Niagara on the Lake \$131	Lewiston Niagara on the Lake \$98	Kenmore
Norfolk Sunrise \$117	Lockport \$85	Medina
Olean \$126	Niagara Falls New York \$94	Niagara County Central
Salamanca \$100	Simcoe \$30	Orchard Park
St Catharines \$137	Westfield Mayville \$52	St Catharines Lakeshore
St Catharines South \$105		Stoney Creek
Waterdown \$149		<b>21 Clubs</b>
Welland \$169		
West Seneca \$138		
Williamsville \$106		<b>Clubs with no goals</b>
<b>25 Clubs</b>	<b>20 Clubs</b>	Cheektowaga
		Lancaster Depew
		The Tonawandas <b>3 Clubs</b>

**Attachments:** January 20, 2014 Monthly Contribution Report

**Paul Harris Society Committee**

Chair PDG Bob Bruce

No Report.

**Endowment Fund Committee**

Chair John Mullen

**January 2014 Report to District Council**

The Endowment Fund committee activities have been very limited so far this year, with everyone getting distracted by other business and personal activities. We are still looking for someone from the New York side of the District to come on board. Preferably, we would like to have someone from the southern tier, as we are currently not represented by that area. If you know of someone or are personally interested, please contact me.

The committee will be coming together before spring to review progress and plan areas of focus going forward. Currently, the planned areas of focus are:

- ☐ Contacting senior District members for one on one discussion
- ☐ Requesting to be speakers at Club meetings
- ☐ Organizing Fireside chats in the Areas
- ☐ 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 EF.
- ☐ Connect potential contributors with Carolyn Seabrook-Ferguson, our RI Major Gifts Officer

The 8 clubs in Areas 2 (Brantford & Ancaster) and Area 3 (Dundas & Waterdown) agreed last year to promote and participate in 2 Endowment Fund information meetings. These will take the form of informal fireside chats with the club members being invited to come out and learn more about the EF. Originally these were planned to take place in the fall, but have been put off to spring 2014. I am now working with Carolyn Seabrook-Ferguson to organize these sessions. Based on the feedback we get, this venue might expand to other areas.

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

Committee members are:

John Mullen, (Chair), Tony Wellenreiter, Wallace Ochterski, Don DeMeo, Joe DePaolo, John Beyer, Franco Olivieri, Umit Eruysal and Karen Oakes (Foundation Chair).

Respectfully submitted

John Mullen, Chair

**Grants Committee**

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

**Note: DSGs are expected to be completed within 1 year**

Progress report completed as per July 23, 2013 e-mail message copied below:

Dear PDG Bruce,

Thank you for submitting this final document. **This Progress Report is now accepted.**

Best Regards,

Conor

Conor Murphy

Humanitarian Grant Coordinator / Coordinateur, Subventions humanitaires

Bob Bruce, Chair District Simplified Grants      Bob Monroe, Chair, District Grants

**District Grant Spending Plan 2013-2014**

Chair Bob Munroe, 2013-2014 District Grants Chair

**Approval** provided as per July 2013 e-message copied below:

Congratulations! The Rotary Foundation has approved your 2013-14 district grant application. The Foundation will issue payment of this grant to the account specified in the District 7090 grant application.

**The following recap outlines our approved plan with a full copy available for review on the district website.**

**District Grant Spending Plan**

✱	<u>18 Clubs with various projects</u>	<u>\$35,965</u>
✱	<u>Vocational Training team</u>	<u>10,000</u>
✱	<u>Scholarship</u>	<u>5,000</u>
✱	<u>Administrative Expenses 3%</u>	<u>1,529</u>
✱	<u>Contingencies</u>	<u>10,193</u>
✱	<u>          Total</u>	<u>\$62,687</u>

**District Grants Committee Report (2014-2015)**

Chair John Teibert, 2014-2015 District Grants Chair

The District has set aside \$50,000 in matching grant funds for clubs to access in the 2014-2015 Rotary year. [Maximum - \$2,000 per club] In order to be eligible to apply for the matching grants clubs have to complete three steps; have two club members attend the District Grants Seminar on October 5, 2013, submit appropriately signed agreements by November 30, 2013; and send in a properly completed grant application on or before February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

53 out of 69 clubs were properly represented at the District grants seminar on October 5, and as a result completed step one in becoming eligible to submit a District Grant Application.

Of those clubs, 50 submitted a properly signed Memorandum of Understanding and Addendum.

To date (as of January 24, 2014) five applications have been received, three have been approved by the committee and two are pending – waiting for additional information. In total \$10,000 has been applied for.

Respectfully submitted,  
John N. Teibert, CPA, CA  
Rotary District 7090  
District Grants SubCommittee Chair 2014-2015

**Matching Grants**  
Chair Roy Sheldrick

Report received from Rotary International Stewardship Department:

World reporting analysis conducted in **January 2014**. The analysis is performed on a quarterly basis to track each district's compliance with reporting requirements for Rotary Foundation grant projects. I am happy to inform you that District 7090 was 82% up-to-date with reporting requirements for grants sponsored by the district and its clubs as of the January/April 2014 analysis.

At the time the analysis was conducted, District 7090 had **11** grants in paid, funded, and reported status. Please see the table at the end of the letter for the list of grants (*information included in the table is up-to-date as of the date of analysis*).

