

## **Minutes of District Council Meeting November 9, 2013**

**Attendance:** 25

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

**Welcome:** DG Kevin called the meeting to order at 9:55 am welcoming everyone and commenting about the fabulous Rotary Foundation dinner last night. Kudos to Karen Oakes and the Foundation committee.

**Invocation:** Bob Artis thanking God for the day – a day we have never seen before and will never see again and for the Rotarians and the many projects they do.

**Introductions:** DG Kevin asked council members to introduce themselves and describe their most recent Engaging Rotary Moment after the theme.

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

MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING DATED SEPTEMBER 7, 2013 BY PDG JOHN HEISE; SECONDED BY AG BILL CLEVETTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF OCTOBER 25, 2013 BY PDG PRAVIN SUCHAK; SECONDED BY PDG KAREN OAKES. MOTION CARRIED.

**Treasurer's Report (see attached revised report):** Don DeMeo, Treasurer absent.

MOTION TO ACCEPT TREASURER'S REPORT BY PDG JOHN HEISE; SECONDED BY AG BARB GUIDA. MOTION CARRIED.

**District Governor's Report (see attached):** Kevin Crouse  
Won't belabor his report, but was thrilled with the conference and particularly the attendance of 185 at Sunday brunch and the number of Rotarians receiving the Head, Hands and Heart awards.

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

DGE Jack announced – there will be no conference next year because young Rotarians think conferences are something old Rotarians go to – instead we will be having a Buffalo Bash, first time to return to Buffalo in 12 years. No program Friday night, but Council members will not be let off the hook on Friday night because we still need to hold the annual general meeting and treat the RI Rep appropriately.

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

DGN Kevin spoke about the regular monthly GoToMeeting sessions with the AG team and the suggestions for helping the AG in their roles helping clubs and Rotarians be more effective, including support for District Assembly and how to take the great workshops from the assembly out to the clubs.

**Directors'**

**Reports:**

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

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

Dick Earne, PDG and Chair of EarlyAct spoke to the progress being made.

Director Greg thanked DG Kevin for the inclusion of youth at conference....a number of clubs stepped up to sponsor youth at the program. All to a person, the youth who participated noted that the content of the speakers on Saturday as great. Looking forward to including youth again at next year's Buffalo Bash.

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

Saturday, May 3, 2014 will be the District Assembly again at the Niagara Falls Convention Center announced by Marlee Diehl, AG. All participants will have to pre-pay online. Looking at how to make the whole day more interactive and to engage newer Rotarians by asking them to tell us how Rotary should be.

PETS 2 plan meeting. Also progress on PETS 1 – February 27<sup>th</sup> at Carmen's in St. Catharines; February 24<sup>th</sup> at the White Inn in Fredonia; February 20<sup>th</sup> at Alton's in Elma; still looking for a place for the February 18<sup>th</sup> training in Hamilton.

District Team Training date will be Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at Niagara County Community College.

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

PDG and Director Karen noted two additional EREY clubs – Dundas Valley Sunrise and Hamilton Mountain. One additional Sustaining Member club – Hamilton Mountain.

Bob Gosselin, VTT Co-Chair offered to speak to clubs about the new VTT program that has replaced the GSE. He mentioned that co-chair Dan Smith is also available to speak.

John Tiebert noted that the District really wants to spend \$5,000 on the new Grants Scholarship program. He distributed the scholarship application, which will also be going out to all the clubs via email.

Karen noted that John Tiebert will be taking over as Grants Chairperson in 2014-15. John indicated that unless the MOU is received – they will not even look at an

application. The MOU is date sensitive and must be postmarked by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Only clubs with 2 members attending the Grants Training Seminar are eligible to submit the MOU and receive a grant.

Karen also announced that two Global grants are currently being considered for 2013-2014. Three more in the system moving along. She encouraged all to remind clubs to get on it as money could run out.

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

**Membership (see attached report):** Pravin Suchak, PDG, Director

Director Pravin noted that until all the SARs are turned in by the clubs to RI, RI and the District will not have accurate membership numbers. He distributed a list of clubs not reporting – as of this week – 16 clubs have not sent in their July 1 SAR.

**Council on Legislation (see attached report):** Dick Earne, PDG, COL Representative

At culmination of three years of work....submitting changes, voting of changes, acted on by COL and now reflected in appropriate documents. Said documents have now been finalized and distributed to club presidents and secretaries. An email from RI Council Services went out October 22 with links to the new RI Manual of Procedure and other documents.

He also noted that the RI Standard Club Constitution is downloadable and all clubs must adopt this new constitution and also look at their club by-laws.

He noted some of the major changes as detailed in his report, attached.

Discussion about some of the new changes included:

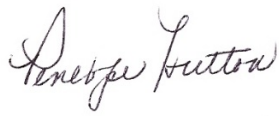
- Make-ups – 12 hour service makeups and how that works
- President must be a member of Rotary for a year before he can be elected president
- Secretary is mandated member of the club board

Pene will send out COL Rep Dick's report separately upon receipt thereof from him.

