



District Council Minutes April 8, 2017

Location:
Phillip Sheridan Building
Kenmore, NY

No. of Attendees: 25

Call to Order: 9:00 am by Governor Marlee Diehl

RYLA: Larry Coon representing RYLA/Youth Services. Larry noted he was a graduate (along with Jim Morabito – same class). He indicated it is a phenomenal program – with challenges. At one time the District ran two programs. Now we have one and we are scrambling to fill it. We are looking for 19 to 25-year-olds with demonstrated leadership skills. He indicated that the participants all show up for the week with nerves wondering what it was that they signed up for. In many instances, the feedback is that it is a life changing event. They depart as best friends. Bonding happens pretty strong by Tuesday night. Lots of chatting late into the night. They build a support group going forward in life also and using social media. Benefits include educational and career direction, practical skills like how to run a meeting, how to work in group. Similar to Dale Carnegie. June 11 – 18, 2017. Thursday night of the program is open to Rotarians and guests/families. Cost of program: \$750 US.

STRATEGIES to recruit: Promise your recruits that they will get value out of it. Tell them, “Hey – give me two full days, if you don’t like it, then bail”. Another thought Larry shared is to identify someone with deep pockets that is emotionally connected to your candidate....ask them to replace the lost wages. The committee also has a letter that you can send to employers.

Invocation: Jackie Davis, AG, gave thanks and praise for a glorious and beautiful day to come here and serve above self. Jackie asked for guidance as we seek to serve, and used Jesus words, “Those who would seek to be great in God’s kingdom, let him/her be servant of all.”

Introductions: DG Marlee tasked us to announce ourselves with our name, club, District role, and goal for the remainder of the year.

Consent Agenda: **MOTION BY FRANK ADAMSON, AG, TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA, SECONDED BY REG MADISON, DGE. MOTION CARRIED.**

Removed Reports: None.

MOPP (Manual of Policies and Procedures) Discussion: Jack Amico, PDG

PDG Jack opened a discussion on the MOPP. He noted that we update it every three years - here today to suggest, perhaps, that we make it more of a living document, not put it on the shelf. He wants to institute some policies and put into place a continual review. PDG Jack cited some examples of changes that have happened that are not reflected in the document. The committee will be meeting today. Changes will be forthcoming and submitted for approval to the Presidents Elect at Club Leadership Training.

Finance Committee: Wally Ochterski, PDG, Chair of Finance

PDG Wally announced that on May 6th, the District 7090 Budget for 2017-2018 will go to Presidents Elect at Club Leadership Training for approval. He suggests the Assistant Governors are the lynch pin to making sure the PEs understand it so that they will be ready to vote. He put the budget up on the screen and walked District Council members in attendance through it.

Cheque/Check Request Procedures: Governor Marlee went through the check request procedures starting with the location of the documents (request form and procedures) on the home page of the District 7090 website. Important to follow the procedures, but added that it is especially important DO NOT SEND the completed request to “all” but only to the next in command who’s turn it is to sign it digitally and send it to the next person in command, e.g., Committee Chair to Director, Director to DG/Treasurer or Finance Chair depending on the \$\$\$ involved, etc. See procedures. Also, she noted that it is important to add the budget line item – name and number. The budget is on the website under District Operations/District Council/District Budget.

Other Business:**Afghan Centennial School Project - Karen Oakes, PDG**

PDG Karen reviewed the history of the school. A few years ago, we participated as a District with Zone 22/ now Zone 24 East in raising \$300K CA to construct a school in Afghanistan. 4000 students – 50% of which are female and the school is in operation today. We have been asked by TRF Trustee Bryn Styles to continue (along with other districts in our Zone) to support the operating budget of the school again this year in the amount of \$1000 US.

MOTION BY KAREN OAKES, PDG, SECONDED BY JACK AMICO, PDG, TO SEND THE \$1000 US AS REQUESTED FROM OUR RESERVE ACCOUNT. AFTER DISCUSSION, DAVID GREENFIELD, AG, CALLED THE QUESTION. MOTION CARRIED.

ISC – Buffalo Library Project Motion – John DePaolo

Director John reviewed the details of the project.

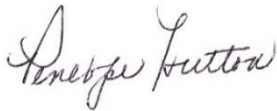
MOTION BY JACK AMICO, PDG, SECONDED BY KAREN OAKES, PDG, TO ALLOW THE ROTARY CLUB OF BUFFALO TO SOLICIT CLUB TO CLUB AS APPROVED BY THE INTERNATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE AT ITS MEETING IN MARCH. SEE ATTACHED REPORT. MOTION CARRIED.

Announcements:

- **The Rotary Foundation – Canada “TRFC”**
Karen Oakes announced that effective immediately David Prowse has resigned and is no longer the Coordinator of TRFC. His replacement is being actively sought. In the meantime, continue to send your email inquiries as before to TRF.Canada@rotary.org which will be handled by the ‘Contact Center’ in the interim or by calling Francis Santos at 847-866-4461. David had been with TRFC for 12 years (3 years as employee). His customer service and handling of administrative matters were much appreciated.
- **Strategic Plan – Kevin Crosby, IPDG**
After a brief hiatus, Co-chairs Bob Hagen and Jeff Noble will be contacting District Directors for an update.
- **District Team Training Seminar - Reg Madison**
DGE Reg reminded everyone about the District Team Training Seminar that follows Club Leadership Training on May 6th. He promised the we will be done by 4:30pm.

Adjourned by acclaim at 11:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Penelope Hutton
Executive Secretary

Reports Attached:

Consent Agenda

- Secretary’s Report - Minutes of January 14, 2017
- DG Report
- DGE Report
- DGN Report
- Training Report
- Membership Report
- The Rotary Foundation Report
- Youth Services Report
- International Service Committee Report

Finance Committee Report



District Council Minutes January 14, 2017

Location: Zoom Online Meeting

No. of Attendees: 25

Call to Order: 09:01 am by Governor Marlee Diehl

Governor Marlee asked that the agenda be amended to include 3 items under other business:

- 1. D7090.org domain and email accounts**
- 2. Status of DG nominations**
- 3. Status of conference finances.**

Invocation: Tracy Ford, AG, gave the invocation asking for chances to grow in Rotary – friendship, sense of community, appreciation of the gift that today. She noted particularly, “Each January presents a new slate and a new opportunity to write upon it. Let us write truth, fairness in all we do, friendship, solidarity, peace, joy and thankfulness.”

Introductions: DG Marlee asked us to introduce ourselves and identify a Rotary resolution for 2017.

Melisa Schrock and Mike Prinzbach requested that their reports be removed from the Consent Agenda:

Consent Agenda:

MOTION: ROBERT MORROW, CO-CHAIR OF AG TRAINING, MOVED TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED TO REMOVE DGN REPORT AND TREASURER’S REPORT; SECONDED BY MIKE PRINZBACH, TREASURER. MOTION CARRIED.