Project	Sponsor	Status	Status Date	Report Due	Overdue
MG1379449	St. Catharines	Paid	30-Sep-13	30-Sep-14	NO
MG1379453	St. Catharines	Paid	31-Oct-13	31-Oct-14	NO
DS1376822	D-7090	Reported	23-Jul-13	23-Jul-14	NO
MG1175054	Ancaster	Reported	11-Jul-13	11-Jul-14	NO
MG1275347	Grand Island	Paid	31-Jan-13	31-Jan-14	YES
MG1379551	Amherst South	Paid	30-Sep-13	31-May-14	NO
MG1277245	Grand Island	Paid	31-Jan-13	31-Jan-14	NO
MG1276405	Brantford	Paid	30-Jun-12	30-Jun-13	YES -- 25-01-2013 submission, pending acceptance by RI Staff.
MG1378714	Waterdown	Paid	31-May-13	31-May-14	NO
DG1410138	7090	Approved	22-Jul-13	22-Jul-14	NO
GG1411333	Niagara Falls	Approved	25-Sep-13	25-Sep-14	No



### **Global Grants**

Chair Roy Sheldrick, Global Grants

To date, we have approved 3 Global Grants in this Rotary year. Details are as follows:

GG 1411333 Niagara Falls, Ont. – Uganda	DDF \$10,000.00
GG1411260 Hamilton, Ont.- Mali.	DDF \$10,000.00
GG1413585 Ancaster, Ont. - Haiti	DDF \$ 6,175.00

We continue to work with several other clubs in the development of their Global Grant on-line application.

### **Polio Eradication Committee**

Chair Thie Convery

#### **Polio Update for District Council on February 1, 2014**

On January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014, India passed the three-year mark since its last case of wild polio. This is a landmark achievement for global public health and the worldwide effort to eradicate polio.

Bravo, Rotary!

Experts once considered India the most technically difficult place to end polio. India's success against polio is a significant achievement in public health and proves that the disease can be eliminated in even the most challenging of circumstances.

As a Rotarian, you'll already know that polio has been reduced by 99%. And we are closer than ever to ending this crippling disease forever.

The fight to end polio is led by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which includes Rotary International, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, UNICEF, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization and governments of the world, with the support of many others around the globe.

Both Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation have extended their partnership during the critical endgame phase of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. Until 2018, every US dollar that Rotary commits to polio eradication will instantly become three dollars, thanks to a 2-to-1 match by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

But the fight to end polio is a massive effort that Rotary and its partners cannot do alone. Your advocacy efforts - at the International, Zone, District, Area, Club and personal level - help ensure that no child will suffer from this crippling disease ever again.

Remember that for as little as US60 cents, a child can be vaccinated against polio for life. With your help, we can end this crippling disease and help make history.

I call on you and your Club to become polio eradication advocates. Please sign a petition.

Share your voice over social media. Launch a fundraising campaign. Tell your personal polio story to local news media.

You can even be part of the World's Biggest Commercial. Just snap a photo of yourself making the "This Close" sign and upload it into the commercial. Show it to your friends and family and ask them to do the same. In the fight to end polio, your voice and action are our most powerful tools.

Brothers & Sisters in Polio eradication, we're this close!

## **Scholarship Committee Report**

Chair John Teibert

### **Current Scholars**

Returning Outbound Ambassadorial Scholar – Shauna Weston to District 1050, University of Manchester, England (Returned August 2013)

### **Peace Scholars**

Nothing to report.

### **District Grants Scholarship - \$5,000 US Funds**

We received 25 applications from 11 different Rotary Clubs. Of those 25, 5 were because the students were not in their first year of post-secondary study.

Of the twenty remaining scholarships, the selection committee had the difficult task of selecting the recipient of the scholarship.

The students had to submit two essays, one was a “bio” that discussed their academic strengths and weaknesses and how they have demonstrated “Service Above Self”. The second essay’s topic was the “Ideals of Rotary”.

The winning recipient is Olivia Schultz, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Dundas. (A copy of her essay is attached)

I would like to thank the selection committee for their hard work with this difficult task. The selection committee members were myself, Shefali Clerk, Milica Kovacevich, Steve Keefe, PDG Karen Oakes and DG Kevin Crouse

Respectfully submitted,  
John N. Teibert, CPA, CA  
Rotary District 7090  
Scholarships SubCommittee Chair

### **Stewardship committee**

Chair PDG Wally Ochterski

No Report at this time. Plans for development of committee underway.

## **Vocational Training Team Committee Report**

Bob Gosselin - Dan Smith  
District 7090 - VTT Chairs.

As you are aware, we have been in pursuit of a VTT project with District 4845 in Argentina-Paraguay with the Area of Focus being Water – prevention of contamination. While this project held great promise and we fully expected to have a plan in place and Team selected, we have been unable to have adequate communication and cooperation from the target District 4835. We have repeatedly attempted to make this project move forward however due to lack of response we had no choice but to terminate this project and move on to seek another opportunity.

Subsequently we sent out a notice to all Clubs in the District searching for a VTT proposal that could be executed in this Rotary year with a requested response by January 17th. We have received a VTT proposal from a Rotarian in the St Catharines Rotary Club which we believe has great promise. The focus is based on sport education and literacy for children on the Saint Martin island part of District 7020 . It is based on providing sport specific education camps to children, teachers, parents, volunteers, and coaches in order to:

- introduce them to leading healthy active lives
- give them hope for further education and literacy
- reduce gender disparity and demonstrate all inclusiveness
- expose them to the values of commitment, discipline, fair play, and sportsmanship through recreation and sport.

The District VTT Chairs and the Foundation Director have reviewed the proposal and agree in principle subject to being provided with further details and clarifications. The proposal is in the process of being circulated to both the District VTT Committee members and the District Foundation Committee for support - feedback.

## **Year to Date Summary**

Greetings, fellow Rotarians. As evident in the above reports, our various Foundation Committees have been diligent in furthering the work of The Rotary Foundation these past months. As part of the overall due diligence process, the responsible Committee Chairpersons in concert with their members attend to the required oversight to wrap up prior year reporting and continue the onward development for this Rotary year and beyond. We are indeed fortunate to have such dedicated Rotarians at the helm of The Rotary Foundation fleet here in District 7090.

