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My Fellow Rotarians,

Greetings from Rotary International Zone Institute 24 & 32 in Winnipeg where I am until October 2. The first quarter of the Rotary year has quickly gone by and I’ve had the great pleasure of visiting 42 Clubs.

On September 11, we held the District7070 Rotary Foundation Walk in Brighton and for those of you able to attend, I know you’ll agree that it was a great day. The weather was perfect, we had over 330 Rotarians, family, friends and pets attend, and we raised over $120,000. Congratulations to District Foundation Chair Bill Patchett, Foundation Walk Co-Chairs Ted Harp, Victoria Parker and their Organizing Committee for putting together a super event. And thank you to those Rotarians who attended/donated contributing to another successful Walk. If you were not able to attend this year, I really would encourage you to do so next year. It’s a fun family Rotary day.

October is Economic and Community Development Month. Refer below for more information on how your Club can get involved. Also, World Polio Day is on October 24. Check out our District website www.rotary7070.org for events supporting World Polio Day.

REV UP ROTARY

Our 2016 District Conference is quickly approaching. The dates are Friday, October 21 and Saturday, October 22 with voluntary activities on Sunday, October 23. The venue is the Sheraton Parkway Hotel on Hwy #7 in Richmond Hill.

This year the theme of the conference is REV UP ROTARY. Re-Ignite, Re-Charge and Re-Imagine. The District Governor’s Rock ‘n Roll Reception at 6:30pm will include a band and dance lessons and then the hospitality suites will open. On Saturday, energetic and inspiring speakers use a TED Talk model to Re-Ignite, Re-Charge and Re-Imagine how we think about community service. And we will have a 3R Hub where you can recharge yourself and your cellphones, talk to the speakers, exchange information and enjoy fellowship. The conference will close with our Re-Fueled and Ready dinner on Saturday and then more hospitality suites.

Sunday is a voluntary day. You can Re-engage with “choose your own activities” including reaching out at a community breakfast with the Rotary Club of Richmond Hill featuring Joe Roberts, the Skid Row CEO to create awareness about youth homelessness and Rotary itself.

Check out our website at www.rotary7070.org for more information and registration details.

Thank you for your continued good work and I look forward to seeing you all at the District Conference.
Yours In Rotary,

Jim

District Governor Jim Louttit at jvlrotary@gmail.com

From District Governor Elect Neil Phillips

Greetings Rotarians,

I’m leading the District 7070 contingent to Atlanta, which is sure to be a larger group this year - so in usual Rotarian fashion, that creates exponential opportunities for fun. Still thinking about whether to join us in Atlanta next year for the Rotary International Convention, June 10-14, 2017?

After a first block of hotel rooms for Rotarians in our district quickly sold out at the Sheraton, Mary Lach (mlach@sunsations.com) has secured a second block at the Hotel Indigo Atlanta Downtown (USD $209 per night). If you’re interested, please contact Mary to reserve one of these additional rooms before they’re gone. Due to overwhelming pre-registrations for Atlanta, room availability is already getting tight.

Last month I mentioned our friends at the Rotary Club of Peterborough Kawartha were looking at chartering a flight for the convention. This is well in planning stages, and several have already signed up. Return flight from Peterborough scheduled June 8th - June 15th. Imagine, a whole plane full of Rotarians!

This round-trip Charter flight has been arranged by Len Lifcus, President Elect of the Rotary Club of Peterborough Kawartha (705 313 6022) and Scott Stewart of Stewart Tours (800 561 4275) for Rotarians in South Eastern Ontario wishing to attend the 2017 RI Convention in Atlanta. Joan Kingston of the Whitby Sunrise Club, represents Stewart Travel in the Whitby Office (905 240 6344). Joan will be at the June 20th info night, or contact her directly for more details (jkingston@trenttravel.ca). More details can be found here: http://trenttravelclub.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Rotary-Flight-from-Peterborough-Flyer.pdf

More information and registration links for the convention can be found here: http://www.riconvention.org/

DGE Neil

Neil

Neil Phillips
At the 1917 Rotary Convention in Atlanta, President Arch Klumph announced his dream of creating a Rotary endowment fund. In 2017, we will celebrate the good work Rotarians have done over the past 100 years -- because one man dared to dream.

Join us in Atlanta! Mark your calendar at ricontvention.org

Be sure to check out this video: 2016-17 RI President John F. Germ invites you to Atlanta

**Rotary International President John Germ's Monthly Message – October 2016**

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

In 1979, James Bomar Jr., the president of Rotary at the time, traveled to the Philippines as part of Rotary’s earliest work to immunize children against polio. After he had put drops of vaccine into one baby’s mouth, he felt a child’s hand tugging on his trouser leg to get his attention. Bomar looked down and saw the baby’s brother looking up at him, saying earnestly, “Thank you, thank you, Rotary.”

Before Rotary took on the task of polio eradication, 350,000 people – nearly all of them children – were paralyzed by polio every year. That child in the Philippines knew exactly what polio was and understood exactly what Rotary had just done for his baby brother. Today, 31 years after the launch of PolioPlus, the children of the Philippines – and all but two other countries in the world – are growing up without that knowledge, and that fear, of polio.

Instead of 1,000 new cases of polio every day, we are averaging less than one per week. But as the fear of polio wanes, so does awareness of the disease. Now more than ever, it is vitally important to keep that awareness high and to push polio eradication to the top of the public agenda and our governments’ priorities. We need to make sure the world knows that our work to eradicate polio isn’t over yet, but that Rotary is in it to end it.
On 24 October, Rotary will mark World Polio Day to help raise the awareness and the funding we need to reach full eradication. I ask all of you to take part by holding an event in your club, in your community, or online. Ideas and materials are available for download in all Rotary languages at endpolio.org/worldpolioday, and you can register your event with Rotary at the same link. You can also join me and tens of thousands of your fellow Rotarians for a live-streamed global status update at 6 p.m. Eastern time at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. I’ll be there along with CDC Director Tom Frieden, other experts, and inspirational presenters, sharing an inside look at the science, partnerships, and human stories of polio eradication.

It is an incredibly exciting time to be a Rotarian. We are gathering momentum for the final race to the finish: to the end of PolioPlus and the beginning of a polio-free world. It is truly a once in a lifetime chance to End Polio Now, through Rotary Serving Humanity.

John

John F. Germ                 President, Rotary International

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

Rotary Foundation Chair, Kaylan Banerjee’s Monthly Message - October 2016 – Celebrate World Polio Day on October 24, 2016

Dear fellow Rotarians,

A In our work to end polio, we’ve noticed a disturbing development: People in many parts of the world think polio no longer exists. Even some of our members, especially younger Rotarians who were born after the development of the polio vaccine, assume that because the disease doesn’t afflict anyone in their country, it’s no longer a problem.

To make everyone aware that this disease is just an airplane ride away, Rotary started World Polio Day, held annually in October. Over the years, we have marked this occasion in various ways. Clubs have held fundraisers or lit up iconic structures in their country with the words “End Polio Now.” More recently, we created live-streamed events featuring prominent public health experts and journalists, along with some of our celebrity ambassadors.

This year, we partnered with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which will host a live-streamed event at its headquarters in Atlanta. (Taking into consideration different time zones, the event will be immediately archived so your club may watch it at a time that is convenient.) Tom Frieden, the CDC’s director, and Jeffrey Kluger, Time magazine’s senior editor overseeing science and health reporting, will be joined by other public health experts to discuss the milestones, promising developments, and remaining challenges in the fight to eradicate polio.

