

Minutes of the 7090 District Council Meeting January 24, 2015

Attendance: 19

Call to Order: 9:10 a.m. by Governor Jack Amico

Invocation: Marlee Diehl, DGND. Marlee's invocation gave thanks for the new technology that enables District Council members to sit in the comfort of our own homes, yet still fellowship and conduct Rotary business. She also called to mind the 4 Way Test and Paul Harris. She asked us to solemnly pray according to our own creed.

Light Up Rotary Moment: All

Secretary's Report (posted to District website): Pene Hutton

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 20, 2014 AND ANNUAL GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING OF OCTOBER 24, 2014 BY AG BOB MORROW; SECONDED BY DGND MARLEE DIEHL. MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report (see attached report): Treasurer Don was absent.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT BY KAREN OAKES, PDG, DIRECTOR; SECONDED BY PDG RALPH MONTESANTO. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Governor Jack noted the privilege of presenting the Canadian Prime Minister at the Zone24/32 Institute with the Rotary Foundation Eradication Champion Award for his longstanding support in those efforts. He praised the work of the institute chairs and PDGs Karen Oakes, Brian Carmichael and John Heise.

He noted that 250 Rotarians and guests attended Buffalo Bash. Unfortunately not the numbers of attendees expected. He anticipates that the conference lost upwards of \$16,000, but he is still trying to get a handle on the numbers. He recommends forming a committee to review the concept and structure of future conferences and PDG Joe DePaolo has agreed to form a committee to review the entire process.

He also noted that the District is doing great with the Facebook page and the new look of the website mentioning Public Image Director Paul McAfee, webmaster Pene Hutton and Bill Clevette, DGN.

District Governor's Elect Report (see attached report): Kevin Crosby (at DG Training in San Diego)

DGN Bill commented that in addition to the AGs noted in DGE Kevin's report – Tia Taylor will be succeeding Richard Beifuss for Area 7. Also noted in conversation, John Cooper from Niagara Falls, NY club will be replacing Bob Graczyk (Niagara County Central) as AG for Area

9 because Bob is resigning as he does not have the time to commit at present. Only Area 10 (Joe Alber) is still looking for a successor.

District Governor Nominee's Report (see attached report): Bill Clevette

DGN Bill brought attention to a few items from his report regarding his monthly Go To Meeting meetings with the AGs

1. Everyone is reporting an increase in membership in their areas.
2. Role of the AG as their help clubs preparing budgets – budgeting for RLI and other District initiatives might include reminding clubs as they prepare budgets for 2015 – 2016 to include the cost of these trainings – like RLI. Also to include Facebook promotion monies as the grant goes away.
3. Another item – how to promote greater participation in District events. Think we are on track doing multiple trainings like the Training Assemblies, RLIs. Some interest in creating online trainings also.

District Governor Nominee Designate Report (see attached report): Marlee Diehl

DGND Marlee commented that she is thrilled to be chosen and that she was told it was the ride of a lifetime. She also noted that she was glad to learn about the timing of District 7090 being in charge of Multi District PETS as it relates to her leadership. Other comments included:

- Tracy Ford moving toward to be AG and will be attending with her to clubs to do club assessments in April and May.
- DG Jack told her she cannot even move forward until she gets replacements for her role at RLI also. Valerie Phillips, Caledonia and Martha Bailey, LeRoy have agreed to work together as co-chairs of RLI.

Public Image Director Paul McAfee suggested that Marlee get her bio and photo ready right away to Pene for the website and newsletter and he will Facebook it. DG Jack also noted that Chrissy Casilio can get it published in local papers – another way to Light Up Rotary this year.

District Committee Reports:

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

Director Greg commented briefly as follows:

- Youth Exchange is getting ready for Algonquin trips.
- SLAPSHOT is moving ahead as usual with promoting the event.

Jack noted how nice it was to include the youth in the conference.....turned some 40 and 50 year olds into teenagers for the evening. The governor thanked Greg and Mike for getting them imbedded in the program.

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

Director Karen commented as follows:

- Scholarship amazing undertaking. Shefali Clerk, Chair, will be announcing the successful applicant soon.
- Not in report – referencing comments earlier.....she has been talking to RI about electronic training for the grants management seminar and accreditation for it. They are interested and asking lots of questions about it.
 - Director Paul made note of his recent involvement as a beta testor on Google Classroom and suggested it might be something that could be utilized for an electronic training of this kind. He will send the link to Karen.

- She emphasized her report and the note on the Foundation Committee's discussion around having a separate domain name for the pages located on the District website. The annual estimated cost will be less \$50.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL COMMITMENT BY THE DISTRICT TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A DOMAIN NAME FOR THE ROTARY FOUNDATION DISTRICT 7090 TO ENHANCE THE ACCESSIBILITY OF OUR CLUB MEMBERS TO THE TRF DISTRICT WEBPAGE INFORMATION BY DIRECTOR KAREN OAKES, PDG; SECONDED BY RALPH MONTESANTO, PDG. MOTION CARRIED.

Also noted – Foundation Dinner is February 13th. She is still working to get registration up. Any help council members can give is appreciated. 75 registered to date. Numbers will be finalized 15 days before the event.

Public Image (see attached report): Paul McAfee, Director

- Director Paul noted that our District Facebook page exceeded 3000 likes this week.
- He recommends including a \$5000 public image line item in the District budget for 2015 – 2016. The grant from RI will be exhausted by end of April.
PDG Ralph Montesanto inquired as to how much a club should budget for Facebook for the year. Paul indicated that \$25 to \$50 a month, depending on how many events and where they will just be promoting those events or just likes to the club's page. Ralph also suggested it might be a good idea to recommend to a club that they build that into the event's budget.
- REPLACEMENT FOR DIRECTOR ROLE – 2015 – 2016. Paul will be in Vietnam working on his PhD dissertation.

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

Visioning: Barb Ochterski, Co-chair

Barb announced that new this year will be a District council member visioning session on Saturday, March 14th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus, the DIG facility. Directions will be coming.

- Comment by PDG Kevin Crouse that this meeting might make a strategic planning session redundant.

Membership (see attached report): Brian Carmichael, PDG, Director

- Director Brian indicated that there is a Best Practices page on the Zone 24/32 website.
- He also commented that he is working on resolving discrepancies in membership numbers between RI and District. RI reports we are down 43 members: ClubRunner indicates we are up 25 members. He noted that as a result of a club completed questionnaire, the following was compiled: 60% use CR exclusively, 10% use RI exclusively and 30% use a combination.
 - PDG Kevin Crouse noted that historically the District has been losing 80 members a year. He suggested we focus on the July 1st 2015 number for budgeting purposes.