The following recap provides a current snapshot of our District Designated Funds Available DDF District 7090 In Program Year 2013 – 2014 (Global Grants, and donations as Polio Plus, the Rotary Peace Centers, or Grants of another District) This data is at January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and is subject to change.

Transaction Description	Amount	Balance
50% of Annual Fund Share 2010 – 2011	\$174,853.95	
50% of Endowment Fund Share Earnings	1,122.88	
Carry Forward from 2012 - 2013	\$ 90,536.71	\$266,513.54
Project Funding DG1410138	(\$62,687.00)	
Project Funding GG1411333	(\$10,000.00)	
Polio Plus Donation	(\$35,000.00)	
Project Funding GG1411260	(\$10,000.00)	
Project Funding GG1413585	(\$ 6, 175.00)	
<b>TOTAL DDF FUNDING</b>	<b>\$123,862.00</b>	
<b>Actual DDF Balance (estimated)</b>		<b>\$142,651.54</b>

We look forward to hearing of the continued endeavours of all of our Rotary clubs in “Doing Good in the World”.

Respectfully Submitted

*Karen L. Oakes*

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Club No	Name	No. of Members	Annual Fund Goal Amount	AF Goal % Achieved	AF Per Capita	-- Annual Fund --		-- Other Funds --		-- Endowment Fund --		-- YTD Total --
						Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD	

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85345	E-Club of Southern Ontario, Canada & Western New York, NY, United States	19	\$1,025.00	47%	\$25.00	\$75.00	\$487.14	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$225.00	\$962.14
52046	Ellicottville, NY, United States	6	\$500.00	100%	\$83.33	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
4732	Falconer, NY, United States	23	\$2,400.00	3%	\$2.78	\$0.00	\$64.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$64.00
53345	Flamborough AM, ON, Canada	16	\$3,600.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,941.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,941.75
28116	Fonthill, ON, Canada	23	\$2,100.00	115%	\$104.94	\$94.34	\$2,413.52	\$0.00	\$97.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,510.61
4696	Fort Erie, ON, Canada	10	\$450.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4733	Fredonia, NY, United States	49	\$2,500.00	83%	\$42.45	\$100.00	\$2,080.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,680.00
4734	Grand Island, NY, United States	32	\$1,000.00	112%	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$1,119.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,119.99
27868	Greater Jamestown AM, NY, United States	22	\$1,700.00	3%	\$2.27	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
4698	Grimsby, ON, Canada	26	\$2,800.00	7%	\$7.47	\$0.00	\$194.18	\$0.00	\$2,621.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,815.54
59744	Grimsby Noon, ON, Canada	13	\$2,000.00	15%	\$23.52	\$0.00	\$305.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$305.82
4735	Hamburg, NY, United States	32	\$3,100.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
28054	Hamburg Sunrise, NY, United States	18	\$1,600.00	63%	\$55.56	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
4699	Hamilton, ON, Canada	123	\$6,069.00	46%	\$22.65	\$103.77	\$2,786.32	\$0.00	\$97.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,883.41
23427	Hamilton "A.M.", ON, Canada	40	\$9,100.00	88%	\$199.85	\$0.00	\$7,993.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,993.81
4700	Hamilton-East Wentworth, ON, Canada	20	\$2,100.00	95%	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
4701	Hamilton Mountain (Hamilton South), ON, Canada	16	\$1,900.00	87%	\$103.16	\$0.00	\$1,650.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,650.53
26582	Hamilton Sunset, ON, Canada	7	\$0.00	0%	\$13.87	\$0.00	\$97.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$97.09
4736	Holley, NY, United States	17	\$800.00	75%	\$35.29	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
4737	Jamestown, NY, United States	100	\$5,000.00	190%	\$95.00	\$0.00	\$9,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,500.00
4738	Kenmore, NY, United States	48	\$2,300.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,784.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,784.00
4739	Lakewood-Chautauqua South, NY, United States	13	\$1,300.00	77%	\$76.92	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00

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4716	Waterdown, ON, Canada	35	\$8,195.00	64%	\$149.60	\$194.34	\$5,236.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,236.14
4718	Welland, ON, Canada	41	\$4,600.00	151%	\$169.02	\$94.34	\$6,929.84	\$0.00	\$2,485.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,415.28
4754	Westfield-Mayville, NY, United States	39	\$9,600.00	21%	\$52.80	\$25.00	\$2,059.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,059.15
4755	West Seneca, NY, United States	44	\$6,525.00	93%	\$138.63	\$25.00	\$6,099.51	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,099.51
4756	Williamsville, NY, United States	39	\$2,500.00	166%	\$106.59	\$118.50	\$4,157.00	\$100.00	\$2,100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,257.00
<b>Total For: 7090</b>		<b>2,385</b>	<b>\$286,542.00</b>	<b>62.53%</b>	<b>\$75.13</b>	<b>\$2,829.29</b>	<b>\$179,177.41</b>	<b>\$246.22</b>	<b>\$128,405.09</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$275.00</b>	<b>\$307,857.50</b>

Contributions to The Rotary Foundation make it possible for clubs to transform lives worldwide. The following summary outlines important differences between contribution types. If you have questions, please contact Rotary International by email at [contact.center@rotary.org](mailto:contact.center@rotary.org) or by phone, toll-free at 1-866-9ROTARY (1-866-976-8279).

