

**DISTRICT 7070 NEWSLETTER**  
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South Central Ontario, CANADA

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## District Governor's

## Newsletter

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## Rotary Serving Humanity

### My Fellow Rotarians,

**May is Youth Service Month** in Rotary, when Rotary Clubs around the world focus on youth services, Rotaract, Interact, RYLA, Youth Exchange, Camp Enterprise, Adventures in Citizenship and in our District - Earlyact. Our District is again doing well with Youth Services and I will let our Youth Services Chair, PDG Doug Byers say more about this in a writing that follows.

April was a busy month as I attended several events in the District plus spent a week in Honduras working on a microfinance project. While all the events were great, I would like to speak of two of them.

The first was on Saturday, April 8 when I attended the Rotary Club of Ajax's Kids Against Hunger event. This was their fourth time packing and what a great job this year. They packed 270 boxes which equates to 58,000 meals in short order as they had approximately 220 volunteers (Rotarians and non-Rotarians) that came out to help that day.

In the past, the Club donated some of the meals to individual churches or food banks in Durham Region, or in Toronto. This year, Feed the Need in Durham (a centralized food hub) took 1/2 of the boxes, approximately 29,000 meals.

Twenty-four boxes (almost 5,200 meals) is heading to Baffin Island for distribution through the auspices of Truth North Aid. The rest of the boxes will be distributed by Kids Against Hunger Canada internationally according to need and the availability of an on-the-ground partner that can store and distribute the food. In the past, they have sent food to Haiti and countries in Central America and South East Asia.

Following the packing, I went to the closing of the Pickering Music Festival hosted by the Rotary Club of Pickering. The mission of the Pickering Rotary Music Festival is to encourage both creative participation in, and the development of, musical excellence for the Durham community by providing a fair and equal environment of music competition. This is achieved by providing each student, 405 entries this year, with invaluable and constructive feedback with qualified third party adjudicators, as well as sponsoring the top performers with the opportunity to participate and progress to Provincial competitions; a \$3,000 investment. In addition to these benefits, the festival awarded \$7,800 in scholarships and prizes with each student placing first in their category receiving a medallion.

This year was a banner year for both the festival, celebrating 30 years, and host, The Rotary Club of Pickering, who is 75 years young this year. The two-week long festival wrapped up with the Stars of the Festival Concert which showcased the top talent and served as an avenue to hand out the awards, medallions and cash prizes. The evening of celebration had Justice David Stone in the role of Master of Ceremonies who not only Co-Founded the festival 30 years ago, is also The Rotary Club of Pickering's longest running member.

A member of the Club wrote to me saying "The Rotary slogan "Service above Self" could not be better demonstrated by the Pickering Rotary Music Festival which provides such an incredible service to the local Durham student music community. It truly takes a village to put on a festival of this size and with the continued support of the Rotary Club of Pickering, local community, sponsors and advertisers, we look forward to providing these incredible opportunities to

the local student musical community for many years to come. It is an honour to take such a leadership role in the arts community throughout the Durham Region.”

Isn't this what it is all about? Rotarians Making a Difference.

A big thank you to Chris Musselman, President Elect of the Rotary Club of Scarborough for her nomination of the Rotary Club of Uxbridge for Club of the Month. Their accomplishments can be seen in **Club of the Month** article following.

And, as you know, this is what we do **“Rotary Serving Humanity”**.

Yours in Rotary,

*Jim*

District Governor Jim Louttit at [jvlrotary@gmail.com](mailto:jvlrotary@gmail.com)



## From District Governor Elect Neil Phillips



My Fellow Rotarians,

District Assembly is right around the corner. Not just for Presidents-Elect and Club Directors, the Assembly is for **anyone** involved in their Clubs, whether committee chairs or active volunteers. It's also a great opportunity to meet other Rotarians and discuss joint projects. This year, several have signed up with project booths. The agenda includes many topics as requested by you. The full agenda is now on the district website.

It's great value for \$75, and even less for new Rotarians. Saturday, May 13, from 8.00 – 11.00 at the BMO Institute for Learning. Register from the District website, on the home page/right. <http://rotary7070.org/>

It's also a chance to come out and hear a summary from DG Jim as to how things have gone this year; and from myself re some of our plans for the next. We are hoping to see a many of you there.

The Presidents-Elect were treated to an excellent presentation by PDG Ted Morrison on our Foundation, and how it works. With thanks to PDG Brian Thompson, this video is now available on the district website. It's on the home page on the left for the moment; can always be found under the Foundation tab as well. It's an excellent learning resource.

Don Bell & Jackie Davies from the Host Organising Committee are making their way around to all Clubs to talk about how you can help host a dinner during the convention – even if you don't live in Toronto. I've already signed up for this great experience! And if you're joining us in Atlanta, don't forget to sign up to volunteer at the 2018 booth. You get a swanky shirt as thanks. ;-) Last-minute convention registrations: <http://www.riconvention.org> Volunteer booth sign-up: <http://www.rotary2018.org/>

Neil

Regards,  
Neil Phillips  
District Governor Elect 2017-18      [NPhillips@dgn-marketing.com](mailto:NPhillips@dgn-marketing.com)

## Rotary International President John Germ's Monthly Message – May 2017



### Dear Fellow Rotarians:

As you read these lines, final preparations are well underway for our 108th Rotary International Convention, 10-14 June in Atlanta. We're looking forward to one of the biggest and best Rotary conventions yet, as we celebrate not only a wonderful year of Rotary Serving Humanity, but a full century of Doing Good in the World through The Rotary Foundation.

If you haven't already made plans to attend, it's not too late to register at [ri.convention.org](http://ri.convention.org). There is simply no better way to round off another great year in Rotary than by coming together with 40,000 or so of your fellow Rotarians to share ideas, find inspiration, and have a great time together.

We're excited to have Bill Gates, a friend and partner in our work to eradicate polio, speaking at our convention this year. And it's worth arriving early to attend a special Presidential Peace Conference, scheduled for 9-10 June and featuring Bernice A. King, daughter of Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King. I'm proud to host a convention that is practically in my own backyard: Atlanta is a vibrant, modern state capital just a two-hour drive from my home city of Chattanooga, Tenn., and it's a great place to experience the famous hospitality of the American South. Our Host Organization Committee has a great week planned, starting with the "Blue Jeans and Bluegrass" kickoff event on Saturday night.

Come on over to Centennial Olympic Park, right across from the House of Friendship, and get in a dancing mood with Grammy Award winner Ricky Skaggs and his Kentucky Thunder band. Meet up with friends old and new at the Centennial Celebration Block Party or on the Peace Tour of Atlanta. Roll up your sleeves for the Habitat Home Build, or tie up your laces to take part in the 3K Walk/Run to End Polio Now. And before you say goodbye, come back to the House of Friendship for one more party: our Foundation's 100th birthday party, with (of course!) cake and ice cream.

