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District Governor's
Newsletter
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Rotary Serving Humanity

My Fellow Rotarians,

We are now into March and Spring is upon us during this Water and Sanitation Month. For those of you involved with water projects, your mantra is that clean water is a basic need for human beings; that when people have access to clean water, they live a healthier and more productive life.

But what happens when clean water is not available? At least 3,000 children die each day from diseases caused by unsafe water; a Global tragedy.

While we Rotarians strive to do tremendous work throughout the world, we need to motivate our members even more to build wells, install rainwater harvesting systems, and teach community members how to maintain new infrastructure. Done properly, communities in undeveloped countries will benefit and receive health, education and prosperity through safe water, sanitation and hygiene.

February was another busy month with the energized Club Presidents Elect starting their training for 2017-18 on February 4 to get ready for their year. This was followed by the Foundation Qualification Seminar on February 11 for Clubs to be able to apply for important District and Global Grants this coming Rotary year. Then on February 13, our District Governor for 2019-20 was selected. Elizabeth (Beth) Selby from the Rotary Club of Cobourg is very much looking forward to her role and I know you will welcome her with open arms during her demanding term. We also had a District Advisory Board meeting and Presidents meeting during the month. We ended the month with a successful Membership Seminar on February 25.

Last, but not least, check out Page 17 of the Newsletter. Because of the Twinship of the Rotary Club of Woodbridge and the Rotary Club of Valle del Salso in District 2110 (Italy) last July, the editor of La Nuova Voce del Rotary from District 2080 (Italy) who visited Toronto along with members of the Valle del Salso Club did an interview with me. The story was about my role as District Governor, my involvement in Microfinance globally and some detail of my involvement working in Microfinance in Honduras.

Yours in Rotary,

Jim

District Governor Jim Louttit at jvlrotary@gmail.com



From District Governor Elect Neil Phillips

My Fellow Rotarians,



I am looking forward to the Multi District Presidents Elect training Seminar this weekend and really looking forward to working with your Presidents-Elect to help them achieve your Club goals for the next Rotary year.

A large contingent (about 118 so far) of Rotarians from our District is going down to the convention in Atlanta. Not only is it the Rotary Foundation's centennial – but we'll be there *en masse* to support the Toronto2018 booth. This is the “official” kick-off for our own convention. Our Zone Dinner at the aquarium (I'll be there) still has space:

<http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50077/SitePage/beyond-borders-dinner-atlanta> Many of the hotels are booked out solid – so if you're planning on going, reserve a hotel quickly. Rotarian Mary Lach had a few left from a second block held for our district. Contact her directly if interested (mlach@sunsations.com).

More information and registration links for the convention can be found here:

<http://www.riconvention.org/>

Reminder: Register for the 2017 District 7070 Conference now to get a great earlybird discount. Held in Niagara-on-the-Lake, you'll especially want to book your room at White Oaks – before they sell out. All info can be found from the district website, or the following link: <http://rotary7070conference.org/>

In the meantime, there's plenty still to be done this year! Please continue to support this year's club President and our District Governor Jim as we continue to do good in the world through the Rotary Foundation and , work on this year's Presidential Citation as we strive to support Rotary International President John Germ's theme : Rotary Serving Himanity in 2016-17.

Yours In Rotary,

Neil

Neil Phillips District Governor Elect 2017-18 at NPhillips@dgn-marketing.com

Editor's Note: At “press time” there are 118 Rotarians and spouses registered for the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta. And you all know Rotary likes Contests. The Contests end April 30:

CONTEST 1 — Highest district registration rate in each zone*

In each zone, the governor of the district that has the highest percentage of members registered for the convention by April 30 will win:

- Two reserved seats at a general session at the 2017 Atlanta Convention
- Onstage recognition at a general session
- A group photo opportunity of all the winning governors with RI President John F. Germ and Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Kalyan Banerjee
- A certificate of recognition signed by Germ and Banerjee

CONTEST 2 — Highest district registration rate worldwide*

The governor of the one district in the world that has the highest percentage of members registered for the convention by April 30 will also win a special recognition photo taken with RI President John F. Germ, Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Kalyan Banerjee, and 2017 Atlanta Convention Committee Chair Barry Matheson.

CONTEST 3 — Highest rate of new registrations worldwide*

The governors of the three districts worldwide that have the highest percentage of members who register for the convention from January 20 through April 30 will win:

- Two reserved seats at a general session at the 2017 Atlanta Convention
- Onstage recognition at a general session
- A group photo opportunity of all the winning governors with RI President John F. Germ and Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Kalyan Banerjee
- A certificate of recognition signed by Germ and Banerjee

Let's make District 7070 proud. If you have not yet registered, there is still time. **REGISTER TODAY AT** <http://www.riconvention.org/en>

Rotary International President John Germ's Monthly Message – March 2017



Dear Fellow Rotarians:

Forty years ago, the Rotary Club of Duarte, Calif, admitted three women members, in violation of the Rotary International Constitution. As a result, the club's charter was terminated by RI.

Undeterred, the club's members continued to meet. They put an X over their Rotary insignia, made themselves new pins, and dubbed themselves the Ex-Rotary Club of Duarte as they continued to fight for the right of women to serve as Rotarians. Ten years later, a restored Rotary Club of Duarte sent Sylvia Whitlock, Rotary's first female club president, to a presidents-elect training seminar. Not long after that, in 1989, Rotary's Council on Legislation permanently ended Rotary's status as a men-only organization.

Today, with more than 240,000 women in our clubs, Rotary is stronger than ever. We are women and men from nearly every country of the world, serving our communities in more than 35,000 clubs. At the club level, we need men and women of all backgrounds, ages, cultures, and professions; internationally, we need clubs in every city, country, and region of the world. The better our clubs reflect their communities, the better we can serve them. Our diversity is our strength.

It is difficult for most of us to imagine today why anyone argued so strongly against the idea of women in Rotary. Looking back, I think that opposition came from a simple resistance to change. Rotarians loved Rotary the way it was and couldn't imagine it any other way.

We still love Rotary as much as we ever did. We love the friendships and connections we make there, and the ability Rotary provides us to serve humanity. We believe Rotary has tremendous value in our own lives and in the world at large. And we recognize, more than ever, that for Rotary to continue to grow, it needs to embrace the world it serves – in all of its diversity, all of its variety, and all of its evolving needs for service.

The Rotarians of today owe a debt of gratitude to the Rotarians of Duarte 40 years ago. Their determination, persistence, and enduring goodwill set the stage for the organization we have become: **Rotary Serving Humanity.**

John

John F. Germ

President, Rotary International

ON THE WEB: Speeches and news from RI President John F. Germ at www.rotary.org/officepresident



Rotary Foundation Chair, Kaylan Banerjee's Monthly Message - March 2017 - Your gift transforms lives

Dear fellow Rotarians,



When you give to The Rotary Foundation, you can be completely confident that your fellow Rotarians put those donations to work on life-changing projects in our six areas of focus. That confidence should inspire our continued support, especially when we consider the remarkable results.

In March, as we observe **Water and Sanitation Month**, let's take a closer look at how Rotarian-led projects are providing millions of people with access to clean water and adequate sanitation facilities. This area of focus has long been high on many Rotarians' service agendas, and for good reason - 663 million people do not have access to clean water, and one-third of the world's population live without access to a toilet.

Think about how different life would be if you had to spend hours each day fetching water or worry about the threat of dysentery, cholera, Guinea worm, and a host of other waterborne

diseases.

Our efforts in providing clean water have far-reaching effects. An estimated 10,000 clubs participate in water- and sanitation-related projects, with strong support from our Foundation. In 2015-16 alone, The Rotary Foundation provided \$19 million for global grants in this area of focus.

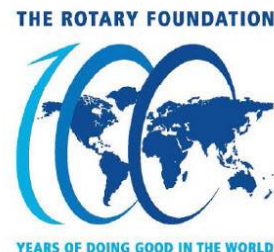
And that's just one of the six critically important issues that our Foundation is addressing today. In 2015-16, our Foundation provided \$76 million for all global grants, which also fight disease, save mothers and children, promote peace, support education, and provide economic opportunities to many people worldwide. Your gifts are what make this good work possible.

Our Foundation was conceived in 1917 to "**do good in the world**," and that is exactly what it has been doing for 100 years. To celebrate this milestone, I encourage all Rotarians to consider making a special centennial contribution to ensure that we continue our urgent and transformational work throughout the world.

Kaylan Banerjee

Kaylan Banerjee

Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair



District 7070 Rotary Foundation Chair, Bill Patchett's Monthly Message - March 2017

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Here we are in **March 2017**, and what better time than now, to ask **all** Rotarians to think about supporting our Rotary Foundation. You will be making a difference in so many ways throughout the world. Rotarians do make the world a better place.

Let me start by saying congratulations on a job well done! We have 50% of the clubs in District 7070 that have met their commitment for 2016-17. Some of you have gone far beyond your commitment.

Perhaps, the Presidents of the other clubs could talk to their Executive and Club members and bring their commitment to the point in which their goal meets the 100% mark by the end of June 2017.