#### Annual Fund

-All contributions support SHARE, World Fund and Areas of

#### Other Funds (including PolioPlus Fund)

-Supports program selected by donor

-Matching Grants

-Global Grants

-PolioPlus

-PolioPlus Partners

-Ride to End Polio

-Other Approved Programs

-Does not count towards Club or District Annual Fund Goal

-Does not count towards Annual Fund Per Capita

#### Endowment Fund

-Contributions are invested in perpetuity

-Spendable Earnings are used on programs

-Donor can designate spendable earnings for

-Areas of Focus

-Rotary Peace Centers

-SHARE

-World Fund

-Benefactor recognition available

-PHF recognition is not available

-Does not count towards Club or District Annual Fund

The club membership count is the starting membership figure based on July semiannual report forms, received at Rotary International by 30 September each year. It is populated once every Rotary Year (usually in November) and remains the same until the next Rotary Year.

## District Summary

2013 - 2014 US\$100 Per Capita District Benchmark for 2,385 Members: \$238,500.00

2013 - 2014 District Annual Fund Goal (sum of all club goals): \$286,542.00

2013 - 2014 Total of Annual Fund Giving for Period: \$179,177.41

*Total of clubs below includes only clubs active as of January 2014 and chartered prior to 01-Jul-2013*

2013 - 2014 Total of clubs with Annual Fund Goals received: 65 of 68 (95.59% Received)

2013 - 2014 Total of clubs with contributions to the Annual Fund 55 of 68 (80.88% Participation)

The SHARE Contribution Detail Report containing the district's SHARE summary information is available to authorized users on the Member Access Portal at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)



The Ideals of Rotary  
Rotary District Scholarship  
Olivia Schultz

As I have volunteered with Rotary and gone to events, I am continually encouraged by those who work with us and am humbled when I hear about what Rotary believes in. The Four Way test is something that I have grown to really appreciate especially with regards to my interest in development and I will explain why.

The first part of the test, or “Is it TRUTH?” is very important to me. In our world today, there are so many projects and corporations put into developing countries that claim to help the country it is working in, however in the end it doesn’t. In most cases, corporations such as Coca Cola and others move into developing countries and tell the government that there will be positive economic effects in their country and the locals will benefit when really it is not the case. They exploit the environment, privatize the water and then the profit leaves the country in a process called capital flight. What the corporations tell people all over the world is not truth. I strongly believe that in our world today we need to work on having transparent governments and also transparency in corporations. Therefore, I love that this is an Ideal of Rotary as it promises that anything the Rotary works with will first consider whether or not it is truth, and that Rotary will practice transparency in the projects and relationships the members have.

The second part to the test, “Is it FAIR to all concerned?” is also something that is vital in development. Something that I am interested in is sustainable development practices. What I mean by this is, instead of simply working in a developing country with an organization to help the people, I want to teach them agricultural processes so they can sustain themselves and teach others to do the same. In so many projects that take place in the developing world, although there are good intentions attached, they end up being more harmful than good. For example, when organizations are constantly bringing things such as clothing into developing countries, it takes away from sales from the local trying to sell his clothes. Additionally, when aid from the UN is brought in every few months for free, it puts the local farmers out of work as no one buys their food so they stop farming. I am not trying to say that these things are all bad, in fact they are sometimes necessary. However by continually doing these things, people become dependent on the larger forces and forget how to help themselves. This is not fair and I believe that organizations and governments need to be more aware of how their actions affect the third world. This is why I am so happy that Rotary participates in this as it encourages fairness in all it does locally and internationally.

The third part to the test, “Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?” is a really great part of the Ideals of Rotary. This is because in most scenarios, companies and organizations look for ties that will keep them networked so that they have ‘connections’ for the future, but they mainly focus on themselves. In this ideal of Rotary it focuses on the other side of the story, and that prior to doing any project Rotary makes sure that it will create better relations between the people who are involved and thus create a welcoming and friendly environment.

The fourth part of the test, “Is it BENEFICIAL to all concerned?” is really easy for me to relate with. In our society, we live in a capitalistic world based off of free trade. In a lot of situations, the core countries of the world try to partner with developing countries to participate in free trade of their farming, products and more claiming that it will benefit the economy and help all those who are concerned. What has happened instead? According to the *10 Point Agenda* (created by the Canadian Council for International Cooperation), most of the world’s hungriest

people are those who farm in developing countries and then are forced to give up so much of their product for trade that there is not enough for their family or for themselves to sell locally. In addition to this, these farmers barely make a wage. Is this beneficial for all involved? No, it is beneficial for the countries that they trade with because they take the product and raise the price prior to selling it and the farmers get almost no benefit. As a result, hearing that this is something that Rotary promotes is so wonderful, as our current world system is careless about it, as long as they are benefiting. However, together we can make a difference.

“Service Above Self” is a model to live your life. You do not have to be in international development or working in Rotary to live by this. Anyone anywhere is capable to do this. Simply by working to not benefit yourself but to benefit others, whether that be by working to put a smile on someone’s face at work, working alongside a child as they go through depression, or by volunteering your spare time for causes that makes you passionate. This is why I love this ideal. Every occupation is important and can be used to benefit those in our local communities, the Rotary and also our international community if by a commitment of “Service Above Self”.

In the above paragraph, I briefly touched upon the second object of Rotary of the importance of each occupation for service, however all the other objectives are also important and all work towards the goal of opportunity for service, application for service and the advancement of world understanding and goodwill. All of these are so important for any organization to have in order to create change and to empower the world around them. It is for all that I have talked about that makes me so pleased to have been able to work alongside Rotary in the past and continue to do so in the future, as the ideals are so important and connect so much to what I want to see the future of our communities and world looking like.

# **TRAINING DIRECTOR REPORT**

**February 1, 2014**

Director: John Heise

## **District Training Assembly** (Marlee Diehl and Anne Bermingham)

We are progressing on the planning for this May 3 event, at the Niagara Falls Conference Center. A "Hold the Date" message has been sent out encouraging Rotarians to put the Assembly on their calendars. (Please note that Rotary International is now calling it the District Training Assembly instead of District Assembly.) At the end of this report is a copy of the reminder email that has gone out.