It's going to be an incredible experience, and Judy and I are looking forward to celebrating with you - or, as we say in the South, with y'all! See you in Atlanta!

John

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

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



## Rotary Foundation Chair, Kaylan Banerjee's Monthly Message - May 2017 - Making the world better for 100 years

**Dear fellow Rotarians,**



As we near the end of our yearlong celebration of The Rotary Foundation's 100th anniversary, let's stop to think about what the world would be like if Rotarians had never created an endowment fund for doing good in the world.

I think we can say for certain that without Rotary's historic PolioPlus program, the world would not be on the verge of eradicating polio. Although public health officials and governments would have carried out routine vaccination efforts, it was Rotary's leadership and support that provided the impetus to move beyond containment of the virus to global eradication. And let's consider the other diseases our Foundation grant projects have prevented and treated by providing access to health care, clean water, and adequate sanitation. Malaria, cholera, HIV/ AIDS, Guinea worm - the list goes on and on. How many

thousands of people have avoided suffering and even death because Rotarians carried out projects?

Without the Foundation, many more people would have remained illiterate and many others would not have the vocational skills needed to earn a living and provide for their families.

And then there is our quest for peace. In 2002, the first peace fellows started class at the Rotary Peace Centers. Today, hundreds of our graduates are using their skills to prevent and mediate conflict and help those whose lives have been devastated by war.

In villages around the world, you see hundreds of signs identifying Rotary Foundation projects. They stand beside water wells and are affixed to clinics and schools. When I see one of these signs, I feel proud to be a Rotarian and I think, "My contributions helped make this happen". Let's never forget that behind every one of these signs is a story of the people whose lives have been touched and perhaps even saved. It is their stories that demonstrate conclusively how much better the world is because The Rotary Foundation exists.

*Kaylan Banerjee*

**Kaylan Banerjee**

**Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair**



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

**Dear Fellow Rotarians,**

Words alone cannot express my gratitude and appreciation for the tremendous support that all of you have given me over the many years of my being your District 7070 Rotary Foundation Chair.

And it looks like we just may make my goal of **one million dollars** . This is thanks to the 5 new Arch Klump Society members from District 7070 and our Million Dollar Luncheon. I am ecstatic to know that I will conclude the position of the Chair of the Rotary Foundation for our District 7070 on this note.

And thank you all for participating in the Rado watch draw. All proceeds went to the PolioPlus campaign. Here are the names of the three winners from our Rado Diamond watch Draw: Jan Adams, Port Hope, On; Andy Smith ,Port Hope Sunrise Club and Wendy Sharko, formerly of Cobourg.

I must also thank Past District Governor Michael Bell and District Governor Jim Louttit for their staunch support.

Regards,

*Bill*

Here is **more news** from Past District Governor Bill Patchett:

Here we are in **May 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! 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 every Rotarian:**

**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? Two Months to go.**

**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?** Remember the requirements for the Presidential Citation.

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 Henriksson, our Grants Chair who conducted the 2017-18 Grants Qualification Seminar.. 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 our Rotary 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. I hope to see you at the the **100th Anniversary of the Rotary Foundation Luncheon Celebration**, featuring keynote speaker, Rotary International President Elect Ian Riseley, on Sunday May 7, 2017 from Noon until 4:00 pm at the Scarboro Golf & Country Club, 123 Scarborough Golf Club Rd., Scarborough, Ontario.

*Bill*

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## How are You Celebrating The Rotary Foundation's centennial

A celebration of The Rotary Foundation centennial in 2016-17 officially kicked off in May 2016 at the Rotary Convention in Korea. Incoming leaders are already leading 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"](#)

## May 31, 2017 – Dead-line for 2017-18 District Grants! Don't miss it!

### From Past District Governor Lars Henriksson, District 7070 Rotary Foundation Grants Chair

Clubs interested in applying for District Grants for projects they plan to do in the 2017-18 Rotary year need to complete their applications no later than May 31, 2017. Applications should be made on a special form, available on the District's website ([www.rotary7070.org](http://www.rotary7070.org))

District Grants can be used for both local and international project. Projects can be of various size, but most are in the \$3 -15,000 range. To encourage cooperation between Clubs, the funding formula will give more funds to projects with several participating Clubs.

For more information please visit the District website, or contact PDG Lars Henriksson, [lars@norditrade.com](mailto:lars@norditrade.com)

## Did your Club miss the Grants Seminar in February? Catch-up at the District Assembly! May 13, 2017

### From Past District Governor Lars Henriksson, District 7070 Rotary Foundation Grants Chair

Clubs that want to take advantage of the Rotary Foundation's Grants program must be qualified. To be qualified, a Club must do the following

- have at least two of its members attend a Qualification Seminar, organized by the District, and
- sign a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU)

Our Qualification Seminar took place in Oshawa Saturday, February 11, 2017. If your Club didn't send two members to that Seminar, you need to have two members attend the 'Catch-up' Seminar at the District Assembly, Saturday, May 13, 2017. We will actually run two one-hour seminars at the Assembly. One will focus on Global Grant projects, the other on District Grant projects. Attending either will count towards the Club being qualified.

Registration is done on the District's website.

For questions or more information, please contact PDG Lars Henriksson, [lars@norditrade.com](mailto:lars@norditrade.com)

## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS : The Wilf Wilkinson Peace Award and the The Dr. Bob Scott Disease Prevention Award

The **Wilf Wilkinson Peace Award** is given annually to a Rotarian, Rotary Club, friend of Rotary, or group in District 7070 that has, in the judgement of the District Governor, made significant contributions to defending, preserving, nurturing and promoting a culture of peace and non-violence. Last year's award winner was the Canadian Centre for Refugee & Immigrant Health Care.

The **Dr. Bob Scott Disease Prevention Award** is given annually to a Rotarian, Rotary Club, friend of Rotary, or group in District 7070 that has, in the judgement of the District Governor, made significant contributions in the field of health care in prevention and/or elimination of disease. Last year's award winner was the former Chair of the Water & Sanitation Rotary Action Group, Past District Governor Ron Denham.

Submissions for potential recipients of this award will be welcomed from any Rotary Club in District 7070. Submissions should include a bio of the individual or group being proposed, an outline of the specific achievements relating to the award that this individual or group is being considered for, and any supporting documentation deemed appropriate. Submissions will be reviewed by the District 7070 Awards Committee in consultation with the District Governor.

**Submission deadline is June 30th, 2017.**

Please submit information to:

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## ROTARY PEACE FELLOWSHIPS APPLICATIONS DEADLINE – MAY 31

**From: Past District Governor Rob Leek – Chair of District 7070 Peace Fellowships**

My Fellow Rotarians,

Each year, Rotary selects up to 100 individuals from around the world to receive fully funded academic fellowships to pursue a Professional Development Certificate Program or Masters Degree Program related to peace and conflict resolution and prevention at one of the participating peace centres around the world.