**Other Business:** IPDG Rick Sterne announced the District's strategic planning session has been scheduled and booked to be held at the tower at Brock University in St. Catharines on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> and will be led by Anne Birmingham.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am by motion of DGE Jack Amico; seconded by AG Marlee Diehl. Motion carried by acclamation.

Respectfully Submitted,



Penelope Hutton  
Executive Secretary  
Rotary International District 7090

Reports attached:  
Financial Statements dated October 31, 2013  
DG Report  
DGE Report  
DGN Report  
Service Projects  
Youth Services  
Training  
Foundation  
Membership  
COL

Rotary International District 7090  
Balance Sheet  
As At October 31, 2013

Assets

Current Assets

Petty Cash	1,500
Cash , First Niagara	270,990
Cash , Bank of Montrael	<u>92,293</u>

Total Cash	364,783
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Prepaid Expenses	11,621
Prepaid District Conference Expenses	<u>500</u>

Total Current Assets	<u>376,905</u>
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Liabilities and Equity

Current Liabilities

Accrued Liabilities	68,624
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Total Current Liabilities	<u>68,624</u>
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Retained Earnings	254,377
Net Income	<u>53,904</u>
Total Equity	<u>308,281</u>

Total Liabilites and Equity	<u><u>376,905</u></u>
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Rotary International District 7090  
Statement of Income  
Four Months Ended October 31, 2013

Income

General Assessments	78,638	
Insurance Assessment	<u>27,335</u>	
Total Club Assessments		105,973
District Conference		
Registrations	17,657	
Sponsorships	3,500	
Other	<u>4,429</u>	25,586
Pets		11,600
Foundation Dinner		65
District Grants		62,687
Grants Management Income		4,050
Other Income		<u>337</u>
Total Income		<u>210,298</u>

Expenses

Administration		
Office Support	5,666	
Phone Charges	400	
Office Supplies	95	
Bank Service Charges	445	
District Council	250	
Newsletter	<u>600</u>	7,457
Directors and Committees		
District Grants	62,687	
Grants Management	6,373	
World Community Service	37	
Communications	<u>980</u>	70,077
District Insurance		29,879
District Conference		42,964
Training		
Visioning/Release Your Inner Rotary	132	
District Training	4,115	
District Nominee Training	<u>1,770</u>	6,017
Total Expenses		<u>156,394</u>
Net Income		<u><u>53,904</u></u>

District Governor Report  
October 25, 2013

What a fabulous experience it is to visit 68 Rotary Clubs!! The variety of projects, community and International involvement and unique club projects is an amazing testimony to the spirit of Rotary. The effect that these members have on their communities and the world at large is an awesome testimony to the power of Rotary doing good in the world. Lives changed in the process of engaging Rotary in these communities is one of the world's greatest secrets.

And speaking of secrets, this year's conference committee under the very able direction of conference chair, Reg Madison is an outstanding example of how Rotary comes together to engage Rotary and change lives. The program we had last week-end was full testimony to that. Few conferences have had more promotion than this one. It was the main topic of my speeches to all clubs and in addition, was backed up by separate presentations by Reg Madison and Joe Persia.

In addition to superb events on Friday and Saturday, Sunday's attendance of 165 people at the Awards brunch was awesome. Rarely have so many shown up for a Sunday event in conferences in the past. We are very proud of all those 'silent warriors' out there who will finally get the recognition due to them.

Finally, let me say how proud I am of my club, The Rotary Club of Brantford Sunrise, for their unbridled support of this event. President Jo-Anne Procter has scheduled her weekly meeting at this event and we greatly appreciate their support at a site so far away from home.

As they say in the movies - "Rotary is a wonderful life!!

Because of the large number of recipients (185) of this year's Head, Hands and Heart Awards, we are currently arranging presentations to clubs that couldn't make the presentation on Sunday, October 27. If you know of any clubs who did not receive their awards, please have them contact me ([kevin.crouse@rogers.com](mailto:kevin.crouse@rogers.com), 519-304-4036) so that we can set up a date to present these awards to the recipients at their club meetings. Last week we presented 57 awards to the Rotary Club of St. Catharines and this week we will be presenting 7 awards to the Rotary Club of Ancaster. If your club missed out on applying for these awards, plan now to complete the requirements so that you can receive your awards at the District Governor Changeover/Awards program in June of 2014.

Congratulations to Chris Cutler, President of the Rotary Club of Hamilton for an outstanding celebration of 100 years of Rotary service at the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on Saturday night, November 2 at Liuna Station in Hamilton. It was a festive event with lots of fellowship, eating and dancing to some great entertainment.