- Director Brian noted that the January 1st invoice from RI will be going out in the next week or so. This new Club Invoice will be based on actual numbers.

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

World Community Services: Director Willy indicated that this active community recently held a Go To Meeting meeting on January 14th. As a result, the following motion is being brought forward.

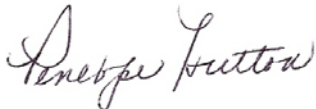
AS THE WCS COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED THE ENTEBBE SCHOOL PROJECT, SPONSORED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF ST. CATHARINES TO BE INCLUDED IN THE APPROVED WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS 2014 – 2015, DIRECTOR WILLY MOVES THAT DISTRICT COUNCIL APPROVE THIS PROJECT FOR CLUB TO CLUB SOLICITATION; SECONDED BY KAREN OAKES, PDG. MOTION CARRIED.

Suggestion: Willy talk to Jackie who is the point person for the project for the club to direct her and advise on appropriate methods for club to club solicitation. **No District wide email blasts.** Possible participation in Area meetings. Direct club contact via phone, meeting attendance. Talk to club president to get feel for each club out as to appropriate method for them – speaker opportunity etc. Talk to AGs.

Other Business: Before adjourning the meeting, DG Jack asked the participants for feedback regarding this Lifesize video experience. Most were very pleased. Concern noted that DC members who were not presenting were not able to vote. The Lifesize representative Les was present on the video and noted that the possibility exists for making this an option also and that within the year they expect also to be able to increase active video participation to 50. It is currently at 25. The option to view the meeting without actually participating in the audio and video portion currently exists for a large number of participants. Also – the meeting is taped for viewing at a later time.

Adjournment: 11:14 a.m. by acclaim.

Respectfully submitted,



Pene Hutton, District 7090 Executive Secretary

Reports attached:

Treasurer's Report dated January 20, 2015	DG Report
DGE Report	DGN Report
DGND Report	Youth Services
Foundation	Public Image
Training	Membership
Service Projects	

Attendance record:

1. Jack Amico, DG
2. Kevin Crosby, DGE
3. Bill Clevette, DGN
4. Marlee Diehl, DGND
5. Greg Norton, Director of Youth Services
6. Karen Oakes, PDG, Director of Foundation
7. Paul McAfee, Director of Public Image
8. Brian Carmichael, PDG, Director of Membership
9. Pene Hutton, Executive Secretary
10. Dick Earne, PDG, EarlyAct Chair
11. Kevin Crouse, PDG
12. Bob Morrow, AG
13. Reg Madison, AG
14. Ralph Montesanto, PDG
15. AJ Block
16. Marty Schur, AG
17. Barb Ochterski, Chair of Visioning
18. John Teibert, Chair of Grants
19. Richard Beifuss, AG

Rotary International District 7090
Statement of Income
For Period Ended January 20, 2015

Income		
General Assessments	68,202	
Insurance Assessment	<u>27,879</u>	
Total Club Assessments		96,081
District Conference		
Registrations	27,555	
Sponsorships	3,570	
Other	<u> </u>	31,125
Pets		10,728
Foundation Dinner		6,250
District Grants		75,827
Grants Management Income		1,475
RYLA		1,751
RLI Training		1,228
Other Income	<u> </u>	10
Total Income		<u>224,474</u>
Expenses		
Administration		
Office Support	9,000	
Phone Charges	525	
Office Supplies		
Bank Service Charges	319	
Clubrunner	774	
District Council	225	
Newsletter	<u>1,200</u>	
		12,043
Directors and Committees		
District Grants	75,827	
Grants Managemnet	3,280	
Membership	105	
Public Relations	13,842	
Promotion of Rotary Theme	5,890	
World Community Service	19	
Long Range Planning	630	
Rotary Foundation, Contribution	2,000	
Communications	<u>1,509</u>	
		103,102
District Insurance	30,548	
Finance and Audit	<u>5,500</u>	
District Conference		13,501
Training		
Visioning/Release Your Inner Rotary	327	
Other Committees	160	
Rotary Leadership Institue	2,305	
RYLA		
District Training	7,057	
District Nominee Training	2,989	
District Governor Elect Training	8,337	
District Governor Training		
Awards & Recognition	<u> </u>	21,174
Rotary Foundation Dinner		71
Total Expenses		<u>185,940</u>
Net Income		<u><u>38,534</u></u>

Rotary International District 7090
Balance Sheet
As At January 20, 2015

Assets

Current Assets

Petty Cash	1,500
Cash , First Niagara	238,638
Cash , Bank of Montrael	<u>63,777</u>

Total Cash	303,915
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Prepaid Expenses	5,163
Prepaid District Conference Expenses	<u>1,725</u>

Total Current Assets	<u>310,803</u>
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Liabilities and Equity

Current Liabilities

Accrued Liabilities	61,030
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Total Current Liabilities	<u>61,030</u>
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Retained Earnings	211,239
Net Income	<u>38,534</u>
Total Equity	<u>249,773</u>

Total Liabilites and Equity	<u><u>310,803</u></u>
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District Governor's Report

District Council Meeting 11/22/2014 and 1/24/2014

Since my last official report, I attended the Zone 24/32 Institute. It was a great event with much of the program developed by PDG Karen Oakes and PDG John Heise. It was a learning experience AND an opportunity to meet with and compare notes with classmates from as far away as Russia and as close as Burlington. What stood out is that our district continues to be a leader in all things Rotary. I was honored to accept, on behalf of PDG Kevin Crouse, Club Extension and Polio Eradication awards which exemplified the leadership of 7090 within the Zone. Representing the Canadian Rotarians in our district, I had the opportunity to meet The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada, who accepted the Rotary Foundation Polio Eradication Champion Award for his longstanding support and continued leadership in efforts to eliminate polio around the world. Quite a gentleman, he took the time to meet each of 17 DGs and chat with each of us.

We had approximately 250 Rotarians and guests attend the Bash (this year's conference) and all who have provided any feedback said that they enjoyed it immensely. Unfortunately, we were not able to attract the number of attendees needed to cover our costs. With a tighter budget, lower cost meals and accommodations than in the past, a central venue and (I believe) some compelling speakers (to say nothing about the great party on Saturday night), we found out that the annual conference is apparently not of interest to more and more of our district members. I'm still trying to massage the numbers but we will have lost upwards of \$16,000 because the attendance was less than half what we'd hoped for and a third less than we needed to cover the hard costs. As a result, I'd recommend reconsidering the concept and structure of the conference in the future. PDG Joe DePaolo has agreed to form a committee to review the entire process and recommend ways to make it work in the future.