The fellowship is designed for professionals with work experience in international relations or peace and conflict resolution.

Interested candidates can go on line at <https://my.rotary.org/en/peace-fellowship-application> for all details and qualification requirements. If you know of an individual who might be an excellent candidate for this program, or if an individual approaches your club expressing interest in the program, please refer them to the aforementioned web site for detailed information. Should they wish to pursue the fellowship, and you feel that they are indeed qualified, please assist them in completing the application form and have then forward to me by no later than May 31st. Applications



can be forwarded by e-mail to [rnleek@bell.net](mailto:rnleek@bell.net), or by regular mail to P.O. Box 285, 292 Main St., Bloomfield, ON, K0K 1G0.

If you have questions or concerns about the process, please don't hesitate to contact me at the above e-mail address, or by calling my cell at [613-393-2999](tel:613-393-2999).

**PDG Rob Leek** – District Chair, Peace Fellowships

## Arch Klumph Society Canada Day at Rotary International Headquarters – April 12, 2017

**The Arch Klumph Society Canada Day** is an opportunity for Canadian Rotarians who have the desire to make a significant commitment to the future of The Rotary Foundation to become a member of AKS during The Rotary Foundation Centennial year and the celebration of 150 years of Canadian Confederation. A special event was held on April 12, 2017 at One Rotary Center in Evanston, Illinois for the new Canadian members of the Arch Klumph Society (AKS). This includes an all Canadian induction ceremony attended by senior Rotary leaders, tours of Rotary headquarters and gala dinner for the new society members.

Arch Klumph Society members support The Rotary Foundation for a variety of reasons. With their help, the Foundation is fulfilling Rotary's promise of creating a polio- free world. Children and families are living healthier lives through the Foundation's Global and District grants. Educational programs and scholarships are helping young people build lasting friendships and mutual understanding with their peers around the world. Member support enables tomorrow's leaders to live and study together as Rotary Peace Fellows and provides them the opportunity to begin building a more peaceful world.

**Why have a AKS Canada Day?** Canadian Rotarians have always been passionate supporters of The Rotary Foundation. Many Canadians have held key leadership position with The Rotary Foundation. The AKS Canada Day continues this tradition of significant Canadian support for the work and goals of our Foundation. The centennial of The Rotary Foundation and the celebration of 150 years of Confederation make 2017 a fitting year to make an inspired gift to The Foundation.

Rotarians had reason to celebrate recently as they were on hand at RI headquarters, on April 12, 2017 for the induction of 14 Canadians, this year, who became members of the Arch Klumph Society, 5 of which are members of District 7070: Past District Governor Bill and Delphine Patchett (RC Cobourg); Past Assistant Governor Michael and Karen Parker (RC Cobourg); District 7070 Treasurer Devon and Linda Biddle (RC Oshawa-Parkwood); Past District Governor Ron Denham (RC Toronto Eglinton), and one anonymous donor.

Arch C. Klumph founded the Rotary Club of Cleveland, Ohio, USA, in 1911 and was the 1916-17 Rotary president. Addressing the 1917 convention in Atlanta, Georgia, he eloquently promoted the idea of "endowments for the purpose of doing good in the world." That year, the Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri, made the first gift, of \$26.50, to the fledgling fund. When the endowment had grown significant enough to require administrators to manage it, The Rotary Foundation was born, and Klumph was selected as one of its first trustees.

The Arch Klumph Society (AKS) was created in 2004, during Rotary International's centennial celebration, as a meaningful way to recognize the Foundation's highest-level donors, those who have made a donation of US \$250,000 or more to the humanitarian programs of the Rotary Foundation.

We have three photos to share with you. As you may recall, it was announced that Ron Denham received his AKS award at the annual District 7070 Rotary Foundation Evening in October 2016.



Devon and Linda Biddle



Michael and Karen Parker



Bill and Delphine Patchett

## May is Youth Service Month

### What Is your Rotary Club doing to focus on Youth Service in May 2016?

May is Youth Services (formerly called New Generations) Month when Rotary Clubs, around the world focus on youth services, Rotaract, Interact, RYLA, Youth Exchange and in our District - Earlyact.

#### **Rotaract:**

It's a global movement of young leaders who are developing innovative solutions to the world's most pressing challenges. Rotaract clubs bring together people ages 18-30 to exchange ideas with leaders in the community, develop leadership and professional skills, and have fun through service. In communities worldwide, Rotary and

Rotaract members work side by side to take action through service. From big cities to rural villages, Rotaract is changing communities like yours. Rotaract clubs decide how to organize and run their club, manage their own funds, and plan and carry out activities and service projects aligned with causes that are important to your community. Rotary club sponsors offer guidance and support and work with your club as partners in service. There are 9,522 Rotaract Clubs with 291,000 members in 177 countries.

#### **Can your Rotary club sponsor a Rotaract club? YES**

Help young adults in your community develop leadership skills, build lasting friendships, and create positive change through Rotaract. Not only will Rotaract make a difference in their lives, it will also energize and inspire your Rotary club and connect you with enthusiastic and capable partners in service. If your university or community doesn't already have a Rotaract club, you can start one. Here's what you'll need to get started:

- Your Rotary club to provide support and partnership
- A faculty or sponsor club adviser to guide and mentor you
- People ages 18-30 from your school or community who are interested in joining the club
- Leaders to organize your club, find other members, and plan successful projects

Everything you need to organize, certify, and manage your club is in the [Rotaract Handbook](#).

#### **Interact:**

You can take action, build international understanding, and make new friends around the world.

Interact clubs bring together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills while discovering the power of Service Above Self. Find out how serious leadership can be seriously fun. Interact clubs organize at least two projects every year, one that helps their school or community and one that promotes international understanding. Rotary club sponsors mentor and guide Interactors as they carry out projects and develop leadership skills. There are 20,372 Interact Clubs with 468,000 members in 159 countries.

#### **Can my Rotary club sponsor an Interact club? YES.**

Empower young people in your community to take action, develop leadership skills, and gain a global perspective through Interact. Not only will Interact challenge them to reach their full potential, it will also energize and inspire your Rotary club while building connections in the community and around the world. If a school or community doesn't already have an Interact club, you can start one. Here's what you'll need to get started:

- Your Rotary club to provide support and guidance
- An adviser from your school's faculty or a sponsor Rotary club to assist and mentor you
- People ages 12-18 from your school or community who are interested in joining the club
- Leaders to organize your club, find other members, and plan successful projects

Everything you need to organize, certify, and manage your club is in the [Interact Guide for Rotary Club Sponsors and Advisers](#).

