



DISTRICT 7070 NEWSLETTER  
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Thank you !!!

My Fellow Rotarians,

I must begin by saying that during my year I was very blessed to have my family and close friends that essentially took this ride with me. None of us work alone in life and such was true during my year. I give my heartfelt thanks to those special people in my life. Their strength and support fueled me with inspiration, pride and focus.

This has been an incredibly exciting and involved year which subsequently has flown by. While the year is basically over, it has been an interesting journey for me in working with all of you. Each District Governor comments on the gratifying relationships developed during the term and it begins with visiting each Club and the vast number of energetic and committed members within each Club. This for me was one of the key highlights. This has allowed me to know many of you even better than before and my thought of Rotarians in District 7070 being the best in the Rotary world has been solidified; not surprisingly.

We all set goals and objectives for the year. From the excellent results being recorded to date, it is obvious your activities were instrumental in achieving most of your original goals set.

On the membership side, we are currently recording a net increase of 40 members bringing our total numbers to 2,019. We also celebrated the formation of two new Rotary Clubs, being the Rotary Club of Toronto Danforth and the Rotary Club of Toronto Bay-Bloor, bringing our total to 56 Clubs in the District.

In addition, we also added two more Rotaract Clubs this year. The first was the Richmond Hill Rotaract Club sponsored by the Rotary Club of Richmond Hill and second was the Rotaract Club of Ryerson University sponsored by the Rotary Club of Toronto. On the Interact side, we added three clubs this year. They were the CFLI Interact Club sponsored by the Rotary Club of Richmond Hill, the Jean Vanier Catholic Secondary School Interact Club sponsored by the Rotary Club of Scarborough and the Richview Collegiate Interact Club sponsored by the Rotary Club of Toronto West.

Your support of The Rotary Foundation and the PolioPlus program has been superb this year under the stewardship of our District Rotary Foundation Chair, Bill Patchett. We have surpassed our overall goal of \$1 million and based on your efforts and generous giving, we will continue to be one of Canada's leading Districts. Thank you all for your generosity.

A large event during my year was the District Conference held last October. We had a substantial and in-depth program with the theme REV UP ROTARY and three sub themes being Re-Ignite, Re-Charge and Re-Imagine. Using three Harley Davidson motorcycles as props to push the theme, we had speakers that were engaging and captivating as they covered the sub themes. And who will forget Morgan Weinburg, the speaker who touched our hearts as she spoke about the work she was doing with children in Haiti. And Joe Roberts that was part of the optional activity on the Sunday with his Push for Change walk across Canada.

A huge thank you to my District Conference Organizing Committee headed up by the Chair, Sandie Butterill. Sandie worked tirelessly to co-ordinate and keep us all on track and with her vast professional experience and skill, she did a top-notch job and we all know that we couldn't have done it without her. The entire team worked hard logging in long hours to make the conference the amazing success it was. Your positive feedback following the conference was very much appreciated by the Committee.

We have a cohesive, skilled and energetic District Team and I provide my profound gratitude and appreciation to all for their support and guidance during the year. They are the District Executive, the Assistant District Governors, the District Committee Chairs, and the 56 Club Presidents who worked together to make 2016-17 the success it was. Also, a special thanks to those Past District Governors that provided support for me during the year.

I also provide a huge thank you to two very special people that provided me with excellent support over the year. They are Past RI President Wilf Wilkinson and Past RI Vice-President and Past Trustee Dr. Bob Scott.

There was some sadness as well during the year. Unfortunately, we lost several of our members and their contributions to Rotary will be sorely missed. As Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "It is not the length of life, but depth of life".

It has been an honour and pleasure to serve you this Rotary year. Your support throughout the whole year was amazing and very much appreciated.

I am looking forward to 2017-18 with continued support for District Governor Neil Phillips. Neil will do a great job at the helm. This past year's theme **Rotary Serving Humanity** was the time to capitalize on prior successes and catapult Rotary forward to be an even greater force for good in the world. This coming year, it is **Rotary: Making a Difference** knowing that the work we do will change people's lives for the better.

Let's celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> with great pride.

Yours in Rotary,

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Jim Louttit  
District Governor 2016-17

## June 25, 2017 District Governor Jim Louttit's Reception

District Governor Jim Louttit hosted a year end reception on June 25, 2017 at the Scarborough Golf Club for the District 7070 Club Presidents (current and Incoming) and for the District Advisory Board. He thanked and recognized many clubs and Rotarians for their outstanding contributions to Rotary during his year as District Governor.