I really am most appreciative of the 100% participation of our clubs. Many thanks. We are unique in this achievement.

Here is a reminder to everyone:

How many of you have entered your Club's objectives in to Rotary Club Central, for the 2016-17 Rotary Year yet? How much have you raised so far this Rotary year?

Has your Rotary Club committed, again this Rotary Year, to donating at least **\$20.00 PER Rotarian** to **PolioPlus**. Have your Club members made their donations? **Has everyone in your Club, this Rotary Year, made that came commitment to personally donate \$20.00 for the eradication of Polio?** How much have you raised so far this Rotary year? Again, this Rotary Year, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will match our contributions on a 2 for 1 basis. And we sure would like every Rotarian in District 7070 to do the same in 2016-17. Yes, we are very close! You are making a difference !

And I sure hope that your Rotary Club has **set your goal for contributing at least \$ 100.00 US for each member of your club for Annual Giving to the Annual Programs Fund of the Rotary Foundation**. I hope all District 7070 Clubs that **have** already made that commitment to the Rotary Foundation and I hope that all of you will keep up the good work to reach your goal. This is where we get our money for Grants. Last year, we did have 100% in commitments met. Has your Club made plans to make that donation yet? **Are your goals and plans in Rotary Club Central?**

If we want to reach our goal for this year and next, we would like to see \$ 100.00 US from every member, in every Rotary Club. This is our commitment to the **Every Rotarian Every Year Campaign** of the Rotary Foundation - EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year).

Our Rotary Foundation provides the money for our **Grants Program**. Thank you to PDG Lars Henriksen, our Grants Chair who conducted the 2017-18 Grants Qualification Seminar, on February 11, in Oshawa. We are ready to go for next year. The Grants can be used for both local and international projects. It is interesting to note that more of you are applying for Grants. This is most encouraging. On the other hand, these applications require us to raise more money for Foundation. Please encourage your Treasurer to send in your commitment. I would also encourage the Assistant District Governors to check on their clubs and their progress.

Are there any prospective **Major Donors** in the District? Please let me know if you or someone you know wishes to take this next step to support Our Rotary Foundation.

Many thanks to all of you for your support.

Bill

William R. Patchett 2016-17 District 7070 Rotary Foundation Chair
Past District Governor 7070 2006-2007 Past End Polio Now Coordinator Rotary International Zone 24
Email: patch@eagle.ca phone: 905-372-5271

Are You Preparing to celebrate The Rotary Foundation's centennial

A celebration of The Rotary Foundation centennial in 2016-17 officially kicked off in May at the Rotary Convention in Korea. Incoming leaders are already planning to lead their districts in the celebration. They received encouragement from last year's Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Ray Klingensmith during Rotary's annual training event in San Diego. [Watch a video about the centennial.](#)

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ROTARY FOUNDATION CENTENNIAL

The Rotary Foundation turns 100 in 2016-17 ! Our Foundation stands at the forefront of humanitarian service, having supported thousands of projects to provide clean water, fight disease, promote peace, and provide basic education — as well as the historic project dedicated to eradicating polio worldwide.

- [Learn more about the history of The Rotary Foundation](#)
- [Find information on how to celebrate and download resources](#)
- [Purchase centennial commemorative book, "Doing Good in the World"](#)

District 7070 Rotary Foundation 100th Anniversary Luncheon Celebration - Sunday May 7, 2017 – Noon to 4 pm

From Michael Bell , District 7070 Rotary Foundation Chair for 2017-18

My Fellow Rotarians,

Come and join us for a once in a lifetime event.

The 100th Anniversary of the Rotary Foundation Luncheon Celebration, featuring keynote speaker, Rotary International President Elect Ian Riseley.

Sunday May 7, 2017 from Noon until 4:00 pm at the Scarboro Golf & Country Club, 123 Scarborough Golf Club Rd., Scarborough, Ontario.

Please note: **There is a limit of 150 tickets for this event.**

This Million Dollar Luncheon is a celebration event designed to recognize all Arch Klumph Society, Major Donors and recent Bequest Society Members whose gifts or commitments are \$10,000.00 or greater. Our goal is to show that District 7070 is committed to our Rotary Foundation by raising a minimum of \$1 Million US Dollars in 2016-17.

Even if you are not a member of one of the above mentioned groups there is still a way for you to attend this exciting event as our guest:

- if you are or become, between July 1, 2016 and May 7, 2017, a member of the Arch Klumph Society, Major Donor, or Paul Harris Society, you will be our guest at this event.
- if you become a Benefactor or Bequest Society member between July 1, 2016 and May7, 2017, you will be our guest at this event.
- if you make a donation of \$200.00 US or more to the Polio Plus Program between July 1, 2016 and May 7, 2017, you will be our guest at the event.
- all donations between July 1, 2016 and May 7, 2017 earmarked for Polio Plus will be matched 5 to 1 from District Designated Funds up to a maximum of \$50,000 CDN
- if you are considering a gift to the Rotary Foundation and want further information please contact one of the following: Bill Patchett patch@eagle.ca, Carolyn Ferguson carolyn.ferguson@rotary.org, Michael Bel mjbell925@gmail.com

To the Club Presidents and Foundation Chairs: please present this invitation to your club members. You know that we need your assistance to make this dinner successful. Many thanks for your staunch support.

Beth Selby is our new District Governor Nominee Designate

From District Governor Jim Louttit

My Fellow Rotarians,

In accordance with Rotary International Bylaws and District Policy, the Nominating Committee for District 7070 (including PDG Bob Wallace, PDG Ted Koziel, PDG Brian Thompson, PDG Michael Bell and DG Jim Louttit) has selected our District Governor for the Rotary year 2019-20.



It is with great pleasure we announce that Ms. Elizabeth (Beth) Selby from the Rotary Club of Cobourg has been selected as our District Governor Nominee Designate for the remaining portion of this Rotary year. She will become District Governor Nominee for the year 2017-18, District Governor Elect for 2018-19 and then District Governor covering 2019-20.

Dr. Elizabeth Anne Selby, UE, OCT, BAsC, EdD

Beth became a Rotarian in 2004 when she joined the Rotary Club of Belleville. Upon retirement in July 2008, she transferred to The Rotary Club of Cobourg. She was President in 2015-2016 and is finishing six consecutive years on the Club's Board of Directors. She is currently an Assistant District Governor supporting the Rotary Clubs of Bowmanville, Oshawa, and Oshawa-Parkwood. She was the co-recipient of the 2016 Les Faludy Leadership Award. Although relatively new to Rotary, her involvement began in 1993 when she and her husband were Counsellors to an Inbound Youth Exchange student from Mexico. She refers to this experience as her 'Rotary Moment'.

Beth has almost thirty years' experience in public education. She was a secondary school teacher, program consultant, secondary school vice-principal and principal, and superintendent of education. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Guelph and completed her three degrees in education at the University of Toronto. Her Doctor of Education degree was conferred in 2005. She was a Faculty Advisor with Nipissing University supervising Teacher Candidates in both the Concurrent and Consecutive Bachelor of Education programs, and has also been a Supervisor of Teacher Interns with the University of New Brunswick.

Beth is very involved in her community of Cobourg, Ontario. In addition to being the immediate Past President of The Rotary Club of Cobourg, she is First Vice-Chair of the Northumberland Hills Hospital Board of Directors, and a member of the Northumberland YMCA Board of Directors.

Beth and her husband, Rotarian Barry Vail, live in Baltimore just north of Cobourg with their Miniature French Poodle, Clicquot. Sons, Jason and his three children live in St. Catharines, and Matthew, his wife and their daughter live in Whitby.

Please join us in congratulating Beth for taking on this important District role.

Yours in Rotary,

Jim

District Governor Jim Louttit at jvlrotary@gmail.com

Bill Gates to keynote 2017 Rotary International Convention

Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, will speak at this year's Rotary International Convention June 10-14 in Atlanta, Georgia, USA. The convention is expected to attract 40,000 Rotary club members from over 160 countries, and inject an estimated \$52.3 million into Atlanta's economy.

- [Read more about speakers](#)
- [Register](#)
- [Learn about host events](#)

A note from **John Germ**:

I am thrilled to announce that Bill Gates will be speaking this June at the [Rotary International Convention](#) in Atlanta. Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation have been working together on polio eradication for a long time, and our strong partnership will continue through the final years of the effort.

Bill and his wife, Melinda, in their much-anticipated [Annual Letter](#), released today, offer a glimpse of their appreciation for Rotary and the incredible progress we've made toward polio eradication through our joint effort with national governments, UNICEF, the World Health Organization, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. With the most effective resources in place, it's possible that we have seen, or soon will see, the last case of polio in history. At the convention, Bill will say more about how we can — and will — end polio together.

I hope you will join me and Bill at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, 10-14 June. This is one speaker you're not going to want to miss. [Register](#) now.