Cheers

Kevin Crouse  
District Governor 2013-14  
District Governor Report  
October 25, 2013

District Governor 2013-14

## **District Governor Elect Report for 10/25/2013**

I am currently involved in the following project and committees as related to my duties as District Governor Elect and training for my year as District Governor.

- Formation and ongoing activities of the 2014 District 7090 Conference Committee.
- Training Committees for PETS 1 and PETS2 for spring of 2014.
- Planning Committee for District Assembly for spring of 2014.
- Attending Inter-district Foundation Committee meetings
- Member of the District 7090 Youth Exchange Corporation
- Prepared for and 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.
- 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

November 9, 2013

### **Coordination of Assistant Governors**

- We have scheduled monthly AG meetings, using GoToMeeting. The August, September and October meetings were recorded and made available to those who were unable to participate.
- We have implemented a new AG reporting process that focuses on highlighting club achievements that deserve recognition and challenges that should be brought to the attention of District leaders. Rotary International's Club Central should reduce the need for written reports on the status of clubs.
- The AGs will meet after the District Council meeting of Nov. 9 to discuss issues of mutual interest.
- The AGs suggested three topics for possible discussion at District Council meetings: (a) a discussion of succession planning for AGs and other District leadership positions (e.g., whom to recruit and how to recruit); (b) a description of the function of various District leaders and what support they can offer clubs; (c) how to promote inter-club cooperation and joint projects.
- The AGs discussed the importance of setting proper expectations for Presidents-elect about their responsibility for participating in Area meetings, District events, and attending at least one District Council meeting as PE and President.
- AGs were alerted to 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.

### **District Manual of Policies and Procedures**

- As DGN, I am participating on a committee to update the District's MOPP. We have had two meetings of the committee and we're making good progress.

### **District Governor Nominee Manual**

- In collaboration with DGE Jack Amico, I will be developing a manual for future DGNs. This will complement the RI manual for DGNs and provide a description of the roles and responsibilities of the DGN that are specific to our District.

### **Future Events**

- I have secured the Holiday Valley Resort (Ellicottville, NY) for the 2015 District Conference and visited the Ellicottville Rotary Club to solicit its support for the conference, which was given enthusiastically. I have submitted the Check Request for the deposit on the venue.

**District 7090 Service Projects Report**  
**District Conference / Business Meeting / October 25, 2013**  
Report presented by Willy Heidbuechel, Director

During the August 20, 2013 meeting of the World Community Service Committee, the following Motion was made:

**Motion: To recommend to District Council approval of a project, sponsored by Niagara-on-the-Lake Rotary Club, to provide multiple services to the village of Sanyuyou, Guatemala.**

I had missed to table this Motion at the September 08<sup>th</sup> District Council meeting, due to a misinterpretation on my part.

The Motion will be tabled appropriately under the “World Community Service” section of this Report.

**Community Service**

- No Report at this time

**Literacy**

- No Report at this time, however, during the October 21 WCS meeting, an update was received on the WCS Literacy Project in Pakistan.

**Vocational Service**

- No Report at this time

**Water Task Force**

- No Report at this time, however, during the October 21 WCS meeting a potentially new WCS project (for 2014-2015) was presented addressing water issues in Niger.
- Rotarian Roy Sheldrick also reported briefly on the status in Haiti, where Rotary is approaching the 250<sup>th</sup> well.

**Siemens Computer Project**

- No Report at this time

**Gift of Life INC**

- No Report at this time, however, during the October 21 WCS meeting, an update was received on the current status and activities of the project (courtesy of PDG John Rydzysik). *Note: This initiative is not part of the WCS mandate, but rather a stand-alone initiative of “Gift of Life Inc.”*
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**World Community Service**

- I participated in the Committee’s meeting on October 21, 2013.
- The Committee will have a display at this year’s House of Friendship at District Conference.

- A presentation was made by the Rotary Club of Olean for a “Niger Well Project” for 2014/2015 – seeking a Global Grant.
- An update was received on clubs’ participation in the recent Grant Management Seminar, a requirement for 2014 / 2015 Grant applications (148 registrations representing 53 clubs)
- Action Item from August 20, 2013 committee meeting (see opening comment):

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# **TRAINING DIRECTOR REPORT**

**November 9, 2013**

## **District Assembly**

We have had two meetings to date to discuss the Assembly. Both focused on how we can make the registration process go more smoothly. We will encourage participants this year to pre-pay when they register. Hopefully enough Rotarians will do this to shorten the line for those who arrive and have to pay. We will also establish multiple lines to separate different segments, to also lessen the lines. We hope to increase the number of volunteers working to ensure a smoother operation.

We are also using the evaluations from last year to change some of the presentation topics and lengths.

## **PETS**

We have had three meetings to date for PETS 2. The planning is going well, thanks to the group's history of working together.

