

June 30, 2011 District 7070 Newsletter



Rotary International District 7070 Southern Ontario Canada



From: District Governor Ted Morrison

The 2010-11 Rotary year has come to a close. What a year this has been. We raised more money for the TRF than any year previously; we managed to succeed with Future Vision Plan; we had an increase in our overall membership and we have created a new District Strategic Plan. I want to thank all the Assistant Governors, District Committee Chairs and all Club the Presidents for providing excellent leadership to the Rotarians in the District. We asked Rotarians to reflect on what it means to be a Rotarian and to reinvigorate their pride as a member of Rotary and this has assisted us in achieving great things this year.

Now we look forward to 2011-12 under the leadership of Governor Bob Wallace. I am sure you will all continue to do amazing work for Rotary in the years to come.

Thank you for allowing me to be your leader for this fantastic District in the most wonderful humanitarian organization the world has ever seen. END POLIO NOW!

ANDREA IS OFF TO OTTAWA

Andrea Tirone, a Rotaractor in the Toronto Rotaract Club, has been invited to Ottawa by the Governor General of Canada. She will take part in a Youth Forum with 120 young people who will represent their organizations on a forum to discuss youth volunteerism in Canada. She will represent Rotary and its Rotaract program. She will be presenting to The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall (Will and Kate), the Prime Minister and his wife and the Governor General and his wife among others. Congratulations Andrea.

Slave Lake Disaster

Thanks to the District 7070 Rotary Clubs who sent money into the District for disaster relief in Slave Lake Alberta after the fire that wiped out most of their town. They have promise to send each club an acknowledgement with their charitable number for those that need that. Because of the mail disruption there still may be cheques in the mail. However we sent a cheque to the Slave Lake Rotary Club in the amount of \$27,250. Any money that comes in during July will be forwarded at a later date.

Well done everyone. This money will go a long way for humanitarian work and to help rebuild the town.



From: 2011-2012 District Governor Bob Wallace

I cannot believe that 2 ½ years have passed since I was selected to be the District Governor for the Rotary Year 2011-2012 and we are only days away from the start. Kathy and I are looking forward to the many club visits and Rotary events with our first visit in Campbellford on July 4th.

Rotary International President Elect Kalyan Banerjee has asked us all next year to “Reach Within to Embrace Humanity”. How do we do this? We need to look inside ourselves, go to our communities and think of “new and different ways” to take on the challenges of today.

“We are the doers of our communities, the leaders, the ones who are most involved, who see the problems and have the means to find the solutions,” Banerjee said. “I am asking you to reach within and unleash your inner power and then use it to embrace everything and everyone around you.”

Kalyan asks each of us Rotarians to be guided by three emphases -- the family, continuity, and change -- as we work to support the 2011-2012 theme.

As you will hear during my club visits I will be asking each of you to make sure that there is time at each meeting for fellowship, the basis that Rotary was started on some 106 years ago. In addition I will ask each Rotarian to focus on the youth, Rotary at Work, membership, and RADAR and continue our active participation in the Rotary Foundation Future Vision pilot.

We also have some exciting district fellowship events coming starting with the Rotary partnership and the Ontario Philharmonic Orchestra. Performance nights will be Friday, September 2 and Saturday, September 3. Half of the proceeds from the sale of the tickets will go toward our Polio Challenge. Next on September 11th there will be the Foundation Walk that takes place in the Ganaraska Forest north of Port Hope and finally the District Conference on Oct 21,22, and 23rd of October at the Blue Mountain Resort In Collingwood.

We really look forward to the year ahead and meeting the Rotarians in the district, learn what each club is doing and participating in the club events.

District 7070 Governor Ted Morrison Receives Special award from Rotary International President Ray Klinginsmith at the Rotary International Convention in New Orleans, La on May 24,2011

District 7070 Governor Ted Morrison received a special award from Rotary International President Ray Klinginsmith on May 24, 2011 at the Rotary International Convention in New Orleans. The award is for the District that had the highest percentage of our Rotarians in the Zone 24 (all of Canada, northeast USA and eastern Russia) at the Rotary International Convention. Ted Morrison presented this award to Rotary Club of Belleville Past President John Cairns this month. John was the "On To Convention" Chair for District 7070 who promoted attendance at the Convention at many District 7070 events in 2010-2011. Who can forget the rousing New Orleans Mardi Gras parade at the October 2010 Rotary District 7070 Conference in Niagara Falls.



Literacy Matters

From: Joan Hayward, District Literacy Chair

Congratulations

Thanks to all those clubs who have obviously devoted a great deal of time and energy to address the issue of literacy skills development both locally and abroad. Your work is essential if we are going to break the cycle of poverty that lack of fundamental education perpetuates.

District Literacy Awards

Thanks to those clubs that have submitted applications for the district literacy award. If your club would like to be considered, please contact me at rhayward@sympatico.ca as soon as possible.