DGN Report: DGN Melisa indicated there is an error in her report. It is Area 2, not Area 3 that is looking for an AG Elect.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Mike Prinzbach noted that his report is an interim report and therefore fluid. He also noted that in the report in the packet, the Grant Seminar revenue should

be \$1,260 not \$770. The revenue was miss classed as Uncategorized income. Therefore there is no change to the Net Income line.

Finance Committee: Wally Ochterski, PDG, Finance Committee Chair and Karen Oakes, PDG, Foundation Director explained the background of the proposal in the packet – to execute an agreement for District 7090 to lend \$50,000 CDN to the Host Organizing Committee for the 2018 Rotary International Convention which is being held in Toronto. This request follows the rules of the convention and we are being asked along with 5 adjoining Districts: 7010, 7040, 7070, 7080, and 6330, to do this. PDG Karen shared the agreement on the Zoom online meeting screen that we are being asked to execute.

MOTION: WALLY OCHTERSKI, IN HIS ROLE AS FINANCE CHAIR, MOVES THAT DISTRICT 7090 UNDERTAKE TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN TORONTO 2018 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION HOST COMMITTEE AND ROTARY DISTRICT 7090 TO PROVIDE A NON-INTEREST BEARING FORGIVABLE LOAN TO TORONTO 2018 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION HOST COMMITTEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 CDN. DISTRICT 7090 WILL PROVIDE SAID FUNDS AS ONE LUMP SUM PAYMENT OF \$50,000 CDN. UPON RETURN RECEIPT OF THE EXECUTED LOAN AGREEMENT BY THE HOST ORGANIZING COMMITTEE. SECONDED BY KAREN OAKES, PDG.

Discussion ensued with questions about the agreement. Also, the viability (financial history) of whether or not the loan gets repaid. Karen and Wally indicated that the Finance Committee had reviewed this history and that is the case.

MOTION TO AMEND: MIKE PRINZBACH, TREASURER, MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO REMOVE FROM THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT THE SENTENCE THAT READS, “IF THE DISTRICT’S SHARE OF THE LOSS EXCEEDS THE AMOUNT OF THE LOAN, A REQUEST WILL BE SENT TO THE DISTRICT FOR THE AMOUNT OWED”. SECONDED BY JIM MORABITO, PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY CHAIR.

More discussion regarding the funds Canadian versus US. Karen assured all that the funds are indeed Canadian (approximately \$38K).

MOTION TO AMEND THE FORGOING MOTIONS: KAREN OAKES MOVED TO AMEND THE FORGOING MOTIONS TO INCLUDE SPECIFYING IN THE AGREEMENT THE \$50,000 AS CANADIAN CURRENCY, SECONDED BY WALLY OCHTERSKI.

MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED.

District Newsletter Discussion: DG Marlee opened the discussion as to how to improve the newsletter, how to make it primary communication tool and shared her screen with some other Districts’ newsletters. PDG Wally and a few others indicated they thought the District newsletter is good. As newsletter publisher Pene was asked how many readers. She noted that on average about 33% or in excess of 700 open it. Margaret Andrewes, AG, noted that she thought that was excellent and suggested some consideration be given to the expectations for the newsletters, “what is it that we trying to accomplish?” After discussion, the consensus seemed to

be that the issue is not the newsletter, or whether it can be a better communication tool, but that it might be the deluge of email that the D7090 Rotarians say they receive that might be stopping more from reading it or for using it to be the primary communication tool. In her role as Executive Secretary/Webmaster, Pene pulled up the website email screen to show the emails sent out using the District website over the past month. She indicated the District leaders do get a lot of email, but that should be part of the expectation. She noted she was at a loss as to the basis of the complaints of “too much email” by other than District leaders and asked the AGs if they knew or could find out from the clubs where the emails were coming from... as the District is sending out few emails targeted to all or even to just presidents. Noted was lots of email activity by Brian Carmichael, PETS Chair, but that those were sent just to the PEs to get them signed up for their pending training dates. Someone noted that the clubs are soliciting other clubs. Pene referenced our email policy. DG Marlee asked her to attach it to the minutes. DGN Melisa, Jim Morabito, Tracy Ford, Dan Smith and Robert Morrow agreed to tackle the issue of email – what is too much, how we can streamline communications. Also, DGN Melisa will add it to her agenda for Monday night’s AG meeting.

Other Business:

1. D7090.org domain and email accounts: DG Marlee indicated that PDG Jack owns and has paid for the domain and five email addresses that PDG Jack, PDG Kevin, DG Marlee, DGE Reg and DGN Melisa are using. She indicated that Council is looking at offering these to other District leaders. Technology Chair Paul Marchese has offered to purchase the domain and offer up to 30 email addresses for \$200 a year.

MOTION: ROBERT MORROW, CO-TRAINER AG, MOVED TO APPROVE HIRING MARCHESE COMPUTER PRODUCTS AT \$200 FOR ONE YEAR WITH EMAIL ADDRESSES UP TO 30 SUBJECT TO ANNUAL REVIEW. SECONDED BY MIKE PRINZBACH, TREASURER. MOTION CARRIED.

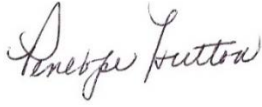
2. Status of DG nominations for 2019 - 2020. DG Marlee indicated that the DG nominations closed January 1, 2017. She noted that interviews of the two candidates will be held in early February.
3. Status of conference finances. DG Marlee indicated that conference financial report is close to being finalized. She indicated that the meal packaging event was a success and due to excellent club participation, we may not need to use all of the District grant money that was approved. She noted the clubs really stepped up.

For the Good of the Order:

AG Margaret shared that she had received a survey from Rotary International on the “future of Rotary”. She said she found it to be extremely good, interesting to consider and fun to do. She said it made her think about what Rotary is all about. Pat Castiglia, Chair of End Polio Now and Alumni, indicated that she agreed the survey is really good and really unique in its use of pictures. Both Pat and Margaret recommended completing it upon receiving it.

Adjournment 11:01 AM: MOTION TO ADJOURN BY MIKE PRINZBACH, TREASURER; SECONDED BY KAREN OAKES, PDG. MOTION CARRIED BY ACCLAIM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Penelope Hutton".

Penelope Hutton
Executive Secretary

Reports Attached:

Treasurer's Report of January 9, 2017

DG Report

DGE Report

DGN Report

Training Committee Report

Membership Committee Report

The Rotary Foundation Report

Youth Services Report

Service Projects Report – Gift of Life Meeting Minutes dated November 19, 2016

Friendship Exchange Committee Report

Finance Committee Report

Email Communications & Privacy Policy

District Council, April 8, 2017
District Governor Report
Marlee Diehl

Shortly after our January Zoom District Council meeting, Bill and I slipped away to Florida for respite. It was wonderful to be less drenched in Rotary for a 10 days.

