

Minutes of District Council Meeting September 7, 2013

Attendance: 30 Rotarians

Chair: Kevin Crouse, District Governor 2013 -2014

Welcome: DG Kevin Crouse called the meeting to order at 9:00 am welcoming everyone stating that it is great to see such a good turnout today. All essential information is on website for the conference.

Invocation: Jack Amico DGE, Rotary is an eclectic organization – consisting of people of all faiths and no faith.....where service above self is the common ground. Peace in the world – the only way is through organizations like Rotary.

Engaging Rotary Moment Introductions: DG Kevin asked all to go around the room and state Your Engaging Rotary Moment after the theme.

Presentation of Check: DG Kevin handed checks totaling \$30,400 to Karen for The Rotary Foundation collected from his Official Visits with clubs.

Secretary's Report: Pene Hutton, Executive Secretary.

MOTION TO ACCEPT JUNE MINUTES BY PDG JOHN HEISE; SECONDED BY AG REG MADISON. MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report: No report. PDG Rick Sterne. Reported that the books for 2012-2013 have been closed and are with the auditors.

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

DG Kevin started by referencing the questions regarding awards.....clarification. Deadline is October 18th, includes work over the prior 12 months. He also commended the AGs for the work they do.....having them at the official meeting to welcome the DG has been amazing.

District Conference Report: Reg Madison, Chair. A labor of love, but a lot more engagement than one would have imagined. Engage Rotary, Change Lives became the theme, because retention is obvious problem in our district comparatively to other north American districts. Conference is October 25 – 27 at the Marriott Gateway, Niagara Falls, NY. Saturday – full plenary session until 4 pm. Full also on Sunday, culminating

in an awards luncheon. No breakout sessions. Fully integrated program that caters Rotarians and Youth who will be with participating throughout the conference. The RI REP is Jim Morgan. Variety of speakers, including speakers on bullying, how to communicate better, first outbound exchange student from this district.....etc. He also shared the agenda as follows:

FRIDAY:

- Best of Friends Golf Tournament on Friday morning at the Whirlpool Golf Course
- Wine pairing/Butterfly Conservatory/Wine tour with artisan wine and cheese
- Reception with a twist – food stations, karaoke

SATURDAY:

- Plenary: 9 am – 4 pm
- Gala Banquet
 - Chuck Jackson and the Allstars

SUNDAY:

- Ecumenical Service
- Plenary Session
- Awards Luncheon

Registration is online and by mailing – all information is up and on the District website. If mailing it, caution - have in the mail early especially if it is mailed from the US – cross border to St. Catharines.

Reg and Joe Persia are taking the conference promo to the clubs. Need 5 – 10 minutes for presentation.

District Governor Elect's Report (see attached): Jack Amico
DGE Jack stated that his report was attached. Nothing to add.

Added to agenda:

Council on Legislation: Dick Earne, PDG, COL Rep

Implementation stage for the legislation that was passed at the last COL. 3 major changes: 1 - new Club By-Laws coming out in October, 2 – legislation on Vice Governor selection (FAQ), 3 – legislation on Satellite Clubs. Dick will be sending out more information as he gets it.

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

DGN Kevin noted his report is in packet. He also noted that the AG meeting will be online once a month. He then commenced with leading the AG Forum.

AG Forum: DGN Kevin Crosby broke the room into groups and set 30 minutes to discuss hypothetical and then report back. Topic: You have a club in the District that resists

participation in District trainings and events. What do you do? The report out was recorded by PDG John Heise and will be compiled for future referral.

Break: 10:55 – 11:05

Directors' Reports:

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

Director Willy noted that this is a new role for him and it is taking a while to get going. To date he noted he has attended his first WCS meeting. He indicated that the committee is reviewing new projects that will be coming to council.

MOTION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDING TO DISTRICT COUNCIL, TO APPOINT SABIH UDDIN AS CHAIR OF WCS COMMITTEE. MOVED BY RICK STERNE, IPDG; SECONDED BY JACK AMICO, DGE. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: TO THANK DAVID JOHNSON FOR HIS OUTSTANDING WORK AS CHAIR OF WCS COMMITTEE. MOVED BY JOHN HEISE, PDG; SECONDED BY JACK AMICO, DGE. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Director Greg spoke to council about the ongoing involvement of our youth alumni as Rotarians. Our district E-club is one way to continue to provide this opportunity. He also spoke also about youth involvement on Saturday afternoon, all youth programs involved.

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

Director John referred to his report, but wants to highlight PETS date:

- February 18 in Hamilton area
- February 20 in Williamsville area
- February 24 in Dunkirk/Fredonia area
- February 27 in St. Catharines area

The Rotary Foundation: Karen Oakes, PDG, Director

86% of clubs have reported through Club Central. She indicated the ones she is waiting on, as follows: Cheektowaga, Fonthill, Grand Island, Lancaster-Depew, NOTL, Middleport, Tonawandas, Williamsville.

She thanked DG Kevin for the money he gave her from the clubs for TRF today, she will get that submitted right away.

Grants program: October 5th, at Salvatore's Italian Gardens. Preregister, due a week before – for food, binders etc.

