



**Rotary**  
District 7070



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**Thank you !!!**

My Fellow Rotarians,

It is a bittersweet moment for me as I write this final report as your District Governor. I want to thank each and every Rotarian in District 7070 for the kindness and support that you have shown to both Jo- Ann and I over this past year. I also want to thank you for all that you have done to advance the causes of Rotary in making our world a better place in which to live. Together we have been and continue to “Be A Gift to the World” as Rotary International President Ravi Ravindran has asked. In addition, you have been and continue to be the change that you want to see in the world, our district theme for 2015-16.

A personal note of thanks goes out to our District Secretary, Bob Wallace, District Treasurer Devon Biddle, the Governor Team, our 15 Assistant District Governors, our 54 club Presidents and committee chairs for all of their hard

work on behalf of our District and clubs this past Rotary year.

We have moved our District forward this year in Rotary by adding 6 net new members, 17 of our clubs receiving the Presidential Citation, 30 of our clubs receiving the new Foundation Citation, 6 with distinction, 42 of our members receiving the new Leadership Recognition and our clubs embracing Rotary Club Central moving from 4% participation at the beginning of the year to over 77% participation by years end.

Well done and thank you.

Your support of our Rotary Foundation and our Polio Plus program under the leadership of Bill Patchett continues to set new records with our total for the year over \$650,000.00. Congratulations and my heartfelt thanks to all of you for helping to make this a reality.

We added 2 new Interact Clubs this year, the Interact Club of Precious Blood Catholic High School sponsored by the Rotary Club of North Scarborough and the Interact Club of Richmond Hill sponsored by the Rotary Club of Richmond Hill. Plus we added one new Rotaract Club, the District 7070 Rotaract Club sponsored by the Rotary Club of Toronto Sunrise.

A new initiative for our district this year was the establishment of 2 new Inter Country Committees, one with Egypt and the second with Italy. ICC's promote contact between clubs and districts in two or more countries and increase fellowship and intercultural understanding among peoples of various nations. Past Rotary International President Wilf Wilkinson supports this initiative because as he said, "in order for there to be peace, we need to get to know each other and in order to get to know each other, we have to meet".

My thanks goes out to District Conference Chair Paul Roeser and his committee for the countless hours of preparation in order for our 2015 District 7070 to become a great success this past year.

I could not finish this report without mentioning the outpouring of love and support that you gave when you attended our Salute to Bill & Delphine Patchett. I said at the time that this is a love in and all of you who were in attendance know that this was an event that none of us will ever forget. Again, thank you Bill & Delphine. We love you both and thank you for your example of service above self.

My final thanks goes to all of the District 7070 Rotarians who have gone before us as they have laid the foundation upon which we can grow and thrive and continue to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

Let us continue to move forward into the new year with District Governor Jim Louttit, Rotary International President John Germ and Rotary Serving Humanity.

Yours in Rotary Service,

*Michael*

Michael Bell  
District Governor 2015-2016

## June 22, 2016 District Governor Michael Bell's Reception

DG Michael hosted a reception on June 22, 2016 at the Oshawa Golf and Curling Club for the District 7070 Club Presidents (current and Incoming) and for the District Advisory Board and other award recipients as District Governor Michael 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 Brian Thompson, District Governor Elect Jim Louttit, District Governor Nominee Neil Phillips and District Governor Nominee Designate Mary Lou Harrison for all of their assistance this past year. The job of District Governor would not be possible without the dedicated efforts of our 15 Assistant District Governors, and DG Michael thanked them all for all they have done this year as well. He added that all of our committees made significant strides this past year and especially our Membership Committee under Virginia O'Reilly, the Foundation Committee under Bill Patchett, the Foundation Grants Committee under Lars Henriksson, and Youth Exchange Committee under Larry Wright. There are two individuals above all the rest that made the biggest difference for Michael 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.

In addition to President Ravi Ravindran's Theme "Be A Gift To The World", DG Michael also had a theme for the 2015-16 Rotary Year: "Be the change that you want to see in the world". At the start of this Rotary year we talked about change, many of you embraced the concept of change and others not so much...He quoted "Einstein said that...you can't solve a problem with the same mind that created it." DG Michael said that we have to move from the problem side of the equation to the solution side of the equation. In speaking with Past District Governor Ted Koziel, Ted commented that he liked the term "adapt" instead of "change". To Michael, the word change is on the problem side of the equation and adapt is on the solution side of the equation. He offered all Rotarians some excellent advice - If you struggle with change then I suggest that you look at the opportunity to adapt.

District Governor Michael detailed his thanks to the many Rotarians and Rotary Clubs and his words can be viewed in his "Thank you" letter to all Rotarians, in the first 2 pages of this newsletter.

He 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 2016-17 under District Governor Jim Louttit."