But we want Rotarians to observe World Polio Day everywhere, not just in Atlanta. In fact, we would like to see at least
1,000 World Polio Day events take place throughout the world. I encourage you to host viewing parties of the live-streamed event and organize fundraisers. Be sure to register your event at www.endpolio.org/worldpolioday, where you can also find resources to help make it a success.

Polio is still out there, even though the number of cases has dropped by more than 99.9 percent since 1988. We’re almost there, but until the number of cases reaches zero, polio remains a threat to all of us. World Polio Day offers an opportunity to share that vital message with your club and your community.

Kaylan Banerjee

Our Rotary Foundation

From Bill Patchett, Chair District 7070 Rotary Foundation Committee

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Here we are in October 2016, 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.

Has your Rotary Club committed, again this Rotary Year, to donating at least $20.00 PER Rotarian to PolioPlus.

Has everyone in your Club, this Rotary Year, made that came commitment to personally donate $20.00 for the eradication of Polio? Again, this Rotary Year, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will match our contributions on a 2 for 1 basis. And the Government of Canada is also matching you donation on a 2 for 1 basis. Your one dollar becomes 5 dollars! And we sure would like every Rotarian in District 7070 to do the same in 2015-2016. Yes, we are very close! You are making a difference!

Has your Club sent in your objectives to me and entered them in to Rotary Club Central, for the 2016-17 Rotary Year yet? I sure hope that your Rotary Club has set your goal for contributing at least $100.00 US for each member of your club for Annual Giving to the Annual Programs Fund of the Rotary Foundation. I hope all District 7070 Clubs that have already made that commitment to the Rotary Foundation and I hope that all of you will keep up the good work to reach your goal. This is where we get our money for Grants. Last year, we did have 100% in commitments met. Has your Club made plans to make that donation yet? Are your goals and plans in Rotary Club Central?

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

Our Rotary Foundation provides the money for our Grants Program. The Grants can be used for both local and international projects. It is interesting to note that more of you are applying for Grants. This is most encouraging. On the other hand, these applications require us to raise more money for Foundation. Please encourage your Treasurer to send in your commitment. I would also encourage the Assistant District Governors to check on their clubs and their progress.

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

Many thanks to all of you for your support.
ATTENTION: District 7070 Club Presidents,
Wednesday, November 16 is our District 7070 Rotary Foundation Dinner evening at the Oshawa Golf Club. It will be at 6:00 p.m. and it will be our pleasure to treat you to dinner. Every year we ask that you and your Foundation Chairs attend. If you find you have a conflict, please send someone in your place. Be sure to notify me via email who from each of your clubs will be coming. It will be an informative meeting. We have chosen good speakers and you will learn more about YOUR foundation. You will also have the opportunity to raise any concerns that you may have. Only 11 Clubs have responded as of this date. Please let me know who is coming to the Dinner as soon as possible. Thank you.
 Regards,
Bill

Are You Preparing to celebrate The Rotary Foundation's centennial
A celebration of The Rotary Foundation centennial in 2016-17 officially kicked off in May at the Rotary Convention in Korea. Incoming leaders are already planning to lead their districts in the celebration. They received encouragement from last year's Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Ray Klinginsmith 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"

Rotary Foundation Walk Sunday, September 11, 2016
8 am to 1 pm in Brighton, ON
District Governor Jim Louttit congratulated the Chairs of this year's Walk for The Rotary Foundation, Ted Harp and Victoria Parker of the Brighton Rotary Club, and the 8 area Rotary Clubs and Mayor Mark Wallace (also a Brighton Rotarian) and their team for a job well done. This year's walk was another success.

Past District Governor and our own District 7070 Rotary Foundation Chair Bill Patchett proudly announced that over $120,000 has been raised which will go to support the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation to do so much good in the world. The Rotary Foundation Walk was started 24 years ago. This was number 25. The idea is to raise money for Our Foundation. That first year, one hundred and ten thousand dollars was raised ($110,000.00).
The money was sent to the Rotary Foundation. This money now goes toward the Grants program.

Our district keeps this money separate and it is usually given by each club at the time and location of the Foundation Walk each year. He announced that our goal for this Rotary year is to raise $1 million for the Rotary Foundation. He said; ‘all you have to do is ASK”. He also announced the Rotary Foundation Dinner on November 16 for District Club Presidents and District 7070 Club Foundation Chairs at the Oshawa Golf Club. And he also announce that on May 3, 2017, he is hosting, for another year, The Million Dollar Dinner for the Rotary Foundation at the David Duncan House in Toronto. You will be invited when you have donated $10,000 to the Rotary Foundation.

Again, this year, The Walk was an occasion to meet other Rotarians from all over District 7070, to have great fellowship and to enjoy a meal together. In all, the Walk and its money help make a difference in many lives both at home and abroad. Grant money is available to the clubs to apply for programs such as fresh water, literacy or whatever the clubs choose. District 7070 Rotary Foundation Grants Chair and Past District Governor Lars Henriksson handed out cheques to Rotary Clubs who successfully were awarded grants to do even more good in the world.

The Rotary Club of Ajax received a cheque for $1,000 for their Kids Without Hunger project. Ajax is the only Rotary Club involved in the project. The project will take place in the local community.

The Rotary Club of Belleville is the lead Club for a project to supply an ambulance/van at the Metangwue Clinic Hospital. In addition to the Belleville Club, the Rotary Clubs of Toronto Eglinton, Whitby, Uxbridge and Pickton are supporting the project. A cheque for total of $8,000 was presented to the project.

The Rotary Club of Newmarket in cooperation with the Rotary Clubs of Etobicoke, Aurora and Richmond Hill are cooperating in a project to support a student from the Middle East during her studies in Canada. A cheque of $4,500 was presented to the project.

The Rotary Club of Quinte Sunrise in cooperation with the Rotary Clubs of Belleville, Wellington, Picton and Trenton received a cheque for $4,922 for buying a coach boatboat for the Quinte SailAbility school project for persons with a physical or developmental disability.

The Rotary Club of Richmond Hill received foundation funds for two projects. One cheque for $1,000 for kitchen equipment in Nutre Hogar, Penenome Panama. A second cheque of $500 is for a literacy project in Pakistan. In both cases, the Richmond Hill Club is the only Club in the projects.

The Rotary Club of Toronto Beach received a cheque for $1,000 to a project in the local community. Each year, they invite various organizations in the area to make proposals for up to $5,000. The District Grant represents 20% of the award.

The Rotary Club of Toronto East received a cheque for $560 to a project to provide accurate and up-dated information on the rate of HIV AIDS in aboriginal communities in Canada.

The Rotary Club of Toronto Skyline in cooperation with the Rotary Clubs of Toronto Eglinton, Whitby and Trenton are supporting a project to install two large water tanks in the Kipera area in Tanzania. The project received a cheque for $3,000

The Rotary Clubs of Toronto West and Etobicoke have worked together for three years to relocate and up-grade the MicroSkills Youth Centre in western part of Toronto. The project received $3,000 this year.

The Rotary Club of Whitby in cooperation with the Rotary Clubs of Whitby Sunrise, Port Perry and Belleville will work on a project to educate and and support the Orphans and Street Kids in Haiti. The project recieve a cheque for $8,000.
The Rotary Club of Whitby Sunrise in collaboration with the Rotary Clubs of Bowmanville, North Scarborough, Scarborough, Whitby, Port Hope, Richmond Hill, Oshawa Parkwood, Ajax, Courtice and Toronto are working on providing clean water in Laos. The project received a cheque for $9,000.

The Rotary Club of York received $1,000 for its project at the Eden Christian Centre. The Eden Christian Centre is located in an impoverished community in the heart of “Villa Central”, a slum in the province of Barahona, Dominican Republic.

We are still evaluating a couple of other projects where we need to get more information on the number of Clubs in order to decide on the amount of support these projects will receive.