Foundation Dinner: November 8th, Salvatore's Italian Gardens. Lots to celebrate from IPDG Rick's term.

Please note also, she is always willing to come to clubs or send someone else to do a presentation on TRF for them.

Public Relations (no report): Phillip Beckermann, Director

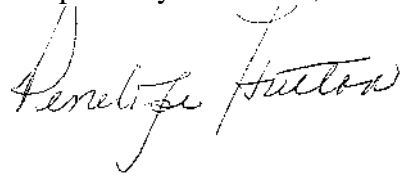
Membership (see attached report): Pravin Suchak, PDG, Director

Director Pravin indicated they are sending out membership materials to each club. Very fortunate to have Brian Carmichael working with him. Both of them are going to one Institute and will be attending training on membership. Hopes to do two or three training sessions ; 1 in Hamiton and 1 in Amherst and perhaps 1 in Jamestown.

Extension: Chartered new club – e-club in July with 21 members. Be sure to tell others, even Rotarians who have moved out of area, this is a good way to stay attached. Medical Corridor – Dr. David Johnson is interested in starting a club there. Unfortunately we lost two clubs this year – Southshore and Hamilton Sunset.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:45 by acclaim.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Penelope Hutton". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Penelope Hutton
Executive Secretary
Rotary International District 7090

Reports attached:

DG Report

DGE Report

DGN Report

Service Projects Report

Youth Services Report

Training Report

Rotary Foundation Report

Membership Report

New Awards



September Report

District Governor Kevin Crouse

This year we are introducing four new Engagement Awards to celebrate this year's theme **Engage Rotary Change Lives**. These awards will celebrate the many 'silent warriors' out there who do so much to change lives in their club, their community and the world at large.

How to apply for these new awards

To be recognized at this year's District Conference on October 27, complete the application process as outlined below no later than **October 18, 2013**.

Types of Awards

Head, Hands and Heart Award

This award recognizes individuals who have a completed **Rotary Resume** that includes ten positive check marks. (See enclosed for details).

100% Club Award

This is a club award given to clubs which accomplish one of the requirements outlined in the **New Engagement Awards** (See enclosed for details).

Membership Engagement

This award goes to the club that records the highest Membership Engagement Quotient, based on dividing the total number of "yes" responses on the **Membership Engagement Assessment form** (see enclosed) by the total number of club members.

Membership Retention

This award goes to the club with the **highest retention quotient** as recorded on Rotary Club Central.

District Conference

Plan now to attend this year's conference at the **Marriott Gateway on the Falls** Hotel on October 25 – 27. This year's conference chaired by conference chair, Reg Madison will be one to remember as we **Engage Rotary to Change Lives** in our clubs and the District at large. **On-line registration** is now available. Go to **Rotary7090.org** now to register early and win a case of Niagara's finest wines.



What's different ?

5 -star accommodations at the Marriott overlooking the falls

Enjoy a week-end getaway with the one you love

Fully integrated program for Rotarians and youth leaders

Outstanding entertainment and great speakers

What's the cost?

Registration is free. Choose the meals you want and your preference for Hotel accommodations. Youth will be booked four to a room unless we are notified otherwise.

New Engagement Awards

- **Head, Hands, and Heart Award**
- **The 100% Club Engagement Award**

Deadline for application— October 18, 2013. Send to **Kevin Crouse**, District Governor 2013-14

Awards will be presented at the **District Conference Sunday Brunch** – 10:30 a.m. October 27, 2013 at the Marriott Gateway on the Falls Hotel, Niagara Falls, Ontario

Refer to **the Membership Engagement Assessment** and the **Rotary Engagement Resume** for further details. Enclose copies of these completed forms with your application. Send to Kevin Crouse, District Governor 2013-14.

Head, Hands and Heart Award

To recognize Rotarians who are involved this Rotary year in at least 10 major club and District Functions

The 100% Club Awards

To recognize clubs that have 100% participation in one of the following:

The 100% Club Engagement Award

- A new award that recognizes clubs where **every member**:

Is **involved** in at least 3 major club or district functions

or

Attends the District conference,

or

Attends District Assembly,

or

Attends the District Foundation Dinner

or

Every member has **participated** in at least one service and one social activity

- Become a club board member
- Chair a fund-raising project
- Serve on a District level committee
- Sponsor a major club event
- Attend the District Assembly
- Attend the District conference
- Attend the Foundation Dinner
- Get involved in RLI Training
- Serve as a member of the Club executive
- Get involved in a service project
- Donate regularly to the Rotary Foundation
- Take on a District level position



Membership Engagement Assessment			
Head	Hands	Heart	Member Name

Head

Hands

Heart

Member Name

[illegible]