John

John F. Germ **President, Rotary International**

February 23, 2017 – Rotary's 112th Birthday - Recap

February 23 was Rotary's 112th Birthday. That day is also called **World Understanding and Peace Day**. On February 23, 1905, little did Paul Harris and his three friends realize what they were starting when they met in room 711 of the Unity Building in Chicago. We have come a long way, since then, but we still have a long way to go to achieve goodwill, peace, and understanding among all people of the world.

What did your Club do?

Look what was served at the Rotary Club of Ajax



Here's another: Were you at the **District 7070 Membership Seminar # 1** on Feb 25? Take a look: <https://www.facebook.com/rotary7070/videos/1352779241452576/>

7 steps to increase your club's Facebook presence

A Facebook page gives your club a voice on Facebook. With so much other “noise” on social media, there are several things you can do to raise your club's page above the distractions.

- [Read Melissa Ward's blog post](#)
- [Visit Rotary on Facebook](#)

How inclusive is your club?

Unconscious bias means that we are often not aware of the needs of others. We may be willing to adjust if someone asks, but we may not be proactive about thinking ahead, asking for advice and then communicating with people that we have considered their needs. Is your club practicing conscious inclusion?

- [Read Kate McKenzie's blog post](#)
- [Join a discussion of membership best practices](#)

Join In on The International Week of Service March 25 – 31, 2017

Dear fellow Rotarians,

Rotary will be partnering with other service organizations in an International Week of Service, 25-31 March 2017. All over the world, volunteers like you are working to improve their communities. In the spirit of Rotary Serving Humanity, I ask you to invite another local service group to volunteer with you. Information and resources for this event can be found at weekofservice.org. Visit the [International Week of Service 2017 Facebook event page](#) to RSVP and see what other clubs are planning.

Organizations participating in this event include: Lions Clubs International, Rotary International, Optimist International, Junior Chamber International, Kiwanis International, Moose International, Soroptimist, Y's Men International, Pilot International, and Sertoma Inc.

To participate, your club can work with one or more other area service groups to do something together for your community. They can join you in a pre-planned event, or you can plan a new event together. Find a fellow service organization in your community [here](#). Share your photos and videos at weekofservice.org, on the event page, and on social media using #weekofservice2017. To promote your activities locally, we've provided you with a [customizable press release](#).

This event will help us to promote all of our organizations, highlight membership opportunities, and reinforce the importance of doing good in the world. It's a chance for our volunteers to forge lasting relationships and creating the potential for future joint projects. Your participation will also achieve one of the service goals listed in my presidential citation.

I hope you'll join me in what promises to be a unique, important opportunity to better your community.

Sincerely,

John

John F. Germ

President, Rotary International

March is Water and Sanitation Month

What Is your Rotary Club doing to focus on Water and Sanitation in March 2017?

Clean water and sanitation is a human right. When people, especially children, have access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene, they lead healthier and more successful lives.

We don't just build wells and walk away. Rotary members integrate water, sanitation, and hygiene into education projects. When children learn about disease transmission and practice good hygiene, they miss less school. And they can take those lessons home to their families, expanding our impact.

[HOW ROTARY MAKES HELP HAPPEN](#)

Rotary has issued a global challenge to its members, asking them to work collectively to improve education quality and access — particularly for girls — by working with communities to improve teacher training, curriculum, and water, sanitation, and hygiene facilities.

[ROTARY'S TARGET CHALLENGE](#) to develop sustainable water, sanitation, hygiene (WASH), and education projects is being piloted in five countries: Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, India, and Kenya.

[ROTARY HAS PARTNERED WITH THE U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT](#) to implement sustainable, long-term projects to improve water supply, sanitation, and hygiene in the Dominican Republic, Ghana, and the Philippines.

Rotary makes amazing things happen, like:

- Strengthen the ability of communities to develop, fund, and maintain sustainable water and sanitation systems.
- Provide equitable community access to safe water, improved sanitation, and hygiene.
- Support programs that enhance communities' awareness of the benefits of safe water, sanitation, and hygiene.
- Support career-minded professionals' studies related to water and sanitation.
- Create tools and resources that facilitate, measure, and enhance high-quality water and sanitation projects worldwide..
- **\$ 24 - is all it takes to provide one person with safe water**
- **23 million people now have safe water because of Rotary**
- **21 million people have access to sanitation and hygiene thanks to Rotary projects**
- **2030 is the year Rotary hopes to finish providing everyone with safe water, sanitation, and hygiene**
- [Join Rotary](#) and help extend the flow of clean water to everyone.
- [Give now](#) to support a water project.
- [Rotary - Providing Clean Water](#)

[RESOURCES & REFERENCE](#)

- [See how our members are bringing clean water to the world in Rotary Showcase](#)
- [Find a project to support on Rotary Ideas](#)
- [Learn more about our WASH in Schools Target Challenge](#)
- [Apply for a UNESCO-IHE scholarship \(for water and sanitation professionals\)](#)
- [Learn more about our partners](#)

Scholarships available for advanced training in water solutions

The Rotary Foundation and UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education are offering up to 10 scholarships for graduate study at UNESCO-IHE's Delft campus in the Netherlands. The aim is to increase the number of trained professionals who can devise, plan, and implement water and sanitation solutions in developing areas.

- [Learn more about the scholarships](#)
- [Review the application toolkit](#)

Important Rotary Dates coming up:

- March 3-4** - **PETS 2 (President Elect Training Seminar)** in BMO Institute For Learning (IFL) , 3550 Pharmacy Avenue, Scarborough, Ontario M1W 3Z3
- March 7-13** - **World Rotaract Week**
- March 8** - **International Women's Day**
- March 25** - **Rotary District 7070 Membership Workshop PART 2** – At the Oshawa & District Shrine Club, 1626 Simcoe St N, Oshawa, ON L1G 4X9
- March 25-31** - **International Week of Service**
- April 8** - **Asistant District Governor and District Chair Training** - Oshawa Golf Club - Oshawa
- April 22** - **Rotary Leadership Institute** – Parts I, II and III at New Events Centre, Centennial College, 937 Progress Ave., Scarborough 8 am to 4 pm
- April 29** - **Rotary AIDS Walks** in Toronto and Belleville: go to <http://rotaryaidswalk.ca/>
- May 6** - **District 7070 Rotaract Conference** at York University:
<https://www.crsadmin.com/EventPortal/Registrations/PublicFill/EventPublicFill.aspx?evtid=d6fd18ab-a715-4c4d-b494-1deec703004a>
- May 13** - **District 7070 Training Assembly** - in BMO Institute For Learning (IFL) , 3550 Pharmacy Avenue, Scarborough, Ontario M1W 3Z3 - 8 am to 2 pm
- June 10-14** – **Rotary Intenrational Convention** – Atlanta, Georgia

Resources & reference for you to use in your Rotary Club

- [Rotary Voices: Stories of service from around the world](#)
- [Rotary Service Connections: Connect, partner and serve through Rotary](#)
- [Rotary Leader: Helping club and district officers achieve success](#)
- [Rotary Images: Download photos to use in your club or district publications](#)

Rotary at a Glance:

As of November 30, 2016, there are 1,227,217 Rotarians in 35,263 Rotary Clubs in the world. And, As of November 30, 2016, there are 226,389 Rotaract members in 9,843 Rotaract Clubs in the world and there are 483,230 Interact members in 21,010 Interact Clubs in the world.

Note: District 7070 is up 29 members from July 1, 2016 thru to Feb 25, 2017

RYLA 2017 – ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS

From: Ric Williams, District 7070 RYLA Chair

TO: Club Presidents, Club Youth Coordinators

Spring may be a distant promise, however, the changes will be with us soon. With that in mind, I would like to invite you to begin the process of nominating RYLA candidates for your club.

RYLA is one of the most successful signature programs for youth in the District, and possibly anywhere else. It is a tested and proven week long leadership program and a gateway recruiting tool for Rotaract and eventually, for dedicated Rotarians. Designed and delivered by competent professionals, it provides skills, motivation, challenge – and a living example for ‘Service above Self’. Cost to the sponsoring Rotary club is \$1,000 per candidate due with application.

The program will be delivered at Loyalist College in Belleville from May 14 to 19, 2017.

Candidates have varied backgrounds and experience, but all are between the ages of 19 – 25, and eager to learn and participate in a life changing experience.

Full information, application forms and background are under the RYLA tab at the District 7070 website.

[http://rotary7070.oorg/50157/Page/ShowSitePage?ClassCode=SitePage&Slug=rotary-youth-leadership-awards-\(ryla\)-2](http://rotary7070.oorg/50157/Page/ShowSitePage?ClassCode=SitePage&Slug=rotary-youth-leadership-awards-(ryla)-2)

Thank you from the RYLA team for your continued support,

Ric Williams

District 7070 RYLA Chair

The Rotary District 7070 Conference Committee is running our 3rd Taming of the Dragon - Youth Social Impact Competition.

From Weiting Xu, District 7070 Conference committee, Rotaract Club of York University

To all Rotarians in District 7070,

We're calling for high school students who want to have a positive social impact in their community and beyond. There will be over \$4,500 up for grabs, mentorship opportunities, team training, and personal development experiences. Students will get to present in front of 100-300 guests ranging from high school peers to industry professionals. Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out as we'd be happy to assist!