For more information on these projects as well as the grants program – Global and District Grants – please, contact PDG Lars Henriksson, District Foundation Sub-Committee Chair, either by email lars@nordirade.com or by telephone 416-489-8438.

Past District Governor Michael Bell handed out the District 7070 Rotary Foundation Award to the Rotary Club of Don Mills for achieving the highest donations to the Rotary Foundation, per member, in the 2015-16 Rotary year.

Past District Governor and past Chair of the Trustees of the Rotary Foundation, Dr Bob Scott, who is also the Past Chair of the Rotary PolioPlus Committee worldwide, said that there has been 25 polio cases this year. In Nigeria, which had been polio free, 2 cases were discovered and 3 new cases have just been announced. There may be more. He said that most of Nigeria is fine and the new cases are in the far northern rural areas. These areas will be thoroughly covered with additional vaccine. He asked everyone to donate as much as they can to the PolioPlus campaign. The Nigeria incident certainly brought the news to the world that polio is not gone until every last case is eliminated.

https://www.facebook.com/EndPolioNow/videos/10154508117869837/

Participants included Past Rotary International President Wilf Wilkinson and his wife Reka; and past Chair of the Rotary Foundation (worldwide) Dr Bob Scott and his wife Ann. We also saw many Past District Governors and their spouses and many Rotarians from Belleville through to Toronto and north to Alliston and everywhere in between. All of the inbound Rotary Exchange students were there.

And prizes were awarded for the participating in the quiz during the Walk and for the “best looking” cars in the Car Rally.
PDG Bob Wallace and the Best Looking Car in the Rally

Winners: Kathy Wallace & Karen Thomassen
District 7070 Rotary Foundation Million Dollar Dinner
May 3, 2017

From Bill Patchett, District 7070 Rotary Foundation Chair

My Fellow Rotarians,

District 7070 is hosting a Million Dollar Dinner on May 3, 2017 at the David Duncan House in Toronto. A Million Dollar Dinner is a celebration event designed to recognize all Major Donors and Bequest Society Members whose outright gifts or commitments are $10,000 or greater. Our goal is to show that District 7070 is committed to our Rotary Foundation by raising a minimum $1 Million US Dollars in 2016-17. It will be held at the David Duncan House in Don Mills. Their address is 125 Moatfield Drive and telephone number is 416-391-1424.

Here are just some of the ways that you can get involved and attend this exciting event:

- An outright Major Gift of $10,000 or greater. (Don’t forget that all PolioPlus gifts are matched 2:1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and another 2:1 by the Canadian Government, increasing your $10,000 gift to $50,000 for Polio Eradication Efforts).
- Make your gift via a 3-year pledge. So $10,000 over 3 years is $3,333 per year to establish a Major Donor - level 1 gift, with recognition at the time of your commitment not of the completion of the gift.
- Outright gifts of stock or other valuable items have a very unique tax advantages.
- Increase your existing Benefactor or Bequest gift commitment by at least $10,000. Remember that legacy gift commitments of $25,000 and greater provide an individual for an individual named endowment within Rotary’s larger endowment fund. Yes, your name lives on forever.
- Make a new legacy gift commitment and become a Bequest Society member by adding a codicil to your will to include the Rotary Foundation (Canada) or change the beneficiary of RRSP’s and life insurance policies. Copies of your legal documents are not required.

You all will be my guests.

The David Duncan House is renowned for its hospitality, food and ambience.

Please join us. Do let me know your intentions.

Many thanks to all of you for your support.

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

Stay tuned for more details as they become available.

Bill Patchett
District 7070 Foundation Chair
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October is Economic and Community Development Month

The work of Rotary begins in the community, and every community has its own unique needs and concerns. While we serve in countless ways, we’ve focused our efforts in six key areas to maximize our impact. These areas encompass some of the world’s most critical and widespread humanitarian needs. Rotary members planning new service projects are encouraged to consider these areas and the many opportunities for innovative projects within them.
Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation have adopted six areas of focus as organizational priorities:

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water and sanitation
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Economic and community development

There are countless ways that Rotary clubs can address these issues both locally and internationally. For ideas, consult the publication Rotary’s Areas of Focus Brochure (965en). It’s available in a pdf format on rotary.org website.

**Economic and Community Development is one such area of focus that Rotary has asked all clubs to focus on, especially in October. What is your club doing?**

Here are some ideas:

- **190 million people are funding their business endeavors through microfinance**
  - Partner with a local microlender to improve access to financial services and provide financial infrastructure in the community.
  - Develop mobile banking resources in partnership with a microlender. Cell phones, which can be used to make deposits and transfer funds, can increase access to banking systems in developing communities.
  - When supporting service projects in a developing community, purchase goods and supplies locally to stimulate the economy and avoid unnecessary shipping fees.

- **1.4 billion people — nearly half of them employed — live on less than $1.25 a day**
  - Expand vocational training opportunities, including job placement programming, at local nonprofit organizations.
  - Send a vocational training team to teach business leaders in developing communities how to create a business plan and maintain accurate financial accounting.
  - Partner with a cooperative that provides training, joint economic ventures, and ownership of assets to its members through a democratic structure.
  - Provide equipment or supplies to a cooperative to increase production and sales in the local market.
  - Support entrepreneurs and small businesses in developing communities. The success of local business leaders can multiply employment opportunities in the community.

**World Polio Day, October 24, 2016**

From Jennifer Boyd, Chair, Rotary District 7070 World Polio Day:

My Fellow Rotarians,

What is your Rotary Club in District 7070, doing on October 24, 2016, to tell the world that Polio is being eradicated and that Rotary is leading the way?

There are many ways to bring to the attention of Rotary’s fight to end Polio world wide:

- Have World Polio Day, October 24 proclaimed in your community, by your city or town council.
- Hand out fliers as we did last year at TTC and Go station locations.
- Have the End Polio Now or Rotary flag fly high in your town or city on October 24.
- Have a “Walk to End Polio Now” in your town to show your club’s support.
- Have World Polio Day, October 24, proclaimed in your community, by your city or town council.
Here's what we have planned for Rotary District 7070 to celebrate World Polio Day.

Flag raising confirmed ceremonies confirmed and the following locations:

**World Polio Day Flag Raising - Markham Civic Centre**
Date: Friday October 21, 2016  
Time: 12:45pm till 2:15pm  
Location: Markham Civic Centre, 101 Town Centre Boulevard, Markham, ON L3R 9W3

**World Polio Day Flag Raising - Richmond Hill**
Date: October 23, 2016  
Time: TBA (in the morning after the push for change breakfast with mayor)  
Location: Richmond Hill City Hall, 225 East Beaver Creek Rd, Richmond Hill, ON L4B 3P4

**World Polio Day Flag Raising- Toronto City Hall**
Date: Monday October 24, 2016  
Time: 11:00 - 11:30am  
Location: Podium roof of Toronto City Hall, (Access via walking ramp on the east side of Nathan Phillips Square.) 100 Queen St West, Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Please come out and show your support.

We will also be lighting up the CN Tower and the Toronto sign red, white and yellow to raise awareness to our cause and efforts in eradicating this disease on October 24th.

Radio Interviews – Terry Johnston (CKDO)
Radio Announcements – Toronto Radio Stations (104.5 CHUM FM, Q107, etc)

On October 24, 2016, tell the world that Polio is being eradicated and that Rotary is leading the way!

Two events for Oshawa: Oshawa Mayor and fellow Rotarian will be presenting **Proclamations to the Rotary Clubs of Oshawa and Oshawa-Parkwood** at the 11:45 am meeting of the Oshawa Rotary Club, at the Jubilee Pavillion, in Lakeview Park in Oshawa on Oct 17.