The annual Foundation Dinner was a victim of Snow-venber on 21 November, when we expected over 150 Rotarians and guests to come together and celebrate the good work done by and in the name of The Rotary Foundation. PDG Karen Oakes, Foundation Director, has rescheduled it for Friday February 13 and we are hopeful that many of our members will make it for this one. She's also heading up the committee to run District 7090's first Million Dollar Dinner.

Our newest club, the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus Rotary Club, continues to grow and is now the fifth largest in the district. Membership Director PDG Brian Carmichael is looking for similar underserved disciplines where we might duplicate the success of that club. As a result of BNMC's growth and the ongoing addition of new members by many of the clubs in the district, our membership numbers are improving, in spite of the business climates in our two home countries.

I will also be visiting the members of the about to be chartered Hamilton Community based Rotoract Club in February to meet them and welcome over twenty new Rotoracters (with thirty or so in the wings). Following close behind, a community Rotoract Club is forming in the Norfolk area. They've had an informational meeting and are hopeful of chartering shortly.

Electronically, the district continues to evolve our ways of communicating with each other. Public Information Director Paul McAfee's Social Media program is underway and a number of clubs are expanding their social footprint and attracting new members. District Secretary Pene Hutton with a little help from DGN Bill Clevette has implemented a new version of ClubRunner, one which promises to be more marketing oriented while continuing the reporting capabilities of the current version. If you haven't been on the page lately, take a look.

Thanks for all you do in the name of Rotary.

DG Jack



District Governor Elect Report

January 24, 2015

Since the previous District Council on 11/22/14, I have:

- Facilitated District Leadership Team GoToMeeting sessions on 12/2 and 1/8
- Participated in various meetings with other District leaders regarding: PETS, District Training Assembly, and preparing clubs for the new RI billing procedure. District Training Assembly will be renamed, "Club Leadership Training" in order to emphasize the focus on developing club leaders. More details may in the report of Training Director, John Heise.
- I continue to work with the planning committee for the multi-district PETS program that will occur March 6 & 7 in Toronto. This event, previously known as "PETS 2" had been renamed, "Multi-district PETS" in light of the fact that we are not doing a "PETS 1" program.
- I participated in several meetings to discuss plans for the 2015 District 7090 Conference at Holiday Valley in Ellicottville, NY. We have had several online meetings as well as face-to-face meetings with committee members and members of the Ellicottville, Olean and Salamanca Rotary Clubs. We hope to open online registration for the District Conference by the end of March.
- In collaboration with DG Jack, DGN Bill and DGND Marlee, we have have initiated three proposals that will be presented to District Council:
 - Creation of the position of District Registrar to assist the planners of major District events with the implementation of online registration. Pene has volunteered to perform this role.
 - Creation of a standing committee for District Conference planning. We are proposing three-year terms for members of this committee which will assist ad hoc committees each year in planning the District Conference. This standing committee will provide expertise and experience as well as some oversight to minimize the financial exposure of the district.
 - Development of a District Visioning session to inform the strategic planning of the District. A planning team of B. Ochterski, J. Boronkay, A. Bermingham and R. Montesanto are working on the details for this event, which is likely to occur in March.
- The Assistant Governors who will be completing their 3-year terms in June of this year have either selected their successors or are currently in the process of identifying their successors. Here is the current status of this succession planning:
 - **Area 4** – David Elliott to be succeeded by **Chris Cutler**
 - **Area 5** – Thomas Brock to be succeeded by **Margret Andrews**
 - **Area 7** – Richard Beifuss to be succeeded by **TBA**
 - **Area 10** – Joe Alber to be succeeded by **TBA**
 - **Area 13** - Elaine James to be succeeded by **AJ Block**
 - **Area 14** – Marlee Diehl to be succeeded by **Tracy Ford**
- I will be attending the Rotary International Assembly in San Diego from 1/18/15 to 1/24/15 to receive my DG training

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Crosby, DGE

District Governor Nominee Report for Jan 24, 2015

- **Assistant Governor GOTO Meetings**

- Scheduled monthly AG GOTO meetings – next meeting Tue Feb 17 4-5 pm ;Agenda items/participation from 7090 Directors welcomed – contact DGN Bill
- Some observations/issues/opportunities/actions from AG GOTOs and AG reports since Nov District Council Meeting:
 - Look for, propose and send “Atta boy” messages to clubs & individual Rotarians
 - AG send note/email to clubs noting achievements
 - Like/comment on Club Facebook posts
 - Recommend special acknowledgements by District leaders (Directors, the G Line)
 - Ideas- Comments, perceptions about club participation in District activities
 - Rotarians leave registration to last minute – sometime too late – need to reinforce early registration , discourage last minute mentality
 - Find & use options to face to face gatherings wherever possible– webinars, canned self learning programs, goto sessions etc
 - Many club Rotarians do not understand –“buy into “ District concept (District serves clubs – not Clubs serve District) – show/promote the “inverted pyramid
 - Club Rotarians need to know what’s in it for them/their club when asked to participate in District activities
 - Many Club Rotarians identify first with their Club, secondly with RI & last (if at all) with District – need to create awareness of District role supporting Clubs and Rotarians
 - Cross border – an concern for some events
 - Some Club Rotarians “don’t know/care” about what District does
 - Space timing of major events – don’t make them too close together in time
 - How to give recognition of the good work of Interact and Rotaract clubs? Rotaract & Interact Presidential Citation/
 - Photos of minors - DG Jack will seek advice on form of releases clubs may use
 - Quorum and proxy voting – Club Boards – sample by laws shared
 - Rotary Sympathy Notes - General consensus that would be appropriate for AG’s to send sympathy notes for families of Rotarians who pass away. Rotary sympathy cards are available from Russell Hampton
 - AG Report Comments
 - For **District Conferences** – consider a one-day conference with all key activities and speakers on Saturday, but with programming also on Friday night and Sunday morning for those who wish to make a weekend out of it.
 - **Strong encouragement from Area 1 for District to become adept at webinar training.** Also make greater use of Goto Meetings. Travelling time and cost is a significant barrier for participation by remote clubs. Webinar training also allows more flexibility of scheduling
 - the Foundation Grants Seminar .. an issue realize the limits put on the day by RI, but
 - Attendance Reporting – options for clubs concerned about past attendance not being inputted onto Clubrunner – discussed @AG GTM
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- **Lighting Up 7090 on the Web**
 - Check out new District Website – well done Pene!
 - District Facebook –over 3000 likes – well done Paul!
- **DGN Activity**
 - On steep District Learning Curve
 - Lots of Goto meetings, webinars etc
 - Please invite me to your meetings so I can learn (I'll try to attend)
 - Please forgive dumb questions; uninformed gaffs
 - Beginning to work on 2016 District Conference
 - Seeking ideas, suggestions, lessons learned

Respectfully submitted

Bill

**Rotary District 7090,
District Council
January 24, 2015**

District Governor Nominee Designate Report

Thank you! This opportunity has me terribly excited about the “ride”. I am amazed at the number of PDGs from numerous districts have used the phrase “... ride of a lifetime!” I am taking all of these comments as positives.