Club Name _____

Club President _____

Legend

RF – Contributes regularly to Rotary Foundation

BD – Member of Club’s Board of Directors

CC – Committee Chair at club or district

FR – Involved in Fundraising campaign

RLI – Attended the RLI institute

SP – Involved in a Service Project

NM – Introduced a new member to the club

PETS – Attended a PETS training program

SS- Recruited students for the SLAPSHOT or RYLA program

ES – Hosted an Exchange Student

EACT – Developed an Early Act, Interact or Rotaract Club

FE – Attended a club fellowship event

DA – Attended the district Assembly

DC – Attended a District or International conference

FD – Attended the Foundation dinner

Rotary Engagement Resume

Member name _____

Address _____

Email address _____

Phone number _____

To be eligible for the **Head, Hands and Heart Award**, include at least **10 yes answers** to the questions below and submit to Kevin Crouse, DGE, District 7090 no later than October 18, 2013 Activities must be completed or intended to be complete by the end of the calendar year – December 30, 2013

Head Experience

I contribute regularly to the Rotary Foundation EREY(at least \$10.00 per year) Yes___ No___

Sustaining Member(\$100. Per year) Yes___No___

Paul Harris Society (\$1,000. Per year) Yes ___ No ___

I am a member of the Club's Board of Directors Yes ___ No___

I am a Committee Chair at my club or district Yes ___ No___

I am involved in a Club Fundraising campaign Yes ___ No ___

I have taken part in the RLI Training Program Yes ___ No ___

Hands Experience

I am involved in a club or District Service Project Yes ___ No___

I have introduced a new member to the club Yes ___ No ___

I have attended a PETS Training program Yes ___ No ___

I have recruited students for the SLAPSHOT or RYLA program Yes ___ No ___

I have hosted an exchange student or involved my family in the program Yes ___ No ___

I have helped to develop an Early Act, Interact or Rotaract program Yes ___ No ___

Heart Experience

I attend my club's fellowship event(s) Yes ___ No___

I attend the District Assembly Yes ___ No ___

I attend the District Conference Yes ___ No___

I attend the District Foundation Dinner Yes ___ No ___

Other Relevant Experience



District Governor Elect Report for 9/07/2013

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
- District 7090 Youth Exchange Corporation
- Preparation of class assignments for DGE training at Zone Assembly in September.



District Governor Nominee Report

September 2, 2013

Assistant Governors

- Area 5: Due to difficulties recruiting an AG for Area 5 last year, the Lincoln RC was moved into Area 6 and the Stoney Creek RC was moved into Area 4. I am pleased to report that former AG Thomas Brock has agreed to represent the two Grimsby clubs temporarily. Our plan is to recruit a new AG for Area 5 and then re-form Area 5 with the Rotary clubs of Stoney Creek, Grimsby, Grimsby@Noon, Stoney Creek and Lincoln during the current Rotary year.
- We are waiting to hear from an AG candidate for Area 15.
- We are actively seeking an AG candidate for Area 17.
- We conducted an online GoToMeeting session with AGs on August 19. The minutes of the meeting are attached.
- At the suggestion of the AGs, we will have a discussion at District Council on Sept. 7 about strategies for re-engaging clubs that have become disengaged from District activities such as Area meetings, PETS, District Conference and District Assembly.

PETS 2

- I attended a planning meeting on Aug. 12 of all three districts involved in PETS 2, along with District Trainer John Heise and DGE Jack Amico.

District Manual of Policies and Procedures

- As DGN, I am participating on a committee to update the District's MOPP. We had our initial meeting on Aug. 28.

Future Events

- I have reserved Templeton Landing (Buffalo) for Sunday, June 28, 2015 for the DG Changeover and District Awards luncheon.
- I will be visiting Holiday Valley Resort (Ellicottville, NY) on Sep. 12 to research this potential venue for the 2015 District Conference.

District 7090 AG Meeting

August 19, 2013

4:00 – 5:00 pm

GoToMeeting



Meeting Notes

Participants:

AGs:

Area 2 – Reg Madison
Area 3 – Bob Morrow
Area 6 – Chris Blake
Area 7 – Richard Beifuss
Area 8 – Michael Brown
Area 9 – Bill Miles
Area 10 – Joe Alber
Area 12 – Barb Guida
Area 14 – Marlee Diehl
Area 16 – Doc Hamels

Others:

PDG John Heise – Director of Training
John Mullen – Co-chair of AG Development
Kevin Crosby – DG Nominee

1. Following the welcome and introductions, DGN Kevin explained that due to the difficulty recruiting a regular AG for Area 5, the 2 Grimsby clubs would be represented by Past-AG Thomas Brock, Stoney Creek has temporarily joined Area 4, and Lincoln has temporarily joined Area 6. Once an AG has been recruited for Area 5, it return to its original configuration. DGN Kevin is still recruiting AGs for Areas 15 and 17. He hopes to have one for Area 15 later this week.
2. In the discussion of the best format for our meetings, there was general consensus that GoToMeeting is fine. Reg suggested we set the calendar of meetings for the year. DGN Kevin will survey the group for the best day and time of day and then propose a meeting schedule. These monthly meetings should focus on common issues brought forth by the AGs.
3. There was a discussion about written AG reports. Two simplified forms have been proposed. These are attached. Please review these and we will discuss at our meeting in September. PDG John suggested that DGN Kevin present the highlights from the AG reports at District Council.
4. Barb asked for notes from the AG session at District Assembly. These notes are attached.
5. We discussed the role of AGs at District Council meetings. The group felt we should continue using District Council meetings to discuss significant issues brought forth by the AGs. It was also suggested that these discussions at District Council occur early in the agenda, rather than at the end, so we get input from all participants. When these discussions have been held at the end of District Council meetings, many people leave before the discussion. The AGs would discuss in advance what issue should be proposed for discussion at District Council. Barb suggested we also solicit input from recent DGs regarding topics for discussion.
6. The next District Council Meeting is Saturday, September 7 at the Phillips Sheridan Community Center in Kenmore, NY. All AGs should attend. The schedule of District Council meetings is posted on the Home Page of the District website (www.rotary7090.org).