Before presenting all of the awards for the 2015-16 Rotary year, District Governor Michael closed his speech by relating a short story. When Michael attended the District Governor training in San Diego in January of 2015, he was at a luncheon with our incoming RI President Ravi Ravindran and his table was hosted by the 1919-92 President of RI, R.K. Saboo and his wife Usha. He was seated next to Usha, a very wise individual in Michael's humble opinion and he wanted to pass on to all Rotarians something that she told him that day. "When you gift of your time in service... you touch lives when you gift of your resources ...you uplift lives. When you give of your time and your resources with love and compassion... you become "A Gift to the World".

District Governor Michael was then very ably assisted by his wife Jo-Ann and together, they handed out all of the awards.

### **The Austin Bodie Singing Trophy:**

This is awarded to the club with the best record for singing. Judging is by the District Governor on his or her visits to the clubs. Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Belleville.

### **The Club Bulletin Plaque :**

Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Cobourg for a consistently outstanding weekly bulletin as judged by the District Governor.

### **The Ed Storie District Conference Award:**

This award will be given to the club that has the best percentage attendance at the District Conference. Congratulations to the Rotary Club under 25 members - Toronto Don Mills; to the Rotary Club with 26 to 50 members – Toronto Eglinton, and to the Rotary Club with more than 50 members - Rotary Club of Toronto..

**The District 7070 Public Relations Award:**

This award will be given to the club that has the best strengthened their Public Image went to the Rotary Club of Scarborough and the Scarborough Renewal Program.

**The Oddy Robinson Memorial Bell Award:**

This award will be given to the club that contributes most to inter-club fellowship goes to the Rotary Clubs in Scarborough: The Rotary Clubs of Agincourt, North Scarborough, Scarborough, Scarborough Bluffs, and Scarborough Twilight.

**The Tibor Gregor Community Service Award:**

This award will be given to the Rotary Clubs of Toronto and Uxbridge for the playground equipment for the Neskantaga community in Northern Ontario.

**The District 7070 Youth Services Award:**

This award will be given to the club that has exemplified outstanding service to youth through Rotaract, Interact, Earlyact, RYLA and Youth Exchange went to The Rotary Club of Courtice.

**Presidential Citation Awards**

District Governor Micahel then handed out the Presidential Citation Awards, on behalf of Rotary International President Ravi Ravindran to Interact , Rotaract and Rotary clubs in District 7070 who met their goals, as set out in the Presidential Citation guidelines.:

**Interact Clubs:**

The 5 Interact Clubs who received this highly sought after award were Clarington, Cobourg Collegiate Institute East, Etobicoke Collegiate Institute in Toronto, St. Theresa Lisieux Catholic High School in York Region, and Father Bressani High School in Woodbridge.

**Rotaract Clubs:**

The 2 Rotaract Clubs who received this highly sought after award were the Rotaract Clubs of Toronto and York University.

**Rotary Clubs;**

The Rotary Clubs who received this highly sought after award were as follows:

5 at the Bronze level: the Rotary Clubs of Rotary Club of Alliston, Bowmanville, Northumberland Sunrise and York.

2 at the Sivler Level: The Rotary Clubs of Brighton and Willowdale.

10 at the GOLD Level: The Rotary Clubs of Cobourg, Courtice, Etobicoke, North Scarborough, Quinte Sunrise, Toronto, Toronto Sunrise, Toronto West, Whitby Sunrise, and Wodbridge.

Congratulations to all of the Clubs who received the Presidential Citation. Be sure to start on the new Presidential Citation for the 2016-17 Rotary Year, today, and visit [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) and download this year's citation criteria with pamphlet <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/document/2016-17-presidential-theme-and-citation-brochure-john-f-germ-2016-17-ri-president> . Clubs that are growing stronger, creating positive change in our communities, and enhancing our public image deserve recognition. The Presidential Citation is one way to acknowledge their work. Deadline to achieve all goals: June 30, 2017.

**District 7070 Rotary Foundation Citation:**

The District 7070 Foundation Citation is awarded annually to each Rotary Club in District 7070 that meets the following requirements:

**Compulsory:**

Each club may fundraise or have members contribute to reach the following targets by May 31st of the fiscal Rotary year.: 1. EREY - # active members on July 1st X \$100.00 and 2. Polio Plus - # active members on July 1st X \$20.00

and must complete 3 of the 5 following:

1. minimum 2 club members to attend and contribute to the Foundation Walk annually (not part of EREY or Polio Plus);
2. hold a club meeting on the Rotary Foundation annually (preferably in November, Foundation Month);
3. net increase of 1 or more club members annually to the number of current club members enrolled in either the Paul Harris Society, Major Donor, Bequest Society or Benefactor;
4. Club President & Foundation Chair (or their representatives) to attend the President's Club Foundation Dinner (November);
5. the club applies for or participates in a District or Global Grant in the current or immediately previous Rotary year.

AND:

Any club that completes all 5 in conjunction with the compulsory first 2 items will receive the District 7070 Foundation Citation with Distinction.