Since then I have been busy doing lots of things Rotary. Lots of the rush of the beginning of the year is over, but there certainly seems to be lots of things to do on behalf of Rotary.

Although we were later in nominating our DGND, I thank the Nominating committee for promptly moving on this once, I reached out to RI to see if we really needed to wait until after the Re-Zoning. It turns out it was a miss speak at Zone. Our 2019-2020 District Governor is Bob Artis, Rotary Club of Clarence. We welcome Bob to our District Governor chain and look forward to working with as he moves through the years. Congratulations, Bob.

PDG Rick Sterne was nominated as DGE Reg's Vice Chair. Congratulations Rick.

The nominating committee has the call out for applications to be our Council on Legislation representative in 2019.

PDG Wally Ochterski, Finance Chair and his committee did an outstanding job on getting the 2017-2018 budget developed. Thanks to PDG Ralph Montesanto, Director, Training and his team in reducing PETS training costs. A great job! The budget is going out to the incoming club presidents in early April for their reviewing, discussion and voting on at the Club Leadership Training, May 6.

The invitation to attend the MDPETS luncheon was a wonderful treat to interact with the class of 17-18. All those I spoke with were really pumped! This also gave me a terrific opportunity to get together with my classmates of 7070 and 7080. While we do meet monthly on-line it was great to have a face to face chance to catch up.

It has been so much fun chartering the Fredonia High School Interact Club. Now, here is a number for all to stretch to attain. They chartered with 70 members. Hooray! Also, Holley is going to charter very soon too. And this week we have had Grand Island (for a second school) and Jamestown also apply for Interact Clubs. And remember St. Catharines chartered one in November.

Bill and I have had so much fun joining lots of clubs for their events. Of course, the highlight was Brantford's Centennial. What a fabulous evening this was! A full house with PRIP Ron Burton, PRIP Wilf Wilkinson and Dr. Bob Scott there to bring celebrate. We also have another centennial coming up May 19, the Niagara Falls, New York club. Here is just the list of clubs we have been at in the last month or so: Lockport, Grimsby@Noon, Buffalo, St Catharines for an Area 6 event – all three clubs were well represented, East Aurora, Ancaster, Fredonia and Lincoln. I will also be to St. Catharines for their Canada Citizenship Induction next week.

In closing, I just want to let all of you know I am now a dual citizen.

April DGE Report – Reg Madison

My how time flies!! It's spring and only one quarter of the year remains and it seems like the more I do, the more there is left to do. While many other things were part of January and February, the priority was our first PETS 1 using Zoom meetings. The feedback to the 3 sessions that were each repeated was gratifying and a big thank you goes out to Brian Carmichael and Ralph Montesanto for not only their efforts but also the courage to take this route!

The annual Multi District PETS in Toronto was again a huge success with great leadership from the tri-district committee, the facilitators and our two guest speakers Mitty Chang and David Forward. Again the feedback from the President Elects was heartening and rewarding to the committee and trainers. A task remaining is the distribution of the handouts to those PEs who were not in attendance.

I certainly enjoyed attending the 100 anniversary of the Rotary Club of Brantford in late February along with so many others. It was great to see such support from all over the district and interact with so many Rotarians. It was a wonderful evening and venue to have our new DGND Bob Artis make his first public appearance.

The other focus of attention has been the Club Leadership Training formerly the District Assembly. We are "This Close" to having the content and facilitators complete and registration will begin shortly. Anne Bermingham is leading a great committee for this event at Niagara College at NOTL for May 6th. I continue to try to attend as many area meetings as possible in order to meet the incoming presidents to get to know them prior to the start of their year of leadership. I continue to participate in the monthly AG meetings as well as host the monthly District Leadership meetings via Zoom.

We are close to having a full complement for our District Leadership Team and a two hour District Team Training Session will take place immediately following Club Leadership Training. I will be sending personal invitations over the next week to all and promise that we will conclude no later than 4:30 PM. Ralph Montesanto and I have met and are very close to finalizing the content for this session.

I should mention that the meeting took place in Florida last week, our last stop before returning home after a three week break in the sunny south. The warm weather was wonderful and the many visits we were able to make with both Rotarian and non Rotarian friends was a delight. Many of these snowbirds have been there since fall and it was good to renew our friendships.

I'm so looking forward to seeing everyone again at the Council meeting and again on May 6th at Club Leadership Training.

Best personal regards,

Reg

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District Governor Nominee Report

District Council Meeting 4.8.17

Submitted by Melisa Schrock

I am pleased to report that our last two AG's searching for replacements are in the final stages of securing their successors. This year we implemented a new strategy which challenged AG's starting their final year of service to find a replacement and spend the year training and mentoring their successors. This initiative was identified in our strategic plan, and I believe the AG's embraced the challenge and were very successful achieving this goal.

Our Clubs have reported no major challenges or concerns which need to be addressed by District Council. Almost all of the AG's have conducted an Area meeting over the past 4-6 weeks, and many have already scheduled their "changeover" meeting for the 4th quarter. DGND Bob Artis is looking forward to learning all he can about his future role as AG coordinator (which starts in July), so he and I will be working together to get him more involved in the remaining 3 AG monthly meetings. We all agree that getting to know the AG's and developing a relationship now will help him to be more successful in this role next year.

In March, I was able to assist DGE Reg with planning and participating in MDPETS training. While in Toronto, I met with my counterparts in D7070 & D7080 and had some initial conversations about our vision for MDPETS 2018. It's hard to believe that planning for that will start in another 6 months!

I am currently working with DGE Reg and other members of the District Leadership Team to plan the CLT training for May. I will be helping to facilitate 2 sessions with the AG's and possibly one session on International Service. I have enjoyed learning about what goes on "behind the scenes" and I'm truly impressed with the talented people we have who are so willing to give of their time and talents. We are so blessed!

Next up on my plate is to begin planning for the changeover luncheon, and the District Conference 2018. I have started to put together a list of people whom I'd like to ask to be on the team for this planning and I will be kicking it off shortly. I am considering a shorter conference than we've seen in the past – perhaps a day long, or just an overnight. Details to come!!!

From: Ralph
To: [Pene Hutton](#)
Cc: [Ralph Montesanto](#)
Subject: Director Of Training Report To District Council.
Date: Friday, March 31, 2017 6:09:56 PM

Director of Training Report to District Council April 8 Ralph Montesanto

Each of the chairs within the Director of Training have submitted a report. The following are their reports as submitted.

RLI - Glen Christensen, Chair

The Rotary Leadership Institute sessions were held on April 1st, 2017 at Niagara College, NOTL Campus.

At the time of preparing this report (March 31, 2017) three sessions had the following registration numbers.

Part 1 – 29, Part 2 – 17, Part 3 – 5

I was somewhat disappointed with the number of registrations for Part 3, however three e-mail invitations were sent to all members, and a specific e-mail was sent to all President Elects for the 2017/18 Rotary year.