An email has also gone out to several Rotarians requesting that they serve on a committee to encourage attendance at this year's event. We envision that those agreeing to serve will visit neighboring clubs in the coming weeks to share how individual Rotarians can profit by attending the assembly.

As of this writing we are still in the process of identifying the luncheon speaker. We are trying to schedule someone who has been involved in one or more of our Youth Service programs and can share the effect it has had on their life.

We have also spent a great deal of time planning for the registration process on the day of the event. We hope to eliminate the traditional wait for checking in that morning.

## **Visioning** (Nan Bruce, John Boronkay)

To date there have been no club visioning sessions. The committee has been busy, however. They held a Visioning webinar on December 13. Another one will be scheduled soon.

On the northern side of our border, there is one club interested in doing a follow-up session. Another club has expressed an interest in scheduling a session. This part of the committee is also discussing going back to clubs which have undergone the process to see what worked for them and what did not.

## **Rotary Leadership Institute** (Patty Johnson)

Two sessions are scheduled for later this year. The first is for March 8 at Jamestown Community College. The second will be on March 29 at Niagara County Community College.

## **PETS 1** (Mara Huber)

Plans are almost finalized for the PETS 1 sessions on February 18 (Hamilton), 20 (Elma/West Seneca), 24 (Fredonia), and 27 (St. Catharines). President Elects have been sent an email requesting that they register for one of the above sessions and for the March PETS 2 Training in Toronto. President Elects can register through our District website.

## **PETS 2** (Brian Carmichael)

Plans are almost finalized for the March 21-22 session at the Bank of Montreal Training Centre in Toronto. President elects have been asked to begin the registration process.

We still have about a dozen clubs who to date have not identified their President Elect. I hope to reduce this list by the time the Council meets and will have, for the meeting, a list of those clubs who still have no identified leadership for next year.



## **ROTARY DISTRICT 7090 ANNOUNCES THE 2014 DISTRICT ASSEMBLY**

**SATURDAY MAY 3, 2014**

**HOLD THIS DATE IN YOUR SMART PHONE, BLACKBERRY OR CALENDAR RIGHT NOW!!**

**8:00 AM REGISTRATION/LIGHT BREAKFAST**

**8:30 AM SHARP THE PLENARY SESSION 1 BEGINS**

**2:00 PM LEAVE FOR HOME, FOLLOWING LUNCH AND OUR KEY NOTE SPEAKER**

District assembly is for all Rotarians, but especially those in club leadership roles for the upcoming year, who want to know what is happening in Rotary. Learn how to help your club utilize social media to seek new members and to tell your club's story.

Learn what our foundation is doing in the world, how your club can support it, and how it can support your club's project.

Learn about how close we are to eradicating polio from the world; but also learn how recently spread into Syria, though Syria had been free of polio for more than 10 years. Learn how End Polio is working to stop the spread in its track. Learn what your club can do to help Rotary complete our task.

Find out how to help your club a vibrant one? How does that help your club attract and retain members?

How can you be a more effective club secretary?

Do you have an Interact club? Have you considered starting an Early Act club in a local elementary school? Is your club interested in participating in the youth exchange program?

Discover how much fun it can be for all! Find out why "Youth" is the new name for the New Generations pillar.

All in all we have over 25 sessions. Some sessions are targeted for club leadership however most are open to all attendees. We have three time slots, but most sessions are only given once, therefore it is important to have several of your club members attend to cover going to all pertinent sessions. Watch for the final plan so you can choose which sessions you may attend.

Pre-registrations and on-line payment is mandatory this year. While pre-registering you can also choose the three sessions you wish to attend, your choices will be printed out on your name tag.

Yes, if you are in your club's leadership group you definitely need to be there to learn how to fulfill your commitments in 2014 – 2015. Round up your leadership team and bring them, as this is a great team building event.

Pre-register your members and fill those cars and make it a rotary road trip to district assembly. This is where all members, new or seasoned, will enjoy a day of learning, making new friends and renewing connections with all of our district rotary family. This is an important part of strengthening your club.

CONFERENCE CENTER NIAGARA FALLS ([HTTP://WWW.CCNFNY.COM/](http://www.ccnfny.com/))

101 OLD FALLS STREET

NIAGARA FALLS, NY 14303

**Two minutes south of the Rainbow Bridge**



## District 7090 – Youth Services

Note the name change to Youth Services. After 3 years of getting people to call it New Generations, we now go back to Youth Services.

### FEATURED PROGRAM

**INTERACT** - (Chair – Brian Casey – Rotary Club of Buffalo)

**Rotary Club of Buffalo** is working the Tapestry Charter School to establish a new Interact Club at their high school. This would be the first Interact club at a charter school in district 7090, and could set the stage for several other charter schools to join the interact family. (Charter schools are independent public schools and there are 19 charter schools in the WNY area.)

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

Youth exchange is doing well. We've done district interviews and currently have 27 outbounds (might grow to 28 yet). Have made country selections and are currently pursuing that to see if our colleagues around the world will accept our kids. Algonquin trip preparation is going well and those trips are happening Feb 5-8 and 8-11. There will be 5 Rotarians going on the trip for the first time this year - Liz Sterns (Buffalo Sunrise), Matt Pomeroy (EClub), Jessica Wooder (Ancaster), Donna Dalglish (Niagara Falls Sunrise) and Mike Taylor (Fonthill).

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

The marketing materials for this year's RYLA are now available. The session will be June 8-14<sup>th</sup> at Fredonia University. The Early Bird fee is \$675.00 before April 20<sup>th</sup> and \$750 thereafter.