I have finalized some of the locations for PETS 1. They are:

- Thursday, February 27 The Best Western Conference and Hotel Centre-Carmens (This was the site used last year and is used currently for the World Community Service Committee meetings)
- Monday, February 24 The White Inn in Fredonia (This was also the site used last year and where the Fredonia Rotary Club meets. That evening the Lions will also be using part of the White Inn and I have promised management that there will be no "rumble" between our two groups☺.)
- Thursday, February 20 Alton's Columns Banquet Facility in Elma (Also a site used last year)

I am still working on a specific site for Tuesday, February 18 in the Hamilton area. I have been in contact with the Best Western Premier Conference Center, which was used last year. This is more expensive than some of the other sites being used, however, so I am still looking for an alternative.

The AGs will be invited to this year's PETS 1 meetings, so please include them on your calendars.

## **New Member Orientation**

An important learning was reinforced for me during our recent District Conference. We had scheduled a "Release Your Inner Rotarian" session for the Friday afternoon of the conference. An email was sent out to club presidents asking them to share the invitation with the new members of their clubs. The invitation directed potential participants to PRE-REGISTER so we knew how many were coming, if any. The Thursday evening before the conference we had no registrants, so after consulting with the

presenter, Milica Kovacevich, I cancelled the event. Friday afternoon some participants showed up for it. One told me that he had read the direction to pre-register for it, but his club president told him to ignore it. I did get the names of a couple of them and have passed this information on to Milica, who will arrange something with them. So, the lesson reinforced was RDR, Rotarians Don't Read. (I will try to remember this as we prepare for the Assembly this May.)

At the annual meeting last month I shared that to date we have had 29 clubs involved in Visioning, including one club that has gone through it twice. We have also had 177 Rotarians go through the first part of the Rotary Leadership Institute. Of these, 80 have gone on to Part 2. And of these, 44 have completed all three parts.



## District 7090 – New Generations

This conference is the first time clubs have been asked to sponsor a New Generations program member or alumni to attend district conference, and many clubs have stepped up to the challenge. We are looking forward to getting the final attendance numbers for the conference, but we believe this year's conference as a great base from which New Generations involvement in the district conference will continue to develop and grow.

### FEATURED PROGRAM

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

**Student Leadership Award Program** designed for **Students High On Training**, is dedicated to promoting, honoring, celebrating and nurturing young leaders, who are high school students, 15-18 years old. District 7090's 9<sup>th</sup> annual **SLAPSHOT** is scheduled **April 25 -27, 2014 at Canterbury Hills Conference Centre, Ancaster, ON, Canada.**

**SLAPSHOT 2014 REGISTRATION OPENS Monday, January 13, 2014.** The REGISTRAR will receive payments @ \$300 per student (maximum FIVE registrations per Rotary Club) on a first come, first served basis. Only the first 100 registrations will be accepted. Look for SLAPSHOT 2014 details and registration forms on the District 7090 website in December.

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

There are currently no problems to report for either in our outbounds. From what we're hearing all is going well.

The inbounds' contribution to the District Conference was well-received and it was really good to have them take part in the conference in this way. I'm sure that we can further improve what we've currently got, but the change from doing a single presentation on the Sunday morning and spending all weekend preparing for that to what we did this year, worked for us.

We are currently making a few changes in the districts that we exchange with. We're saying goodbye to:

- a district in Australia
- a district in Argentina

And we are replacing them with:

- a different district in Australia (not yet confirmed, but we're talking)
- a different district in Argentina (confirmed. They can exchange Sep-Jul and seem more organized!!)
- the district that covers the Czech and Slovak republic

We're also reaching out to the UK and Norway.

We have distributed promotional materials (school posters, student leaflets and host family leaflets) to all clubs that are likely to be recruiting this year and are hopeful that this will help grow the program.



We are still having to place 1 or 2 students from Argentina for January arrival and are having trouble finding clubs for them...

The girl from Taiwan that had to postpone her arrival due to treatment for Hodgkins is now scheduled to arrive in January as well and we have had extensive communication with the (St Catharines) club that is hosting her and the district in Taiwan and the girl's family to bring this all together.

In summary, the program is alive and well.

### **Rotaract – (Jelaine Foster / Sabrina Smith / Jen Middleton)**

We are looking for a strong showing from our Rotaract clubs – from both sides of the border – at this year's conference.

### **Interact – (Brian Casey – Rotary Club of Buffalo)**

Currently coordinating efforts with Interact clubs to facilitate Interact attendance at the district conference. Working with local club coordinators to address issues connected with transportation to and from the conference for the students as they are not able to travel on their own.

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

RYLA 2014 is scheduled to take place June 8- 14, 2014 at SUNY Fredonia. The first committee meeting to start working on 2014 is scheduled for Nov 9, 2013. We will be looking to clubs to continue to support this amazing program.

### **EarlyAct – (Richard Earne– Rotary Club of Grand Island)**

Gave presentation on what is Earlyact to the Hamilton East Wentworth club.