**Earlyact** can be done the same way for those youth in a primary aged school in your community. EarlyAct™ is a school-wide service club for elementary students from ages 5 to 13. It is sponsored by one of the local Rotary clubs in the township in which the school is located. The mission and operation of EarlyAct™ are closely linked to the ideals of Rotary and provide the foundation and natural succession into Interact. EarlyAct™ provides young students the opportunity for gaining an increased awareness and knowledge of their community and the world. At a young age, all students can easily be encouraged to be caring and helpful. Their minds are open to recognize the dignity and worth of each individual which builds respect for others. EarlyAct™ also engages students in character-building activities and prepares them for leadership roles to identify and carry out projects which benefit their school, local and global communities. Download the EarlyAct Student handbook in PDF format, [click here](#).

Rotary's programs are developing the next generation of leaders, providing funding to make the world a better place, and making peace a priority. And our programs are not just for club members. Learn how you can make a difference in your community through Rotary.

### **Rotary Peace Fellowships:**

Each year, Rotary selects up to 100 professionals from around the world to receive fully funded academic fellowships at our Rotary Peace Centers. [Learn more ›](#)

### **Rotary Community Corps**

Finding community solutions to community challenges, Rotary Community Corps unites Rotary members with nonmembers to make a positive difference. [Learn more ›](#)

### **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)**

RYLA is a leadership development program for young people who want to learn new skills, build their confidence, and have fun. Events range from one-day seminars to weeklong camps. [Learn more ›](#)

### **Rotary Youth Exchange**

Rotary Youth Exchange builds peace one young person at a time. Students learn a new language, discover another culture, and truly become global citizens. [Learn more ›](#)

### **New Generations Service Exchange**

New Generations Service Exchange is a short-term, customizable program for university students and young professionals up to age 30. Participants can design exchanges that combine their professional goals with a humanitarian project. [Learn more ›](#)

### **Grants**

For 100 years, The Rotary Foundation has been turning project ideas into reality. Our clubs receive funding to support humanitarian projects, scholarships, and international exchanges. [Learn more ›](#)

### **Scholarships**

Rotary invests more than \$7 million a year in our future leaders and philanthropists by funding scholarships for undergraduate and graduate study. [Learn more ›](#)

Rotary International and our District Governor, Jim Louttit, in particular, is encouraging all clubs in District 7070 to undertake projects that support the fundamental needs of the youth who are our next generation of Rotarians— all young people up to the age of 30 — by improving their life skills to ensure a better future, while recognizing the diversity of their needs.

Be sure to read his letter at the beginning of this District newsletter.

As District Governor Jim has stated, here are the challenges: Does your club have a plan? Are you executing your own plan to create projects focused on Youth – our Next generation of Rotarians?

Every day, you can make a difference. Not just in May, but every day in the Rotary Year.

## **May is Youth Services Month in Rotary - Is your club involved with youth in some way?**

### **From Past District Governor Doug Byers - Our District 7070 Youth Services Chair**

My fellow Rotarians,

May is Youth Services Month in Rotary. Is your club involved with youth in some way? Have you sponsored an Earlyact, Interact, or Rotaract Club? If this is a task your club feels is too big for you to tackle, then you could co-sponsor a club with another Rotary Club.

Some clubs find it difficult to commit to sponsoring a club. There are other ways to become involved with youth in your community:

- Invite students to help out in a meaningful way at a fundraiser you are organizing. Students can then be granted volunteer hours for their required community service.
- Contact a local school and offer to take part in a career day.
- Donate books to the school library
- Organize a local spelling bee
- Donate money for an educational trip or a speaker at a school
- Donate bursaries at graduation ceremonies
- You may also sponsor a candidate for RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards). If your club does not have a candidate, donate the funds to the RYLA organizing committee and they will use the money to support a candidate.

These are only some ways your club can become involved with youth in your community.

Thanks to those members of the District 7070 Youth Exchange Committee chaired by Larry Wright who spend many hours arranging, organizing and supporting inbound and outbound students who take part in this worthwhile program. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Thanks also to Marie Visser (District 7070 Earlyact Chair); Andrea Tirone ( District 7070 Interact Chair); and Mark Chipman ( District 7070 Rotaract Chair) for their continued efforts.

Ours In Rotary,

*Doug*

## Club of the Month – Rotary Club of Uxbridge

From District Governor Jim Louttit

### **Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Uxbridge – Club of The Month for May 2017**

Uxbridge Rotarians meet in the mornings, to get a running start to their day. They comprise many local business people and store owners, as well as some retired people. But they all have one thing in common: each Rotarian supports the Uxbridge community with enthusiasm and involvement!

Some of their local community support projects include:

- Hosting Blood donor clinics every 2 months
- Spring Spruce Up around the Rotary Band Shell in Elgin Park
- Annual Scrap Metal Days – next one is 06 May
- Special Canada 150 Dance on 29 April that to raise funds for the new Animal Shelter
- Assisting with the Lucy Maud Montgomery “Write On Uxbridge” Youth competition
- High School and Music Scholarships given annually
- Free Reading Program for families in the area via their website
- Judging the Brock Youth Centre Young Entrepreneurs competition

In addition to all of the above, Uxbridge Rotary recently made a presentation to the local Chamber of Commerce on Rotary and Business Ethics, which definitely raised awareness in the community.

AND – Every Member of the Rotary Club of Uxbridge has donated to the Polio Plus Fund, that has been matched by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

They have contributed to a maternal health project in Malawi that also led to matching donations.

They just co-ordinated efforts in 5 local schools to bring them Brush-A-Mania.

They support the Grandview Children’s Home and Uxbridge Youth Centre, and were the driving force behind the Uxbridge Rotary Skateboard Park!

They are known locally for running Trip of the Month – tickets sell out quickly.

They run a Hole in One Golf Tournament every year, with lots of publicity and community participation.

These are just some of their many activities that are highlighted every month in an article in the local Uxbridge Cosmos newspaper. **This Rotary Club is definitely worthy of being Club of the Month any month of the year!**

Yours in Rotary,

*Jim*

District Governor Jim Louttit

## Important Rotary Dates coming up:

- 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 7** - **District 7070 Rotary Foundation 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon Celebration** -- Noon to 4 pm – Scarborough Golf Club
- May 13** - **District 7070 Training Assembly** - in [BMO Institute For Learning \(IFL\)](#) , 3550 Pharmacy Avenue, Scarborough, Ontario M1W 3Z3 - 8 am to 2 pm
- May 14-19** - **RYLA** – Loyalist College , Belleville
- May 31** — **Last Day to register Rotarians in your Rotary Club for the District 7070 Leadership Award**
- May 31** — **Last Day to register your Rotary Club for the District 7070 Foundation Citation**
- June 10-14** – **Rotary International 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**

## Rotaract Club of Toronto – Masquerade Gala

### **From President Dennis Lam**

As you know, we're getting ramped up for our Annual Fundraiser, **The Masquerade Gala**, and tickets are now on sale! I hope you're able to make it! We still have some early bird tickets remaining in case you or your colleagues are interested in supporting the Rotaract Club of Toronto.