The following dates have been set for the 2017/18 Rotary Year.

September 23, 2017 New York

December 1, 2017 Ontario

March 24, 2018 New York

The dates are tentative, however if the dates do change it will be only one week either before or after the dates above.

Locations have not yet been determined but in all likelihood will be held in the venues where the RLI sessions have been held previously.

Also, the Shining Waters Division of the Rotary Leadership Institute will be holding a Facilitators Training session on August 26, 2017. The location is to be determined (it will likely be in Kitchener, ON). I have two District 7090 Rotarians who have shown an interest in attending and a “formal” call for further candidates will be going out once the location has been set for the August 26, 2017 session. It is important we continue to train facilitators as one of the current facilitators has dropped his name from the list for personal reasons. As well some of our facilitators are spending the winters in the South so are not always available for all sessions.

PETS and MDPETS - Brian Carmichael, Chair
Online PETS Training

This year with the move to ONLINE training for PETS 1 we decided to break it into 3 separate 1 hour sessions. Session topics were to a large extent determined by a committee of Past, Present, and Future club presidents. Overall the response from Presidents Elect was extremely positive and our ONLINE training will continue in the future. This positive response was determined by surveying all participants immediately after each session. The feedback will lead to some minor modifications being made for next year. Also from this survey we have found 3 club presidents elect who would like to be a part of the committee for next year.

Multi District President Elect Training

It was an interesting experience to Chair this event 14 years after being the co-chair of the very first MDPETS held in 2003. The work of the many chairs over the years has led to an outstanding experience for the incoming club presidents. The preliminary survey results would seem to indicate that this year was once again an extremely positive event with PE's stating that it was worth their time to attend. The challenge facing our committee is attendance. This year we saw a drop of about 10 presidents most of whom attended a MDPETS session in Syracuse. Each year we see many PE's who are repeat presidents. Getting them to attend can be a challenge. I believe that we will have to move to an atmosphere of "selling" MDPETS to clubs as we can no longer expect attendance because RI says they have to go.

Club Visioning - Ontario, Anne Bermingham, Chair

- Team has been busy – facilitated a session for the Rotary Club of Hamilton AM in January.
- Have sessions coming up for the Rotary Club of Welland and the Rotary Club of Flamborough.
- A few other clubs are thinking about visioning.
- In total, we will have conducted six sessions to date this year.
- Thanks to our visioning team that do a great job – Ryan Bridge, Karen Oakes, Rick Sterne and Ralph Montesanto.

Club Visioning - New York, Barbara Ochterski, Chair

It has been a disappointing year on the US side for Visioning. Yesterday John Boronkay and I were in Olean doing an intro to Visioning prior to doing the event [next Tuesday evening](#) with a team of 5. However, only 5 Rotarians signed up to attend. In consultation with their incoming president we are postponing doing this until we have a larger group. The Club has 30 members.

My second hope was Hamburg. However, the President keeps putting it off saying they have other important things to finish first. I need to wait until she contacts me. Last contact was in Feb.

I think perhaps it is time to find new blood to chair the US side. I like doing Visioning but the lack of responses or interest is disheartening.

I also have spoken in person at the District Conference to Falconer, Jamestown and Clarence Rotarians about the program.

These are the Clubs who have not had a Vision Event:

Lancaster Depew	Middleport
Jamestown	Hamburg
Holley	Orchard Park
Batavia	Greater Jamestown am
Dunkirk	Eastern Hills Sunrise
Falconer	Medina
Buffalo	Niagara Falls Ny
Lakewood-Chautauqua S	Ellicottville
Cheektowaga	Amherst South
	Clarence

Club Leadership Training - Anne Bermingham, Chair

- At this point, we expect to have 26 sessions to offer participants
- Have set five goals that we want to achieve with this year's [May 6](#) Event:
 - o All clubs are in attendance (69 clubs in total)
 - o On average, we have 4 people from each club represented
 - o There are at least 69 people at the event who have never been before – ideally one per each club in the District
 - o In total, we have over 260 attendees (including 150 from Canada – to mark 150th birthday)
 - o When asked if you are very satisfied with today's CLT and the sessions you attended– 85% or more would respond with an enthusiastic yes (as measured by evaluation form)
- Will be at Niagara College in Niagara on the Lake
- Have a stratified marketing strategy planned with us focusing on particular roles and encouraging them to attend.
- Must attend sessions planned for President Elects and Assistant Governors

Hope we will have everyone in Council's support to ensure our goals are met.

District Leadership Training

DLT will take place on May 6 after the completion of CLT at Niagara College in NOTL. Chairs, Directors, AGs and the DG chain will be asked to attend. DGE Reg will be sending personal invitations to all with the hope that most will attend. Please mark the date in your schedules.



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District Council 4/8/17 Report of Membership Director

Since our January District Council meeting, several activities related to promoting membership have occurred:

1. We continue to publish a monthly newsletter for clubs with membership development ideas. The February and March issues are attached.
2. Starting in January, I have provided a "Membership Matters" article for the District newsletter
3. I participated on PETS 1 regarding membership
4. We have continued to have monthly meetings of the District Membership Committee
5. I spoke about membership at an Area 14 meeting and at the Rotary Club of Hamburg
6. I accepted the resignation of the Chair of the Young Professional Events Committee and I'm currently recruiting for a new Chair (or Co-chairs). I've spoken with two prospects.

District Membership update:

July 1, 2016 – 2,212

March 31, 2017 – 2,232 (+ 1%)

Respectfully submitted,

IPDG Kevin Crosby, Director of Membership



Rotary Peace Fellowship

Interact
Rotary Sponsored Club



Rotaract
Rotary Club Partner



EX-ROTARIANS & PROGRAM ALUMNI:

Where Are They Now? At Your Fingertips!

RESOURCES TO HELP OUR CLUBS GROW AND PROSPER

By Patricia Johnson, District Alumni Chair

Rotary Alumni: Who Are They?

Anyone who participated in any of the following RI or District programs:

CURRENT PROGRAMS:

- [Interact](#); [Rotaract](#); [EarlyAct](#)
- [Rotary Youth Exchange](#); [Rotary Youth Leadership Awards \(RYLA\)](#); [SLAPSHOT](#)
- [Rotary Peace Fellowships](#)
- [Rotary Scholarships](#) (funded by global or district grants)
- [Vocational Training Teams](#) (members and leaders)

FORMER PROGRAMS:

- Group Study Exchange (members and leaders)
- Ambassadorial Scholarships; Grants for University Teachers
- New Generations Service Exchange
- Rotary Volunteers

You may also want to include people who received scholarships from your club, served as host families for Youth

Exchange kids, volunteered for projects your club sponsored, and so on.