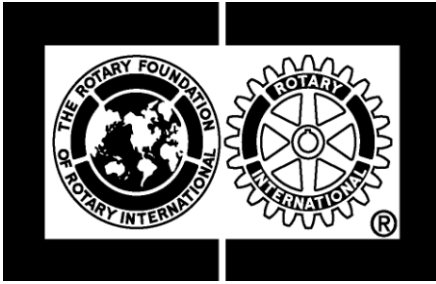
Albion has requested a presentation.

Leroy is in the process of starting two Earlyact clubs.

Ancaster is presenting information to their school system on Earlyact and Interact in middle schools.

Grand Island is coordinating with the GI middle school to start an interact club in the scholl, which will work with their Interact club in the HS.

East Aurora has also requested information on both Earlyact and Interact for their middle school.



## **District 7090 Rotary Foundation Committee** **Annual Meeting Report October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

Based on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 District Council report data unless otherwise noted.

**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.

### **Annual Fund Committee**

Chair –PDG Art Wing

Our Annual Fund donations at the end of June 2013 reached an all-time high of \$359,350 and \$143 per member in our District. All but 2 of our clubs donated to the Annual fund last year

Fabulous year for Our Foundation and for the District Clubs to benefit with grants three years down the line.

**Donations to our Annual Fund were led by the following 10 Clubs on a per capita member giving basis:**

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|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Niagara Falls ON \$902 | 5. Ancaster AM \$309   | 8. Waterdown \$263      |
| 2. Ancaster \$531         | 6. Dundas Valley \$300 | 9. St. Catharines \$211 |
| 3. Delhi \$496            | 7. Hamilton AM \$269   | 10. West Seneca \$200   |
| 4. Port Colborne* \$469   |                        |                         |

**The top 10 Clubs with dollar value donations were:**

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|------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Niagara Falls ON \$51,448 | 5. Buffalo \$12,898   | 8. Ancaster AM \$10,819 |
| 2. St. Catharines \$26,973   | 6. Brantford \$12,887 | 9. Clarence \$10,300    |
| 3. Dundas Valley \$13,500    | 7. Hamilton \$12,387  | 10. Waterdown \$9,717   |
| 4. Hamilton AM \$12,913      |                       |                         |

**Every Rotarian Every Year Clubs – 11+ 2 = 13**

Ancaster	Flamborough AM	St. Catharines Lakeshore
Ancaster AM	Greater Jamestown	Stoney Creek
Delhi	Hamilton East Wentworth	Welland
Dundas	Medina	

***November Update*** Dundas Valley Sunrise, Hamilton Mountain



### **Sustaining Member Clubs- 7 + 1 = 8**

Ancaster                      Ancaster AM      Flamborough AM      Hamilton East Wentworth  
 Medina                      Stoney Creek      Welland  
***November update***      Hamilton Mountain

The top 3 per capita clubs, the **13** Every Rotarian Every Year Clubs, and the **8** Sustaining Member Clubs will be recognized at the District 7090 Rotary Foundation dinner on November 8<sup>th</sup> at Salvatore's in Depew, New York.

As noted in previous reports, most of these clubs promote and encourage members to donate individually to Our Rotary Foundation as part of the Every Rotarian Every Year campaign

Hopefully, we will have another successful year this year, with every club making a donation and more Rotarians making a personal donation.

Both PDG Karen and I and the other Foundation chairs would appreciate invitations to speak to your clubs about any aspect of OUR ROTARY FOUNDATION at some time during this Rotary year.

### **Attachments: 2004-2013 History Annual Fund Contributions**

#### **Paul Harris Society Committee**

Chair PDG Bob Bruce

This past Rotary year we had 17 of our members make donations at or above the \$1,000 level and thus are qualified to become members of the District 7090 Paul Harris Society. An invitation has sent to all those eligible to confirm the members' intent for membership.

New members will be presented with a pin and framed certificate and all Paul Harris Society members will be recognized at the Foundation dinner on November 8, at Salvatore's

#### **Stewardship committee**

Chair PDG Wally Ochterski

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

#### **Alumni Committee**

## Alumni Chair Report-2013- Pat Castiglia Chair

No report for this Council meeting.

### **Polio Eradication Committee**

Chair Thie Convery

#### **October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013 UPDATE**

As we announced on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the Grant Management Seminar, our District Foundation committee approved a \$35,000 donation of our District Designated Fund (DDF) allotment to the PolioPlus Fund. Every dollar of DDF will be matched 50% by The Rotary Foundation World Fund, up to US\$3.5Million. From 2013-2018 every \$US1 Rotary commits to direct support for polio immunization (up to US \$3.5 Million per year) will be matched 2:1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

**Therefore, our District 7090 donation of \$35,000 becomes \$157,500** through the power of these matching funds.

#### **Polio Update (August 2013):**

Earlier this year, Canadian Rotarians raised more than \$1.6 million through the “Pennies & More for Polio” campaign.