Full booklet of competition details is [here](#).

Enlarged infographic is [here](#).

Kindest regards

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ROTARY AIDS WALKS - set for April 29, 2017 Belleville & Toronto

The War on AIDS can be won with your help.

More than \$600,000 has already been raised by the walks in Belleville and Toronto and put to work preventing and relieving the searing impact of AIDS on women, children, and men. This year, with your help, we can greatly increase that amount.

Proceeds will fund international and local initiatives by participating Rotary Clubs and NGO's to win the war on HIV/AIDS through education, prevention, treatment, support for orphans, surviving guardians and people living with AIDS. In addition, communities stricken by HIV/AIDS will be assisted in overcoming shortages of drinking water, food, or shelter – essential for recovery and a sustainable future.

Supported organizations have been carefully vetted for their effectiveness and stewardship of funds, and include active participation by Rotarians fighting HIV/AIDS.

THE ROTARY AIDS POKER WALK (formerly The Trump AIDS Poker Walk) was originally created by members of the Rotary Club of Belleville, Ontario, Canada in 2007-08, where it continues to be held each spring.

In 2010, the Walk was also held in Toronto, now as a **multi-club event**. By 2011, the Toronto walk involved over 24 Rotary Clubs, 3 Rotaract clubs, Anglican churches and 8 HIV/AIDS organizations, overwhelming support from the community, hours of volunteer time by Rotarians, gifts-in-kind by many of their businesses, and generous corporate sponsors.

Join us. Walk, Eat, Play - and we'll all Win!

Coordinator in Toronto is Nick Ryall , nickcryall@gmail.com

Nick is looking for your help, TODAY. If you wish to serve on the Toronto Committee or help on April 29, please contact Nick as soon as possible.

Coordinator in Belleville is Mark Bishop , markbishop2@outlook.com 613-438-1760

For more details, please consult our websites: <http://toronto.rotaryaidswalk.ca/> <http://belleville.rotaryaidswalk.ca/>

District 7070 Training Assembly – May 13, 2017 at the BMO Institute for Learning Address: 3550 Pharmacy Ave, Toronto, ON M1W 3Z3

What is the District Training Assembly?

In view of the annual turnover of Rotary leadership each year, special effort is required to provide club leaders with appropriate instruction for the tasks they will assume. The annual district assembly is the major leadership training event in each Rotary district of the world. The workshops offer motivation, inspiration, Rotary information and new ideas for club officers, directors and key committee chairmen of each club.

Some of the most experienced district leaders conduct informative discussions on all phases of Rotary administration and service projects. The sessions give all participants valuable new ideas to make their club more effective and interesting. Normally eight to ten delegates from each club (officers, directors, committee chairs, etc.) are invited to attend the training session.

Another important feature is a review by the incoming district governor of the program theme and emphasis of the new RI president for the coming year. District goals and objectives are also described and plans are developed for their implementation.

The success of your Rotary club is frequently determined by the club's full representation and participation in this annual meeting.

This event provides a continuation of this training for presidents-elect and does not duplicate what you learned at PETS. It also provides you the opportunity to train alongside the rest of your club's leadership team on important and relevant topics.

If you are the **secretary** of your Rotary club, much of the success your club will achieve will depend upon you knowing how to handle the many responsibilities of this important position in a Rotary club. Even for the seasoned secretaries, Rotary is a dynamic organization which is constantly changing to address the needs of Rotary clubs, communities and society in general. Every three years, Rotary International convenes the Council on Legislation which addresses

hundreds of changes to the Rotary Club Constitution, Bylaws and Policies that directly impact your club and the role of all club officers, especially club secretaries. Making sure you are up to date on these changes is an important part of your responsibility as secretary. In addition, attending will give you new energy, great ideas and motivation to better serve your club and community as a member of your club's leadership team.

If you are a **director** in your Club, as a director of your club, you have been elected to make decisions that will impact the future of your club. The sessions will help you better understand the issues faced by your club and your officers that you will be asked to vote on as you serve as a director. Additionally, the sessions will enhance your understanding of Rotary, its objects and mission which will strengthen your club.

If you **chair a committee** in our Rotary club, your participation will enhance any member's experience as a Rotarian. Sessions will address specific functions assigned to club committees. The topics may include public relations, membership, service projects, club administration and The Rotary Foundation among others. As a committee chair, you will have the opportunity to share ideas with your peers from clubs across the district which will give you new ideas and motivation for improving your club.

And even if you have served as a **district leader** previously and are assuming a leadership position this year, past district leaders will benefit from updated training as Rotary International continually updates programs and leadership materials. Yearly themes and emphases change, and this meeting provides an opportunity to meet new leaders and develop rapport.

And if you are a **Rotary Club member**, please note that one key to a successful and growing Rotary club is informed and enthusiastic members. Attending Rotary meetings above the club level exposes you to knowledge about Rotary that will motivate you and your club will become stronger and more effective. You will also expand your personal and business network to Rotarians from across the district and you will enhance your personal leadership skills.

Save the date: **May 13**. Your club president will have more details that will allow you to register on the www.rotary7070.org website very soon.

Rotary International Convention 2018 – Home Hospitality – Your Club's Help Is Needed

From Jackie Davies, Rotary Club of Toronto

On Monday, June 25, 2018 The Host Organizing Committee (that is us – your club and mine) is holding "Home Hospitality". The Committee members, Jackie Davis and Don Bell are now looking for Rotarians and Rotary Clubs in the District, particularly in the GTA, to host Convention delegates for a night of home hospitality. They expect 5,000 delegates to sign up. Jackie or Don Bell will be glad to come to your Rotary Club and tell you how you and your club can participate and host Rotarians from all over the world. She would like every club in the District to participate. Perhaps the clubs outside the GTA could partner with clubs in the GTA and co-host Rotarians. Jackie is looking for one person from each Club in the district to act as a liaison for the Host Operating Committee to get the word from the Committee out to your members. Please provide that name to Jackie or Don as soon as possible. Your club President will have the contact information available in a few days.



Don Bell contact: dongbell@sympatico.ca

Jackie Davies contact: jcdavies@sympatico.ca

Volunteers Needed for the 2018 Convention:

More than 1,200 volunteers will be required to help. And the Host operating Committee is looking to YOU. You can now sign up as a volunteer by going to the <http://www.rotary2018.org> and sign up as a Volunteer.

Rotary Youth Exchange Well Under Way for 2016-17

From Larry Wright, District 7070 Chair, Youth Exchange Committee

This Rotary year, there are 11 outbound students and 10 inbound students. From Feb 12 to 15, District 7070 held the orientation program for inbound and outbound students. The outbound students were being prepared for their year away from District 7070 with this orientation weekend. Many former Rotary Youth Exchange students were there to share their experiences. Larry is encouraging all clubs in District 7070 to get involved.

Rotary Youth Exchange is a worldwide program involving more than 80 countries with some 8000 students participating each year. In 1972, Rotary International endorsed the program to clubs world-wide as a “worthwhile international activity”. The program has grown into what is a very active and vibrant program that is available to students world-wide today. The Rotary Youth Exchange Program offers young people an opportunity to study and learn about the culture of other countries with other young people under the auspices of Rotary International. The objective is to build better understanding, peace and acceptance of different cultures around the world. It provides each participant the opportunity to experience a different part of our world under the protective umbrella of Rotary International.

The next round of outbound students will be August 2018, which gives all clubs in the District time to plan their year ahead. For more information about District 7070 Rotary Youth Exchange, please go to yepd7070.org and learn more about the program., and Rotary's service to youth. Larry and his committee members will be glad to come to your club and make a presentation to your members (and perhaps your spouses too). Larry can be reached at larrywright755@gmail.com

Membership Matters Seminar Part 2 is here... March 25th!!

From District 7070 Membership Chair, Virginia O'Reilly

We've had 3 successful Membership Matters Part 1 seminars and now the sequel is here! Hear about exciting ideas clubs are trying out and the impact these are having on membership. Discuss what your club has tried, how it worked and discover how to make it better.

On Saturday March 25th, join us from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Oshawa Shrine Club, 1626 Simcoe Street North, Oshawa for Part 2. Registration will be open to the first 50 people who sign up on line on the District 7070 Website. SIGN UP TODAY.

Article on DG Jim being interviewed by Rotary District 2080 in Italy

Because of the Twinship of the Rotary Club of Woodbridge and the Rotary Club of Valle del Salso in District 2110 (Italy) last July 2016, the editor of La Nuova Voce del Rotary from District 2080 (Italy) who visited Toronto along with members of the Valle del Salso Club did an interview with our, District Governor Jim Louttit . It appears as an attachment to this month's District 7070 Newsletter.

The Rotarian journalist from District 2080 (Italy) requested an interview to learn more of our District Governor Jim and his role as District Governor and became very interested in Jim's involvement in microfinance. While the story is in Italian, it talks about Jim's time in Rotary and in our District 7070 and about Jim's involvement in microfinance and how microfinance can be used as an instrument to assist people in fighting poverty; and more detail of my involvement in the Honduras Economic & Community Development (HECD) Program.