On Oct 18 at the Rotary Club of Oshawa-Parkwood, at 6:00 pm at TheOshawa Golf club, **all 10 Rotary Clubs in Durham Region will be presented with their proclamations**, one for each Club. and one for the 10 Clubs will be presented to DG Jim Louttit. They will all be presented by Regional Councillor Dan Carter. And Bob and Ann Scott will be at the meeting, Bob as our guest speaker.

If you would like more information and wish to help, please contact World Polio Day Chair for District 7070, Jennifer Boyd, at jennifer.boyd@hotmail.com

**World Polio Day Edition Find it all at endpolio.org**
Take part in one of hundreds of events around the world – or host your own – on World Polio Day this October. Help spread the word that we can #endpolio for good.  
Download event resources, learn more, and donate at endpolio.org/worldpolioday. Share your event details and photos with us!  
The World Polio Day live stream event is on 24 October, hosted by Rotary International and UNICEF USA at the CDC in Atlanta, Georgia. At 9 PM CDT or 10 PM EDT

Where are we in the fight to eradicate polio? What’s left to do? And why does it cost so much? Rotary is holding an
event on World Polio Day (24 October) to answer those questions and more. Held at the headquarters of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, the event will feature CDC Director Tom Frieden (interviewed on page 42 of October's Rotarian magazine); Rotary International President John F. Germ and Vice President Jennifer E. Jones; Time magazine senior editor Jeffrey Kluger, who oversees science and health reporting; and some surprise guests. Shira Lazar of What’s Trending will host a social media segment. Tune in during or after the event.

**WORLD POLIO DAY TOOL KIT**

Learn about polio eradication, how to get involved, and how to make your voice heard on World Polio Day. Check back soon for additional resources.

- How to celebrate World Polio Day
- Event Planning Guide

**WORLD POLIO DAY SOCIAL MEDIA GRAPHICS**

Share these graphics on your social networks to raise awareness and support for the final push to end polio. Check back soon for the resources listed below.

- World Polio Day social media messages
- World Polio Day share graphics
- World Polio Day Facebook cover photos
- World Polio Day Twitter cover photo

**MEDIA AND ADVOCACY**

Rotary and its partners cannot end polio alone. We need your help to secure support from governments, nongovernmental organizations, corporations, and others. Check back on the http://www.endpolio.org/worldpolioday website soon for the resources listed below.

- Sample Press Release
- Outreach Guide and Key Messages
- Sample Letter to the Editor
- Template Invitation Letter

If you would like more information and wish to help, please contact World Polio Day Chair for District 7070, Jennifer Boyd, at jennifer.boyd@hotmail.com

**Nigeria reclassified as polio-endemic**

From: Michael K. McGovern Chair, International PolioPlus Committee
END POLIO NOW·THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2016
Nigeria reported three cases of wild poliovirus in the northeastern state of Borno in August of this year. Following the World Health Organization's confirmation of these cases, the country returned to the list of polio endemic countries. The other polio endemic countries are Afghanistan and Pakistan.

These are the first cases detected in the country since July 2014, and while this news is disappointing for all Rotary members, we are confident that Nigeria can defeat polio. Rotary provided $500,000 to assist
immediately with the outbreak response, and an emergency response plan has already been put into action in coordination with our partners. Large-scale vaccination campaigns are ongoing across five countries in the Lake Chad basin to counter the outbreak.

Despite these new cases, there has been significant progress toward ending polio in Nigeria, the rest of the African continent and globally in recent years.

As recently as 2012, Nigeria accounted for more than half of all polio cases in the world; however, thanks to quality vaccination campaigns and surveillance, as well as political commitment, the country has made significant progress. Furthermore, the new cases were detected due to ongoing efforts to strengthen surveillance, especially in insecure areas.

We have proven strategies to stop new outbreaks quickly, even in insecure regions or areas made vulnerable by conflict, such as South Sudan and Syria. These strategies will also overcome the outbreak in Nigeria.

Rotary is committed to the eradication of polio, and we will continue to support our members, particularly those in Nigeria, who have worked so hard to help the country end polio. With your help, we can ensure that there is no remaining home for the virus.

Michael K. McGovern          Chair, International PolioPlus Committee

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**ROTARY ANNOUNCES US$35 MILLION TO SUPPORT A POLIO-FREE WORLD**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Michelle Kloempken, (847) 866-3247 Michelle.Kloempken@rotary.org

$8.15 million will go toward stemming the recent outbreak in Nigeria and countries in the Lake Chad Basin region

**Evanston, Illinois (20 September 2016)** — Rotary today committed an additional $35 million in grants to support the global effort to end polio, bringing the humanitarian service organization’s contribution to $105 million in 2016. The announcement follows recent reports of three new cases of wild poliovirus in Nigeria: two cases in July, and one in August. The three cases are the first to be detected in Nigeria since July 2014. With these cases, funding for polio eradication is particularly vital as rapid response plans are now in action in Nigeria and surrounding countries to stop the outbreak quickly and prevent its spread. Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) are acting to immunize children in Nigeria and countries in the Lake Chad Basin (Chad, northern Cameroon, southern Niger and the Central African Republic). Nearly one-fourth of the funds Rotary announced today ($8.15 million) will support the emergency response campaigns in this at-risk region, and last month Rotary provided $500,000 to immediately assist with the outbreak response.

While significant strides have been made against the paralyzing disease, with just 26 cases reported in 2016, polio remains a threat in hard-to-reach and underserved areas and conflict zones.

"While we are disappointed with the recent news coming out of Nigeria, this situation underscores the extreme
importance of widespread immunization campaigns and strong disease surveillance in all countries of the world until polio is fully eradicated," said Michael K. McGovern, chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee. "This funding will help ensure that Rotary and our GPEI partners are doing all that we can to redouble our efforts and protect the progress in polio-free parts of the world, as well as stop transmission in Pakistan, Afghanistan, and now Nigeria."

To sustain this progress, and protect all children from polio, experts say $1.5 billion is urgently needed. Without full funding and political commitment, this paralyzing disease could return to previously polio-free countries, putting children everywhere at risk. Rotary has contributed more than $1.6 billion and countless volunteer hours to fight polio. Through 2018, every dollar Rotary commits to polio eradication will be matched two-to-one by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation up to $35 million a year.

Rotary launched its polio immunization program PolioPlus in 1985, and in 1988 became a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative with the World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and was later joined by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Since the initiative launched, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent, from about 350,000 cases a year to 26 confirmed to date in 2016.

In addition to supporting the response in the Lake Chad Basin region, funding has been allocated to support polio eradication efforts in Afghanistan ($5.55 million), Pakistan ($12.36 million), India ($875,000), Somalia ($1.77 million), South Sudan ($2.04 million), and the Democratic Republic of the Congo ($2 million). A final grant in the amount of $2.25 million will support key WHO staff.

**Government of Canada Grants:**
Maximizing Your Impact
When: Wednesday, October 25, 2016
Time: 10:00 AM (Pacific Time)
Click here to Pre-register
for your space for the Webinar

By popular demand, a second date has been added for this webinar. Please see below for details.

-Betty Screpnek & Duncan Conrad
Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinators

**Government of Canada Grants:**
Maximizing Your Impact
***New Date Added***
***Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016***
Time: 9:00 AM (Pacific Time)
Click here to Pre-register
for your space for the Webinar

The webinar will focus on the importance of Government of Canada grants and how to use them to their full benefit.