CIDA, the Canadian International Development Agency, which initially had pledged to match every dollar up to one million, decided to continue to match all contributions past the one million. Accordingly, they contributed an extra \$600,000. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, which had made the same matching commitment up to one million dollars, also agreed to extend its match by the same \$600,000.

Always up to the challenge, one week later, Rotarians raised another \$700,000.

The late push boosted the overall Rotarian contribution to \$2.3 million – and matching funds from CIDA and the Gates Foundation brought the total to \$6.8 million for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

And just last month, at the Rotary International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal, the Gates Foundation announced that it will match two-to-one, up to US\$35 million per year, for every dollar Rotary commits to polio eradication through 2018.

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

### **Endowment Fund Committee**

#### **September 2013 Report to District Council**

The Endowment Fund committee activities have been very limited over the summer as everyone was focused on family vacation time etc. With the resignation of John Huber from the committee last spring we are 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's areas of focus will continue to be:

- ☐ 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) have agreed to promote and participate in 2 Endowment Fund information meetings in the fall. These will take the form of informal fireside chats with the club members being invited to come out and learn more about the EF.

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

### **District Vocational Training Team Committee Report**

August 30, 2013

Late last year (Rotary year 2012 - 2013) your VTT Committee started a search for a Rotary District we could possibly initiate a VTT project with. After several attempts we connected with District 4845 (Paraguay and the four provinces of Argentina - Misiones, Formosa, Chaco, and Corrientes) and have agreed to discussing the possibility of a collaborative District VTT project with a focus on water sanitation. They are located on top of one of the largest sweet water reservoirs in the world however a have challenge with water pollution.

Your VTT Committee submitted a request to the District Foundation Committee for a \$10,000. Budget allocation which was approved and the project was confirmed by RI. The budget is primarily for the cost of transportation a Team of 4 (1 Rotarian Team Leader and 3 Team Members) between Districts.

District 4850 will take on full responsibility for all accommodation and local transportation in hosting the Team.

We are currently in active communication with their VTT Committee Chair to structure the fine details of the project with a tentative date of May 2014 for the actual visit. Once the structure has been finalized will start promoting the project in the District to source candidates for a Team Leader followed with 3 Team Members for our District.

That is our report.

Bob Gosselin - Dan Smith

District 7090 - VTT Chairs.

### **Rotary District 7090 Scholarships Committee**

Rotary District 7090

September 7, 2013

#### **Current Scholars**

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

#### **Peace Scholars**

Nothing to report.

#### **\*NEW\* District Grants Scholarship**

We are currently drafting the scholarship application.

The following is an overview of the scholarship:

Scholarship Amount	\$5,000.00 US
Activity Location	Awarded to a student whose permanent address is within the boundaries of District 7090
Scholarship Type	A general scholarship awarded to a student who at the time of application is in their first year of post-secondary education
Scholarship	The scholarship will be based on the following criteria:

Description	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. academic merit;</li> <li>2. a demonstration of “Service Above Self”; and</li> <li>3. an essay about the ideals of Rotary</li> </ol> <p>The scholarship is open to any area of study</p> <p>The scholarship must be used towards full time post-secondary study at a University, College, or Community College</p> <p>The student must have their permanent address within the boundaries of District 7090</p> <p>Rotary’s conflict of interest policy does apply to this scholarship and as a result cannot be awarded to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a Rotarian, including honorary Rotarian;</li> <li>• an employee of a club, district, or other Rotary Entity, or of Rotary International;</li> <li>• a spouse, lineal descendant (child or grandchild by blood, legal adoption, or marriage without adoption), spouse of lineal descendants, or ancestor (parent or grandparent by blood) of person(s) in the above categories;</li> <li>• an employee of an agency, organization, or institution that partners with The Rotary Foundation or Rotary International;</li> <li>• a former Rotarian or honorary Rotarian who has terminated membership within the preceding 36 months; or</li> <li>• a person who is ineligible based on a familial relationship to a former Rotarian or honorary Rotarian, for a period of 36 months after termination of family member’s membership</li> </ul> <p>The application deadline is November 30 in the year that their post-secondary study has commenced</p> <p>The scholarship will be awarded by January 31 of the academic year in which their post-secondary study has commenced</p>
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Respectfully submitted,  
John N. Teibert, CPA, CA

Rotary District 7090 Scholarships Committee Chair

**Grants Committee**

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

**Closed** as per July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 e-mail message copied below:

Thank you for submitting the final report regarding District Simplified Grant #74407, to support the service projects of RI District 7090. Your cooperation in fulfilling this requirement is greatly appreciated. As all required information has been included, the Foundation will mark the file as closed.