[https://www.picatic.com/rotaract\\_masquerade\\_gala](https://www.picatic.com/rotaract_masquerade_gala)  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1164345693688154/>

Many thanks and warm regards,  
Dennis

## **Rotary Membership Moment – May 2017**

### **Ideas for strengthening membership**

#### **Promote your club with new Rotary resources**

How do you communicate with your community about your club? Are prospective members hearing about who you are and what you do? If your club is looking to promote its unique culture, events, and service projects, you can [customize a club brochure](#). Edit the content or upload your own photos to make a distinctive promotional pamphlet.

Use the [Discover Rotary](#) presentation and the [Impact Begins With You](#) prospective member brochure to introduce Rotary's values and history, the benefits of membership, and what makes Rotary stand out.

Does your club sponsor an Interact or Rotaract club? You can customize your own [promotional cards for Rotary's programs for young leaders](#) through our Brand Center. This is a great opportunity to show potential members all the ways they can get involved through Rotary.

**The Presidential Citation** due date for achieving and reporting goals is **30 June**. The citation is an award that clubs can earn by achieving goals for timely payment of semiannual invoices, membership growth, Foundation giving, humanitarian service, and more. Earning the citation is a high honor that only 15 to 20 percent of clubs receive annually.

All members registered on My Rotary can [view their club's progress](#) toward achieving the citation. Your members can learn more about citation reporting in this [video](#), and see tips on reaching each goal from the [citation achievement guide](#). Learn more about the Presidential Citation by participating in a [discussion group](#)— and achieve one citation goal by doing so. If you have questions about earning your club's citation for 2016-17, write to us at [riawards@rotary.org](mailto:riawards@rotary.org).

#### **The New membership Flexibility:**

Many clubs have been benefiting from the new [membership flexibility](#) resulting from the 2016 Council on Legislation decisions. The changes in policy affect when, where, and how clubs meet and the types of memberships they offer. The Rotary Club of Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C., USA, has doubled its membership in six months by creating two new membership types with reduced dues — one for young professionals, and one for spouses or partners. The Rotary Club of Singapore East has changed its meeting structure: Members now meet formally for lunch only twice per month. The other two weeks, the club meets in a less formal environment. The Rotary Club of Deerfield, Illinois, USA, now offers shared membership as an option.

[Learn more](#) about how these clubs are staying relevant and attracting more members. How is your club using this new flexibility? Share your story with us at [membership.minute@rotary.org](mailto:membership.minute@rotary.org).

**If you have new members you want counted in your membership achievements for the current Rotary year**, they must now be reported to RI on or before 30 June.

- Members added with 1 July 2017 effective dates will no longer be included in your annual 1 July 2017 membership start number, but they will be billed on the 1 July 2017 club invoice and counted toward 2017-18 membership growth.
- Members terminated with effective dates on or before 1 July 2017 will reduce your club's 2016-17 membership achievement, reduce your 1 July 2017 membership start number, and will not be billed on the 1 July 2017 club invoice.

As a result, it is possible for your club's July 2017 annual membership start number to be lower than your July 2017 invoice if new members were added with a 1 July 2017 effective date.

In summary, beginning immediately with the 2016-17 Rotary year, new members added on or before 30 June will count toward the current Rotary year, while members added with 1 July effective dates will count toward the new Rotary year. We hope this simplifies your reporting and reflects your membership more accurately.

If you have any questions, write to [membershipdevelopment@rotary.org](mailto:membershipdevelopment@rotary.org).

## Membership Matters Seminar Part 2 - Reprised...May 27th!!

**From District 7070 Membership Chair Virginia O'Reilly**

My fellow Rotarians,

Hear about exciting ideas clubs are trying out and the impact these are having on membership. Discuss what your club tried after Part 1, how it worked and discover how to make it better. There is no need to attend Part 1 before Part 2.

[Click here to register](#)

Membership Matters Seminar Part 2 – Reprised... May 27th!! Membership Matters Seminar Part 2 garnered rave reviews after its first outing in Oshawa. You have one more opportunity to participate in Part 2 and it is in Aurora!!!

When: Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup> Time: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Check in 8 to 8:30)

Location: Aw Shucks Seafood Bar & Bistro – The Pearl Room

Address: 15230 Yonge St, Aurora, ON L4G 1P2 Phone: (905) 727-5100

The workshop is limited to the first 50 registrants. There is no charge to participants (however no shows will be charged \$20).

Lots of parking behind the restaurant, with elevator access if needed.

## SHELTERBOX News For May 2017



### Understanding the Local Situation is Crucial to Promoting Community Recovery – ShelterBox in Peru

At ShelterBox we are impatient to see a world where no family is without shelter after a disaster. While this impatience drives us to move quickly to help families after a disaster, we don't just make quick decisions, we make good decisions. The local communities know their specific issues, people, and local recovery process better than anyone else does. We work with communities and local organizations to make sure we are getting the right support to the right people when they need it.

ShelterBox currently has a team in Peru assessing wide scale flooding caused by El Nino rains. Cyclical El Nino weather patterns usually affect Peru, however, this is the most severe El Nino impact the country has ever experienced. Over 100 people have been killed, roads and bridges have been swept away, houses are flooded, and farmland has been destroyed.





ShelterBox teams are currently working with local Rotary contacts, the Peruvian Civil Defense agency and local communities to visit the worst hit areas and understand what challenges people are facing

**Our number one goal is to make sure we provide these communities with the tools they need not only to survive, but to recover from this disaster.** We also have a responsibility to the families we serve and those who support us to be as effective as possible. In order to achieve these goals, understanding the local situation and taking time to do proper assessments is crucial.

In Piura (Northern Peru) most buildings remain structurally sound, however, until flood waters recede residents need to stay elsewhere. Community centers and schools are open for people to stay in but clean water, blankets, solar lights and other essentials are desperately needed. **Some residents are choosing to sleep in unsafe conditions on the side of the road to try to get help from passing vehicles.**

Floodwaters are expected to recede soon in Piura so people will be able to go home. Providing supplies like water filtration and carriers, solar lights, and blankets will get people away from the road, and give them the tools they need for self recovery and to return home when the water has receded.