**Early Act** – (Chair – Dick Earne – Rotary Club of Grand Island)

- Leroy club about ready to charter 2 clubs
- Albion and Medina having a program on Earlyact. Any clubs or areas that would like an informative program on Earlyact please email me.
- West Seneca has had some requests from schools, in its area.
- Bruce Williamson and DG Kevin put me in touch with Rachel Kumar, a Rotoractor formerly from Brantford now in a Rotaract club in Singapore who wanted info on Earlyact for the school where she is a first grade teacher. We are now communicating with Rachel and sending her information

**Rotaract** – No report at this time



**Rotary International  
District 7090**

*Includes  
Niagara Region (Canada) and Western New York (USA)*

## **ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD PROGRAM**

[www.ryla7090.com](http://www.ryla7090.com)

**The State University of New York, College at Fredonia**

**June 8 -14, 2014**

Registration                      3:30pm on Sunday, June 8, 2014

Program closes                      12 Noon on Saturday, June 14, 2014

## THE PURPOSE OF RYLA

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive training program for youth ages 19-25. RYLA programs have been taking place all around the world since 1960.

The RYLA program enables young adults to debate issues of professional responsibility and human relations, improve leadership and communication skills, learn about businesses and institutions, and meet Rotarians while having fun and making friends. RYLA enables young adults to get to know themselves better and to cultivate the respect and trust of others. Participants will be able to identify their own leadership skills and determine ways to make more effective use of their resources. RYLA provides RYLarians the opportunity to refine skills and explore pertinent topics with their peers and elders.

For Rotarians, RYLA offers the chance to help develop leaders, share valuable expertise and bridge the gap between generations.

## THE PROGRAM

### Overall Objectives

- To develop personal leadership and life management skills
- To use applied learning to build on concepts presented in order to make topics and discussions meaningful
- To create lasting bonds of friendship and fellowship among participants
- To support Rotary principles and encourage service beyond RYLA

### In the RYLA program, participants will:

- Gain exposure to issues and exchange ideas with talented people like themselves
- Learn how to coordinate youth activities and community service projects in their community
- Discuss creative approaches for resolving family, social and professional conflicts
- Meet Rotary decision-makers in their community and learn about other Rotary programs

## WHO PARTICIPATES IN RYLA?

The RYLA program is for young adults with proven leadership experience and potential leaders from diverse backgrounds. Whether they are a college/university student or young professional, RYLA provides a unique opportunity to learn, grow, have fun and make new friends. The RYLA experience prepares young people to be leaders in their community, profession, and other facets of everyday life.

### Commitment of RYLarians

RYLA participants must commit to attend the full program, staying on campus for the duration of the program, free of any other commitments for the entire period.



## PROGRAM DETAILS

### A Brief Summary

#### 1. Level One

##### Personal Development and Self Assessment

###### Objectives

- To become more aware of what makes us who we are by examining personal style, values, ethics, family traditions, etc.
- To work on areas identified by participants to strengthen leadership effectiveness
- To learn how to work with and adapt to others' styles and needs

#### 2. Level Two

##### Group Dynamics and Team Development

###### Objectives

- To build trust
- To learn how to work effectively in various group sizes and purposes
- To apply team concepts to the achievement of goals
- To understand group dynamics and issues and how to use them to increase leadership effectiveness

#### 3. Level Three

##### Organizational Systems and Career Development

###### Objectives

- To understand contemporary organizational structures, management philosophies and workplace challenges
- To develop understanding of and competency in the use of leadership and facilitation tools
- To consider career choices, fits and options

## FEEDBACK FROM PARTICIPANTS

Comments from participants include:

- "I feel so privileged to have been selected for this program. Please don't ever stop this program. Ever!"
- "I have experienced an event that has changed my outlook on life entirely."
- "What I liked most were the lasting relationships that were formed and how we learned so much about each other in such a short time."

## RESPONSIBILITY OF PARTICIPATING ROTARY CLUBS

- To select and sponsor RYLA candidate(s)
- To submit application and registration forms to the RYLA Registrar
- To pay \$750 US per candidate as registration fee (\$675 if paid before April 20, 2014)
- To ensure that the candidate receives all appropriate documents distributed by the Registrar
- To assist, if necessary, in securing transportation to and from SUNY Fredonia
- To arrange for candidate to attend a Club meeting to speak about the RYLA experience
- To obtain, to the extent possible, local media coverage for the candidate and program
- To have representative(s) from the club attend the Thursday night RYLA dinner during the RYLA program – Thursday, June 12, 2014

## SELECTION PROCESS

Clubs are encouraged to seek applications from young people who are known to members of their club (e.g. former exchange students and SLAPSHOT candidates) or through contacts in business or at local colleges and universities. Note that applicants may be current students or recent graduates. Program organizers like to see a balance of students and graduates. Because the RYLA experience is so exceptional, some businesses and not-for-profit organizations have voluntarily paid for their staff to attend.

Applicants first present their applications to individual clubs, who then make a selection and forward their selections to the registrar.

Be sure that applicants understand that this is an intensive leadership seminar and that they must commit to full participation for the entire duration of the program. Candidates must be free from work or other commitments during the entire week, 24 hours a day.

Clubs should review applications to ensure that they are complete, including complete contact information and emergency contact information.

Clubs should contact personal references.

Clubs should conduct a personal face-to-face interview with two or more Rotarians in attendance.

### Criteria for Selection

When selecting your participants, look for maturity, commitment to RYLA, motivation, communication and leadership skills. Assessment of “potential for future leadership” may be difficult, so be sure that all criteria have been tested. RYLA requires selflessness, self-awareness and previously exhibited leadership qualities. In order to achieve maximum benefit from the program candidates need the ability to communicate effectively and to work well with other young men and women.

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

**Cost:** For 2014, the program cost is \$675 US (Early Bird) per participant. Rotary clubs across District 7090 pay the cost of registration on behalf of the candidates they select. The payment must be sent to the Registrar with the completed application. There are no refunds, so it is suggested that you may want to select an alternate participant.