Webinar topics include:
- Update on last year applications, number and type approved
- What Global Grants programs are eligible under the GOC program
- What are the application requirements
- Policy Changes affecting the GOC program for 2016-17

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What is involved in submitting the gender equity and environmental sections of the form
How to apply for a GOC Grants

Questions or comments, please contact:
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RRFC Zone 24 West, Betty Screpnek - bettyscrepnek@gmail.com
TRF Canada Grants Committee Chair Paul Beaulieu – beaulieupaul1@gmail.com

Karen Bongard, First Secretary, Embassy of Canada and a Rotary Exchange Student in 1982-1983

From Assistant Governor Ken Dickson and Picton Rotary Club Past President Rick Jones
Karen Bongard grew up in Prince Edward County and is now a Canadian diplomat. Her posting the last 2 years has been in Afganistan, and recently her achievements were recognized...

The Professional Association of Foreign Service Officers (PAFSO) announced the recipients of the 2016 PAFSO Canadian Foreign Service Officer Awards presented on June 9, 2016 at the Shaw Centre in Ottawa.

“For more than half a quarter century, The Canadian Foreign Service Officer Awards have celebrated the work of Canada's trade, immigration, and foreign affairs officers and helped to build awareness about the challenges and rewards of the Foreign Service profession,” said Timothy Hodges, President of PAFSO. “This year, we have the pleasure to include and recognize Management Consular Officers, which officially joined the Foreign Service Officer community one year ago. The addition of these hard-working professionals serves to further underline the importance of Canada’s Foreign Service, and the deep commitment of the Foreign Service professionals in serving all Canadians.”

Karen Bongard is awarded the 2016 PAFSO Award for consummate professionalism, excellent judgement, and a remarkable ability to engage, persuade and motivate diverse teams of local and international civilian and military partners.

Karen was a Rotary International Exchange student as a teenager and went to Finland for a year where she had the opportunity to study a number of languages. This provided the foundation for her later career in the Foreign Service (also referred to as Canada’s diplomatic corps) and she is very grateful for the unique opportunity provided by the Rotary Club of Picton and its members. Karen would be delighted to speak to the Rotary Club, she will be in Canada during September 2016.

Karen Bongard is a member of Canada's Foreign Service at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (recently renamed Global Affairs Canada). She has spent the past 2 years in Afghanistan as the security sector specialist at Canada’s Embassy in Kabul. She completed her mission in early September and is now home visiting her mother and her sisters in Prince Edward County.

Karen was a Rotary Exchange Student and was sent by this Club to Finland in 1982-83, where she learned to speak Finnish and travelled extensively, including to Lapland and the former Soviet Union. She has a Masters degree in Public Administration.

In June, she was selected as the Foreign Service Officer of the Year by the Professional Association of Foreign Service Officers. In 2011, the US State department selected her as the recipient of their International Leadership Program, which entailed three weeks of travel all over the US to learn more about international crime.
The main focus of Karen's job in Afghanistan was to make recommendations, monitor and report on Canada's annual contribution of $110 million to the Afghan army and the police. She was also selected by NATO as co-chair of the newly established Policing Tiger Team charged with developing a Plan of Action for the next two years, and served as technical co-chair of the Oversight and Coordination Board, overseeing $5.4 billion in security spending in Afghanistan.

This past summer, Karen attended the International Academy of Anti-Corruption in Austria, along with professionals from 43 other countries, as well as the Institution of French-language training in southern France.

In October, she will be returning to work as the Deputy Director in the division responsible for relations with NATO. Her job will be focussed on countering Daesh (otherwise known as ISIS).

Karen Bongard spoke at the Rotary Club of Picton's luncheon September 13. Here is a photo of Rotary Club President Marion Hughes & Karen Bongard.

Joe Roberts and The Push For Change - His Walk thru District 7070

From Terry Caputo, Assistant Governor District 7070

Calling on all Rotarians in District 7070

If you were lucky enough to have met Joe Roberts at last year's District Conference, you are in for a real treat. You can meet Joe Roberts, again. Joe is a former homeless youth who lived on the streets of east Vancouver. He made a promise that if he ever escaped his fate, he would do something to pay it forward. The Push for Change is his promise realized. Beginning May 1, 2016 Joe began pushing a shopping cart, (a symbol of chronic homelessness) across Canada on a 517 day, 9000 km trek to raise awareness and funds to prevent youth homelessness. Come be inspired as you hear Joe share his story, and learn the importance of investing in the prevention of youth homelessness.

Here is an update on The Push for Change. Joe Roberts has made his way into Ontario where he hopes the campaign will gather momentum. He was featured on September 25 on CTV morning and I've attached the link so that you can share it with your club members.

http://ctv.news/yvJvFYX

Starting at noon on October 21st at the Bowmanville Zoo, Joe will walk approximately 24km at a pace of 4km per hour. The route will take him along Hwy 2, across Oshawa and to the Whitby Central Library where he will then give his speech on youth homelessness. That will be followed by a cheque presentation from all the clubs in the region. There will also be music and entertainment at the Library before and after Joe speaks.

I am in the process of scheduling all the walkers for the day. I have attached a schedule, in half hour increments, showing the cross roads where Joe will be during the afternoon. Why not come out and welcome Joe on his last leg before the District Conference. Please let me know where along the route you would like to join in and how long you
believe you can walk for. I will then plan the logistics.

I am also hoping that you can organize Rotarians to walk and/or meet at the Whitby Library to hear Joe’s speech and participate in the cheque presentation, from the 10 Rotary Clubs in Durham Region.

In addition, the library will be hosting a sleep-in starting at 9 p.m. at the Central Branch. Library staff will be providing activities such as a storytime, feature film and crafts for participants. Online registration is required at [www.whitbylibrary.on.ca/events](http://www.whitbylibrary.on.ca/events). Please note that registrants must complete a waiver before the sleep-in begins.

Thanks again for all your support.

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Contact information: niecydillon@royallepage.ca
Date: October 21, 2016
Time: 5:00 pm
Location: Celebration Square, Whitby Library
Toronto Police Chief Mark Saunders - guest speaker at Rotary Club of Toronto Eglinton on October 5

From Norma Davis, Rotary Club of Toronto Eglinton

On October 5, 2016, the Rotary Club of Toronto Eglinton will have the honour of hosting Police Chief Mark Saunders as the guest speaker at our noon hour lunch meeting at the Badminton & Racquet club on St. Clair.

We are looking forward to this opportunity to hear from Toronto's Police Chief, and would like to extend an invitation to Rotarians in District 7070 and their friends and families to join us.

Chief Saunders is deeply committed to the betterment of the community and to providing fair and impartial policing service to all within our diverse city of Toronto. This luncheon will provide an opportunity to learn more about our Police Chief and the vital role the Toronto Police force have in our community.

We would love to have members of your club join us for this special occasion.

Join Rotary Club of Toronto Eglinton on: October 5th, 2016 at the B&R Club, 25 St. Clair Avenue West Noon – 1:30 PM. Cost is $25 - Reserve tickets only. Advance registration required by Sept. 30 lclavoie@rogers.com or call: 416 485-2043.

I have also asked them to note that preregistration is required and to contact me at ndavis.rotary@gmail.com if they have any questions.

SHELTERBOX News For OCTOBER 2016

From: Ron Noseworthy, Chair, ShelterBox Canada

ShelterBox is preparing to respond to one of the largest humanitarian crises of the year and we need your help.

In the next few weeks, the city of Mosul in northern Iraq, which has been under Islamic State rule for 2 years will be liberated. This final offensive will displace more than 1 million people. These people are extremely vulnerable already – they are the ones who have not been able to leave the city previously due to lack of money, sickness, old age etc. The majority of them will have nowhere to go.

ShelterBox and the humanitarian community are preparing now to ensure that there is enough aid to assist the people who will be displaced as a result of this crisis. ShelterBox is
aiming to raise 1.7 million dollars to provide ShelterKits, tents and supplies to assist these families. With winter coming, the situation is desperate.