Of course, I am now involved in a lot of GTM’s and they are all interesting and I am proud to be a part of them. I am certainly glad to be a part of the Multi-PETS, especially when I discovered that District 7090 is the 2017-2018 lead on this President-elect training. So I am really paying attention and taking lots of notes. Ralph, I hope you are taking notes also!

One of my concerns on joining this elite group was doing the district budget, so I was really pleased to be included in the GTM. I believe helping now will help me later. And yes, I have put together many budgets, but never liked doing those. However, without budgets I would have imploded years ago, I am sure. I just ask for patience with my questions.

I am working with Tracy Ford to ensure she is ready to step up and take on early some extra responsibilities as Assistant Governor, Area 14. I expect to do most of it but I’m having Tracy take a lead role in part of the area meetings and accompanying me as we do the club assessments in April/May. I believe it will be a big leg up when she is planning next year.

Rotary Leadership Institute, I have two more events planned for March 21 and June 6th. I have recruited Co-Chairs as I believe it is necessary – work load, facility knowledge, etc. Valerie Phillips, Caledonia ON and Martha Bailey, LeRoy, NY have agreed to work together to ensure the district has sessions in a timely way. I am now including them in all of my communications. I am setting a GTM with Valerie, Martha, John and Ralph. I am confident they will do an outstanding job in this role.

To familiarize myself with all the clubs in the district, I am visiting all web sites/Facebook pages and writing each club President telling them about something I especially like on their site/page. Also I have asked they share my email with all members ensuring they start to know my name. Yes, I have another agenda I am ready to do an email blast to all Rotarians inviting them to attend RLI.

I have seen some great ideas as I roam through all these sites. I have asked some Presidents to write up a short paragraph about my like for our District Best Practices. I am open to suggestions on who may assume this role. In the meantime, I will continue to update as required and do a CLT session about our best practices.

Marlee Diehl
DGND 2017-2018



District 7090 – Youth Services

FEATURED PROGRAM

Youth Exchange - (Chair – Mike Taylor – Rotary Club of Fonthill)

Program completed its district interviews over the Jan 10-11 weekend. A total of 25 students were accepted into the program to go on exchange in the 2015-16 Rotary year. Volunteers were very numerous at both at the Canadian interviews (Hillfield Strathallan in Hamilton) and the US Interviews (West Buffalo Charter School) and the YE committee was extremely happy to see that the program has wide support from so many across the district.

Next up for the program are the Algonquin Trips which will be from Feb 4-7 (Trip 1) and 7-10 (Trip 2).

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

SLAPSHOT 2015 registration opened on January 12, 2015. As REGISTRAR, I received 16 paid up registrations within the first five days. **The registration fee is \$300 per student.** Only the first 100 registrations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. We look forward to celebrating SLAPSHOT's 10th anniversary, April 24-26, 2015, at The Adventure Learning Centre at Canterbury Hills, Ancaster, Ontario.

For full details, go to the [SLAPSHOT page](#) on the District 7090 website.

I am pleased to report that Canterbury Hills is now under the management of Adventureworks Associates Inc., the 'high ropes' company that has been integral to the success of our SLAPSHOT program since its inception. We are experiencing a smooth transition from our association with the Anglican Diocese of Niagara as the longstanding owner and manager of Canterbury Hills. Adventureworks has held the line on all costs for SLAPSHOT 2015 and is addressing maintenance and other issues, which have concerned our SLAPSHOT team in recent years.

DISTRICT 7090 YOUTH SERVICES – SLAPSHOT/RYLA 2015 COMMITTEE

Margaret Andrewes, SLAPSHOT Chair (Rotary Club of Lincoln)
Larry Coon (Rotary Club of Kenmore)
Fred Farnham (Rotary Club of Welland)
Danielle Hunter (Brock Niagara Rotaract Club)
Darren Luong (Rotary E-Club SOWNY)
Doug Manly (Rotary Club of Fredonia)
Paul Marzello (Rotary Club of Buffalo)
Nicole Mendolia (Hamilton Rotaract Club)
Jen Middleton, SLAPSHOT Program Lead (Rotary Club of Brantford)
Sue O'Dwyer, RYLA Chair (Rotary Club of Norfolk Sunrise)
Matt Pomeroy, SLAPSHOT Program Lead (Rotary E-Club SOWNY)
Cheryle Slattery (Rotary Club of Welland)
Jim Sykes (Rotary Club of Welland)
Lorne White (Rotary Club of Fort Erie)
Elaine Widmer, RYLA Program Lead



The SLAPSHOT & RYLA Committees meet jointly. At our meeting in October 2014, we were delighted to welcome new members, Darren Luong & Jim Sykes, and made good progress in working on a new leadership model for SLAPSHOT. Our next joint meeting is scheduled, Saturday, February 7, 2015, 10am-12pm, at St Catharines Mazda.

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

RYLA will take place **June 14-20, 2015** at SUNY Fredonia.

Marketing will commence after the SLAPSHOT program's registrations have been completed so as not to mix messages with clubs. The 2015 RYLA flyer has been completed and will be sent out soon to clubs.

Rotaract – (Sabrina Smith / Jen Middleton)

No report at this time.

Interact – (Brian Casey – Rotary Club of Buffalo)

No report at this time.

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

No report at this time.

District 7090 Rotary Foundation Committee

District Council Report January 2015



The Rotary Foundation “Doing Good in the World”.

Karen L. Oakes, Director, District 7090 Rotary Foundation

Our dedicated Committee Chairs and members are all working diligently to “Light Up Rotary” with a renewed support of The Rotary Foundation, both in Giving and in supporting the Humanitarian and Educational programs.