7. Bob raised the issue of how AGs could get District-level access to Club Central. Bill Miles indicated that he recently got access. DGN Kevin will check with Pene Hutton to ensure that all AGs have appropriate access to District View. DGN Kevin suggested that Club Central be discussed at our next AG meeting. Here is information about, and a link to, the webinar that was conducted by RI for AGs:

AG Online: Support Clubs with Rotary Club Central and Rotary Resources

Date/Time: 15-May-2013

Duration (minutes): 60

Level: Basic

Assistant Governors will learn how Rotary Club Central and other Rotary resources can help them assist their District Governor in providing leadership, motivation, and guidance to their assigned Rotary clubs. The 60-minute online training session will cover the following topics: Rotary Club Central, Online Rotary Resources, Online Learning Opportunities, Critical Club Administrative Functions, and Q&A.

Language: English

Recording link: <https://vimeo.com/66657657>

8. Bob requested clarification on the new “100% Club Engagement Award.” DGN Kevin will ask DG Kevin to provide this clarification.
9. We discussed the challenge of small clubs that don’t participate in district activities or Area meetings. This might be a good topic for District Council discussion. It was suggested that Club Presidents be sent a reminder about the importance of participating in their Area meetings so they can stay informed about district events and resources that would benefit their clubs.
10. Joe requested names of clubs that have sponsored Hospitality Suites at District Conferences. He is helping to organize one for this year and would like to talk to some folks who have done this previously. Please contact Joe at albera@canisius.edu with names/contact info.
11. Richard raised the issue of how to attract new members. Barb cited the approach of the Clarence club which offers \$50 Associate Membership for up to one year to entice members to join. They must participate in club activities. Barb said this has been very successful for Clarence.

DGN Kevin will distribute a link to the recording of our GoToMeeting when it’s available.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05.

Respectfully submitted,

DGN Kevin Crosby

District 7090 Service Projects Report
District Council September 07, 2013
Report presented by Willy Heidbuechel, Director

I am honoured to have been asked to serve on District Council 7090 as Director Service Projects. As AG for Area 6 I have enjoyed the last three years working with District Council and the District leadership, and I'm looking forward to continue that work in my new role. The report for this meeting will be brief, as I'm trying to find my bearings and identify and contact the chairs of the various committees. In addition, my time to devote to the new role is currently limited, as I am the chair of my club's Annual LobsterFest (our biggest fundraiser), which will take place on September 14th in St. Catharines. After that date, things get easier.

Community Service

- No Report at this time

Literacy

- No Report at this time

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 – report only once a year

World Community Service

- I took part in the Committee's first meeting of the new Rotary Year on August 20, 2013 which was well attended.
- For the time being, the list of Approved Projects remains the same as during the 2012 – 2013 Rotary year, a copy of which is attached. All the details and status regarding the projects are available on the District web-site.
- During the August 20 meeting, new projects had been presented and will be brought to Council for deliberation in due time.

Action Item:

<p>Motion: The Committee is recommending to District Council to appoint Mr. Sabih Uddin as Chair of the World Community Service Committee. The Committee is also recommending that Council thank Mr. David Johnson for his past services as Chair of the World Community Service Committee.</p>
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THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE OF VALUE TO ROTARY BUT ARE COMPLETED OR ARE NOT CONSIDERED TO BE WCS PROJECTS AND WILL NOT BE SEEKING CLUB TO CLUB SUPPORT

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District 7090 – New Generations

The New Generations program chairs are currently planning the involvement of their programs and members in the upcoming district conference. Planning for the New Gen section of the program Saturday has started and generating excitement – and attendance – by program members is the main focus over the remaining weeks leading up to the conference.

FEATURED PROGRAM

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

By the time you have this meeting, we hope that the last of our outbound students will have departed District 7090 and arrived safely in their new host countries. As always, we're having some delays with a few countries, but all tends to work out eventually.

Our inbounds have not all arrived yet, although most have. Rotating strikes at Canadian consulates abroad are partly to blame for this. We also have one girl from Taiwan, for whom the exchange will probably not take place, as she was diagnosed Hodgkins in May and will need to finish her treatments. Whilst there is still talk of starting her exchange in December, we're looking into the consequences of this situation (consults here, immigration criteria, insurance) at present in coordination with the her possible host club, which will likely result in her coming over for a few weeks of holiday in lieu of exchange...

We're gearing up for outbound student recruitment and program promotion as well as preparing for the inbound orientation weekend that will take place Sep 27-29 in St Catharines. In addition to their orientation activities with the Youth Exchange committee, the students will take part in the Grape & Wine Festival at the request of the St Catharines clubs.