**Deadlines:** Clubs may want to book a spot or spots for prospective candidates by forwarding registration fees to the registrar in advance of deadlines. Remember that there are no refunds, so consider having an alternate candidate.

Early registration – April 22, 2014 – discounted fee is \$675

Final registration deadline – May 20, 2014 – regular fee is \$750

Program runs – June 8 – 14, 2014

**Capacity of the Program:** 45 participants

### Registrar:

Cheryle Slattery  
St. Catharines Mazda  
161 Scott Street,  
St. Catharines, ON  
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## DISTRICT RYLA COMMITTEE

### Chair

Sue O'Dwyer	Norfolk Sunrise	<a href="mailto:odwyer@kwic.com">odwyer@kwic.com</a>	519.428.4634
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### Registrar

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**For: AGs, Club Officers, District Officers**

**From: Richard Earne Council on Legislation Rep for 2013 COL**

**Date: November 26, 2013 further modified January 26, 2014**

**NOTE: This replaces report to the Nov 9, 2013 District Council by COL 2013 Rep**

THIS REPORT MAINLY DEALS WITH THE NEW RI MOP, AND THE NEW CLUB DOCUMENTS WHICH INCLUDE THE CHANGES TO THESE DOCUMENTS AS THE RESULT OF THE ITEMS PASSED AT THE 2013 COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION

Suggested steps to follow:

1. AGs should check with your Club Pres and or secretaries to see if they have received their copy of the new RI MOP 2013, which includes the aforesaid changes. They should have received an email from Council Services, which went out Oct 22, 2013 with links to the new RI MOP. Some of the links are listed here:

<https://www.rotary.org/en/document/468> All in Part IV page pg 121

2. Clubs now need to revise their Constitution and by-laws to comply with the new RI CLUB Constitution or replace your current constitution and adopt the new one (suggested). The new RI MOP has the new revised Club Constitution and recommended by laws.

**-Club Constitution-There are changes through out the document, which you must adopt.**

**-You are however** asked to fill in and make choices in Articles: 2, 3, 6 and 9. In addition to the RI MOP see link for standard club constitution below.

The two other links are for the other two RI governing documents, which the COL has the right to change. RI Constitution and the RI By-laws.

- --[Constitution of Rotary International \(PDF\) \(Word\)](#)
- \* -- [Bylaws of Rotary International \(PDF\) \(Word\)](#)
- \* --[Standard Rotary Club Constitution \(PDF\) \(Word\)](#)
- --Club Constitution <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/document/632>

**As stated, all clubs admitted to Rotary membership must adopt this form for their club constitution.**

3. The major changes to the standard Club Constitution are as follows:

-Article 1 and 2 expanded to include e-clubs and satellite clubs.

-Article 5 ,5 changed New Generations to Youth Services

-Article 6 Meetings( there are two forms of Article 6 first is for a regular club the second for e clubs (**regular clubs** sec. 1 d deals with Satellite Clubs)

-Article 7 deals with several changes.

In section 2 the definition of Active Members has been expanded, see Art 5 Sec2 of the RI constitution, which now allows persons who are no longer actively employed or are active in childcare, or work for their Rotarian spouse,

- In Section 4 :

a) Potential members dealing with transferring or former member from another club, deals with:

-former club can propose

-former club needs to supply financial status of potential member

-requesting proof of the financial status and in b) if not supplied presumed to be current

-also classification can be the same as in former club ( unclear, as if exceeds new club limit then not sure how long temporary is or maybe will exceed until someone changes do to change of job etc).

Section 5 deals with Satellite club membership member of sponsoring club

-Article 9 attendance, allows provisional club members to be members of the existing club to which the satellite club is a part and thereby meet their attendance reqt.

-Art 9 Section 1(a) (5) allows for a club's board to approve projects etc as substitutes for meetings. **Also see Art 12 Sect 4 (a) (1) the 50% requirement for attendance can be met by 12 hours spent on projects and other events. ( I read this to be the projects approved by the Club's board in Article 9 1 a 5. Further, it is up to the club to decide how the 12 hours of service are to be meted out i.e. only 1 hr per day of project. Following comment on this point by Club and District Support (CDS)**

**“Regarding the 12 hour service makeups, because the policy itself does not specify how clubs should enact the decision to allow service projects to count as makeups, clubs will have the autonomy to decide how to implement the policy. Some clubs may choose to require a full 12 hours of service before granting any makeups for the 6-month period, others may opt to equate increments of service projects towards individual makeup sessions (i.e. 1 hour of service=1 missed meeting), and there may be other ways that will work better for other clubs. Clubs should feel empowered to use the policy to best fit their own needs.”**

**Bob Goslin Pres Elect for the St Catharines club raised an interesting point. The make up provision which allows members to make up either two weeks before or**

**after a missed meeting. is still in effect Since it is does that mean that you can only use service projects performed during the four week period, as a result even if a Rotarian worked 12 hours during the 4 week period. The Rotarian can only apply it for the 4 meetings during the four week period. This is being checked out with Club and district support, as soon as we get a reply the answer will be distributed.)**

Section 3 a Excused Absence Board's authority expanded when reason for missing meetings is for health.

-b. the rule of 85 has again been changed taking 654 years of age out of the calculation of the rule of 85, so it is back to age plus years in Rotary of 85 or more

Art 10

-Sec 4 Secretaries are now mandatory members of board

-Sec 5 c). Before a member can be nominated for club Pres must have been in Rotary 1 yr, unless DG waives)

-Sect 6 New, Governance of Satellite clubs

Art 12 Duration of Membership-Termination of membership several minor changes makes it more liberal. Also, deals with letting past members rejoin.