Alumni Committee

Chair - Pat Castiglia

No Report

Annual Fund Committee

Chair –PDG Art Wing

As of January 20, 2014 District 7090 clubs have contributed \$159,906 (January 2014 -\$179,177) to the Annual Programs Fund. This is the fund that returns 50% of the contributions to the District in 3 years’ time to allow the District Foundation Committee to fund District Grants and Global Grants, VTT, Scholarships etc.

For the 2013-14 Rotary year Our Clubs and members donated over \$323,554 and \$135 per member.

Refer enclosed report Attachment “January 24, 2015 Annual Fund Report”.

Paul Harris Society Committee

Chair – PDG Bob Bruce

No report.

Endowment Fund Committee

Chair John Mullen

No updates to report on since the last Council.

Grants Committee

Global Grants

Chair Roy Sheldrick, Global Grants

I would like to report to Council that there is now only one(1) Match Grant still open and our Rotary friends in Haiti are about to submit the final report to the Rotary Foundation

Regarding Global Grants each one continues to move along and ALL are within the time limits as set out by our Rotary Foundation.

Sincerely

Roy Sheldrick

District Grants Committee Report (2014-2015)
Chair John Teibert, 2014-2015 District Grants Chair

2014-2015 Grants (as of January 15, 2015)

Total Grants Approved – 22
Dollar amount of Grants Approved – \$40,856.38
Final Reports Submitted – 7
Final Reports Approved – 7
Dollar amount of Grants approved - \$11,294.29

2015-2016 Grants (as of January 16, 2015)

Number of Clubs that attended District Grants Training Seminar – 53
Number of Clubs that submitted MOUs and Addendums – 51
Budgeted Amount for 2015-2016 District Grants - \$56,000.00
Number of clubs that have submitted a District Grant application – 3
Dollar amount of District Grant applications received - \$5,676.45

Respectfully submitted,
John N. Teibert, CPA, CA

Polio Eradication Committee
Chair Thie Convery

End Polio Now: A Year in Review

As we look back on 2014, we have made tremendous progress in the fight to end polio. Here is a review of all of the major milestones that we reached this past year:

- On March 27th, the South-East Asia region of the World Health Organization (WHO) was declared polio-free. [Unbelievable!]
- More than 90,000 people from 170 countries added their photo to Rotary's *World's Biggest Commercial* to support the fight to end polio. [Is your photo there?]
- World Health Organization (WHO) declared Nigeria free of Ebola in October. Experts attribute this success to the infrastructure put in place due to polio eradication efforts. [Thanks, Rotary!]
- We had the most successful World Polio Day in Rotary's history. Twenty-four thousand viewers tuned in to the World Polio Day livestream from over 25 countries and supporters donated over \$240,000 in October alone. [Did you join in?]
- The Center for Disease Control (CDC) reported that we may have seen the last of the type 3 polio strain. November marked two years since the last case due to wild poliovirus type 3 (WPV3) was reported. [One, two, three strikes you're out, polio!]
- More than 300 Rotary members smashed two Guinness World Records on the Sydney Harbor Bridge and raised over \$108,000 to protect children against polio. One for the most flags flown simultaneously and another for the most people on the Sydney Harbor Bridge at the same time, a record which was previously held by Oprah Winfrey. [And the next record? A polio-free world!]
- Nigeria has reduced cases of polio by 90%, a record low for a nation that, as recently as 2012, was home to more than half the world's cases. [We're this close!]

The fight to end polio is a massive effort that Rotary and its partners cannot do alone. Help secure support from governments, non-governmental organizations, corporations and the public. Your advocacy efforts help ensure that no child will suffer from this crippling disease ever again. [On behalf of the children of the world, I thank you for your commitment in 2014!]

Thie Convery
Chair, End Polio Now

Scholarship Committee Report

Chair Shefali Clerk

Scholarship Applications were due by 12.31.14.

This year we received 22 applications and 19 qualified. We are in the process of selecting a student for the award. Scholarship committee, Karen Oakes, Carol DeNysschen, Kevin Crouse, Steven Keefe and Cheryl Slattery, is working hard to decide on who is going to be the winner of this award. All the students have written wonderful essays about Ideals of Rotary and Service above self. One scholarship award is a great award. I suggest let us consider having a second one since there is a greater need.

Rotary Peace Scholarship application is available on line on Rotary.org and the Deadline is May 31, 2015.

Shefali Clerk

Vocational Training Team Committee Report

Dan Smith, Co-Chair VTT Roseanne Morissette, Co-Chair, VTT

Since our last report, the Vocational Training Team was selected and consists of:

Laura Chatterton

Michael Hogg

Darren Luong (Rotarian)

Jean Montgomery

Lezlie Murch (Rotarian and Team Leader)

It has been confirmed that District 7020 will receive the VTT between March 10th and 31st, 2015 and that 7020 District Governor Paul Brown has given his personal support and approval.

The schedule is thus: March 10 - arrival and get settled with host family March 11 - Island tour & Orientation March 12 - 19 - VTT Dutch side March 20 - 24 - VTT Anguilla March 25 - 30 - VTT French side March 31 – departure.

Our VTT have booked their flights through Rotary International and are now completing details concerning their mission, including leave behind materials, such as bookmarks and posters. There is discussion around bringing small sports equipment. The team has established a Facebook page for ongoing communications with District Rotarians: www.facebook.com/groups/VTT2015

Team Leader Lezlie Murch has prepared a letter of introduction for the team to send to District 7020.

Team Members are ensuring they are ready with passports, immunizations, transportation details, and team member personal data.

Team Leader Lezlie Murch has established a good rapport with the 7020 Assistant District Governor who appears to be championing this program.

Co-Chairs Dan Smith and Roseanne Morissette are coordinating this VTT with Ryan Geluk 7020 Vocational Training Team Chair.

The team has another planning meeting on Sunday, January 18th where they will be working on their presentation and training modules. Topics include nutrition, physical warm ups and cool downs, developing a physical education curriculum, martial arts modules, physical skills of a sport, visualization skills, and imagining success.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Smith and Roseanne Morissette
 VTT Co-Chairs 2014-2015

Year to Date Summary

Fellow Rotarians

As outlined in the above Committee specific reports, our various Rotary Foundation sub-committee Chair persons and members have been very busy with Rotary Foundation undertakings.

Further to our November report to District Council (meeting cancelled to Snowvember Winter Storm), on the morning of November 8th, 2014 members of the District Grant Committee, Foundation Committee chairpersons and District Governor team meet in St. Catharines for several hours to review Foundation efforts year to date with several key considerations identified.