Many alumni fall within a prime age range for joining Rotary and show a strong interest in membership. They might want to acquire and expand leadership and professional skills. Alumni are often volunteers; many show a strong interest in international service. Invite them to upcoming service projects. They may have skills you need! They may be interested in connecting with a diverse group of professionals and sharing their Rotary experience. Ask them to speak at your club. Connect a past program participant with a future one. Reach out to them. Include alumni on newsletters and social media.

A presentation on reengaging alumni can be seen at https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/000050043/en-ca/files/sitepage/the-rotary-foundation/alumni-engagement-presentation-september-2015/Alumni_Association_Presentation_with_notes.pdf

Patti Johnson, the D7090 Alumni Committee chair, has lists of alumni for each club in the district. The bad news is... the contact information is, in many

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cases, out-of-date. However, someone in your club likely has a list of former Youth Exchange, RYLA, GSE (etc.) participants. Ask your members if they are in touch with anyone who participated in any of these programs. Reach out to alumni. In many instances, it could be maintained that they benefited from their engagement with Rotary programs in the past. They may well be looking for ways to pay back, continue to learn and grow, and practice Service Above Self.

There are other ideas and links available at <http://www.rotary7090.org/SitePage/district-7090-alumni>

Former Members of Your Club

People leave a Rotary club for a variety of reasons: relocation; increasing family or business obligations; health issues; cost; to join a new/different club... to name just a few.

For some, their situations may have changed since they left your club. Kids grow up. Jobs stabilize. Health returns. Finances improve. Folks retire. A few

who “relocated” are wise and fortunate enough to return to the area.

Some former Rotarians may be ready to re-engage, as club members or perhaps in some other way: as speakers, mentors or consultants; as volunteers in a service project or at a fundraiser; as donors; as Vocational Training Team participants...

How do we reach our past members? By accessing a list of former members of our clubs on the RI or District websites. (Directions on finding this information follows.)

So, Rotarians: Reach out to your former members!

- Call or email them.
- Meet them for coffee or a drink.
- Tell them what your club is doing.
- Invite them to a meeting, fundraiser or service day.
- Refer them to your web or FB page.
- Tell them about the progress in eliminating polio.

Suggest they look at the District website <http://www.rotary7090.org/>, the Rotary Now 7090 page at <http://rotary7090.org/sitepage/rotarynow7090/>, and the Rotary International site at <https://www.rotary.org/>. They will find inspiration there!

Finding Former Members of Your Club

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- 2) Log in using your “SIGN IN EMAIL” and “PASSWORD”.
- 3) Once logged in:
 - a) Select “Manage” from the menu near the top
 - b) Under “Club and District Administration” Click on “Club Administration”
 - c) Under “Club & Member Data: Update Member Data” click on “Add, Edit or Remove Members”. A list of Active and

Honorary Members will come up

- d) In the menu to the right– click on “Terminated Members” and the former members list will come up. They can be ordered by any of the data types at the top of the columns (i.e. Member Status – reason for termination, or “Terminated” – date, either ascending or descending)
- e) The person’s contact info is accessed by clicking on the “VIEW” icon to the left of the former member’s ID. You will see Member Information and Name and Address data. To get phone and email info (if available) for that person, you click on “Contact Information” near the top.

Data for former members, going back to 2007 only, is also available on the District website. In some cases, there may be more contact info available there than through the RI website. In addition, it is accessed with fewer “clicks”.

To accomplish the task this way:

1. Go to <http://rotary7090.org/>
2. Log in
3. Near the top of the page, click on Member Area
4. Under the “For Clubs” tab, click on “Membership Lists”
5. On the left, under “Members”, click on “Inactive Members List”
6. Click on the person’s name and their contact info will pop up.

For large, long-established clubs (Buffalo; Hamilton, etc.) the list will be (seemingly) endless... in the thousands... So you may want to refine the list of names, especially with input from some of their long-time members (or even by circulating the list to the current membership), after ordering for things like “date of termination” or for “Member Status” – Reason for Termination).

Patti Johnson
Alumni Chair, District 7090

Rotary Club of Buffalo – Sunrise
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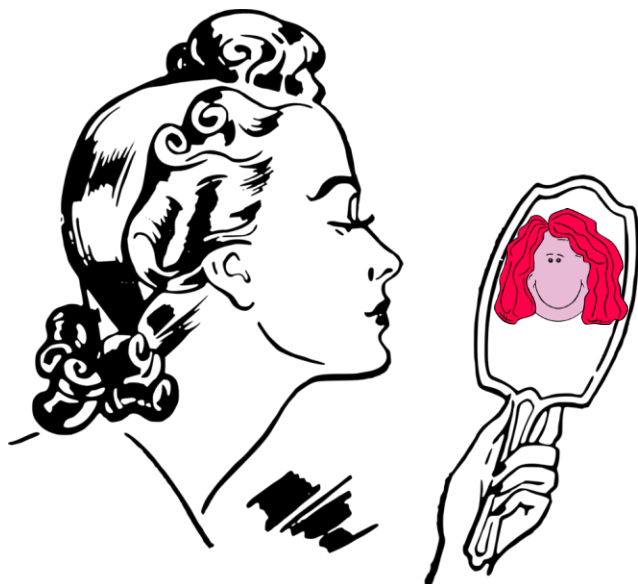
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Questions? Contact IPDG Kevin Crosby, 2016-17 Membership Director, at kevin@d7090.org.



Reflections on self-assessment

RESOURCES TO HELP OUR CLUBS GROW AND PROSPER

By IPDG Kevin Crosby, District Membership Director

When was the last time you looked in the mirror?

Not you, personally. When was the last time **your Rotary club** looked in the mirror?

I'm pretty sure that each member of your club has a unique impression of the "personality" of your club, its strengths and weaknesses, and the extent to which your club is meeting the needs and expectations of its members.

In Rotary, the concept of "membership development" has two equally important components: (1) retaining the members you have by making sure they are getting what they want or need out of Rotary; and (2) attracting new members in order to infuse new ideas, new energy, new labor for projects, and to provide new leadership eventually.

How many of your members are satisfied with all aspects of your club? How many are wondering if they want to continue as members of your club in light of other priorities in their lives? How many of your members would be much happier if certain policies or practices in the club would change?

These are difficult questions but they're important. If you want to retain your members over time, you need to look in the mirror periodically and examine what your members are thinking about your club.

A handy-dandy club mirror that is **free** and easy to use!

Our district has a deal you shouldn't resist. If you contact our district's beloved Executive Secretary, Pene Hutton (phutton@netsync.net) she

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will set you up with a link to a confidential online member satisfaction survey that is unique to your club. This link can be sent to the members of your club who can complete the survey anonymously. The results of the survey will be automatically tabulated and compiled into a report with lovely tables and graphs.



The survey takes less than 10 minutes to complete and covers a range of topics including: club meetings, service projects, communications, and engagement of members. It provides an opportunity for your members to rate their satisfaction with your current club practices and to write in comments.