This situation puts ShelterBox and our supporters in a different position than we are used to. We always store aid ahead of time so we can react quickly when disasters happen, however, with this major disaster we already know how many people will need our help and where. Together with Rotary, we can ensure that none of these families are left without shelter. This is your opportunity to help us prepare in advance.

Rotary continuously supports ShelterBox so we are as prepared as possible when disasters strike around the world. By supporting ShelterBox Canada today, you can help us be ready to provide shelter the second it is needed by these families.

ShelterBox has been working in Iraq for the last 4 years helping displaced families as a result of conflict and we are doing everything we can to prepare for this next wave of displacement to ensure these families are not left without shelter.

ShelterBox already has a Response Team on the ground monitoring the situation and working closely with in-country partner organization ACTED. We must ensure that we are ready to act when the time comes.

We cannot fail these families who are already very vulnerable - we need to come together to ensure they have a safe place to sleep and the ability to recover. ShelterBox’s work would not be possible without the support of Rotary Clubs across Canada and around the world. Thank you for supporting families who have lost everything after a disaster. Your donations are changing lives.

Sincerely,

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

ShelterBox Canada – 159 Jane St Office 2, Toronto, ON M6S 3Y8

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

PLEASE DONATE TODAY

HIP (Honoring Indigenous People): Highlights from the HIP Newsletter

Save the Date - October 21st
October 21, 2016 - The Rotary Club of Toronto will host guest speaker, The
Right Honourable Paul Martin for their lunch at 12:15 p.m. @ The Fairmont Royal York Hotel, Toronto - cost is $55. Please order tickets directly through the club office by calling 416-363-0604. This is the same weekend as the District 7070 Conference. Plan to come to lunch first. This will be a great way to start the conference. Mr. Martin will be speaking on Indigenous education, its importance, what it looks like and what we can do about it. Mr. Martin is a great fan of Rotary and was instrumental in obtaining significant funds for polio when he was prime minister. He had polio as a child.

HIP Website

Please look at our website (http://www.rotaryhip.com/) for regular updates. There are many links to other organizations and is a great "go-to" site. The Rotary HIP Facebook has been set up so "like us on Facebook". Pass it on to your Facebook friends. You can find the icon on our www.rotaryhip.com website. Pass on our news and activities to your friends and associates and get them involved.

Blog: There are a variety of news items that have been added recently. We added a blog about the Toronto Jays Care Foundation donating $150,000 to build a new baseball diamond in Pelican Falls First Nation. You can read the entire "good news" story. Keep checking back for regular updates. Go to (Rotary HIP - Blog).

Photo Album (Rotary HIP - Photo Album - Rotary HIP)
Several recent photos have been added from the Adventure in Understanding Paddling Trip in August, the Rotary Club of Belleville's work with Tipi Moza and a couple recent events that Chris Snyder has attended (TIFF and Dolly Parton Imagination Library Group Meet & Greet). As well, we hope to have some Neskantaga Playground photos shortly.

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

Resources - Films & Documentaries
We have many available on our website - some you can just click and watch. We have added a link to a National Film Board film (Niigaanibatowaaad: Frontrunners) that can be purchased for home viewing or public screening. This film tells the story of ten indigenous torch runners who carried the torch to the gate for the 1967 Pan Am Games in Winnipeg but were refused entry into the stadium because they were aboriginal. It revisits these runners again for the 1999 Pan Am Games also in Winnipeg. TIFF (Toronto International Film Festival) premiered a film (We Can't Make the Same Mistake Twice). Watch for it. It will be available to a wider audience later in the year. Chris and Pat Snyder were invited to the opening. The title says it all.

Also at TIFF was a "short" film (15 minutes) being premiered - SNIP. This is a stop-motion animation, written and narrated by award-winning author Joseph Boyden. Annie and Gordon travel through a portal in time to help two children escape the horrors of residential school. It is hoped it also will be released to a wider audience at a later time.

A page has been added on the website for films & documentaries (Rotary HIP - Films & Documentaries). Please have a look. If you have recently viewed a film or documentary or read a book with an indigenous theme or message, please email Julie Dunaikis (julie@ecgroup.ca) and Janet McLeod (jmm@nexicom.net) to add to our list.

Reading
We have updated our reading list which can be found on our website (Rotary HIP - Reading). You could select a few to add to your fall reading. Of note, Gord Downie from the group Tragically HIP will be releasing a graphic novel, Secret Path. Watch for the release soon.

Links (Rotary HIP - Links)
We have added a new link - The TRC Reading Challenge (http://trcreadingchallenge.com/) under individuals who blog. Please take a moment to read about this challenge. We also have a link to the TRC Report.

As well, a new link under Organizations has been added - Tipi Moza(Iron Homes) (Tipi Moza (Iron Homes) - Home), an Aboriginal housing organization providing affordable housing.

Rotary News
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importance, what it looks like and what we can do about it. Mr. Martin is a great fan of Rotary and was instrumental in obtaining significant funds for polio when he was prime minister. He had polio as a child.

On October 14th, Rotary District 7080 will be hosting their District Conference in Niagara Falls. Guest speaker will be Ontario Regional Chief Day. We hope many Rotarians were able to attend and listen to his talk.

Rotary has a yearly zone meeting that includes Rotarians from across Canada. We hope some of you were able to join in. This year in Winnipeg, there will be an Aboriginal Project Fair with HIP having a table to provide information about the organization (thank you to past DG, Bill Gray (a former HIP director), 7070 DG, Jim Loutitt and HIP director, David Newman for hosting) along with other projects (Tom Jackson-Stay in School and Dolly Parton Imagination Library (Jeanne Smitiuch will be presenting) who are involved with HIP). Other events include an Aboriginal Circle of Understanding facilitated by Rhett Sangster, Director of the Reconciliation and Community Partnerships with the Office of the Treaty Commissioner in Saskatchewan. Dr. Cindy Blackstock will be a luncheon speaker.

The Rotary Club of Belleville attended a bbq in support of an Aboriginal housing organization, Tipi Moza in Kingston. Members provided backpacks to the tenant children which were very much appreciated.

If your club is or has held an event or been involved in an event or project, please email Julie Dunaiskis (julie@eccgroup.ca) a brief summary so we can post on the HIP website and provide an update in upcoming newsletters. This will help other clubs and provide a sense of how we are involved. If you have been sent a questionnaire to learn of your activities, please return.

**Request a Speaker**

Would your club like to have a HIP representative speak at an upcoming meeting? If so, please contact Julie Dunaiskis (julie@eccgroup.ca) with available dates and we will co-ordinate for you. We have established a great relationship with the Chiefs of Ontario. They are willing to arrange for speakers.

**Gifts in Kind**

We receive many requests to ship things such as clothes, sports equipment, food to fly-in communities. The catch is the cost to get them there. HIP, through John Andras, a HIP director, is negotiating a reduced rate with the transportation companies. We will keep you posted.

**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.

- Kashechewan’s Paddling with the Cree
- Elephant Thoughts - Timiskaming First Nation Science Camp
- Dolly Parton Imagination Library
- One Laptop per Child Canada
- Neskantaga Playground Equipment
- Pelican Falls First Nations High School, Sioux Lookout

**HIP Membership:** The HIP membership continues to grow. New members are always welcome. Check our website ([Rotary HIP - Friends and Supporters](#)) to see who is registered. Is your name listed? You can join today by selecting ([Rotary HIP - Become a Member](#)) on the HIP website. It is never too late!

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.