The growing need to file several documents relating to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) on our District home page prompted discussion on the need for a dedicated webpage. The motion, moved by Karen Oakes, seconded by Pat Castiglia, received unanimous support from the attendees with the resulting decision to bring the following motion to this Council meeting for endorsement by the Council members.

Approve the financial commitment of the District to establish and maintain a domain for Rotary Foundation -- District 7090 to enhance the accessibility of our club members to the TRF District 7090 web page information.

Speaking of the November snow storm, the rescheduled Foundation dinner event on the evening of **Friday, February 13th, 2015** is fast approaching.

You are invited to attend this UPCOMING celebration of the continued fine accomplishments of our District in our Foundation commitments. The evening will feature the recognition of our club membership for their ongoing generosity and support as Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) clubs, 100% Sustaining Member Clubs, as well as individual leadership support from our Paul Harris Society, Bequest Society and Major Donors.

As many of you have noted, in an earlier issue of The Rotarian Magazine our own Roy Sheldrick was recognized for his continued humanitarian efforts.

We are thrilled to advise that we will be formally bestowing this recognition from the Rotary Foundation trustees on Roy at this evening of celebration.

Of course, we will have some great fun testing our overall trivia knowledge, including some little known Rotary Foundation facts, so come prepared to join in the fun and fellowship of this evening.

Last, and certainly not least, we are pleased to be working on our first Rotary District 7090 Million Dollar Dinner, as outlined in the attachment referenced below. Our dedicated group of 13 (Rotary dozen) Team Captains have their respective line up of clubs to contact and one of these valued players will be in touch with your club shortly.

Refer enclosed attachment "Million Dollar Dinner"

In closing, please accept my heartfelt thank you to everyone for your continued support of The Rotary Foundation – Doing Good in the World.

Karen L. Oakes.

Annual Programs Fund (APF)

Report to District Council January 24, 2015

As of January 13, 2015 District 7090 clubs have contributed \$152,906 (January 2014 -\$179,177) to the Annual Programs Fund. This is the fund that returns 50% of the contributions to the District in 3 years' time to allow the District Foundation Committee to fund Club projects for District Grants and Global Grants, VTT, Scholarships etc.

For the 2013-14 Rotary year Our Clubs and members donated over \$323,554 and \$135 per member.

Clubs at \$100+ or Over Their Goal		Clubs On Their Way to \$100+		Clubs at 15% or Less of Their Goal
Ancaster	\$371	Hamilton Mountain *	\$96	Ancaster AM
Delhi	\$257	Hamilton East Wentworth *	\$94	Buffalo
Waterdown	\$233	Leroy	\$91	Caledonia
Brantford Sunrise	\$200	Niagara on the Lake	\$86	Dundas
Hamilton AM	\$187	Westfield Mayville	\$66	Dunnville
Middleport *	\$181	East Aurora	\$51	Eastern Hills Sunrise
Welland	\$177	Niagara Falls ON	\$47	Ellicottville
St. Catharines	\$176	Lewiston NOL	\$46	Falconer
Olean	\$149	Fredonia	\$43	Flamborough
Akron Newstead	\$146	Brantford	\$42	Fort Erie
Dundas Valley	\$143	E-Club	\$42	Grand Island*
West Seneca	\$126	Dunkirk	\$41	Greater Jamestown AM*
Niagara Falls NY	\$125	Amherst South	\$41	Grimsby
Lockport	\$123	Batavia *	\$38	Grimsby Noon*
Amherst	\$122	Buffalo Sunrise	\$37	Hamburg
Norfolk Sunrise	\$113	Albion	\$36	Hamburg Sunrise
Fonthill	\$112	Niagara Falls Sunrise	\$29	Holley
Clarence	\$101	Hamilton	\$17	Jamestown
Lincoln	\$100	Williamsville	\$15	Lancaster Depew
Medina	\$100			Niagara County Central*
Salamanca	\$100			Orchard Park
Kenmore	\$ 10			Simcoe
22 Clubs		19 Clubs		St. Catharines Lakeshore
		8 Clubs marked with * have no		St. Catharines South
		registered Goals		Stoney Creek
				25 Clubs
4 clubs No goals or donations				
The Tonawandas, Buffalo Niagara Medical		Cheektowaga Lakewood		

A reminder – the Presidential Citation is based on figures at April 1 2015.

Rotary District 7090 Million Dollar Dinner

Opportunities to Support The Rotary Foundation

As a Rotarian, you know that our Rotary Foundation depends on the generosity of our clubs and individual members to support efforts like PolioPlus and effective, sustainable projects around the globe that promote peace, prevent and treat disease, provide clean water and sanitation, promote maternal and child health, contribute to basic education and literacy, and help grow local economies.



For the first time in our history, Rotary District 7090 is undertaking a campaign to raise a minimum of one million dollars in donations, pledges and bequests to The Rotary Foundation from Rotarians in our district between June, 2014 and May, 2015. This campaign will culminate in a “**Million Dollar Dinner**” in May, 2015, where a senior RI leader will recognize and thank these important donors.

Many districts across our Zone have already taken on this challenge with great success and our District Governor, Jack Amico, believes that the great Rotarians and clubs in District 7090 will enable us to do the same.

So, how do you “come to the table”?

Opportunities for support to programs today:

1. An outright Major Gift of USD \$10,000 or greater
2. A Major Gift (USD \$10,000 or more) pledged over 3 years with Foundation recognition awarded with the first installment of the pledge
3. A Major Gift (USD \$10,000 value or more) of publicly traded securities, which offers unique tax advantages
4. Make your pledge to the Paul Harris Society with your commitment of a gift of \$1,000 per year in continuum and at a minimum for the next ten years (Total gift of \$10,000 USD), OR in keeping with your commitment as a Charter Member of the PHS of D7090 maintain your gift of \$1,000 per year in continuum as originally agreed. (\$10,000 plus)

Please note that gifts to the PolioPlus campaign will benefit from a 2:1 match from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation provided the gifts are made within the next two years.



Opportunities for support in the future:

1. Establish a new bequest gift commitment of USD \$10,000 or more in your will, or as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy or RRSP (Personal named endowments are available for gifts of USD \$25,000 or more.)
2. Allow the programs of our Rotary Foundation to play a great role in your legacy planning with an increased legacy gift commitment from Benefactor to Bequest, or an increased Bequest gift commitment of USD \$10,000 or more.

Your gifts enable our Foundation to provide hope and opportunity worldwide. We have many reasons to be proud to be part of Rotary International and the good work supported by The Rotary Foundation. Enjoy these short videos:

www.vimeo.com/92854458 Bill Gates commenting on Southeast Asia now polio free.

www.vimeo.com/80940373 A message from our youth.

www.vimeo.com/80940150 How to make history. A great overview of our polio campaign.

www.vimeo.com/91746634 Doing good in Fuji.