Sincerely,

Conor Murphy

Grant Coordinator

Humanitarian Grants Staff

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**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**

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

Dear Rotarians in District 7090:

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**

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

#### **Global Grants (Matching Grants)**

For your report to District Council from myself as Chair of Global Grant I can report that the online application is onerous but we are all working with clubs to help them make progress.

October 2013 update: Congratulations is extended to the Rotary Club of Niagara Falls, Ontario as the recipient of our first Global Grant approval. The following approval message was received on September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013. "Congratulations! Your global grant application for funding to increase awareness on the transmission and control of human rabies and reduce the incidence and mortality rate of rabies in Uganda submitted by RC Kampala and Niagara Falls, has been approved by The Rotary Foundation. The award is in the amount of US\$52,427."

Matching Grants – October 2013 update. The following message was received from the Stewardship department "

On behalf of the Trustees, thank you for participating in The Rotary Foundation (TRF) grants programs to serve communities in need. I am writing to update you on the world reporting analysis conducted in **October 2013**. 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 **89%** up-to-date with reporting requirements for grants sponsored by the district and its clubs as of the October 2013 analysis. The Trustees rely on district leaders to ensure that stewardship guidelines are being upheld worldwide and they thank you for your efforts. We recognize the hard work involved to maintain this level of compliance and encourage your district and its clubs to continue your good work.

At the time the analysis was conducted, District 7090 had **9** 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	Last Payment or Report Date	Report Due	Report Overdue?	Coordinator Email
DS1376822	D-7090	23-Jul-13	23-Jul-2014	NO	conor.murphy@rotary.org
MG1379449	St. Catharines	30-Sep-13	30-Sep-2014	NO	marcello.stifelmann@rotary.org
MG1275347	Grand Island	31-Jan-13	31-Jan-2014	NO	patricia.bingue@rotary.org
MG1175054	Ancaster	11-Jul-13	11-Jul-2014	NO	patricia.bingue@rotary.org
DG1410138	7090	22-Jul-2013	22-Jul-2014	NO	<a href="mailto:renee.reiling@rotary.org">renee.reiling@rotary.org</a>
MG1378714	Waterdown	31-May-13	31-May-2014	NO	sandra.urban@rotary.org
MG1276405	Brantford	30-Jun-12	30-Jun-2013	<b>YES</b>	sara.mercer@rotary.org
MG1379551	Amherst South	30-Sep-13	31-May-2014	NO	sara.mercer@rotary.org
MG1277245	Grand Island	31-Jan-13	31-Jan-2014	NO	stewardship@rotary.org

The Rotary Foundation appreciates the good work that you do and we thank you for your efforts to comply with the Foundation's reporting requirements.

**Please know that the progress report completed for MG 1276405 (Brantford) was accepted as at August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013, so all reporting is in good order.**

Sincerely  
Roy Sheldrick  
Global Grants Chair

### Year to Date Summary

**Update October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

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.

We recently held our annual Grant Management Seminar to commence the qualification renewal process for the upcoming 2014-2015 Rotary year. Despite the heavy rains, and inherent nasty weather, some 148 District Rotarians registered for the seminar. We enjoyed the leadership of our Foundation crew members Roy Sheldrick, Bob Munroe, John Teibert, Bob Gosselin, PDGs Art Wing, Wally Octerski and DG Kevin Crouse in the various sessions of the day. We thank each of these good folks, and the many behind the scenes supporters who made the day enjoyable and informative for all. Thank YOU!

**Based on this attendee participation, we are pleased to advise that we have some 53 of our 69 clubs in line to submit the required documentation (MOU and Addendum) by November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013 to 2014-2015 District Grant Chair John Teibert. To date, we have 9 clubs who have submitted the necessary documentation. We remind the reminder of the 53 eligible clubs to ensure that their documentation is submitted in a timely manner to ensure that your club is eligible for the 2014-2015 Grant funds, i.e. District Grants, Global Grants and Packaged Grants alike.**

***Reminder to all of the eligible clubs: DO NOT DELAY, SEND YOUR Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) AND ADDENDUM TO 2014-2015 District Grant Chair John Teibert before the pending deadline of NOVEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013!!!***

Telephone: 905-937-2100 ext 301

Facsimile: 905-937-7363

Email: [john@crawfordss.com](mailto:john@crawfordss.com)

**Mark your calendars for our upcoming Foundation Dinner celebration on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at Salvatore's Italian Gardens Restaurant. We want to see YOU there as we celebrate our success stories, and enjoy great food, fellowship and some TRIVIA challenge fun. Please register with payment on the district website. We hope to see YOU there.**

Respectfully Submitted.