We are welcoming **Donna Dalglish** and **Adair Luhr Amo** to our district committee and are sad to say goodbye to Sarah Kennedy (due to her move to British Columbia). The Youth Exchange presence during the upcoming District Conference will be totally revamped and we're actively working with the other New Generations chairs to do a combined presentation.

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 9th 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.

Rotaract – (Jelaine Foster / Sabrina Smith)

Preparations for district conference are in full swing and communications to clubs to attend the conference have gone out. Hoping to have a notable Rotaract presence at the conference in Niagara Falls.

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.



Interact – (Brian Casey – Rotary Club of Buffalo)

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

TRAINING DIRECTOR REPORT

September 7, 2013

I know I have a hard act to follow. My thanks to Kevin Crosby for all he has done to offer a variety of training opportunities for our District Rotarians and leaders.

Kevin also recruited a number of strong committee chairs, some of whom are not even members of the Buffalo Sunrise Club. This summer I have been busy trying to finalize these committee chairs. Below are the chairs. I am sure you will agree it is a great list of strong and talented chairs.

Area	Chair	Co-chair	Notes
Training Administration	Amy Thompson (W. Seneca)		Need to build committee
PETS 1	Mara Huber (Buffalo Sunrise)		
PETS 2	Brian Carmichael (E-club)		
DTTS	Kevin Crosby (Buffalo Sunrise)	Rick Sterne (Brantford)	
District Assembly	Marlee Diehl (Albion)	Anne Bermingham (Hamilton)	
Club-based Training	Chris Cutler (Hamilton)	Bruce Baum (Buffalo Sunrise)	Add committee?
New Member Orientation	Milica Kovacevich (St. Cath. Lksh)		Need to add co-chair
AG Development	John Mullen (Ancaster AM)	Reg Madison (Brantford Sunrise)	
Club Vision Facilitation	John Boronkay (W. Seneca) Barb Ochterski (Buffalo Sunrise) Understudy	Nan Bruce (Waterdown)	Anne Bermingham (Hamilton) co-chair this year to prepare for 2014
RLI	(Patti Johnson, Buffalo Sunrise)		Need to find new chair(s)

The chart includes a new position, that of Training Administration. The chair of this position, Amy Thompson will coordinate those activities in securing venues, registrations, etc. We need a couple more people on each side of the border. If you have any suggestions, please pass the names on to me so that they can be contacted. The more people we have on this committee, the lighter the load.

Patti Johnson is also in her last year as RLI chair. I am looking for someone to serve as co-chair this year, then assume the chair duties next year. If you have any suggestions, please let me know.

The District Assembly Committee and the PETS Committees have already started the planning process. Early this August Brian Carmichael, Jack Amico, Kevin Crosby, and I traveled to Guelph for the first PETS 2 meeting of Districts 7070, 7080, and 7090. This first meeting is traditional a face to face meeting. Between now and March the group will be meeting monthly through GoToMeeting to plan this important training weekend. I am pleased to share that our District is going to be well represented at

the weekend. Anne Bermingham, Angela Carter, and Kevin and Rebecca Crouse will be presenting three of the four Saturday breakout sessions. It is another indication of the great Rotarians we have in our District. It is our District's turn to serve as chair of this multi-district planning team and it has taken a lot of my time during August.

Brian and I have also started the process of identifying the PEs so that we have contact information for passing on information about PETS 1/2. Currently 26% of our clubs have no PE listed. This is about normal and many of the clubs are the usual ones that struggle to identify a PE each year.

The PETS dates are on our District Calendar. They are for PETS 1: February 18 (Hamilton Area), February 20 (Williamsville area), February 24 (Dunkirk/Fredonia Area), and February 27 (St. Catharines area). AGs are requested to save the dates for the meeting near their area. A couple joined their PEs last year and I think it was appreciated.

John R. Boronkay, Club Visioning, US Chair
US Club Visioning Committee Report for September 7, 2013 District Council

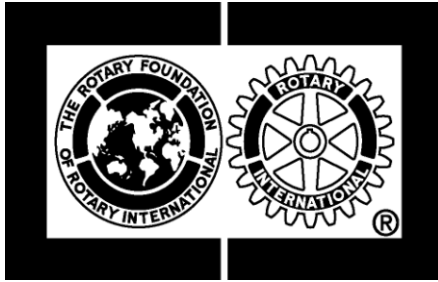
The Western New York Arena Visioning Team met on July 16, 2013. New team members were introduced, old team members decided they still liked each other, but, more importantly:

- Reviewed actions of 2012-2013
- Reviewed and discussed materials used for club programs
- Determined necessary revisions to materials to maintain congruence with TRF, New Generations, Vibrant Club and other resource material
Revised:
 1. Pre-vision Club Profile form (used Nan Bruce's as a model)
 2. Rotary vision Questionnaire (used input from Nan, Karen Oakes and Ralph Montesanto)
 3. Vision Exercise
- Discussed International Vision Facilitation Council membership fee
Recommended that we continue membership – will discuss with Nan
BUT
We are not satisfied with neither the materials available on the IVFC web site – they are out of date and contain errors -- nor their newsletter – which we never receive.