For more information, contact: PDG Karen Oakes, Oakes.KL@sympatico.ca, 519-426-2331 or Carolyn Ferguson, RI Major Gifts Officer, Carolyn.Ferguson@rotary.org, 905-304-6831 (CAN) or 847-866-3447 (US)

District 7090 Public Image Director Report

January 13, 2015

Update

- I held an online meeting for Rotary clubs in our District on Monday, January 12.
 - Fourteen people attended.
 - Three clubs immediately joined the campaign.
 - 23 clubs are in the campaign at this time, including the District.

Pages That Are Active in the Campaign as of 10/24/14 and Onward
Akron-Newstead
Amherst
Ancaster
Ancaster AM
Batavia
Brantford
Buffalo Sunrise
District 7090
Dundas Valley Sunrise
Dunnville
E-Club of SOWNY
Fort Erie
Fonthill
Hamilton
Hamilton East-Wentworth
Le Roy
Lincoln
Lockport
Niagara-on-the-Lake
Olean
Norfolk Sunrise
Stoney Creek
West Seneca

- There will be one more GoToTraining meeting at the end of the campaign, in April, to instruct clubs on how to run their own campaigns.
- As of January 13, 2015, we have invested about \$15,000 of our \$20,000 RI PI Grant budget for this year.
- We should complete the Facebook campaign by the end of March.
- The campaign is steadily increasing Page Likes for our clubs.
 - The District Facebook page exceeded 3,000 Page Likes this week.
- The District is deciding what, if any, Public Image budget we will have in the 2015-2016 Rotary year.
 - I recommend \$5,000, but that may not be available.
 - If not, then I recommend at least \$1,000.
- We will encourage clubs to do their own Facebook marketing in 2015-2016.
- We need to determine who will handle traditional public relations in the next year. That is, sharing news releases with print, radio, and TV media.
- During the 2015-2016 year, we will need to find a replacement for me in this role.
 - I expect to be in Vietnam during this period doing my Ph.D. dissertation research.

District 7090 Public Image Director Report

January 13, 2015

District 7090 Public Image Campaign Goals

- To create awareness of the Rotary clubs and their activities in our District.
- To encourage people – who are generally in the 25-65 year age range – to show an interest in our Rotary clubs' activities by clicking **Like** on the clubs' Facebook pages.
- People who click **Like** subsequently receive notices whenever the club posts on their Facebook page. The ads we run on Facebook show both the club's Facebook cover photo, and the most recent post put on the page by the club's Facebook page administrator(s).
- Through the information received from the Rotary club's postings, encourage new people either to support the Rotary club, or to develop an interest in joining the Rotary club.

Notice that the campaign can get new people to follow the activities of a Rotary club in our District. **The campaign cannot generate new Rotary club members by itself. This is the responsibility of the clubs.** They must post information on Facebook that is interesting to non-Rotarians. When a new candidate shows an interest, the clubs must work with these people to bring them into their clubs.

TRAINING DIRECTOR REPORT

January 24, 2015

Director: John Heise

First, some good news. Next year is my third as Training Director. PDG Ralph Montesanto has agreed to replace me.

Club Leadership Training Assembly (Anne Bermingham)

Our GoToMeeting group has expanded and begins to actively plan the spring Assemblies. In addition to DGE Kevin Crosby, Anne, and me we have been joined by DGN Bill Clevette, DGND Marlee Diehl, PDG Brian Carmichael, PDG Ralph Montesanto, John Mullen and Reg Madison. We currently have a couple dozen possible topics and will next begin to identify the presenters and topics for each Assembly. The Post PETS training will also occur during each Assembly. Given that each Assembly will have three different time sessions, it was decided that the PEs and AGs will meet separately for two session and then combine during the third session. This will give AGs an opportunity to interact with the PEs in their areas and to begin planning together.

Rotary Leadership Institute (Marlee Diehl)

We had a very successful session in Hamilton on Saturday, December 6th. Currently I believe we will do OK with the numbers, Level I is near to ideal maximum size for effective facilitation. We had approximately 50 participants signed up for the three levels. Because of the number of enrollees for level 1, Marlee added a second group.

Another session is being planned for Saturday, March 21. This session will be at Niagara County Community College.

Release Your Inner Rotarian (Marie Bindeman)

Two back-to-back 45 minute sessions of the workshop for new and proposed Rotarians titled, "Release Your Inner Rotarian", were held during the Buffalo Bash on Saturday, October 25th. A total of approximately 35-40 people attended the sessions which included many veteran as well as newly inducted Rotarians. Kevin Crosby, our DG Elect, spoke briefly on the structure of Rotary and Vincent Davis, a graduate of RYLA, detailed the impact of his experiences during the leadership retreat. Handouts included a glossary of common Rotary terms and an informational flyer on the organizational framework of Rotary.

We will be scheduling another session during the Club Training Assemblies this spring.

Visioning (John Boronkay/Anne Bermingham)

The U. S. team held a session with the Albion Rotary club. Participation and attendance by club members was good. A session was also held with the Albion Rotary Club.

PETS 2 (Brain Carmichael)

The title of this has been changed to the Multi-District PETS, which better describes what it is. Another multi-District planning session was held as a GoToMeeting. Speakers for the Friday dinner and Saturday luncheon have been identified and are being asked to participate. The multi-District group will continue to meet electronically each month until the event is held.

2015-2016 Budget (John Heise)

The first budget committee has met and began the process of agreeing on a budget to recommend to the PEs this spring. We still have a couple more meetings before we finish. The group wants to keep the requested dues increase to zero or as close to zero as possible.

Membership Report

January 24, 2015

Short Term

Work with the AG's to encourage clubs to

- **Input into Rotary Club Central a club Membership growth goal.** *This is a considerable challenge for all Districts right across the 2 Zones. Clubs have yet to "buy into" this new RI feature. I have written a request to our Zone Rotary Co-ordinator asking if there might be a District somewhere in our Zone or even in North America that has had success in having clubs adopt/use Rotary Club Central. If there is maybe we could adopt some of their practices.*

- **Encourage clubs to appoint a membership chair along with committee members.** *The Membership Committee is presenting at 2 Area meetings. Nov 18 - Area 14 and Nov 25 - Area 12. We will get a good sense whether clubs have in fact responded to the District Assembly suggestion that clubs set up an active club Membership Committee.*

- **Prepare clubs to transition to the new Rotary International Membership Dues invoicing system that takes effect January 1, 2015**

A considerable amount of effort has been spent trying to prepare clubs for this change. A co-ordinated approach that includes the AG's and the District Secretary is supplementing the efforts of RI. RI has been sending messages to those clubs who have registered their club officers with RI. 6 of our clubs have been identified as having at least 1 officer not registered. To be updated at council meeting

- **Encourage AG's to have Membership as an agenda item at each of their Area meetings and to include issues/concerns on their reports.** *This is an ongoing effort. The District Membership chair continues to meet with the AG's at their monthly online meeting*

New initiatives since the last District Council report.