The results of the survey should be shared and discussed with the members of your club and should lead to some valuable insights and important discussions about what your club can do to improve the satisfaction and enjoyment of your members.

Why this helps with new member recruitment.

When a prospective member first visits your club, he or she will form a vivid first-impression of the club's culture and member satisfaction. This impression may influence their decision to join or not.

If there are club policies and practices that are diminishing the enjoyment and satisfaction of your members, your prospective member may have the same reaction. Maybe the food quality or choice isn't satisfactory. Maybe the meal cost is too high. Maybe there aren't enough opportunities for hands-on volunteer work. By doing a confidential online member satisfaction survey, your members will be able to express opinions they may be reluctant express in public. (No one wants to be known as a complainer. Well, almost no one.)

Once issues have been identified and you have real data to back these up, your club can undertake the changes that will make your members happier and make your club more appealing to prospective members. It's a win-win.

Go ahead. Try it.

I encourage you to take advantage of this free service from our district. Even if you're confident that your club is running on all cylinders and all your members are tickled pink, I think your members will appreciate the recognition that you care enough about their opinions to conduct this survey – perhaps on a regular basis. You never know, you might discover something interesting!

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Invitation to contribute to this newsletter.

Do you have some good ideas about how clubs can develop membership? Perhaps it's something your club has had success with. Perhaps you read about something being done by another club or district. Perhaps you came up with a clever idea all on your own!

If you would like to write an article for this newsletter, please contact me. I know we have a lot of smart Rotarians in our district and I'd like this newsletter to be a platform for sharing good ideas and best practices for membership development.

Questions or Comments? Contact IPDG Kevin Crosby, 2016-17 Membership Director, at kevin@d7090.org.



District 7090 Rotary Foundation Committee
District Council Report April 8, 2017



The Rotary Foundation "Doing Good in the World".

Karen L. Oakes, Director, District 7090 Rotary Foundation

Our dedicated Committee Chairs and members have all worked diligently to support the theme this year of "Rotary Serving Humanity". The respective subcommittee reports reflect their efforts to build The Rotary Foundation here in District 7090.

Centennial Projects:

Governor Marlee has asked each of our clubs to celebrate our Rotary Foundation Centennial by having an event to showcase the good work of The Rotary Foundation. We know that many of our clubs have undertaken several "100" events, so please share those great undertakings to ensure your club is a part of our District 7090 Rotary Foundation Centennial history.

We are looking for all your ideas to build our album of 100 events here in District 7090. Send your submissions, including photos (photos separate as jpeg. please) to oakes.kl@sympatico.ca no later than May 1, 2017. Questions, just ask we are here to assist you.

FUNDRAISING

1) Annual Fund – Chair Pat Castiglia

There were 7 clubs that had not donated at the time of the last report. Two clubs indicated verbally that they planned to make a donation. Individual letters were sent to the Presidents of the other 5 clubs. Responses were received from 2 clubs. These 7 clubs had not recorded any goals. As of this report, only one club has made a donation. The other six have not yet done so.

Currently we have 62/68 clubs donating (91.18%)

Total Giving to Date is \$190,968.30

Our District Goal is \$197, 450.00

Per capita Benchmark is \$221, 200

We need \$6,482 to meet our goal which should be easily accomplished.

In addition, I visited one club at their invitation to discuss the Foundation and both the Annual Fund and End of Polio.

2)) Polio Plus Fund - Chair Pat Castiglia

To date, 24 clubs have not contributed to the End of Polio effort (about 35 %). Individual letters were sent to 18 presidents of these clubs via email encouraging them to make a donation – preferably by the end of April. Six clubs had indicated previously that they were planning to make donations and were not sent letters.

District DDF Goal \$31,436

District Identified Goal \$35,000

Total District Giving to Polio \$127,889

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Castiglia, 7090 Annual Fund Chair and End of Polio Chair

3) Paul Harris Society - Chair Jim Morabito

PHS district coordinator Jim Morabito reports two Rotarians have joined the district's PHS since the last report.

Thank you

Jim Morabito

4) Endowment Fund – Chair Frank Adamson

Endowment Fund Committee Report

At a recent meeting it was agreed that the Committee would host 2 social/fundraising events to be held in May.

On May 4th there will be one primarily for the clubs in Niagara (13) and Dunnville hosted by Hernder Estates Winery in St. Catharines at a discounted rate. This will be an evening presentation. The committee members felt that we should charge a nominal fee of \$10.00 (CDN.)

The recently revised power point presentation will be utilized and Rotarians will have an opportunity to mix and mingle while enjoying wine samples and cheese, etc.

Carolyn Fergusson, Zone TRF representative will be invited. Pene Hutton and the 4 Assistant Governors in Niagara will assist in getting the notice out to the clubs.

At the same time we will plan for a second presentation for clubs in the Hamilton/Ancaster/Brantford area. John Mullen will take the lead on this one to be held possibly on the 25th of May.

These 2 events will help to spread the word and hopefully attract new Benefactors and Bequest Society members in our District.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Adamson,
Chair,
Endowment Fund Committee,

FOUNDATION GRANTS

1) District Grant Spending Plan – Chair John Teibert

2015-2016 Grants (as of March 27, 2017)

Total Grants Approved – 29

Dollar amount of Grants Approved – \$48,788

Final Reports Submitted – 13

Final Reports Approved – 11 (one club has not been able to complete their project)

Dollar amount of final reports - \$13,632.35

2016-2017 Grants (as of March 27, 2017)

Number of Clubs that attended District Grants Training Seminar – 49

Number of Clubs that submitted MOUs and Addendums – 40

Budgeted Amount for 2016-2017 District Grants - \$48,002.74

Number of clubs that have submitted a District Grant application – 27

Number of District Grant Applications Approved by Committee - 14

Dollar amount of District Grant applications received - \$48,002.74

Dollar amount of District Grant applications approved - \$24,353.76

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

a) Scholarship – Chair Shefali Clerk

Scholarship Committee Report 3rd Quarter

District Scholarship team worked hard on the selection of a candidate for this years' award. Emyle Watkins is a recipient of \$5000 scholarship, sponsored by Buffalo Sunrise Rotary Club.

Celebrating Rotary Foundations' 100th year, few more clubs has sponsored a student that helped us to achieve a goal of 10% increased participation for the scholarship program.

Rotary Peace Fellowship Update.

Application is open till May 31, 2017 to the district for the year 2018-2019. Eligible candidates are encouraged to apply soon.

District had a wonderful opportunity to sponsor seven candidates. Two fellows were selected and one was an alternate.

Recently an alternate candidate was also confirmed. Unfortunately one fellow could not secure an admission at the university of his choice, and one candidate had to stand aside. We are back to ONE Rotary Peace Fellow for the year 2017-2018.