A visioning program is scheduled for RC Fredonia on September 10th. The team will be Boronkay, Cleary, Hamels, and B. Ochterski – stellar group.

There will have been sixteen (16) clubs served. Progress continues, albeit slowly.

In the future, both the Ontario and WNY Arena will attempt to energize clubs to follow up long range planning action. We invite any questions, comments or reactions.



District 7090 Rotary Foundation Committee District Council Report

September 7th, 2013

The Rotary Foundation “Doing Good in the World”.

Karen L. Oakes, Director, District 7090 Rotary Foundation

The following reports are provided as an update of the ongoing efforts of our various sub-committees within The Rotary Foundation.

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

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

Sustaining Member Clubs- 7

Ancaster	Ancaster AM	Flamborough AM	Hamilton East Wentworth
Medina	Stoney Creek	Welland	

The top 3 per capita clubs, the 11 Every Rotarian Every Year Clubs, and the 7 Sustaining Member Clubs will be recognized at the District 7090 Rotary Foundation dinner on November 8th 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

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 discussions
- ☐ 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
Scholarship Committee Year End Reoprt
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 Description	<p>The scholarship will be based on the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. academic merit; 2. a demonstration of “Service Above Self”; and 3. an essay about the ideals of Rotary <p>The scholarship is open to any area of study</p> <p>The scholarship must be used towards full time post-</p>

	<p>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"> • a Rotarian, including honorary Rotarian; • an employee of a club, district, or other Rotary Entity, or of Rotary International; • 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; • an employee of an agency, organization, or institution that partners with The Rotary Foundation or Rotary International; • a former Rotarian or honorary Rotarian who has terminated membership within the preceding 36 months; or • 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 <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 7th, 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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Burlington, ON L7N 3S3

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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

✿ <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>

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. All of our 2012-13 Matching Grants are progress nicely and are being reported on with the required time limits

Sincerely
Roy Sheldrick
Global Grants Chair

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.

Please ensure that each of your clubs are qualified for the upcoming 2014-2015 Rotary year as outlined in the message copied below from an earlier e-mail distribution.

As of July 1st, 2013, all Rotary Districts around the world were once again able to work with the same Grant model for District, Global and Packaged Grants. To be eligible for any Rotary Foundation Grant, every Rotary club must be certified on an annual basis, which includes having at least 2 (two) Active club members attend their District Grant Management Seminar, and executing the required documentation within the prescribed time lines.

In District 7090, the 2013-2014 District Grant Spending Plan has been submitted and approved by The Rotary Foundation Trustees with implementation now underway by the respective clubs and District officers. In addition 2013-2014 Qualified clubs may avail themselves of Global Grants in accordance with the online application requirements. Please check our District Web site pages for further details.

In preparation for the upcoming Rotary year, 2014-2015, we invite YOUR club to attend this year's Certification seminar:

Date: Oct 05, 2013 at 08:00 AM - 02:00 PM

Event 30.00

Fee: USD

Salvatore's

Location: Italian Gardens Restaurant,
6461 Transit Road,
Depew, New York, U.S. 14043

We require at least Two (2) Active members from each club e.g. President Elect, President Nominee, and a member who will be involved in Foundation activities to attend the full seminar. Clubs are invited to send more than 2 representatives, however the Memorandum of Understanding and the Addendum need to be executed by the President Elect (2014-2015 Club President) and President Nominee (2014-2014 Club President Elect) in accordance with Rotary Foundation requirements. Please note that copies of these two documents will be provided at the seminar, and may be signed at that time, or forwarded after the seminar within the prescribed time lines.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS THE ONLY CERTIFICATION SEMINAR THAT WILL BE HELD THIS YEAR.

Please pre- register with payment in full on the district web site going down the left hand side of the home page to District Events to this event, and then following through

via member access to complete the registration and payment to secure your attendance. In the event that any club wishes to have their treasurer mail a cheque (U.S. Dollars) to me to the address below, please ensure same is delivered to me by September 24th, 2013, as we need to confirm and guarantee our numbers to the Restaurant at that time. I know that you appreciate that no shows are non refundable as we are honour bound to cover our commitment to the Restaurant as well as fund the hard copies of the take away materials and binder. Likewise, I hope that you can appreciate that "Walk-Ins" will not be accommodated for this session.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or members of our Foundation Committee, and we will be pleased to speak with you.

District Governor Kevin and the District Foundation Committee look forward to seeing YOU there.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Foundation Dinner celebration on Friday, November 8th, 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. STAY TUNED for details.