**Message from HIP Chair, Chris Snyder**

We all know water is vital to every living creature on earth. Without it, we would die very quickly.
The Anishinaabe (Ojibway) Peoples have given the primary responsibility of CARING and showing reverence for water to the women. This is because before we first come into this world and life begins, a woman’s water must break.

Rotary has picked up on the theme of water and sanitation and have a fellowship called WASRAG which engages Rotarians and others in water projects around the world. When we first started HIP, we spent many hours discussing our focus. Water was a much mentioned possibility, however, after considerable research, we concluded the Indigenous communities’ water problems were well beyond Rotary. Each community needs run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars and in many cases, millions - well beyond our reach.

There is no doubt the Indigenous water issues are huge and we hear terrible stories virtually every day. The Indigenous communities should have safe water just like everyone else in the country. It is a basic human right. The federal government is committed to addressing the problems, however, we all know government is a slow moving machine.

The Indigenous needs are many - water, violence, infrastructure, cost of food, health just to name a few. The Indigenous People told us initially and continue to tell us their most important long-term need is education.

We concluded and still do that education is something Rotary can do and do well - education not only for Indigenous Peoples and ourselves but also connecting with and involving others. The educational needs and solutions are many. We also decided our definition of education was quite broad, hence, anything of an educational nature and/or to help Indigenous students stay in school is within our mandate. This includes, but not limited to, such things as sports and music programs, food so children can learn, the physical school i.e. RC of Guelph hearing project in Nunavut as well as computers, literacy programs, books, scholarships, playground, vans to support transporting children, language and cultural programs, education on nutrition and food and the creation of role models. Hence, education on safe maintenance and use of water and sanitation is well within our mandate.

Possibly, though, the best thing you can do with water is to lobby your MPs and others to get moving as well as talking and involving your friends and associates. HIP is an educational and awareness group, not an advocacy group and we stay out of politics, however, as individuals, you can advocate.

We talk with WASRAG regularly and are always looking for community-driven educational projects.

We will keep you posted on any new initiatives. Thank you for being a part of the solution.

Sincerely, Chris Snyder Chair, HIP snyder@eccgroup.ca 416-364-0181 Ext. 2501

Resources & reference for you to use in your Rotary Club

- Rotary Voices: Stories of service from around the world
- 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 March 31, 2016, there are 1,235,100 Rotarians in 35,247 Rotary Clubs in the world. And, As of May 31, 2016, there are 216,062 Rotaract members in 9,394 Rotaract Clubs in the world and there are 465,474 Interact members in 20,238 Interact Clubs in the world.
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

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

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

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

“The Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group (Wasrag) is pleased to consider partnerships with any corporate supporter. Due to the unique attributes of water sources and water provision, acceptance of corporate support does not imply an endorsement of any particular water technology. Rotarians, Rotary clubs, and Rotary partners must evaluate any technology to determine if it is the best solution for the conditions where the program will be implemented. Wasrag can provide guidance about where different technologies work best, but Rotarians and Rotary clubs must make the final decision about how to implement their programs.

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

REMINDER: District 7070 Conference 2016
Are you ready to REV UP ROTARY?  October 21 & 22, 2016

You will be when you attend the 2016 District 7070 Conference. Poised to please, inform and inspire the 2016 conference will boast a 3R Hub where you can explore Rotary projects, exchange information and fuel friendship. It's a different kind of space for you to Re-ignite, Re-charge and Re-imagine Rotary. When you aren't in the 3R Hub you'll find yourself being driven by a program of inspiring TED style talks from speakers who will have you racing for the open road to do good in the world. See more at: http://www.rotary7070.org/SitePage/rev-up-rotary-district-conference-2016#sthash.8Bqb8vdE.dpuf

This year’s district conference is being held at the beautiful Sheraton Parkway Toronto North hotel in Richmond Hill. Click here to book your hotel room. Register by the end of May and save money.

**REMININDER: Club of the Month:**

From District Governor DG Jim Louttit, DG Elect Neil Phillips and DG Nominee Mary Lou Harrison

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 two 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 Michael Bell. 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 3 G's (District Governor Jim Louttit, DG Elect Neil Phillips) and DG Nominee Mary Lou Harrison 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
REMINDER - A RADAR 139 - PLEASE DONATE TODAY
From Joanne Ashley, Chair of District 7070 RADAR (Rotary Action for the Development of AIDS Responses) Committee

To donate to RADAR 139  Make your cheque payable to Rotary District 7070  MEMO it to RADAR139,  Mail to District Treasurer Devon Biddle at 393 Hillcroft Str. Oshawa On L1G 2M4

Thank you so much

Joanne Ashley

EDITOR'S NOTE: The RADAR139 initiative was created with the encouragement of Past District Governor Bill Patchett, who wanted every club in the District to have the opportunity “to get on the RADAR” and to help alleviate the massive suffering caused by HIV/AIDS. In 2006, $139 represented the approximate cost to save the life of an HIV+ mother and her baby for one year. Each new Rotary year, every club in District 7070 is asked to contribute a minimum of $139 to support an HIV/AIDS-related project chosen by the members of RADAR – Rotary Action for the Development of AIDS Responses – our District 7070 AIDS committee. Since 2006, the RADAR139 initiative has supported the work of such organizations as Dignitas International, Mother to Mothers, the Stephen Lewis Foundation and Kids for Cotlands (an orphanage in Capetown, South Africa). Donations of $139 or more from clubs across the District bring hope, health and dignity to so many each year.

REMINDER: Rotary Leadership Institute for 2015-16
No Charge to First year 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, WE WERE FORCED TO CANCEL R.L.I. IN BELLEVILLE THIS YEAR. HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT YEAR IN BELLEVILLE OR THIS YEAR IN OSHAWA OR TORONTO.
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 SINCE JULY 1, 2015: 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 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.

**Courses for 2016-17:**

Part I and Part II and Part III will be held on November 12, 2016 at The Oshawa Golf Club, 160 Alexandra Street, Oshawa, Ontario (8:30 am to 4:00 pm)

Part I and Part II and Part III will be held on April 22, 2017 at Seneca College (Finch Campus), Toronto, Ontario (8:30 am to 4:00 pm)

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

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

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

**REMINDER: Club Visioning – Where is your club going to be in 5 Years?**

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

**The Process**

The facilitation concept we use was developed by Rotarians for Rotarians. Today, it is being used by over 100 Rotary districts around the world. It starts with the Club setting a date for holding a session. A session takes about three hours, so sessions are typically held either in an evening or on a Saturday morning.

A couple of weeks prior to the date, members of the Club are invited to answer a questionnaire about how they currently feel about their Club. This questionnaire is on SurveyMonkey and takes about 10-15 minutes to fill out. It is also possible to leave comments to the questions.

At the actual visioning session, the participants are told to place themselves five years ahead. In a workbook, that the facilitation team provides, the members are asked to state what the Club has done by then. In short, members talk about what the Club has done, not what it should do. There are no right or wrong answers for the workbook, which covers all aspects of a Rotary Club. Instead, at this stage members are encouraged to think boldly.

All statements from the participants’ workbooks are put on flip charts. A Club session usually generates 30 – 40 sheets. These are then placed on the walls. The participants will have a two-step voting activity. For the second round of voting, the least popular statements in round one are eliminated, giving the participants fewer alternatives to
choose from. As a result of the voting session, a handful of statements from each category will stand out. They will form the basis for developing the Club’s Action Plan – the most important part of the visioning process.

It is the Club’s responsibility to develop the Action Plan. However, the District, and the Club’s Assistant Governor in particular, would be happy to assist. The resources and experience in this field vary from Club to Club. Some are very familiar with these steps; others benefit from assistance from the District’s facilitation team. Our experience is that Clubs find it very useful to hold a visioning session. The format we use in the District seems to work very well. Probably because it was developed by Rotarians, to Rotarians. It is also fairly easy to administer and we have found that most participants really enjoy the session. Planning the future of the Club becomes a fun fellowship event.