The 24 Rotary Clubs that received this new **Foundation Citation** this year were: Alliston, Belleville, Brighton, North York, Northumberland Sunrise, Oshawa, Parkdale High Park, Picton, Port Hope, Quinte Sunrise, Richmond Hill, Scarborough Twilight, Stirling, Toronto, Toronto Don Mills, Toronto East, Toronto Humber, Toronto Leaside, Toronto Skyline, Toronto Sunrise, , Uxbridge, Rotary Club of Whitby, Woodbridge and York..

The 6 Rotary Clubs that received this new **Foundation Citation WITH DISTINCTION** this year were: Agincourt, Cobourg, Etobicoke, Oshawa-Parkwood, Toronto West, and Whitby Sunrise.

#### **District 7070 Literacy Award With Distinction:**

District 7070 Literacy Chair, Dennis Bailey handed out the District 7070 Literacy Award With Distinction to 2 Rotary Clubs: Belleville, Port Perry and Woodbridge.

#### **The Doug Dempsey Literacy Award:**

The District 7070 Rotary Club or individual Rotarian that exhibits the best examples of a project(s) designed to promote domestic and/or international literacy. Congratulations to Sharon McConnell and to Elizabeth Grew of the Rotary Club of Belleville.

#### **The Council of Past District Governors Trophy:**

This trophy is awarded annually to the Rotarian of the District who has made the greatest service contribution during the preceding Rotary year. District Governor Nominee Designate Mary Lou Harriosn presented the award to Maureen Bird of the Rotary Club of Toronto.

#### **The Les Faludy Leadership Award:**

This award is made to the club President who, in the judgment of the District Governor, provided the most outstanding leadership during the preceding Rotary year. Congratulations to 2 Rotarians this year: President Beth Selby of the Cobourg Rotary Club and to President Jack Fleming of the Etobicoke Rotary Club.

#### **District 7070 Citation for Meritorious Service Award:**

This award goes to Rotarians who have shown exceptional service and support of committees at the club and District level and/or District 7070 International grants or programs; This year we have 3 recipients.

Past District Governor presented the award to Lynn Bird of the Rotary Club of Newmarket

District Governor Mickael Bell presented the award to Dr. Aldo Boccia of the Rotary Club of Toronto Earls court

Past District Secretary Gael Moore presented the award to Tom Sears of the Rotary Club of Northumberland Sunrise

## **District 7070 Leadership Award**

This recognition is to be handed out annually by the District Governor in the form of a Pin that recognizes the leadership of a District Rotarian having completed the following three criteria by May 31st of the current Rotary year. The ADG's in consultation with the club President's will provide a list of qualified Rotarians to the District Governor. The awardees must:

1. The Rotarian practices wearing their Rotary pin every day.
2. The Rotarian brings one new member into Rotary by May 31st of the current Rotary year.
3. The Rotarian makes a personal donation (of any amount) to our Rotary Foundation by May 31st of the current Rotary year.

Of the 2,050 Rotarians in District 7070, this Leadership Award went to only 42 Rotarians; (the Rotary Club name - the awardee) :

Rotary Club of Belleville: David Allen, Len Kennedy, John Sherratt and Adam Zegouras

Rotary Club of Brighton: Victoria Parker, Ted Harp and Chris Reed

Rotary Club of Etobicoke: Donna Cansfield, Jack Fleming, Mary Grogan, Michael Lu, Ron Miller and Liz Read

Rotary Club of Northumberland Sunrise: Linda Givelas, David Houston, Susan Luyendyk, Doug McCann and Karen Trizzino

Rotary Club of Oshawa Parkwood: Lennis Trotter

Rotary Club of Picton: Robert Bird, and Leo Finnegan

Rotary Club of Quinte Sunrise: Gord Leverton

Rotary Club of Scarborough: Donna Woden

Rotary Club of Scarborough Bluffs: Dexter Gonsalves

Rotary Club of Stirling: John Brewster, and Darcy McGroarty

Rotary Club of Toronto : Steve Dulmage

Rotary Club of Toronto Leaside Peter Bennett, George Hurst and Ric Hill

Rotary Club of Toronto West: Patti Wright

Rotary Club of Trenton: Kurt Gregoir, Joan Jeffrey, Dow Lake, Steve Manuel, and Wilf Wilkinson

Rotary Club of Whitby Sunrise: Terry Caputo, Brian Thompson

Rotary Club of Woodbridge: Angelina Faraone Viji Leger

District Governor Michael Bell reminded all Rotarians that since entries do not close until June 30, 2016 the following 2 awards will be presented next Rotary year:

### **Wilf Wilkinson Peace Award**

This award is made to a Rotarian, Rotary Club or a friend of Rotary who, in the judgment of the District Governor, made a significant contribution to defending, preserving, nurturing and promoting a culture of peace and non violence

### **Bob Scott Disease Prevention Award**

This award is made to a Rotarian, Rotary Club or a friend of Rotary who, in the judgment of the District Governor, made a significant contribution to disease prevention and treatment in Rotary District 7070 and beyond.

All of the photos of the 2015-16 District Awards are on the [District website](#) and [Facebook pages](#). Enjoy them

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