Respectfully Submitted

Karen L. Oakes

Karen L. Oakes

District 7090 Annual Programs Fund Contribution History

2004-2013

	2012-13	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-9	2007-8	2006-7	2005-6	2004-5
Akron-Newstead	6400	4000	7600		2,000		3,100	4,800	5,200
Albion	6290	4380	3150		3,000	4,000	2,050	4,200	4,000
Amherst East	2850	2575	2984	3050	1,250	3,100	2,900	3,700	3,100
Amherst North-End 2012		1355	1480	2774	2,204	2057	1,493	2,100	2,586
Amherst South	3590	2220	2070	2425	1,500	1,881	1,755	760	1,400
Ancaster	7974	8955	10759	8422	7,979	9,878	6,358	3,508	2,590
Ancaster A.M.	10820	8228	9581	6263	7,092	4,810	11,417	99	6,047
Batavia	4200	2180		6000	6,500		6,020	100	6,000
Brantford	12887	11174	12028	13034	11,077	11,303	10,690	10,300	10,568
Brantford Sunrise	9272	10486	9545	9066	6,362	7,800	12,600	1,900	5,233
Buffalo	12898	14676	25175	4850	18,050	19,550	19,800	16,255	21,870
Buffalo Sunrise	2600	2300	2932	1900	1,700	200			250
Caledonia	1515	1500	1530	1400		1,025	870	1,000	1,540
Cheektowaga	100	300	250				1,500	1,500	
Clarence	10300	8035	6600	275	6,100	6,600	7,630	4,380	6,475
Delhi	4465	4186	5911	2741	2,230	3,862	2,640	2,588	1,916
District 7090	1471					1,809	1,481	1,265	84
Dundas	5002	6168	6416	5136	5,194	6,018	5,379	4,351	4,871
Dundas Valley Sunrise	13500	15228	11931	12605	9,124	13,650	6,892	4,637	9,031
Dunkirk	1895	1815	2714	2990	2,650	1,975	2,750	2,525	2,000
Dunnville	556	2250	1456		2,550	3,000	3,000	2,304	2,650
East Aurora	200	2667	4000		2,250	3,000	2,600	100	3,500
Eastern Hills Sunrise		2000	1000	1000	3,250	2,000	1,000	2,250	2,000
Ellicottville	500		700	500	500	750	100	600	2,775
Falconer	1125	2000		2025	1,700	2,000	1,700	1,000	1,000
Flamborough AM	1717	2302	2133	1686	1,376	1,400	1,499	1,700	2,544
Fonthill	2222	2342	2435	2455	1,639	4,291	3,449	4,569	2,303
Fort Erie	354	350	916	300	361	2,607	87	171	
Fredonia	2973	1825	5550	2890	1,470	2,490	2,200	2,775	3,770
Grand Island	2857	3105	4350	2310	2,740	4,305	4,850	4,300	7,100

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	2012-13	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-9	2007-8	2006-7	2005-6	2004-5
Greater Jamestown AM	2400	2232	2350	2428	2,258	2,200	2,250	2,600	2,880
Grimsby	2959	2333	966	2358	622	1,900	890	285	2,400
Grimsby @ Noon	2606	4177	1300	2675	1,306	1,404	581	2,952	1,206
Hamburg	1900	1720		250	1,350	2,000		1,400	100
Hamburg Sunrise	1890	1960	6805	1100	2,700	200	1,700	400	1,300
Hamilton	12388	7887	9672	8573	7,614	14,891	11,276	13,449	12,988
Hamilton AM	12913	13616	15183	16524	15,510	17,368	15,472	14,159	17,120
Hamilton Mountain	1818	2202	6283	2454		3,300	3,636	3,570	4,048
Hamilton Sunset	76	1676	1782	1000	1,300	1,429		1,200	1,008
Hamilton-East Wentworth	2347	2277	2100	4279	1,807	2,645	2,400	342	2,000
Holley	100	1210	1213	50	550	500	100	550	500
Jamestown	500	5050	10000		10,000	11,000	8,150	8,850	7,185
Kenmore	500	1300	2050		1,000	1,531		4,000	195
Lakewood-Chautauqua South	1549		782		920	1,200	1,100		1,300
Lancaster-Depew	1100	1100	1050		300	2,400	100	2,500	
Le Roy	4165	3900	2100	4175	1,400	1,100	4,680	2,900	1,700
Lewiston/Niagara on the Lake	1338	1300	1639	1876	1,448	2,563	2,192	2,574	2,011
Lincoln	3030	2702	3108	5414		3,700	3,800	3,273	3,852
Lockport	6585	5951	5770	6145	1,970	4,671	3,220	3,800	7,660
Medina	700	800	950	1100	600	300	100	100	455
Middleport	2000	2000	1000	750	1,000		700	100	1,000
Niagara County-Central	1650	1275	1000		1,000	2,200		3,300	1,225
Niagara Falls Sunrise	5550	8001	6109	3100	3,104		3,360	3,000	3,000
Niagara Falls, NY	1035	700		2027	2,000	1,375	1,080		675
Niagara Falls, ON	51448	32012	34457	11927	11,195	11,778	13,031	7,012	18,902
Niagara-on-the-Lake	9314	866	4711	5924	5,329	18,007	7,461	8,922	7,091
Norfolk Sunrise	6294	8791	5494	5725	5,665	6,122	6,740	7,483	10,979
Olean	3778	3342	4239	3305	3,070	5,095	5,123	5,444	1,990
Orchard Park		1000	1000		2,131				200
Port Colborne Centennial End 2012	6566		2136		1,057	2,969	1,000	992	