The Rotary World is forever shrinking, thanks to our DG Jim Louttit. And if you want a translation of the article, President Renata of the Woodbridge Club might be your best resource.

SHELTERBOX News For March 2017



A Project Partnership in True Form – Rotary and ShelterBox Respond in Sri Lanka

In May 2016, when the most concentrated rainfall in 25 years drenched the island nation of Sri Lanka, ShelterBox was there. The international disaster relief organization arrived in-country to assist those who were forced to flee as landslides and mudslides swept away their homes, livestock and livelihoods.

The massive landslides and heavy flooding buried hundreds of homes in Sri Lanka causing many deaths, displacement and damage to property, ultimately affecting the lives of thousands of people. The Island nation went into mourning for the unprecedented number of victims, dead and displaced, in one of the worst natural disasters to hit Sri Lanka since the Indian Ocean Tsunami in 2004.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of Rotarians and supporters around the world, ShelterBox was able to provide 126 families with ShelterBoxes packed full with a family tent, and all the supplies they needed to help them survive and recover. None of this would have been possible without the incredible support of Rotary International and the Rotary Club of Capital City in Sri Lanka.



Alex Youten, the Rotary Partnership Manager at ShelterBox, said: “If ever there was a shining example of the [Rotary International and ShelterBox] Project Partnership working for the good of the community, this is it”.

Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Capital City began assisting with the relief efforts as soon as the flooding occurred. From outsourcing boats to rescue people cut off by the floods, setting up medical treatment camps and general clean-up operations, the Capital City Club played an integral role in relief following the devastating landslides. All of this was accomplished while assisting the ShelterBox response to provide

essential temporary shelter and supplies for families who were evacuated into temples and schools.

When asked about the overall benefit of Rotary International working in partnership with ShelterBox, Rotarian Supem de Silva, ShelterBox’s main in-country Rotary contact, has said: “The synergies of working together will undoubtedly help both organizations to provide a more efficient and effective response in the aftermath of a disaster.”

If you are interested reading the full story of ShelterBox and Rotary’s partnership in Sri Lanka, please visit the ShelterBox Canada blog at <http://bit.ly/SriLankaPartnership>.

ShelterBox is currently working in Iraq, Haiti, Cameroon, and Niger. ShelterBox is also monitoring wildfires in Chile, conflict and drought in Somililand, flooding in Peru and the refugee crisis in Chad.

All the best,

Stephanie Christensen

Executive Director, ShelterBox Canada

And From ShelterBox Canada to Rotary: Thank you !!!

Ron Noseworthy ShelterBox Response Team Member and Past President of **The Rotary Club of Kenora**

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http://www.shelterboxcanada.org/donate_form.php

HIP (Honoring Indigenous People): Highlights from their Newsletter



HIP Website

Please look at our website (<http://www.rotaryhip.com/>) for regular updates. The Rotary HIP Facebook has been set up so "like us on Facebook". Pass it on to your Facebook friends.

Blog: Many news items that have been added recently. Keep checking back for regular updates. Go to ([Rotary HIP - Blog](#)).

Facebook Page: We have also improved our Facebook page. If you would like to be a friend on our Facebook page, click : <https://www.facebook.com/HonouringIndigenousPeoples/> to see our new site. You can like, follow and share.

Photo Album : ([Rotary HIP - Photo Album - Rotary HIP](#)) : New photos have been added to our HIP website photo album.

Newsletters : Our monthly HIP newsletters can now be found on our HIP website ([Rotary HIP - Newsletters](#)).

Resources - Films & Documentaries : A page has been added on the website for films & documentaries ([Rotary HIP - Films & Documentaries](#)). Please have a look. We have many available on our website - some you can just click and watch. The National Film Board is celebrating Canada's 150th by unveiling three cross-country projects. Check their website ([Canada150 | The NFB celebrates the 150th anniversary of the Canadian Confederation](#)) for dates and projects.

If you have recently viewed a film or documentary or read a book with an indigenous theme or message, please email Julie Dunaiskis (julie@eccgroup.ca) and Janet McLeod (jmm@nexicom.net) to add to our list. We have many available on our website - some you can just click and watch.

Reading: We have updated our reading list which can be found on our website [Rotary HIP - Reading](#) Thomas King's book based on his 2003 Massey Lecture called *The Truth About Stories* is a great read. Thomas King is also the author of *The Inconvenient Indian*.

Links ([Rotary HIP – Links](#)) : We have added several new links to our website (highlighted in red):

Ontario Youth Partnership Project ; Health Canada - First Nations and Inuit Health website ; Reconciliation Canada; Teach Canada ; CBC Here and Now -Interview with Ryan DeCaire (Assistant Professor U of T Centre for Indigenous Studies)

Rotary News

Rotary Club of Toronto Eglinton - On February 15th, the club hosted a lunch and announced the Dr. Robert McClure Health Science Bursary Award winners. Over the next five years, the club has committed to supporting four bursaries (\$2,500 each) per year for a total of \$50,000. Bursaries will be awarded to First Nations students in the Health Sciences program at Ryerson University who are in good academic standing, in financial need and have demonstrated a commitment to their community through their work and who plan to return following their graduation. This year's

recipients were: Sarah Martineau, Jasmine Allen-Sferruzi, Alyssa Gagnon along with Dion Fletcher, Aboriginal Student Co-ordinator, Faculty of Midwifery(Ryerson).

Nicole Patterson of the East York Club and John Currie, our Director of In-Kind-Gifts and Projects have recently been certified as facilitators for the Kairos Blanket Program. For details go to the link ([Homepage - The Blanket Exercise](#)). Please contact either Nicole at nic.patterson@gmail.com or John at john.wayne.currie@outlook.com to book a program.

Adventure in Understanding will take place on August 27 - September 1, 2017. Applications are now open for youth aged 16-18 years of age. Sponsored and in partnership with the Rotary Club of Peterborough Kawartha, Curve Lake First Nation, Camp Kawartha and the Canadian Canoe Museum, this annual canoe trip brings together Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth to be leaders in sharing and experiencing aspects of Indigenous culture leading to greater understanding and reconciliation. Check the application link on our blog.

The Lieutenant Governor, The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdsell hosted a reception on February 27th in honour of HIP and more specifically the people involved in sending Gifts-in-Kind to the fly-in communities in northern Ontario. We will report in greater detail next month.

What is your club doing ? If your club is or has held an event or been involved in an event or project, please email Julie Dunaiskis (julie@eccgroup.ca) a brief summary so we can post on the HIP website and provide an update in upcoming newsletters.

Request a Speaker

Would your club like to have a Speaker at an upcoming meeting? If so, please check the list of available speakers on our website under Resources/Speakers List. Or contact our own **District 7070 Rotarian Tom Sears** (tsears@sympatico.ca) to propose a date and a subject you would like the person to speak about i.e. a) about HIP b) a project or c) awareness of the issues. We will help you co-ordinate. We have lots of outstanding speakers. Go to our website for details

News & Events

HIP Director, Kenn Richard spoke on February 24th about the Sixties Scoop at the Rotary Club of Toronto. A portion of this will appear as a podcast on our website shortly.

HIP Director, Tim Thompson has been working with the AFN and INAC to develop new policy for the teaching and preservation of Indigenous languages.

AFN First Nation Directors of Education National Forum - March 1-2, 2017 - Glen Eagle Resort, Calgary, AB Click on the link for further details <http://www.afn.ca/en/2017educationforum>

The Rotary Clubs of Port Perry, Northumberland Sunrise and Picton have all supported the One Laptop per Child initiative - see our website for complete project details. Together, they will provide about 25 laptops for children in the Summer Beaver First Nation in northern Ontario. Also, click on the link below to see some projects from children of Saugeen First Nation <http://www.olpccanada.com/impact?wix-vod-video-id=d205b8f23f9149aba6e53782cadca400&wix-vod-comp-id=comp-izikf8w9#>

Report from David Newman(District 5550), HIP Director: On January 24, 2017, the Rotary Club of Winnipeg HIP Committee hosted special guests HIP Director, Diane Redsky and her daughter Sharon at their meeting.

On February 23rd, HIP Winnipeg sponsored and had 3 members attend the first annual celebration of Winnipeg Police Service and RCMP relationships with Indigenous youth at Riddell Hall University of Winnipeg. A hoop dancer, music and teachings from an elder were enjoyed along with delicious Indigenous food from a local provider. The Manitoba Museum provided artifacts to view during the evening.

Other : We have a new HIP Brochure. It should be saved under our Resources tab ([Rotary HIP - Powerpoint Presentations](#)) by the end of this month. If you would like to use it, you may print and distribute to your networks.

We have also improved our Facebook page and added a twitter handle. We have over 150 FB followers and 60 twitter subscribers to date. If you would like to be a friend on our Facebook page, click : <https://www.facebook.com/HonouringIndigenousPeoples/> to see our new site. You can like, follow and share.