In other areas of Peru, a full shelter solution is necessary for recovery to help families whose homes were damaged by the floodwaters. **By understanding the local situation, our teams have been able to identify who needs aid, and exactly what they need to recover.**



ShelterBox teams will continue to work in Peru, Colombia, Mozambique, Somaliland, Cameroon, Niger, Iraq and throughout the Syrian region to ensure we help affected communities receive the tools they need to recover from these devastating events. For more info, follow our blog at: <https://medium.com/shelterbox-canada>

### ShelterBox's New Look

ShelterBox has rebranded! We have a new logo, and will be launching our new website shortly! With the launch of our new branding, we are no longer offering box tracking. Instead, we ask clubs support the ShelterBox Aid fund so that we can provide ShelterBoxes, ShelterKits and SchoolBoxes as soon as they are needed, anywhere in the world. Clubs and individual donors will receive a letter from us letting you know what aid we sent with your donation, where it went, and some information about the community. New donation forms can be found at: <http://shelterboxcanada.org/involved.php?page=2>

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](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:** There have been many news items recently that have been added to our blog. Keep checking back for regular updates. One of the newest blogs is about a canoe adventure beginning in May. A group of 16 paddlers will be undertaking a journey from Kingston to Ottawa. Read the full story on the blog page. 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. We have added some new photos from Kashechewan, the Senior Tamil Centre of Ontario and the St. Francis School, Tilbury gifts-in-kind collection to our gallery. Please take a look. If you have recently viewed a good film or documentary or read a book not on our list with an indigenous theme or message, please email Julie Dunaiskis ([julie@eccgroup.ca](mailto:julie@eccgroup.ca)) and Janet McLeod ([jmm@nexicom.net](mailto:jmm@nexicom.net)) to add to our list.

**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. 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](mailto:julie@eccgroup.ca)) and Janet McLeod ([jmm@nexicom.net](mailto:jmm@nexicom.net)) to add to our list. We have many available on our website - some you can just click and watch.

**Reading:** If you have recently viewed a good film or documentary or read a book not on our list with an indigenous theme or message, please email Julie Dunaiskis ([julie@eccgroup.ca](mailto:julie@eccgroup.ca)) and Janet McLeod ([jmm@nexicom.net](mailto:jmm@nexicom.net)) to add to our list.

**Podcasts and other Resources** - We add to our podcasts periodically. Check under resources. We have powerpoint slides you can use as well as our HIP Brochure which are all located under **Resources**. There is also a list of all the reserves in Ontario and the Rotary district they are located in. It would be fantastic if every club developed a relationship with one of these Indigenous communities. If there is no reserve in your community, you might want to pay a visit to a local Friendship Centre.

## Rotary News

In late March, HIP Director, Fred Lawlor and Elder Danny Beaton were guests at the Senior Tamil Centre of Ontario and presented on Indigenous customs and talked about HIP. There were about 150 in an attendance and the presentation was well received.

On March 23rd, HIP Director, Kevin Webb proposed a guest speaker at the Rotary Club of Stratford. George Henry (Chippewa's) was well received by the club.

On April 19th, Chris Snyder was guest speaker at the Rotary Club of Toronto Eglinton and presented on HIP. Eglinton is providing bursaries for three Indigenous students at Ryerson studying midwifery. They are wanting more involvement.

The Rotary Club of Toronto Foundation Board has agreed to provide the Save the Evidence Project in Brantford with a grant of \$40,200 to assist in the preservation of the Mohawk Institute Residential School. This is great news! and a wonderful donation by the RCT Foundation. This school is only one of four remaining in Canada and serves as a reminder of a dark part of Canadian history. It was open from 1828 to 1970. It is well worth a visit.



HIP Board Members - Chris Snyder, John Andras, Kenn Richard and Fred Lawlor

The Rotary Club of Toronto recently had Bob Rae speak on reconciliation. A new podcast with Bob should be available soon. The club also made a donation to the GTA Imagination Library. Books are being sent monthly to about 180 Indigenous children in the GTA between 0 and 5.

The Rotary Club of Norfolk Sunrise has been working with Pikangikum First Nation in supporting their music program and outdoor program. The club has provided guitars, keyboards, clarinet and flute along with equipment and prizes for their annual Battle of the Bands concert. The outdoor program has been developed to build skills of students in adventure and outfitting careers. Snowshoes, fishing gear, canoes and canoe training have been provided to enable students to participate in a five-day canoe trip in June. Great work!

HIP Director, John Andras had an opportunity to visit Kashechewan on the occasion of a joint announcement by the federal, provincial and local governments to relocate the town. He and Dr. Murray Trusler, former chief of staff in Moose Factory and chair of the relocation committee were given a guided tour of the community by some local children. This photo says it all with an inspiring message on the canoe paddle. "*Together we work for hope*". You can see it better in our photo album. The little girl is Gwen Wesley. Our minds are now thinking about the residents as they have had to flee because of flooding. John addressed the audience and was thanked for all of the hockey equipment that HIP and Rotary clubs delivered.



We were also fortunate to receive funding from MIRR of \$107,500 for two canoe trips this summer by the young people (Paddle with the Cree) from Kashechewan to paddle down the old fur trading route on the Albany River.

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](mailto:nic.patterson@gmail.com) or John at [john.wayne.currie@outlook.com](mailto:john.wayne.currie@outlook.com) to book a program.

Gifts-in-Kind. This has been an overwhelming success. Over 180 pallets of goods worth over \$650,000 have been sent to twenty First Nations communities including two in Manitoba. Transportation valued at more than \$120,000 by Trucks for Change and Wasaya Airlines have been provided for no cost. HIP has been the co-ordinator and facilitator of the transportation. This is a partnership between the donor organizations (schools, churches, Rotary clubs), transportation companies and the local First Nations communities. We are working hard to put it on a sustaining basis for the future. There has been some media, most focused on the donors. It is our aim to turn this into the start of engagement and interaction amongst people and the communities north and south. Already a few pen pal exchanges are starting to evolve.

#### ***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.

***What is your club doing?*** Please email Julie Dunaiskis ([julie@eccgroup.ca](mailto:julie@eccgroup.ca)) with a brief summary so we can post on the HIP website and provide an update in upcoming newsletters. This will help other clubs and provide a sense of how we are involved.

**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 **Tom Sears** ([tsears@sympatico.ca](mailto: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. Ideally these talks will inform members and guests and hopefully engage members in becoming involved in an Indigenous program, donating money and developing a relationship with the local Indigenous community. We are happy to help you connect with the community close to you. There have been an estimated ten presentations in the past month.

#### **News & Events**

**On May 16th, JP Gladu**, President and CEO of the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business will be speaking at the 7080 CIRCLE(Community Indigenous Resource Committee for Learning) meeting. The location is at the Rotary Glen Banquet Hall in Brampton. Please contact co-chair, Ingrid Sproxton ([isproxto@hotmail.ca](mailto:isproxto@hotmail.ca)) for further details.

Are you making summer vacation plans for Canada's 150th birthday year? The Ontario Travel website has lots of great ideas focused on Aboriginal Experiences ([Aboriginal Experiences | OntarioTravel.net](#)) as well as several celebrations in Ottawa throughout the summer and fall.

**Owen Sound** will be celebrating June 30th -July 9th with a Maawanji'idig: Festival Canadiana Owen Sound. Local First Nations and Metis communities will join in presenting a series of entertaining, informative and inspirational events. Check out the website for detailed dates (under Signature Events) [Celebration 2017 Owen Sound-Events - Owen Sound](#).