	2012-13	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-9	2007-8	2006-7	2005-6	2004-5
Salamanca	1000	1000	1000	1000	2,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Simcoe	6692	12451	2238	6556	7,521	6,000	5,910	6,384	4,823
South Shore of Blasdell-Lackawanna	1200			1500	1,500	1,500	100	1,273	1,000
St. Catharines	26973	19335	21659	20540	18,861	22,466	20,297	17,643	19,386
St. Catharines South	5417	3889	4590	4558	5,182	5,616	6,217	3,672	4,558
St. Catharines Sunrise-End 2012	75	3158	1660	4582	4,914	4,272	3,183	4,132	
St. Catharines-Lakeshore	4539	3906	5415	4676	5,870	5,238	5,417	4,088	4,559
Stoney Creek	2638	2345	2325	2213	2,500	2,415	2,052	1,587	1,566
The Tonawandas	800		1200	50	375	2,200	2,500	2,600	2,500
Waterdown	9717	10546	7449	7365	6,545	4,202	7,494	6,971	5,041
Welland	6799	7110	5385	4800	5,619	10,021	16,640	9,731	9,235
West Seneca	8417	11264	10173	4852	4,500	4,715	4,883	4,550	4,775
Westfield-Mayville	2786	1910	3810	1000				4,000	2,000
Williamsville	3265	1935	2550	200	2,000	3,000	2,000	1,000	1,000
Eden North Collins		1000							
Total	359350	329831	349899	253148	267,907	321,853	305,646	263,526	306,144
No donation	2	5	5	12	5	6	5	2	3

District Membership Committee Report
District Council
September 8, 2013

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

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.

1) Highlights of what has been accomplished during 2012-2013:

1. We have created a Rotary District 7090 Membership Facebook group. This is set up as a Closed Group. Anyone can see the group and who is in the group. However, only members can post messages, photos and documents which are then accessible only to the members of the group. We have requested club membership chairs to join this group. The objective of creating this group is to create a way to connect Membership chairs from each club together as well as use it as a central depository of membership resources. (Action Items 1 and 4)
2. I have taken part in several Membership related webinars held by the Zone and RI during the year. The emphasis from RI and the Zone for this year is on Engagement and Retention.
3. PDG Brian Carmichael and I presented Membership Retention and Engagement workshops at the District Assembly. This workshop dealt with Retention and Engagement strategies that the clubs can use to improve the retention rate and help their members become more engaged in the club. Both the workshops were well attended. Combined attendance was over 60. Handouts included Club Assessment Tools, Member Satisfaction Survey, Club Engagement Action Plan, club membership health check and several other documents that help clubs become more engaged in Rotary. (Action Item 2 and 3)

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4. A District Membership Growth and Retention Report for 2012-2103 was attached with my June 8 report. The district has a growth of 2% - close to net 50. However, these numbers will shrink as clubs clean up their roster at the end of June. I continue to work with Pene to have all the clubs update their membership data on the District Web site as well as on the RI Web site regularly.
(Action Item 5)

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

The following awards were presented on June 9th at the DG Changeover and Club Awards Lunch.

The four Clubs with the highest membership growth in 2012-2013, as of April 30, 2013 are:

Amherst East – 27%
Welland – 22%
Fonthill – 21%
Ancaster AM – 20%

The three Clubs with the highest membership growth over the past six years as of April 30, 2013 are:

Buffalo Sunrise – 50%
Williamsville – 37%
Hamburg – 29%

- 5 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)
- 6 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.
- 7 At present we have several Area Membership Representatives (AMR) and we would like to have one AMR in every area. We have asked PDG's Rick Sterne and John Heise to pass along the names of any of their outstanding presidents. They will be contacted and asked to join the Membership Committee.
- 8 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.
- 9 The members of the Membership Committee will do the following:
 - 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.
 - Verify that the clubs have received the membership materials that were sent out to every club.
 - Verify that the clubs have completed the RI Club Membership Survey
 - Verify if the club does an exit interview.

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- 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).
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 - 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.
- 10 Both Brian and I are attending the Zone Institute in Philadelphia in a couple of weeks. I will be attending a special 1 ½ day District Membership Chair training. I also plan to attend a half day Membership Retreat at the Institute specifically designed for Clubs in the Philadelphia area where the RI and Zone Membership leaders will address the RI strategies for Membership Engagement, Retention and Growth in the clubs.
- 11 We plan to hold two or three regional Membership Workshops in the fall based on the content and format followed at the Membership Retreat in Philadelphia.
- 12 We will continue to update the District 7090 Membership Facebook page. (strategy 1 and 3)
- 13 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

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District Club Extension Report

District Council

September 8, 2013

1) New Club Chartered in District 7090

Rotary E Club of Southern Ontario and Western New York (SONWY) was finally chartered on July 20 after almost two year of efforts to find and select 21 Charter members. My thanks to Paul MacAfee, Liz Kovacs and others who worked tirelessly to make this happen. I am proud to say that my daughter finally found a club that would be convenient to her schedule and became a charter member of the E Club.

2) 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. We hope to have the Buffalo Club and the Buffalo Sunrise Club sponsor this new club.

3) Two Clubs in the District give up their charter

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

4) 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.

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