Approved Projects : Check the HIP website ([Rotary HIP - Approved projects](#)) to see full project descriptions. We hope you or your club can support any of the projects mentioned as follows. **We need much more financial support. Please join in.** Not only will you help the project become reality and assist with the educational needs but you will learn a lot as well. We are also reviewing several new initiatives. When approved, we will be providing a brief outline with a link to the project. All of these projects have been approved by our project committee and have the full support of the Indigenous community.

HIP Membership: *We would like you, your club and friends to become members.* You do not need to be a Rotarian to join. You can join today by selecting ([Rotary HIP - Become a Member](#)) on the HIP website.

Charitable donations can now be accepted online through our website ([Rotary HIP - Make a Donation](#)) and the donor will receive a tax receipt immediately. You may designate funds to a specific project or to general projects focusing on education. Thank you for your continued support of our projects.

Our Message from HIP Chair, Chris Snyder

Residential schools have been front and centre for a long time. What is now coming forward is the Sixties Scoop that took place across Canada. An estimated 16,000 young children in Ontario were scooped from their homes starting in the 60's and lasting until the late 80's. These children, some as young as 4, were sent to live with foster parents in faraway places including Europe and the USA in the belief they would be better looked after.

It had, in part, the same effect as the residential schools as it removed children from their homes and put them into a strange culture which for many wiped out their own cultures and made many feel like unwanted people. A recent lawsuit awarded \$1.2 billion to the individuals who were removed. I predict we will be hearing more about the Sixties Scoop.

I predict we will also start to hear more about the effects of the whole colonial era, the racism, sense of superiority and stereotyping. This past history has created a group of people who suffer from post-traumatic stress and a sense of hopelessness. Many of these people hid behind alcohol and drugs which we have seen has played out in many unfortunate ways. This is the bad news.

The good news is we can work together to ensure this does not continue to happen and give every Indigenous person the same opportunities as every Canadian. Many are already working towards this goal. Are you? Be HIP. Be a part of the solution.

To our Indigenous forbearers, **Thank You. Let's then think of our 150th celebration as David suggests as 150 plus.**

Sincerely,

Chris Snyder

Chair, HIP

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WASH Resources The following are some great WASH resources that you might find useful!

[Centre for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology](#)

[The Water Network](#)

[Faecal Sludge Management - Practical Action in South Asia](#)

[Partnership for Handwashing](#)

[Brochures and Presentations](#)

[Special Report: An Interview with Erica Gwynn](#)

Recently, past WASRAG Board member, Carolyn Crowley Meub, had the opportunity to interview **Erica Gwynn**. Erica is the **Area of Focus Manager, Water & Sanitation, for Rotary International**.

The interview provides an insight on what makes successful WASH projects, the unique impact of Rotarians and a perspective on Global Grants.

To read the full interview go to the [WASRAG Blog](#)

[World Water Day -March 22 Plan Now!](#)

Every year the United Nations observes World Water Day on March 22. The theme changes annually to put focus on a certain aspect of water. This year the emphasis is on Wastewater.

The Centre for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology (CAWST) will celebrate World Water Day, March 22, in a unique way. In addition to holding an event at their Calgary office, they are encouraging people to update their Facebook profile with a Paint it Blue frame. What a unique way to bring attention to this cause!

To learn more about CAWST's "Paint the Town Blue" campaign and generate similar ideas for your local area, visit ["Paint the Town"](#). To update your Facebook Profile with a Paint the Town Blue frame visit ["Paint it Blue"](#). Also, remember to tag your videos, photos and posts with the hashtags #PaintItBlue and #WorldWaterDay .

Use the resources at <http://www.worldwaterday.org/> to increase the awareness of the need for clean water and to manage wastewater more effectively.

[Calendar Of Events](#)

March 22, 2017 - WORLD WATER DAY <http://www.un.org/en/events/waterday/>

June 9, 2017 - Atlanta, Georgia, USA World Water Summit 9

June 10, 2017 - Atlanta Georgia, USA WASRAG Annual Meeting

November 19, 2017 - WORLD TOILET DAY <http://www.worldtoiletday.info/>

[New Projects](#)

[Global Grant Supports Filter Project](#)

For many years, Rotary clubs have been involved in eastern Dominican Republic with WASH projects involving biosand filters. This year, District 7810 and clubs within New Brunswick, Canada and Maine, USA have received a Global Grant to install a new, WHO approved filter, developed by the Kohler Company. This initial Rotary coordinated

project involves the installation of 1560 Kohler Clarity filters, support a local Water Filter team and build a water testing laboratory. To learn more about this new technology and this project read the WASRAG blog [Water Filters in the Dominican Republic](#).

Massive WASH Project in Uganda

The Rotary Clubs of Oakville-Trafalgar, Canada and Kampala Uganda, using a Global Grant and funding from 28 Clubs in three countries raised almost \$500,000 to provide a multi-faceted project for the 6,600 citizens of two communities in Uganda. This massive project brought: 1) improved access to safe and adequate water and sanitation facilities; 2) created awareness of sustainable hygiene practices and sanitation behavior; 3) built local committees to manage the water and sanitation facilities and 4) created income generating opportunities for approximately 400 women. Read more at [Aloi and Barlonyo, Uganda](#).

Safe Water for Honduran Villagers

Using a Global Grant, Rotary Clubs in District 7710, coordinated by the Cary-Page club, worked cooperatively with the Rotary Club of Danli, Honduras to provide clean water and sanitation to the citizens of Neuva Palestina. The project built 59 latrines and installed 305 biosand water filters. To learn more visit the [WASRAG blog](#).

We love hearing about your projects and are delighted to relay these great opportunities for Rotarians to get involved in WASH projects! When posting your projects on the [wasrag.org](#) website, please remember to include the name of your Rotary club and District number. Contact us at info@wasrag.org if you need help with your posting. We have writers ready to help tell your story!

If you are going to the RI Convention in Atlanta: plan on attending the [9th annual WASRAG World Water Summit](#) on Friday June 9th, 2017 - 08.00 am - 12.00 noon

This year's theme will focus on WASH and Women, showing how women and girls are elevating their communities through water, sanitation and hygiene programs .

Keynote Speaker: **Deurence Adhiambo**, Community Development Practitioner, Kisumu, Kenya

"Lessons learned in WASH projects" Friday, June 9, 2017 8:30 am - 12:30 pm Atlanta, Georgia, USA

Deurence has a deep passion for empowering rural communities, with a focus on youth and women centered approaches. She has vast knowledge and experience in coordinating, monitoring and evaluating development initiatives using a Human Rights-Based Approach to programming. One of her many projects is a rural mentorship program with underserved adolescent girls where she sources and distributes free sanitary products.

Join us in Atlanta the day before the International Convention

for the 9th annual World Water Summit. The Water Summit will end a half hour before the Peace Conference begins nearby. Those not attending the Peace Conference--stay for complimentary afternoon workshops to learn how to get best value for your project **REGISTRATION FEES - EARLY BIRD RATES UNTIL APRIL 3, 2017**

- Wasrag Members: **Early Bird \$60** (\$75 after April 3, 2017)
- Non-Wasrag Members: **Early Bird \$85** (\$100 after April 3, 2017)
(Includes a complimentary 1-year membership to Wasrag)
- Rotaractors: A Special Rate of \$30

Please register [here](#)

Wasrag needs your membership. Membership revenue helps cover our administrative costs, website upgrades, training, development of support materials etc. To check whether your membership has expired, email [Anna](#)

To submit stories and pictures our Newsletter, please email: info@wasrag.org to the attention of Wasrag newsletter editors Ian Rumbles and Terri Black.

***The Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group (Wasrag)** is pleased to consider partnerships with any corporate supporter. Due to the unique attributes of water sources and water provision, acceptance of corporate support does

not imply an endorsement of any particular water technology. Rotarians, Rotary clubs, and Rotary partners must evaluate any technology to determine if it is the best solution for the conditions where the program will be implemented. Wasrag can provide guidance about where different technologies work best, but Rotarians and Rotary clubs must make the final decision about how to implement their programs.

The Water & Sanitation Rotarian Action Group is a group of Rotarians whose purpose is to support Rotary clubs to effectively plan, finance, implement, monitor and evaluate water, sanitation, and hygiene programs, where they are most needed in a collaborative, cost-effective, timely, and sustainable manner, true to the principles of Rotary International. Wasrag operates in accordance with Rotary International policy but is not an agency of, or controlled by, Rotary International.

CLUBS IN THE NEWS

THE 2017 CODE - READ AFRICA BALL - TORONTO TWILIGHT ROTARY CLUB

From: Toronto Twilight Rotary Club President: [Zoiey Cobb](#)

To my fellow Rotarians in District 7070,

The Toronto Twilight Rotary Club and [CODE](#) are partnering to bring you the **Read Africa Ball** on **March 9, 2017 from 6:30 to 11:30 PM** at 2nd Floor Events, 461 King Street West, Toronto, ON, Canada .

We are inviting all Rotarians in District 7070 to attend.

WHY: to celebrate and experience the magic of Africa while **supporting the fundamental basic human right of learning how to read & write for children in the developing world.**

WHAT: Hip, fun, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, high energy African drum performance of Beyond Sound Empijah and opportunities to win great prizes through a silent auction, a raffle draw, 50-50 tickets and joker poker – all the while supporting literacy!