**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 200 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**

Now that summer is around the corner, it is time to get out and about. What better time than to make a point of getting to know some people from Indigenous communities as well as Indigenous communities in your own community. Here are a few ways you can do it:

1. Visit a pow wow. These are fun filled events. Take your family and friends. The Ontario government has a list of them.
2. Seek out an Indigenous community close to you (see our resource page). Head there for a visit to meet the chief and others. Six Nations are looking for visitors. Curve Lake does too. How about Rama near Orillia? You could take in some entertainment while you are at it. Manitoulin has lots going on. See out the local Friendship Centre in your community. These are just a few places.
3. Sadly, there are a number of Indigenous people on the street. Stop and chat and LISTEN. They all have a story. I have done it several times and have found them willing to talk.
4. Invite someone to your club for a meal. Better still, see if they would like to become a member.
5. Same as #2 except see if they have educational issues and find out if there is a way you can work together.
6. There is plenty of Indigenous entertainment around. Check it out. Art shows are amazing. McMichael Gallery in Kleinburg has a permanent collection. While Kevin Monkman's show has left, I am told it was phenomenal.
7. Our HIP reading list and movies on our website, while not a one-on-one discussion, might inspire you to find out more.
8. If travelling through a community with Indigenous Peoples, stop and allocate some time to just having a chat.

There are many more. Send us your thoughts. We will all be richer for it..

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](#)

### **[Project Problems? Try Rotary Ideas](#)**

The Rotary Club of Montego Bay Sunrise in Jamaica was having problems raising money for a water and sanitation project at 11 schools in their country.

With the encouragement of their District Governor, Paul Brown, they submitted a project to [Rotary Ideas](#) where they were able to link up with the Rotary Club of Central Cayman Islands to get a Global Grant from The Rotary Foundation.

Read the story, [Try Rotary Ideas](#), that was published in February 2017 issue of The Rotarian magazine

### **[Clean Water for 500,000 Chinese Students](#)**

Rotary District 3450 ( comprised of clubs in Hong Kong, Macau, Mongolia, and Guangdong of the People's Republic of China) has partnered with the Australian non-profit organization SkyJuice Foundation. On World Water Day 2017 they announced their plans to bring clean water to half a million Chinese students in the remote villages near Yan'an City. The partnership has already provided safe drinking water to 250,000 students using the SkyHydrant filtration units.

To read more go to [Clean Water for Chinese Students](#).

### **[Water Project Unites Lebanon Clubs](#)**

In 2011, Rotary members in northern Lebanon, with the assistance of The Rotary Foundation, installed a water filtration system in a few schools.

Now Rotary District 2452 has all 24 Rotary Clubs working together with the goal that "Every student has the right to clean water."

The Rotary organizers of the project know that clean water is the main objective, but they also saw the opportunity to work towards healing Lebanon's long history of sectarian strife.

Read [Water Project Unites Lebanon](#) to learn how this project is not only bringing clean water to over 1,500 schools, but laying the groundwork to peace in the region

### **[WASH to the Foothills of the Himalayas](#)**

For over 10 years, New Zealand's Rotary District 9940 has been supporting the work of the NGO Rural Centre for Human Interests (RUCHI) to bring WASH to Himachal Pradesh, in the Himalayan foothills.

With the assistance of The Rotary Foundation, this partnership has been able to complete three "Rainwater Harvesting Villages". They are taking the concept to over 30 villages which will impact on over 10,000 people

Read [WASH to the Himalayas](#) the article that appeared in the "Rotary Down Under" magazine

## Calendar Of Events

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/>

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 ended 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](#)

## **It's WASRAG's Tenth Birthday! Join us on Saturday June 10th, 2017**

**LOCATION: The Arctic Room at the Spectacular Georgia Aquarium, 225 Baker St NW, Atlanta, GA 30313**

[Georgia Aquarium Website](#)

**4:30 - 5:30 pm** - WASRAG's Annual General Meeting: Past RI President and WASRAG Chair Bill Boyd will update everyone on WASRAG's progress - 2007 – 2017!

5:50 – 7:30 pm - A cash bar and complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be offered as we honor individuals who have contributed to WASRAG's success.

We've come a long way - and it was all made possible by a strong, dedicated group of WASH-minded Rotarians. We hope that many of WASRAG's members and friends will attend. We need to provide a number to the Aquarium by June 1<sup>st</sup> and reservations are required. Please complete this very simple RSVP to confirm your attendance! [RSVP](#)

## **WASRAG Newsletter On-line Archive**

On the WASRAG website we keep back issues of the WASRAG Newsletter on this page

<http://www.wasrag.org/newsletters>.

**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](mailto: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.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 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

## District 7070 Rotary Foundation 100<sup>th</sup> 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 are or become, between July 1, 2016 and May 7, 2017 a Benefactor or Bequest Society member , 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](mailto:patch@eagle.ca), Carolyn Ferguson [carolyn.ferguson@rotary.org](mailto:carolyn.ferguson@rotary.org), Michael Bel [mjbell925@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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

*Weiting Xu*

**Rotaractors in District 7070 are busily planning the 2017 Rotaract District Conference - May 6th, 2017 at York University**

## **From Melisa Okanovic District 7070 Rotaract Representative**

Our theme this year is "[You've Got a Friend in Me: Share YOUR Story!](#)" based loosely on everyone's favourite Pixar movie franchise, Toy Story. With this theme we want to place a focus on what being a part of the Rotary community means; supporting diversity & inclusion, lending a helping hand to those in need, and ultimately service above self.

As a part of this year's conference we are doing a collective painting activity, where each attendee will get a chance to create a painting with this theme in mind to take home. Not only does this activity get to expose our attendees to a creative and fun fellowship event, it also allows our Committee to donate the supplies remaining (paint bottles, brushes, easels, aprons, etc.) to a local arts organization. In this way, not only are we promoting connection within our District through our conference, but we are also giving back to the community we serve!

However, this activity is currently one of the larger costs for the conference, as it requires purchasing various art supplies for an estimated 150 attendees. With this in mind, I am reaching out to all Rotary presidents that sponsor Rotaract Clubs within the District to help fund this particular activity at this year's conference, as well as the donation that we will be making to the arts organization. If we have additional funds available, we will be able to purchase more supplies than just for our attendees, and be able to donate a greater amount!

We would be appreciative if your club would consider making a donation to fund this cause. We are currently asking for **\$250.00** from each Rotary Club that has sponsored a Rotaract Club, which if hopefully supported by many of the sponsor clubs, will be above and beyond in helping make this a reality at this year's conference! Of course, the Committee is very aware that Rotary Sponsor Clubs contribute funds throughout the year to Youth Services and their respective Rotaract Club, and if this amount is not within the remaining budget we are thankful for any amount that you feel is possible!