He thanked everyone of the hard working Rotarians in District 7070. He noted that we are in good shape as we come to the end of this Rotary year. He thanked the Governor team, Past District Governor Michael Bell, District Governor Elect Neil Phillips, District Governor Nominee Mary Lou Harrison and District Governor Nominee Designate Beth Selby for all of their assistance this past year. The job of District Governor would not be possible without the dedicated efforts of our Assistant District Governors, and DG Michael thanked them all for all they have done this year as well.

He added that all of our Assistant Governors, his executive team, and the District 7070 committees made significant strides this past year. There are two individuals above all the rest that made the biggest difference for Jim this year: our District Executive Secretary, Bob Wallace and our District Treasurer, Devon Biddle, he thanked them both for all of their hard work and dedication this Rotary year.

With many of the Awards and Citations deadlines not completed until June 30, District Governor Jim and District Governor Elect Neil decided that they would be presented early in the next Rotary year.

But District Governor Jim did have one award to present – **Rotarian Spouse/Partner Award**. DG Jim noted that this award is very select. Only 50 will be presented this year world-wide. And the award is based solely on the humanitarian service that the spouse/partner has done.

Past President Linda Raney of the Whitby Sunrise Rotary Club introduced the awardee and commented on all of the awardee's accomplishments in humanitarian service. She was on a NID (National Immunization Day) eradicating polio in India a few years ago, but her real service to humanity has been her work on the bio sand filter project in the Dominican Republic, which with the filters, provide clean water to many impoverished areas in the Dominican Republic.

Congratulations to Karen Thompson, the wife of our past District Governor Brian Thompson on a well deserved award.



L to R: Linda Raney, Karen Thompson, DG Jim Louttit



L to R: Linda Raney, PDG Brian Thompson; Karen Thompson, Patti Wright (RC Toronto West - part of the Bio Sand Filter Project with Karen)

Patti Wright (Toronto West) , who appears in the photo on the right, accompanied Karen on a fact-finding mission to the Dominican Republic in March to learn more about what Karen and Whitby Sunrise do down there, and to see if there might be a potential way that her club could participate. Patti was President of Toronto West during Brian's year as Governor – that's how he got to know her, as did Karen. Patti also participated in the same Polio National Day of Immunization trip to India that year as Brian and Karen.

Linda Raney (Past President of Whitby Sunrise and a Spirit of Rotary Award Winner for her work with brittle bones kids from the Dominican Republic) has been a friend for many years. She and Karen have been in the Dominican Republic together and separately on various occasions for Rotary. Karen goes down almost annually for the water filter program, and she has been down 10 or 12 times in the last 15 years.

District Governor Jim concluded by saying that "It has been my honour to serve as your District Governor this year and we have had a wonderful year thank you for making it happen and together we look forward to an even better year in 2017-18 under District Governor Neil Phillips."

District Governor Elect Neil presented District Governor Jim with a bottle of Scapa, his favourite single malt from the Orkney Islands, and presented Jim with his Past District Governor Pin.

District Governor Elect Neil told everyone that he is there to assist clubs in any way possible. He was very excited about 2017-18 with our year end party, The 2018 Rotary International Convention with already over 13,000 registrants, and looked forward to seeing everyone at the District Conference in November at the White Oaks Conference Centre.

Here are a few photos of District Governor Jim Louttit's Year..... a look back at some of the memories



DG Jim with RI President John Germ and his wife Judy



DG Jim always with the Rotary Theme Tie



CP Giri and DG Jim Revving Up Rotary at the District Conference



DG Jim & Captain Rotary at the Microfinance Booth at Atlanta





DG Jim Revving Up Rotary at the District Conference



DG Jim at a District Club Presidents' Meeting



DG Jim at the District Conference



DG Jim and past RI President Wilf Wilkinson at the Charter Night of the RC of Toronto Danforth



DG Jim & Rotarian Marilyn at the RI Convention in Atlanta



DG Jim & Aziz Saleh at the RI Convention in Atlanta



DG Jim with Gene Burns, Past RI Pres Wilf, at Scarborough Rotary Club for Presentation of the Wilf Wilkinson Peace Award to Dr Paul Caulfield. on the Right: PDG Michael Bell



DG Jim Presenting Charter Certificate to President Jim at Toronto Bay-Bloor Charter Ceremony





Past President Micheal, new Rtn Irshad, President Mandy and DG Jim at Induction Ceremony



DG Jim and Rtn Jim Gordon, Cobourg receiving Rotary 50 Year Service Letter



DG Jim and Past RI President Gary Huang in Atlanta



DG Jim with RCMP Officer in Atlanta – See you in Toronto in 2018



President CP, DG Jim and Rtn Raj in Atlanta



Rtn Bill Stirling, Oshawa Club and DG Jim - 50 Rotary Year Letter Presentation



Welcome to DG Neil and Thank You to PDG Jim – Rotary District 7070 is in Good Hands