Section 4 a) 1) to keep the 50% reqt of meetings every six months expanded to include meetings at satellite clubs, **“or engage in club projects, other events and activities for at least 12 hours in each half of the year, or a proportionate combination of both**

Again, not sure how the time for a project is to be either computed and or applied and how it fits into or is to comply with the other attendance rules ie. Missing 4 consecutive meetings, make ups to be within 2weeks before or after a missed meeting. How does one deal with a member who works a fund raiser or project for lets say 12 hours in a 2 week period is that sufficient for minimum attendance for a 6 month period.

In trying to get an answer I have spoken to and sent an email to Club and District support and also to the district in Australia that proposed it for clarification. If I don't get back an answer quickly I would suggest each club address it in their by-laws. If no answer is decided on. I suggest that a club or the district send a memorandum to the RI Board for clarification as it is two years until the next COL

These are the major changes.

3. The club by-laws . RI has revised their suggested by-laws. Clubs can pass what they want as long as they don't conflict with the other Official RI Docs. This link will take you to the new recommended RC By-laws  
Also <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/document/607>

- [Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws \(PDF\) \(Word\)](#)

Clubs can tailor these bylaws, as long as their changes align with Rotary's constitutional documents and the Rotary Code of Policies. If you have doubts about your proposed changes, please submit them to the general secretary for the RI Board to consider.

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*bylaws are only recommendations. Club bylaws should be used to supplement the Standard Rotary Club Constitution with the common practices and processes of your club.*

*-You may update the club bylaws to reflect the current practices of your club as long as the changes do not conflict with the RI Constitution and Bylaws, the Standard Rotary Club Constitution, and the Rotary Code of Policies.*

*-Your club may also determine how to define a quorum for voting purposes.*

**There are however certain changes that are mandatory:**

*The new edition of the Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws removed:*

*-the sections on Avenues of Service and Leave of Absence as they are found in the Standard Rotary Club Constitution.*

*-The section Order of Business was also removed to allow clubs more flexibility. For meeting agenda details, see Rotary club leader manuals. For questions, consult your district governor.*

**AGs Please have your Clubs review their by-laws in relation to the new club constitution**

**Where to go to get answers to your Rotary policy questions:**

1. RI MOP
2. AG or district Officers and Directors and or chairs
3. Rotary code of policies - Amplification by RI Board of the three basic RI docs and more see link

## 5 Rotary Code of Policies

The [Rotary Code of Policies](#) compiles all of the organization's general and permanent policies. A revised document is available after each meeting of the RI Board and the Council on Legislation. The [Rotary Foundation Code of Policies](#) is maintained in a separate document.

Read the latest [RI Board decisions](#) and [Rotary Foundation Trustees decisions](#).

- 6 Club and District Support can get contact info off rotary.org
- 7 If you don't get the answer or don't get one you like or there is no answer, then you can file a memorandum with the RI Board.
- 8 Other changes involving changes of the three RI Docs can also be addressed by drafting a proposal for 2016 COL, these need to be approved by the District at their conference next fall and submitted to RI by 12-31-14.

## 6 . Resources & reference

- [Council on Legislation](#)

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/council-legislation>

Under either of these links to find a detailed report of the actions taken by the 2013 COL look under the section 2013 Council On Legislation and the link 2013 Report of Action

**IF YOU HAVE TROUBLE WITH THE LINKS GO TO ROTARY.ORG, GO TO AND CLICK ON THIS IS ANOTHER WAY OF GETTING TO THE BASIC DOCUMENTS**

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# **District 7090 Service Projects Report**

## **District Council Meeting / February 01, 2014**

Report presented by Willy Heidbuechel, Director

### **Community Service**

- No Report at this time

### **Literacy**

- WCS chair Sabih Uddin reported on the Literacy Project in Pakistan, following a recent personal visit there. The project is completed, and had a fair amount of dropouts, due to the children having to work at home or because families have moved away from the area.

### **Vocational Service**

- No Report at this time

### **Water Task Force**

- No Report at this time.

### **Siemens Computer Project**

- No Report at this time

### **Gift of Life INC**

- No Report at this time

### **World Community Service**

- The Committee held a meeting on January 28, 2014
- No Motions were made during the meeting, which would require District Council discussion
- Various Projects were discussed and reviewed:
  - El Salvador – San Jose Villeneuve (PDG Bob Bruce) – a multi-district (earthquake-prove) home building project with a smokeless stove and water filtration system. To date 18 homes have been built at a cost of \$6,000 each. Currently, an application for a Global Grant involving several Rotary districts is underway so that the village receives needed sanitation and water services.
  - Jamaica – Trees That Feed– Cathy Henry – Following a pilot project this project is now raising money to purchase 3000 more breadfruit trees in partnership between Ocho Rios Rotary Club, Jamaica and the Rotary Club of St. Catharines South. These trees have the potential of reaching about 28,500 children, their families and surrounding communities. Twelve Rotarians have signed up for September 2014 to plant the trees. There is also a feasibility project underway in S. Pakistan.
  - Bihari Relief – Bangladesh– Dr. Dave Johnson – The concept is to provide schooling to the Bihari people - victims of an ethnic cleansing – after the division of India in the 1940s. Most able bodied men lost their lives and the surviving women and children are today still living in camps, stranded in a hostile country. Currently ideas are being solicited for a possible Global Grant for this project.

- Maniche Medical Clinic – Haiti – John Harbison - The project has now been completed, and had begun 2003 with the building of a clinic. That effort was followed by a series of temporary mobile clinics. Based on the successful model of a nearby permanent clinic, a mountain village clinic was built at a cost of \$70,000, which has 4 exam rooms and one laboratory. Costs to patients is \$1.50-\$2.00 a day to see a doctors who comes once a week or a clinician who is available five days a week.
- PDG Karen Oakes provided an update on the situation of Global Grants and District Designated Funds.