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

REMINDER: ROTARY BRAND CENTER

Many people don’t know much about Rotary

Together, we can change that.

Despite more than a century of Rotarians creating change in communities around the globe, many people don’t understand what Rotary is, how we’re different, and why they should engage with us. To thrive in the 21st century, Rotary needs a strong identity. And while every Rotarian’s experience is unique, how we tell Rotary’s story should be consistent. You can help by following these simple steps.

Celebrate our new look and feel

How can you help keep Rotary’s identity strong?

Around the world, you find the Rotary wheel along roadsides, in parks, and on sponsored projects. While no two clubs are exactly alike, our wheel signals that what Rotary represents – people coming together to move our communities forward – is the same everywhere.

Like the Nike swoosh, the power of the Rotary wheel is in its consistency. When an organization refreshes its logo, as Rotary did in 2013, using the updated mark is critically important.

That’s why Rotary International created the Brand Center to help clubs use Rotary’s refreshed logo consistently and correctly.

Visit www.rotary.org/brandcenter often to find:

- High resolution logos and graphics you can download
- A quick start guide to refreshing your club website
- Photos and videos you can use on your website and on social media to promote membership, Rotary’s areas of focus, and polio eradication
- Templates for brochures, newsletters, press releases, and other materials that you can customize to promote your club, project, or event
- Sample ads for print, billboards, and television

REMINDER: 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 The Four-Way Test
1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will is build good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?
Check out our Facebook link: 7070 Directory

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

If you would like more info, please contact Rob McArthur at info@robmac.org.

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

REMINDER: A 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.

Perhaps your Club is looking for a good speaker. This is your chance to help. The District 7070 Website Committee has created a Rotary District 7070 Speakers Bureau that we will post on the District 7070 website and we need your input.

Please send the following info:

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

The Name of The Rotarian and your Rotary Club making the recommendation
To Rotarian Aziz Saleh at azizdsaleh@gmail.com

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

**REMINDER - Your Invitation from PDG Doug Vincent to participate in the Rotary Day at the United Nations on Nov 11-12, 2016**

Greetings Rotarians and Friends:

Once again, I am pleased to invite you to participate in our Rotary-United Nations Day in New York City on **Saturday, November 12, 2016.** In addition, on **Friday, November 11, Canadians can participate in a special Canada Session**, hosted by the Canadian UN Ambassador.

The Saturday meeting starts at 8am (registration) at UN Headquarters and will include presentations and panel discussions addressing key humanitarian issues of concern to both the UN and Rotary. Enjoy featured presentations from senior UN staff, affiliated NGO's and Rotary leaders, with panel discussions on our mutual goal of achieving peace. RI President John Germ will participate.

A separate Young Leaders program is planned and available only to Ambassadorial & Peace Scholars, Rotaract Club Members and select Interact Club members. Be sure to encourage these individuals who may have an interest in global affairs. Note: The regular Youth Program is a separate registration at: [riunday.org/registration](http://riunday.org/registration).

Rotarians and Young Leaders can register at [RotaryUNDay2016.eventbrite.com](http://RotaryUNDay2016.eventbrite.com). I suggest you do this asap, since numbers are limited. Cost is: Rotarian US$65 and Youth US$50, including a box lunch. Note: UN tours are not available on Saturday, so those interested in this should do so on Friday morning [To reserve a guided tour Click Here](http://To reserve a guided tour Click Here).

For the **Canada Session on Friday**, please email me your complete name/address to: DougV@DougVincent.com by October 25, 2016. This is a separate registration from Saturday, which requires security clearances. If space allows, non-Canadian guests are welcome.

As usual, a **Saturday evening dinner** (cruise) November 11 is being planned. All Rotarians, UN Colleagues and friends from around the world are welcome to join us. Please email me if interested at DougV@DougVincent.com so I can send you the final details and pricing.

Accommodation is expensive in NYC. There are more economical hotels across the river about 30 minute bus ride away. Many stay at the Quality Inn or Marriott Hotel in, Lyndhurst, NJ and save over $100. per night. Or if flying, the Comfort Inn in Queens is a convenient-to-subway location.

Join Rotary friends at the United Nations, meet our Canadian UN Ambassador and celebrate Rotary’s role in the development of the UN back in 1945. It will be an exciting experience. Rotarians, family members and friends are all welcome.

Hoping you are having a wonderful summer.
With best regards,

Doug V

*PDG Douglas W Vincent, RC Woodstock-Oxford*
Rotary Day at the United Nations is our annual event highlighting the critical humanitarian activities that Rotary and the UN lead around the world. Organized by the Rotary representatives to the UN in New York and attended by more than 1,500 Rotarians, Rotary youth program participants, UN officials, representatives of humanitarian organizations, friends, and guests, this event showcases the many ways that clubs and districts can make a positive impact in their communities while addressing some of the most pressing international challenges.

RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS, RESILIENT SOCIETIES
In keeping with Rotary President John F. Germ's theme, Rotary Serving Humanity, and with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals, this year's Rotary Day at the United Nations focuses on how Rotary and the business world can work together to improve lives. Responsible Business, Resilient Societies, this year's UN Day theme, centers on economic and community development. We'll address ways that Rotary, in partnership with the business sector, nonprofits, and the international community, is promoting stable and peaceful societies through equitable economic development.

HOW TO REGISTER
Registration information will be available in August. To learn more, visit Rotary Day at the UN.

ROTARY RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS AWARD
The Rotary Responsible Business Award recognizes extraordinary Rotary members and business partners who have improved communities by providing employment opportunities, job training, mentoring, and innovation. District governors nominated Rotarians, Rotaractors, Rotary Peace Fellows, and business partners whose efforts in the community have had a measurable impact. Award winners will be announced in September.

For questions about the award, contact responsiblebusiness@rotary.org. And be sure to see the letter from past District Governor Doug Vincent at the end of this newsletter for even more details.

RESOURCES & REFERENCE
- Watch a video from UN Day 2015
- Meet Rotary's Global Women of Action
- Discover Rotary's history with the UN
- Learn more about the UN Sustainable Development Goals

Get Connected, Rotarians !!!
Have you checked out the new Rotary website: www.rotary.org
Have you checked out the Rotary District 7070 website: www.rotary7070.org
Are you following us on twitter @rotary7070
Advertise your business on our new mobile business directory at http://www.rotarydistrict7070.mobi

Be sure to “Like” us on our Facebook Page: Rotary District 7070

Be sure to “Like” Rotary on their Facebook Page: Rotary International

Have you checked out your Rotary Club website and Facebook Page lately? Is it current? When potential members come to your club, they check out your website.
Rotary Club of Toronto Eglinton has been committed to providing financial and hands-on supports to communities in need, locally and internationally for over 60-years.

With great admiration, respect, and understanding of the complex issues that each term presents, we have been privileged to have been able to host several Toronto Police Chiefs.

Each Police Chief brings to the table a unique and fresh perspective as to their goals regarding the social challenges, the ample opportunities of this great City and the thousands of Officers invested in policing who are firmly committed to being a substantial part of the envisioned success.

**Join Rotary Club of Toronto Eglinton on:**

October 5th, 2016

B&R Club,

25 St. Clair Avenue West

Noon – 1:30 PM

$25 - Reserve tickets only

Advance registration required by Sept. 30

lclavoie@rogers.com

or call: 416 485-2043

Please extend this invitation to your family & friends to join us in welcoming **Police Chief Saunders** on October 5th

We hope to see you at the luncheon!