Shefali Clerk

Chair- Scholars Committee

b) Vocational Training Team – Chair Dan Smith

2016-2017 VTT Team returns

Our Team to District 9790 in Australia has been completed and they have returned. Shortly they will be ready for Club visits to share their experiences of the mission. Contact me or Tom O'Neill, Team Leader (TONEill@nfga.ca) to arrange for a presentation. For an update you can follow their travels on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/2017VTT7090>.

Searching for VTT for 2017-2018

Since we now have two very successful VTT projects, please be encouraged to know these missions can be accomplished. It takes a whole District, but is so worth the efforts!

The Vocational Training Team (VTT) District Committee is pleased to announce we are accepting proposals for the **2017-2018** Rotary Year. The deadline is **April 28, 2017**. Please see the details and Proposal Application for further information on this link to the VTT page at <http://www.rotary7090.org/SitePage/vocational-training-teams>.

Please contact me with any questions or additional information you may require at (716) 269-9900, or by email at dsmith4416@gmail.com.

Daniel F Smith
District 7090 VTT Chair

2. Global Grants – Chair PDG Bob Bruce
Grant Advisor Roy Sheldrick
 No report provided.

ALUMNI - Chair Patti Johnson
 No report provided.

Respectfully submitted,
 Karen L. Oakes

The Rotary Foundation – Doing Good in the World.

Youth Services Report for District Council meeting 8 April 2017.

Youth Exchange program continues as per normal. Algonquin trip was the highlight for many kids once again and the outbounds have now learned where they are going.

The Corporation Board met this week and have adopted a few bylaw changes to make YE more manageable:

Article III - Paragraph 2:

Remove requirement for all board members to be Rotarians.

Replace with majority of board members are to be active Rotary club members.

Paragraph 6: Allow for online meetings in lieu of face-to-face meetings

Article IV - Paragraph 4 (a):

Remove requirement that DG is the President of the Board and DGE as VP

Replace with board will elect Board President and Vice-President by simple majority of the board members.

Article V - Paragraph 5: Reduce the frequency of the Y/E Committee Chair reporting to the Board from "no less than every 3 months" to "no less than every 6 months"

- Other:
- Total of 5 board members
 - Board members to serve two-year terms
 - Remove YE Manual – not relevant to corporate by-laws.

RYLA

June 11 – 17, 2017 at the State University of New York, Fredonia.

District website has been updated and www.ryla7090.com has also been updated.

RYLA marketing has started. Please promote this to your clubs. There are still many spaces left.

SLAPSHOT

April 28 – 30, 2017 at Canterbury Hills.

As has been the case for the last few years, Slapshot is sold out with a wait list.

Preparations for the this years event are well underway and in good shape.

ROTARACT

No report

INTERACT

Chair position = vacant

I have no good leads on a replacement for Brian Casey.

EARLYACT

Richard Earne is still hoping to get an inventory of Early Act in the district and is working on that.

ACTION ITEMS to ALL:

- Promote RYLA
www.ryla7090.com
- Are Rotaractors invited to meetings in AG's areas?!
- Any idea for a suitable INTERACT CHAIR for our DISTRICT? Please contact me directly at: aad@blueprintagencies.com

Any questions, email or call me:

Aad Vermeyden

(519) 717-1570

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Minutes of the International Service Committee (ISC) 7090 March 22, 2017

In attendance: Doug Johnson (Welland), Sabih Uddin (Waterdown), David Johnson (BNMC), DG Marlee Diehl (Albion) Laurie Albertsson (Buffalo Rotary), John DePaolo (BNMC), Jackie VanLankveld (St. Catharines noon), Cathy Henry (St. Catharine's South), Najeeb Syed (St. Catharine's South), Barbara Ochterski (Buffalo Sunrise), PDG Jack Amico (West Seneca)

Guests: Dennis Gilmore (N. Falls Sunrise), Nancy Tkachuk (N. Falls Sunrise), * Mattie Klein, (Akron-Newstead), *Sydney Leeds (Akron-Newstead), *Sarah Schultz (Akron-Newstead), *Abby Stone (Akron-Newstead), Marlene Stone (Akron-Newstead),

*Denotes student attendees

Via Zoom: DGN Melisa Schrock, Gordon Cran (E-Club SOWNY)

Chair PDG Jack Amico opened the meeting at 6:10 and introductions were made.

A special welcome was extended to John DePaulo - 7090 Service Director, DG Marlee Diehl and DGN Melisa Schrock

Minutes of October 26, 2016: not reviewed (due to room confusion delaying the meeting start)

Old Business:

Entebbe School Project Uganda project – update Jackie Van Lankveld.

After a brief overview of the project for guests, Jackie reported on the success of the project thus far. About \$42,000 has been raised for the school and a plot of land on which to build a proper school (rather than a classroom in a chicken coop) has already been secured. Jackie is travelling to Uganda next week to work on a the Global Grant application with her Ugandan Rotarian counterparts.

She extended thanks and appreciation to the committee for valuable advice regarding this project as it has moved forward. See attached report.

Trees That Feed, Jamaica – Update-Cathy Henry

Cathy also overviewed this project for the benefit of our guests and thanked the ISC for their help. She praised the continuous efforts of the Ocho Rios East Club and Club President James Henry, who have been outstanding partners in this most successful project. Cathy also shared the education piece, a well-done coloring book that will be given to schoolchildren along with crayons and a breadfruit tree seedling. See attached report.

Bihari Relief Nepal – update - Dave Johnson

David updated the group on Bihari Relief and explained the positive affiliation with Al-Falah. After telling the story of this sad situation of a genocide of the Bihari people which has resulted in 200,000 refugees being trapped in refugee camps since 1971. In spite of an enormous

amount of effort to alleviate illiteracy and other problems in the camp, and almost getting to the point of being able to apply for a Global Grant and to expend monies collected previously to assist these people, the Dhaka Rotary Club in Bangladesh has decided against collaboration with BNMC. Suggestions were made to connect through DG Marlee with the area DG in Bangladesh to intervene as possible.

The organization Al-Falah Bangladesh was formed in June 1981 to take over the Dhaka Camps project from an NGO HEED Bangladesh. It is registered with the NGO Affairs Bureau of Bangladesh. This is a non-political, non-religious, non-profit social welfare and development NGO. Al-Falah Bangladesh is the only registered NGO in Bangladesh, which has pledged in its Constitution to work for the Urdu speaking Bangladeshi citizens to rehabilitate them socially and economically in the mainstream of the society by improving their quality of life and increasing their access to education, skill, health, economic opportunities and cultural activities. The mass of this Urdu-speaking community lost the privileges of social living being the worst victims of political and historical developments in 1971 that downgraded their social, cultural and economic status from top to bottom level. Since its foundation, Al-Falah has been delivering health services in Geneva Camp through its project Al-Falah Model Clinic. The other significant project is Community Development Centre (CDC), which established Foundation schools and sponsorship program for the camp based Urdu-speaking poor male and female students to continue their education from pre-primary to Master Degree level. Another project is for skill development. Under this project, community students are being trained on basic computer literacy.