If your club is able to support, please feel free to get in touch with , Melisa Okanovic District 7070 Rotaract Representative ([melisaokanovic@gmail](mailto:melisaokanovic@gmail.com) or [905-807-9501](tel:905-807-9501)) to discuss further details if you have any questions or concerns.

**If able to donate, and wanting to do so through e-transfer, please use the email: [melisaokanovic@gmail.com](mailto:melisaokanovic@gmail.com)**

If able to donate, and wanting to pay through cheque, please mail the cheque with the following details:

Melisa Okanovic, 65-34 Mistywood Dr., Stoney Creek, Ontario L8J 2P8

We would also love to see yourself and your club members out at the conference, so please feel free to promote the registration link found here:

<https://www.crsadmin.com/EventPortal/Registrations/PublicFill/EventPublicFill.aspx?evtid=d6fd18ab-a715-4c4d-b494-1deec703004a>

We hope to see you at this year's conference, and with your help make this the best Rotaract conference to date!

All the best,

Melisa Okanovic

**Editor's Note: I am sure that the Rotaractors in District 7070 would be most appreciative if any Rotary Club in District 7070 can assist with some funding as a contribution to Youth Service.**

[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](http://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](mailto:dongbell@sympatico.ca)

Jackie Davies contact: [jcdavies@sympatico.ca](mailto: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.

## 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](#)

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE TORONTO 2018 ROTARY CONVENTION – SIGN UP TODAY

**From: Lorraine Lloyd ,Co-Chair Ambassadors & Volunteer, TORONTO 2018 HOC (Host Organizing Committee)**

My Fellow Rotarians,

Please go to: [www.rotary2018.org](http://www.rotary2018.org)

Go to VOLUNTEER section....follow through to where is mentions Atlanta & click on REGISTER TO VOLUNTEER. We are using a Vroom software system and you'll need to give an email & set up a password. Once you do so, you'll instantly go in the shift area.

FYI - the area to volunteer for Toronto is not LIVE yet and won't be until later. Atlanta signup is our top priority at this point.

There are many shift options for each day. Please volunteer for at least ONE 2- hour shift. If you wish to sign up for several shifts, and multiple days, even better.

We'll be building excitement at our Toronto 2018 Convention booth, located in the House of Friendship, and we'll be handing out Toronto luggage tags or something fun item. Just look for the big TORONTO sign (similar to the one at City Hall) in the Hall of Friendship.

When volunteering on line, don't forget to fill out what size polo shirt you'd like to wear. If you're doing multiple shifts, you'll receive 2 shirts.

**FYI - Tourism Toronto will be giving us a short training session in advance.**

Keep in mind, that there are **2 opening sessions**: (i) Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30-12:30 & (ii) 3:30-5:30.

Generally, but 'not written in stone', we've heard that if you registered for the Atlanta Convention early, you probably are in the first session. (if any issues, we can always switch after we get our registration pkgs).

(There are no volunteers shifts during Closing Session)

My Co-Chair, **Dawn-Marie King has set up the volunteer software** so if you have any major issues, do let us know. Feedback has been that it's working well.

I look forward to seeing you both in Atlanta.

Cheers,

**Lorraine Lloyd**

Co-Chair Ambassadors & Volunteers TORONTO 2018 HOC (Host Organizing Committee)

## ENTERTAINMENT SUGGESTIONS FOR TORONTO 2018 – ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

**From Lynda Ryder, Zone 24 East Rotary Co-ordinator**

This is a calling out to Rotarians in District 7070 for entertainment suggestions for the Toronto 2018 Rotary International Convention. I am the co-chair of entertainment for the 2018 Convention and if you could just drop me an email with your suggestions and/or thoughts, our team would consider all possibilities. We are also responsible for entertainment for the House of Friendship – We are hoping to have new entertainment each hour. So far, I have had applications from local choirs; fashion show presenters, martial arts, school bands etc. District 7080 has really taken this project on and sent me a myriad of suggestions.

Thank you all,

Lynda Ryder

[lynda.ryder@silicates.com](mailto:lynda.ryder@silicates.com)

## CLUB OF THE MONTH:

**From District Governor DG Jim Louttit, DG Elect Neil Phillips, DG Nominee Mary Lou Harrison AND District Governor Nominee 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 - ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR - THANK YOU ROTARIANS !!!

**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, 2016, WE WERE FORCED TO CANCEL R.L.I. IN BELLEVILLE THIS ROTARY YEAR. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT YEAR IN BELLEVILLE, OSHAWA OR IN SCARBOROUGH IN 2017-18.

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 DISTRICT 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](http://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.

### **Course for 2017-18:**

**Part I and Part II and Part III is scheduled to be held in September 2017 at Loyalist College in Belleville, in November 2017 at the Oshawa Golf and Curling Club in Oshawa, and in April 2018 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)**



Congratulations to the Graduating Class of the Rotary Leadership Institute held on April 22, 2017 at the fabulous new Event Centre at the Scarborough Centennial College, in Toronto Ontario. District 7070 and 7090 Rotarians jointly took part. Thank to Albert Kim for this photo.

**Registrations will soon be open** for the 2017-18 session on a first-come, first-serve basis on line at the [www.rotary7070.org](http://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](mailto: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 3 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](mailto:info@robmac.org).

Editor's Note: A very special Thank You to **Rotarian Rob MacArthur** of our District Website Team who has created the Mobile Business Directory of the Members of Rotary International District 7070

## 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](mailto: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.

## ROTARY POKER WALKS FOR HIV / AIDS - April 29, 2017 in Belleville and Toronto

The War on AIDS can be won with your help and your Rotary Club can still make a donation.

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. Congratulations Rotary District 7070.

THE ROTARY POKER WALKS FOR HIV / AIDS were 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.

**And it is not too late for your Rotary Club to make a donation.**

We will have more next month on the THE ROTARY POKER WALKS FOR HIV / AIDS from District Governor Nominee Mary Lou Harrison. Stay tuned.

Here are a few photos from Toronto:





RC Toronto Skyline at the 2017 Rotary Poker Walk for HIV / AIDS



RC Scarborough Bluffs at the 2017 Rotary Poker Walk for HIV /AIDS

Further information can be obtained by emailing , <mailto:toronto@rotaryaidswalk.ca> and for more details, please consult our websites: <http://rotaryaidswalk.ca/> ; <http://toronto.rotaryaidswalk.ca/> and <http://belleville.rotaryaidswalk.ca/> Be sure to go to the District 7070 Facebook Page and check out the Photo Album on the 2017 Rotary Poker Walks for HIV AIDS in Belleville and Toronto available soon.

## Former Canadian Prime Minister and polio survivor Paul Martin tells us



why it's time to eradicate polio.

Via

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## Get Connected, Rotarians !!!

Have you checked out the **new Rotary website**: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

Have you checked out the **Rotary District 7070 website** : [www.rotary7070.org](http://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](#)

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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.