*Karen L. Oakes*

Karen L. Oakes

## **District Membership Committee Report**

### **District Council Meeting**

**November 9, 2013**

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

### **District 7090 Strategic Plan --- Action Items for Membership**

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

### **This report will try to tie in the Membership Committee activities to the Actions listed above**

1. In June I had RI send several membership resource documents directly to each club President in the District. The objective was to make sure that every club has the valuable resources offered by RI. (Action items 2 and 3)
2. PDG Brian Carmichael has relocated from District 7080 to Norfolk and he has agreed to work with the Membership Committee. He will oversee all the Membership Committee activities on the Canadian side.
3. At present we have several Area Membership Representatives (AMR) and we would like to have one AMR in every area. We are working to achieve this goal.
4. Our focus this year would be to ensure that there is a functional membership committee(s) in every club to work on Growth, Retention, and Engagement.
5. The members of the Membership Committee will do the following:
  - a) Make contact with all the clubs Membership Chair with a cc to the President Elect. If there is no Membership Chair we will be contacting the President and encouraging them to get a committee operating. We will stress the importance of creating an active membership committee. We will also be encouraging them to appoint the chair for at least 2 years.
  - b) Verify that the clubs have received the membership materials that were sent out to every club.
  - c) Verify that the clubs have completed the RI Club Membership Survey
  - d) Verify if the club does an exit interview.

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6. All clubs were sent the RI Club Membership Retention statistics. We have reconfigured the information into 2 lists. These lists show New Member and Long Term Member retention rates. The lists are arranged in order of descending retention rate and for comparison include both the World and North American retention averages. This information will be sent again to every club (President, President Elect and Membership Chair).
7. All our contact with the clubs will be with the Club Membership Chair with a cc to the President Elect. If there is no Membership Chair we will be contacting the President and encouraging them to get a committee operating.
8. I attended the Zone Institute in Philadelphia in September and participated in a special 1 ½ day District Membership Chair training. I also attended a half day Membership Retreat at the Institute specifically designed for Clubs in the Philadelphia area where the RI and Zone Membership leaders addressed the RI strategies for Membership Engagement, Retention and Growth in the clubs. Besides these two sessions, a significant portion of the Zone Institute was devoted to topics related to Rotarian engagement and issues related to helping clubs become vibrant clubs.
9. We plan to hold two or three regional Membership Workshops this year based on the content and format followed at the Membership Chair training and Membership Retreat in Philadelphia.
10. We will continue to update the District 7090 Membership Facebook page. (strategy 1 and 3)
11. We will Work with DG Kevin Crouse and other District Directors to determine how best we can implement District and RI Membership goals and areas of emphasis on membership

*Pravin D.Suchak*

## **District Club Extension Report**

### **District Council Report**

**November 9, 2013**

#### **1) Potential New club in the Medical Corridor, Buffalo, NY:**

We are currently looking into forming a new club in the Medical Corridor, Buffalo NY. Dr. David Johnson, member of the Grand Island Club is working on this project.

#### **2) Two Clubs in the District give up their charter**

South Shore Lackawanna Blasdell and the Hamilton Sunset Clubs have given up their charter.

#### **3) Additional New clubs**

If any of you are aware of a potential for a new club or would like to bring Rotary to a new community please let me know and we will help you to do an analysis to determine if there is potential for a new club in the area that you are proposing.

*Pravin D. Suchak*

**Report to District 7090 Council On Implementation of Items passed at 2013 Council On Legislation**

**Submitted by Richard Earne COL Rep for 2013 COL Nov 7, 2013**

The documents reflecting many of the items passed at the 2013 Col have now been finalized and distributed to Club Pres and secretaries. An email from Council Services went out Oct 22, 2013 with links to the new RI MOP. Some of the links are listed here:

The 2013 Manual of Procedure (MOP) is now available in English!

To download your PDF of the MOP, please click here:

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/document/468>. You may also access the MOP, along with other governance documents, from the Rotary website at <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/learning-reference/about-rotary/policies-procedures/governance-documents>.

Clubs now need to revise their existing club constitution to comply with the new RI CLUB Constitution or replace their current constitution and adopt the new one. See link for standard 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 \(PDF\) \(Word\)](#)

All clubs admitted to Rotary membership must adopt this constitution.

The major changes are:

-Article 1 and 2 expanded to include e-clubs

-Article 5, 5 changed to Youth Services

-Article 6 Meetings (regular clubs sec. 1 d deals with Satellite Clubs and an "or" Meetings (for e-clubs)

-Article 7 deals with several changes. Make up of Active members see Art 5 Sec2 of the RI constitution, which now are no longer actively employed or are active in childcare, or work for their Rotarian spouse, as well as

- Transferring or former Rotarians, satellite clubs,

-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 of 12 hrs of 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 is to 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.")**

-Art 10 Sec are now mandatory members of board

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

-Sect 6 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.

These are the major changes.

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 RCV By-laws

- **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. Mandatory articles that your club must include are noted below.*

*This 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

## **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.

4. Club and District Support can get contact info off rotary.org
5. 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.
6. 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.

## **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 additional questions contact me at [enrae.richard@gmail.com](mailto:enrae.richard@gmail.com)