Candelaria Phillippines – update - Doug Johnson

After providing water to three villages, this effort has moved on to providing equipment s for students receiving practical vocational skills training. The Welland Club has raised \$56,000 in a month and will combine that money to reach a goal of \$102,000 with grants from Rotary 7090 and the Canadian Government. Doug noted that the Candelaria Rotarians also actually assist when it comes to digging the wells and placing pipes for transport of water. Doug also explained that his ability to travel to the sites and monitor the work is a benefit of his workplace. See attached photographs.

Pakistan Literacy Program – Sabih Uddin

At the request of DG Marlee, Sabih gave a brief overview of the program that Sabih spearheaded. This program has enabled many Pakistani children to learn basic reading skills in the short space of four months. Sabih has a video to share if more information is needed.

New Business:

Buffalo Rotary Club Library Project – introduction – Laurie Albertsson

Laurie explained a project that has been three years in the works. She gave a number of statistics that described the plight of low income children in Buffalo – 61% of children from low income families do not have books in their homes for children. From grades K-3 reading skills decrease and there is a low graduation rate from high school for these disadvantaged children. There is a strong need to increase the points of access for books to read. The Library project has a \$175,000 budget. Buffalo Rotary is seeking a Global Grant and may have partner Rotary Clubs in Brazil and Ambala, India. The plan is to renovate children's reading areas in nine Buffalo city

libraries. Additionally, the project features a Rotary Reads Club that will involve Rotarians from the Buffalo Club reading to children. Reading Boxes (similar to a Mobile Library, but stationary) that will allow children to borrow books will be at several sites. Buffalo Public Library will select appropriate reading materials.

A motion was made that the ISC recommend to the District Council that the Buffalo Rotary Club Library Project be approved for club-to-club solicitation. Motion made by DG Marlee Diehl and seconded by John DePaolo. The motion was unanimously approved.

Project Peanut Butter – Pakistan – introduction Najeeb Syed

Najeeb alerted the committee to the severe crisis of malnutrition for infants and small children in Pakistan. 450,000 children die each year because they lack enough healthy food. Those who survive are often stunted developmentally. Half of these children could be saved through RUTF or Ready To Use Therapeutic Food. This food is a tasty combination of peanut butter, milk powder, sugar and micronutrients. RUTF can bring children back from the edge of starvation in 8-12 weeks.

The potential project is to produce RUTF locally. Working with the NGO H.E.L.P. and possibly UNICEF to distribute the food, the project has a good chance of success. Already \$25,000 of the \$100,000 project cost has been pledged.

The Rotary Club of Karachi Pakistan is interested in partnering in this effort.

Najeeb will keep ISC updated on this possible international service project going forward.

Marlene Stone - Akron Central School SOFTBALL TEAM COLLECTING GEAR FOR DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Marlene, who is a softball coach at Akron Central High School, introduced four young women from her team. She described a project that the team undertook recently with a school in the Dominican Republic. U.S. schools have an abundance of good, usable but outdated equipment. The team gathered this equipment and reached out to other public school softball teams in WNY. Soon, the equipment and school supplies poured in and was stored at Perry's Ice Cream warehouse. Eventually, there was enough to fill a Perry's 18 wheeler. The equipment was transported to Niagara Falls Air Force Base and then flown to the Dominican Republic. Marlene and the four students who joined this meeting, visited the school in D. R. The girls and their coach worked with the female players there on how to use the equipment and work on their softball skills. The next steps for this impressive group is to collect sneakers for ball players, to hold safety training for coaches regarding concussions, and to provide AED's for some teams there and perhaps to get involved with Trees That Feed. The students showed a fascinating video about their work and all the committee members were impressed.

Tagum City, Phillipines - Rotary club project opportunities – status update John DePaolo

John shared information on the Tagum Food Bank and indicated that while that initial project may not be viable there is an urgent need for good kitchen equipment. A suggestion was made that maybe there could be some coordination with the vocational training programs for schools. See attached equipment needs report.

Announcements:

- Gordon Cran noted that the E Club is discussing the possibility of a Global Grant with the E Club of Toronto.
- DG Marlee reported on a walk she took today with Roy Sheldrick. It was Hamilton's 13th annual Haiti Walk for Water. This was a 5 K children's' walk which raised an impressive \$23,000. Wednesday March 22 is International Water Wells Day.

Next meeting of the International Service Committee Meeting is Wednesday May 10 at 6 p.m. at the:
Best Western Heart of Niagara Conference Center
2 North Service Road - St. Catharines ON. L2N 4G9

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Ochterski, ISC Secretary

District 7090 Finance Committee
District Council Meeting
April 8, 2017

Over the past two months the District Finance Committee has meet with directors and program chairs to formulate the 2017-2018 District budget. The expenses of the District are based on the services the District provides to the clubs. In turn the clubs use the programs and events developed by the District to carry out their object of doing good in the world. The club Presidents-elect have been sent this proposed budget on March 6, 2017. The presidents-elect will vote to accept this budget at the Club Leadership Training day on May 6, 2017.

The budget is made up of several parts: direct services, insurance, and club President-elect training. All of the categories are assessed to the clubs based on the number of members in the club as presented by the club in their annual report.

The direct services portion of the budget includes events which are organized by the District and are paid for by fees collected per attendee at the event or program. These events are considered to be at break even. The several events include District Conference, District Foundation dinner, RYLA weekend, Slap Shot, Club leadership training (Assembly), Rotary Leadership Institute, and all training programs for Assistant Governors, committee chairs, and club officers.

The other services include administration, committees, and training. Typical administration expenses include communications, newsletters, District directory on line, council and committee meetings, and District office expenses. Under committee activities are membership, training for grants, youth programs, on-line meetings, and auditing of expenses. Training expenses cover printing, and mainly district leadership officer travel, lodging and meals at Rotary Zone training meetings.

The proposed budget for all the above services is proposed at \$79,150, approximately \$3,000 less that the 2015-16 proposed budget. The assessment per member remains the same next year as the 2015-16 amount because the number of members has declined by 140, thus raising the per member assessment. The cost of insurance coverage for Canadian clubs is higher than the US assessment because the US clubs pay their liability insurance directly to Rotary International. The final dues cost to clubs is proposed to be \$49.28 per Rotarian for the US clubs and \$55.43 per Canadian member clubs. In addition the clubs will pay \$100 for additional club President-elect training.

The complete proposed budget is on line at District Operations/District Council.

Wallace Ochterski, PDG
Chair

Committee: Jack Amico, PDG, Rino Bidenti, Dist Treasurer-elect, Kevin Crosby, PDG Marlee Diehl, DG, Reg Madison, DGE Karen Oakes, PDG, Mike Prinzbach, Dist Treasurer, Melisa Schrock, DGN