The Committee is working on a 30-60-90 day plan

Membership Numbers. *We have become aware of a discrepancy between the membership numbers as reported on ClubRunner as compared to the RI numbers. According to RI we are down 43 members but according to ClubRunner we are up about 25. We are investigating. To be updated at council meeting*

Brian Carmichael

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District 7090 Service Projects Report
District Council Meeting / January 24, 2015
Report presented by Willy Heidbuechel, Director

Community Service

- Discussions are underway to review and re-energize the activities of this Committee.
A meeting has been scheduled with Committee Chair Cathy Henry for January 20, 2015.

Literacy

- No new activities to report at this time.

Vocational Service

- Discussions are underway to review and re-energize the activities of this Committee.

Water Task Force

- No new activities to report at this time.

Siemens Computer Project

- No new activities to report at this time

Gift of Life INC

- No new activities to report at this time.

World Community Service

- The Committee held a Go-To meeting on January 14, 2015. The Minutes of the meeting are attached below.
- Various ongoing (Trees That Feed) and potential new Projects were discussed, reviewed and analyzed for conditions required to apply for Foundation grants.
- **The “Entebbe Uganda School Project”, sponsored by the Rotary Club of St. Catharines**, applied for their Project to be included in the “Approved World Community Service Projects 2014 – 2015” – as they seek permission to solicit club-to-club support. The WCS Committee passed the Motion, and therefore I raise the following Motion for District Council's consideration:

Motion: To recommend to District Council approval of a project, sponsored by the Rotary Club of St. Catharines, to pursue a School Project in Entebbe, Uganda.

Willy Heidbuechel

World Community Service Committee Minutes Wednesday January 14, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Sabih Uddin.

Members in attendance:

PDG Karen Oakes, DG Jack Amico, PDG Ralph Montesanto, Melisa Schrock, David Elliott, Cathy Henry, Dave Johnson, Roy Sheldrick, Jim Wakeman, Jack Dean, Willy Heidbeuchel, Sabih Uddin, Barbara Ochterski, Tony Wellenrieter, Jackie Van Lankveld.

Guests: Kate Vacanti,

Minutes: A motion was made to accept the minutes of April 30, 2014 by Willy Heidbeuchel and seconded by Cathy Henry and unanimously approved.

Projects for discussion and review:

India Project opportunity:

Area 4 AG Dave Elliott described a project opportunity in India that he has visited recently; one which is looking for an international partner. A Global Grant application for a physiotherapy and hearing loss center has been recommended at the local level in India. It is "ready to go" and Dave will send any potential partner a report. The India club is looking for a \$10,000 contribution. PDG Karen noted that before recommending or endorsing we need to look at the Global Grant application.

Trees That Feed :

Cathy Henry gave an update that all of the 650 breadfruit trees in the district grant have been allocated to schools in Jamaica. The 60 trees planted in September have taken hold and are growing and all 650 trees in the grant request have been data-based. A final report is forthcoming. The Ocho Rios South Club has written a schedule for the schools to care for the trees and there are about 2000 trees to be given to schools. She stated that any extra breadfruit flour will be purchased by a group in Harlem NY.

Cathy also described the pilot breadfruit project in Pakistan and asked if that project will need separate approval to go club to club as there fundraising needs advance. The answer was yes.

Entebbe Uganda School Project:

Jackie Van Lankveld discussed this project. The overarching need is for a new school building. She described that the families who can pay tuition will offset the tuition coast for the community's orphan population of about 70 students. PDG Ralph reminded her that TRF doesn't support brick and mortar efforts. The Rotary Club of Entebbe is involved. Several suggestions were given to Jackie on how best to move forward. Equipment and water and electrical needs can be worthy Rotary projects.

MOTION: A motion was made by PDG Karen and seconded by Roy Sheldrick to recommend to the District Council support for the Uganda School Project by allowing club to club solicitation by the St. Catharine's Club.

Jackie is also looking for a U.S. partner to be able to apply for a grant from the Dorothea Haus Ross Foundation.

New Business:

DG Jack introduced AG Melisa Schrock and Kate Vacanti from LOTOL (Let Them Laugh Out Loud). (For more information see LOTOL.com) Kate showed a video presentation which explain the well drilling projects she and her husband have been involved in for the past five years in Sierra Leone. She is looking to involve any Rotary Clubs in the district which may be interested in this work and Kate is also to apply for a Global Grant if feasible. Melisa noted that a group from Akron-Newstead Rotary traveled there to visit a well that A-K had been responsible for funding.

There was a lot of discussion around the best way to be considered for a Global Grant focusing on the maintenance aspects of the wells. Karen noted that there was potential here to develop a Vocational Training Team to be of assistance.

At this time it seems more work needs to be done before this can be considered a project Rotary would fund. There needs to be a partner club in Entebbe and the actual Rotary connected project has to be initiated and controlled by Rotarians.

It was suggested that perhaps Kate could work with PDG Karen and Roy and bring the project back to WCS in the Spring 2015.

Bihari Relief Project and Nepal Stove and Latrine Project:

Dave Johnson updated the group on the Biari Relief Project which has been endorsed by Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus Rotary Club. Dave asked for and received advice on what to focus on in order to be eligible for a Global Grant and is working with Roy and PDG Karen to that end. The partner club is the Rotary Club of Dhaka, Bangladesh.

He also updated the group on the second round of stoves and latrines in Nepal in partnership with the Rotary Club of Kathmandu. Sabih suggested an outfit in Californian and Virginia which may be able to help with stoves. It was suggested that Dave select one project to fundraise for at a time and he thinks it will be Bihari Relief, then the Nepal project.

<p>Next meeting: Wednesday April 15, 2015 (5:30 dinner, 6:00 p.m. meeting) at the: Best Western Heart of Niagara Conference Center 2 North Service Road - St. Catharines ON. L2N 4G9</p>

There being no further business for the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Ochterski
Secretary