If you have items for the silent auction (artwork, sports/concert tickets, health and wellness services, gift baskets, etc) please contact [Mary Wetzel](#).

Tickets are [on sale](#). at \$75.00 each ,so share with your colleagues, friends, family, and broader network today!

For more information visit [code.ngo/rab](#) or email us at rab@code.ngo

Help Rebuild Amitrice, Italy – Rotary Club of Woodbridge

From Renata Pancini, President, Rotary Club of Woodbridge

Rotary Clubs in District 2080 in Italy are asking for our help to rebuild a hotelier school in Amitrice which was levelled in the August 2016 earthquake. Renata Pancini , President of the Woodbridge Rotary Club travelled to Italy soon after the earthquake and came back with this project from the District 2080.

Many organizations were on hand to help with the immediate aftermath of the earthquake. Now it is Rotary's time to help rebuild the community.

Following two earthquakes that occurred in late August and early September 2016 Amatrice and its surroundings have undergone massive damage to buildings, including the one that housed the hotel Institute of amateur babe who looks after the training of approximately 100 students. The Lazio region has placed at the disposal of the school building in Rieti, but only part of the equipment useful for the practical training of students has been recovered. The proposed project aims to overcome the difficult situation, improvements to the school's equipment essentially with a van equipped to transport perishable food and catering activities. The project will extend the training of students in the field of catering and to equip the school equipment. The latter will also be useful for student participation in events outside the school complex is to provide services for both national and international collaborations.

Renata is asking all District 7070 Rotary Clubs to help.

Together with District 2080 in support of the project for the Hotelier School of Amatrice, The Club in Italy is proposing a Global Grant and the Rotary Club of Woodbridge has been asked to be the international Club to support this project. Partners: District 7070 (Ontario Canada), RC Woodbridge (Toronto), 2080 district, Partner host Rotary Club Rome Parioli, Partner Rotary Club Rieti, Partner

We are looking for other Clubs in the District to support this project as well.

We are trying to put together a Rotary Foundation Global Grant to purchase a special freezer van that will allow students to pursue their catering service and the purchase of various tools for cooking like 20 tables, table cloths, 150 chairs and a food trolley.

We are organizing an Dinner in support of the event on April 28 at L'Azzurra Banquet Hall, 80 Regina Rd #23 in Vaughan. Our guest will be the Head Chef of Amatrice school cooking for us and probably the DG of 2080

Their goal is to raise \$5,000 from this dinner to put towards the global grant.

The Rotary Club of Scarborough is already on board with a donation and the Rotary club of Etobicoke have also committed some funds to support the grant.

Renata is looking for about \$12,000 from Rotary Clubs in District 7070, When matched with District Development Funds, she is hoping for enough funds to complete the grant and this project estimated to be 70,000 Euros. A copy of her presentation will be sent to all Club Presidents. And she has offered to come to your club to present.

Renata can be reached at renatapancini@hotmail.com

PROJECT IMPACT

From Joe Millage, Rotary Club of Whitby

At a recent District Club Presidents' Meeting , Joe Millage presented IMPACT.

Impact is a book of stories about 150 people and organizations that make the community a better place. The first such project is centered in Durham Region but other such Impact projects could be created for areas outside Durham Region. The book will be awarded to 1,000 students from grade 4 through community college who themselves, have made a positive impact on their community. An addition 4,000 books will be available for distribution into the community: in schools, doctor offices, youth centres, etc.

For this first project, Joe is focusing on the 10 Durham Region Rotary Clubs.

Funds raised will help out the Participation House in Durham Region. Joe is looking for stories about your Rotary Club or club member who has impacted your community and also for some much needed funds. Joe will be glad to come out to your Rotary Club and tell you all about the project. He can be reached at jmillage@phdurham.com

Pickering Ribfest need Smart Servers – June 2 thru June 4

From : Sofia Levy-Presner, President, Rotary Club of Pickering

The Pickering Ribfest is run by the Rotary clubs of Pickering and Ajax. This year, it is on June 2 thru June 4.

They need our help. If there is anyone in your Rotary Club who has a Smart Serve License, and could take a shift or two at the Ribfest, the Rotary clubs will help you out. They come to your Ribfest and assist and/or they may be able to compensate your club for your service. If you can help, please contact Sofia Levy-Presner at slevyt@rogers.com

Kids Against Hunger – Rotary Club of Ajax Needs some Volunteers

On April 8, from 9 am to 2 pm, at the Forest Brook Community Church, 60 Kearney Drive, in Ajax, L1S 3W4, The Rotary club of Ajax is doing another day for the Kids against Hunger program. This is the fourth food packing day that they have held and they will reach the 250,000 mark with this one. They are looking for some Rotary volunteers to work a few of the two-hour shifts. Please let Donna Bright know dbright56@hotmail.com if you will be able to assist in the event.

Willowdale Rotary is 65 Years Young on May 5 and YOU are invited

Rotarians from all over District 7070 are cordially invited to attend the 65th Gala Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Willowdale from 6 pm to midnight, on Friday May 5 at the Grande Luxe Event Boutique , 3125 Bayview Avenue , Torono, M2K 1G2. Special Guest will be Past Rotary International President Wilf Wilkinson and Guest of Honour will be Rotary International President Elect Ian Riseley. For more details, please contact Club President Come celebrate our 65 Anniversary in Style!.

Rotary International President Elect Ian Riseley will be the keynote speaker to this formal affair in support of Eva's Initiatives. Live music, entertainment, silent auctions and other fun activities will make this an evening to remember!

For more details, please contact Jay Llave at rotarianllave@gmail.com.

REMINDERS

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

From District 7070 membership Chair Virginia O'Reilly

At the District 7070 Conference this year, District Governor Jim Louttit issued this challenge to all Rotarians and their Rotary Clubs in District 7070. Where does your club stand on meeting this challenge?

The CHALLENGE!

A Club achieves 2 of the following goals:

- A net gain in membership. Small clubs (up to 50 members) must achieve a net gain of at least one member; Large clubs (51 or more members) must achieve a net gain of at least two members.
- Improve the member retention rate by at least 1 percent from last year, Or, maintain 100 percent retention.
- Induct new members under the age of 40. Clubs with up to 50 members must induct a minimum of 2 new members under age 40; Clubs with 51 or more members must induct four.
- The new members must create profiles on My Rotary.

And, a Club achieves 2 of the following goals:

- Hold a visioning session, and Develop a plan based on the session with at least 1st action timeline
- Do a club assessment, and hold an assembly with the entire club to share the findings
- Complete at least 2 changes to improve your club based on findings from a Visioning/Club assessment
- At least 2 members attend a District Membership Seminar.
- Every new member is assigned a mentor who, within 3 months of the new member joining the club, does at least 2 the following 3 things:
 - Meets with the new member to learn about what they are looking for in Rotary and how they can help get them connected and involved;
 - Accompanies them to at least one make-up meeting;
 - Joins them in at least one club activity (e.g., committee meeting, hands on project, etc.).

The **PRIZE! \$5000 – Funds to be used towards a Community project.** all clubs who successfully meet the challenge will be entered into a draw for the prize monies (e.g. 3 prizes of \$2500, \$1500, \$1000)

WHEN? July 1st, 2016 to May 31st, 2017

To All Rotarians in District 7070 – We Need Your Help

Dear Canadian Rotarians:

I am pleased to advise that the match funding from the government of Canada, C\$12 million in total, has been fully paid earlier than expected thanks to the continued generosity and effectiveness of Rotarians in raising funds, and doing so at a rate that was faster than projected.

We are now asking the government for a further commitment which would include a matching contribution to Canadian Rotarian club contributions. It's unlikely that an answer to our request will be heard until the next budget is filed (March 2017 or later).

We would encourage you to thank your MP for Canada's continued support and encourage Canada's continued leadership. Please [click here](#) to download documents* that highlight the rationale for Canada's continued support as well as the history of Canada's leadership and collaboration with Rotary in support of a polio free world. Please feel free to share these documents with your MP and/or use them as a reference for your outreach.

With the centenary of The Rotary Foundation, and the 150th anniversary of Canada, 2017 promises to be a great year. Our continued collaboration may also result in the interruption of polio transmission which would be a fantastic achievement to celebrate at the Rotary International Convention in Toronto in 2018.

Thanks for your continued work to END POLIO NOW.

*Documents are currently pending translation into French and will be provided as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Wilf

PRIP Wilf Wilkinson
President, Rotary International, 2007-08
National Advocacy Adviser for Canada

ATTEND PRESIDENTIAL PEACE CONFERENCE IN ATLANTA

Join us June 9-10, 2017 for the Presidential Peace Conference at the Georgia World Congress Center. We'll celebrate our work on the underlying causes of conflict and our successes in making peace a priority, while also looking ahead to opportunities to continue our commitment.

- [Learn more about the event](#)
- [Register for the conference](#)

CLUB OF THE MONTH:

From District Governor DG Jim Louttit, DG Elect Neil Phillips, DG Nominee Mary Lou Harrison AND District Governor Noiminee Designate Beth Selby

The "Club of the Month" is not a new concept to District 7070. In the past we have asked clubs to brag about themselves but we are a modest group.

In fact, it has been available to all Rotary Clubs in District 7070 all year. **Where have you been for the last three years?**

To encourage "Service Above Self" throughout the District, the District Governor and future Governors have decided to share stories about the clubs which exemplify our motto.

Do you think that your Rotary Club deserves to be named "Club of The Month"?

If so, please do some bragging and submit a one-page story about your Club (about 300 words) ,and add a few photos, and send it to District Governor Jim Louttit. In your story, tell them a bit about the history of your club and some of your major accomplishments and how your club serves Rotary in your community and throughout the world. The esteemed panel of **the 4 G's (District Governor Jim Louttit, DG Elect Neil Phillips, DG Nominee Mary Lou Harrison, and DG Nominee Designate Beth Selby)** will make the decision, and it will then be entered on to the District 7070 website as "Club of The Month" and featured right here in the District Newsletter.

See more at: <http://www.rotary7070.org/SitePage/club-of-the-month#sthash.LixNq61k.dpuf>

ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE - 2016-17

No Charge to First year Rotarians

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR 2016-17 ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

From Ted Morrison, Past District Governor and Chair of District 7070 Rotary Leadership Institute

To My Fellow Rotarians,

DUE TO THE VERY LOW REGISTRATIONS FOR BELLEVILLE ON SEPT 24, WE WERE FORCED TO CANCEL R.L.I. IN BELLEVILLE THIS YEAR. HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT YEAR IN BELLEVILLE OR ON APRIL 22 AT THE NEW EVENTS CENTRE AT CENTENNIAL COLLEGE, 937 PROGRESS AVENUE, IN SCARBOROUGH.

BE SURE TO REGISTER TODAY.

THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ROTARY AND SHARE YOUR IDEAS WITH OTHER ROTARIANS. AND IT IS A GREAT LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR NEWER ROTARIANS. SIGN UP ONLINE TODAY.

FOR ALL ROTARIANS WHO HAVE JOINED A ROTARY CLUB IN DISTRICT 7070 IN THE LAST YEAR, OUR ROTARY DISTICT WILL PAY YOUR TUITION FEE FOR ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE PART ONE !!! ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS SIGN UP ONLINE ON THE WWW.ROTARY7070.ORG WEBSITE TODAY.

What Is The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)

RLI is a grassroots coalition of Rotary districts implementing a leadership development program for "potential" leaders of Rotary CLUBS. RLI believes that excellent CLUB leadership (all types of club leaders) is essential to the future of Rotary in a complex and fast changing world. Most Rotarians have not been exposed to the great scope of Rotary around the world and have not considered what leadership skills are necessary to move Rotary forward. RLI strongly believes that a good Rotary Club leader must know the evolution of Rotary, its current status and activities in the world and have a vision for what Rotary can be in the future.

RLI provides a three day non-consecutive basic course in both Rotary knowledge and leadership skills, especially for voluntary organizations. RLI follows an adult learning approach with facilitated discussion led by trained Rotary facilitators.

The cost is \$70 per Rotarian per course. This cost covers course materials, coffee breaks and lunch. Usually the Rotary club covers the cost for their members to attend since the club will be the beneficiary of a more knowledgeable membership.

REMAINING Course for 2016-17:

Part I and Part II and Part III will be held on April 22, 2017 at the New Events Centre at Centennial College, 937 Progress Ave, Toronto, ON M1G 3T8 in

Scarborough. Ontario (8:30 am to 4:00 pm)

Registrations are NOW being accepted for the remaining session for 2016-17 on a first-come, first-serve basis on line at the www.rotary7070.org website by signing in and signing up and paying your \$70 for your course.

A minimum of 18 participants is needed for a course to run.

If you have any questions, please contact Past District Governor Ted Morrison by email ted.sharron@rogers.com or by phone 905-623-3810. Please do not be disappointed. Register TODAY.

CLUB VISIONING - Where is your club going to be in 5 Years?

Rotary Clubs, like any other organizations, need to have a plan for where they are heading. In order to assist Clubs to develop a vision, the District has a team of experienced Rotarians who can facilitate visioning sessions. Since we started the program, five or six years ago, close to 40 Clubs have held sessions. A few Clubs have held two or three sessions, up-dating their vision on a regular basis.

Why do we need vision?

Visioning facilitation helps a Rotary Club to develop its own vision and then sets out the steps necessary to achieve that vision. It is worth noting that the result is not a vision set out by the District or Rotary International. Instead, the result is a vision designed and endorsed by the Club's own members. This vision will help to ensure consensus, continuity and consistency in the Club leadership and programming, to set the stage for future progress.

Further contact

If you are interested in holding a Visioning facilitation in your Club, or just have questions in general, please **contact PDG Lars Henriksson**, lars@norditrade.com, tel. 416-489 8483.

MOBILE BUSINESS DIRECTORY of the Members of Rotary International District 7070

From Rotarian Rob MacArthur, a member of The District 7070 District Website Team

Are you a Rotarian in District 7070?

How would you like to advertise your business on our new mobile business directory for as little as \$10 for the first year?

Check out the site at <http://www.rotarydistrict7070.mobi> to register today!

Are you a consumer looking for a service or business owned by a Rotarian?

Check the site often to see our business directory grow.

Who wouldn't want to do business with a group of business owners that follow Rotary's Four-Way Test

Check out our Facebook link: [7070 Directory](#)

www.rotarydistrict7070.mobi

The Rotary District 7070 Mobile Business Directory has been in operation for over two years. We have several District members listing their businesses. The Directory has had over 6,000 visits annually with a click through rate of over 6%. This means that 6% of those visits did something... they called a business... they clicked on the map to find the business... or they went to the businesses website. In the industry, over 6% is very good. The more members we have participating and sharing the directory, the more exposure it will have and the better success it will have. Any Rotary member of District 7070 can be on the directory for a cost of \$10.00. To look at the directory and to find out more about it, please go to www.rotarydistrict7070.mobi. You can also fill out the form to have your business put on the directory.

Is your business missing out on an opportunity? If you would like more info, please contact Rob MacArthur at info@robmac.org.

Editor's Note: A very special Thank You to **Rotarian Rob MacArthur** of our District Website Team who has created the

A RENEWED ROTARY DISTRICT 7070 SPEAKERS BUREAU

From Rotarian Aziz Saleh, a member of The District 7070 District Website Team

Guest Speakers or Your Own Club Member Speakers:

Have you heard a good speaker at one of your weekly Rotary meetings? It may even be one of your own Rotary Club members who often are your best Rotary speakers.

How about sharing that speaker with everyone in District 7070.

Come and visit the **new look** on the District 7070 Website at our Speakers' Bureau and let Aziz know how you like it. Perhaps your Club is looking for a good speaker. This is your chance to help. The District 7070 Website Committee has created a Rotary District 7070 Speakers Bureau that we will post on the District 7070 website and we need your input.

Please send the following info:

- Speaker's Name and Topic,
- Speaker's Contact information
- A short Speaker Biography

The Name of The Rotarian and your Rotary Club making the recommendation

To Rotarian Aziz Saleh at azizdsaleh@gmail.com

A very special Thank You to Rotarian Aziz Saleh of our District 7070 Website Team who has volunteered to put together the Rotary International District 7070 Speakers Bureau for you to use.

Get Connected, Rotarians !!!

Have you checked out the **new Rotary website**: www.rotary.org

Have you checked out the **Rotary District 7070 website** : www.rotary7070.org

Have you checked out the Rotaract District 7070 **website**: <http://www.rotaractd7070.org>

Are you following us on **twitter** @rotary7070

Advertise your business on our new mobile business directory at <http://www.rotarydistrict7070.mobi>

Be sure to "Like" us on **our Facebook Page** : [Rotary District 7070](#)

Be sure to "Like" Rotary on their Facebook Page: [Rotary International](#)

Have you checked out **your** Rotary Club website and Facebook Page lately? **Is it current?**

When potential members inquire or come to your club , they check out **your** website.

Additional Rotary Resources:

- [Manual of Procedure 2016](#)
- [2016 Council on Legislation Deliberations and Decisions - PDG Raju Paul, D 5360, Canada](#)
- [Rotary's 2016 International Assembly coverage and resources](#)
- [Download 2016-17 theme logo and materials](#)
- [Download the 2016-17 Presidential Theme and Citation brochure](#)
- [Rotary protocol.doc](#)
- [Resources for club officers](#)

- [Learn more about the Strategic Plan.](#)
- [Download the Strategic Planning Guide](#)
- [Rotarian Fellowships](#)
- [*Other Important Rotary Links*](#)

Future Rotary International Conventions

2018: 24-27 June, Toronto, Canada
2019: 1-5 June, Hamburg, Germany
2020: 7-10 June, Honolulu, USA
2021: 13-16 June, Taipei, Taiwan
2022: 5-8 June, Texas, USA.