Who is your club's literacy chair/contact?

In order to prepare for another successful year of literacy initiatives, I would really appreciate all club presidents sending me the names and e-mail addresses of their literacy chairs or contacts. With this information, I can communicate directly with them. My e-mail address is rhayward@sympatico.ca Please note that the address in the district directory is incorrect.

Have you ever wondered...?

Imagine what a literacy partnership between your local elementary school and your Rotary club would look like...

Primary (JK to Grade 1)– Rotary Reading Buddies/Sandparents

A group of Rotarians and/or friends of Rotary visits with the children on a regular basis. They read with them, have them talk about the pictures and stories, have them draw parts of the stories, and help them re-enact what they have heard.



Grade 2 or 3 – Andy and Elmer's Apple Dumpling Adventure

Teachers use this hardcover resource to tell the story of Andy and his neighbour Elmer as they go into business together and learn how to use the 4-Way Test to guide their decisions. There are colouring books and a DVD to enhance the experience of the story.



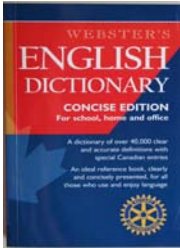
Grade 4 – Who Is Nobody?

The character education and self-esteem program has a literacy component. Children learn how to turn Nobody into Somebody through "service- above- self" volunteerism.



Grade 5 – Dictionaries

Donating dictionaries to grade 5 students provides Rotarians with an opportunity to talk to the children about the importance of volunteerism through examples of your own club's activities, about using the 4-Way Test as a way of helping to make difficult decisions, and about the way in which a dictionary can enhance their literacy skills.



Grade 6 – Poster Contest

Teachers help students to create original and significant visual representations of the ideals of Rotary: the 4-Way Test, volunteerism, promoting peace, and fostering understanding among peoples of the world.



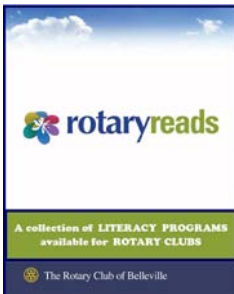
Grade 7 & 8 – Public Speaking/Essay Contest

Teachers encourage students to articulate their understanding of the ideas of Rotary as above.



If an elementary school in your local community is looking for ways to enhance their resources, Rotary can certainly help.

If you wish further information about any of these programs, access Rotary Reads (a catalogue of literacy programs compiled by the literacy committee of the Rotary Club of Belleville) through our District 7070 website.



**World Community Service:
From PDG Roger Hayward, Rotary Club of Alliston:
“Building Communities, Bridging Continents”
Maternal and Child Health, Disease Diagnosis and Treatment in
Kilema, Tanzania
We Celebrate our First District Global Grant**

The first district global grant was given to the Rotary Clubs of Alliston, Etobicoke, Toronto, Toronto West, and Willowdale to equip the Kilema Hospital in Tanzania primarily to improve birthing and maternal health and to save children from contracting HIV/AIDS during birth.

Unloading the equipment in Kilema



The equipment is now in place serving a population of 200,000 on the slopes of Kilimanjaro. All the bills have been paid and now assessment begins, measuring the success of the project over the next two years.

Equipment set up and ready to go



This project is one of a series of projects in conjunction with Rotarians from across District 7070 who have gone to this area over the last six years. In 2010 a new Rotary club was chartered in Kilema which now develops and leads its own projects with which District 7070 Rotarians help.

President David Green (Alliston) and President Cynoc Martin (Moshi Kilema Kati)



We in District 7070 have truly been “Building Communities, Bridging Continents” and can be very proud of the relationships we have developed in Kilema.



If you would like more information or a presentation, please call Roger Hayward at 705-435-6758 or email at rhayward@sympatico.ca

Rift Valley Water and Sanitation Project –the Rotary Club of Toronto Eglinton

From: Jackie Scroggie Chair, The Rift Valley Water and Sanitation Committee

Rotary Club of Toronto Eglinton

The Rift Valley Water and Sanitation Project, a project of the **Rotary Club of Toronto Eglinton and the Rotary Club of Nakuru Kenya** plans to build over 500 rainwater-harvesting tanks for the rural poor families of the Rift Valley. The tanks will provide a lifetime of clean water and will free women and children from the burden of carrying water from distant streams. To qualify for a tank, a family must plan 100 trees, have a functioning latrine and provide labour to build the 10,000 litre cement tanks. Health and sanitation training is provided by a local women and a system of microfinance operates to enable women to borrow money to start small businesses.

The Rotary Club of Toronto Eglinton would like to thank the following clubs in District 7070 for their support: **Belleville, Cobourg, Etobicoke, Markham Sunrise, Markham Unionville, Oshawa Parkwood, Pickering, Port Perry, Toronto, Toronto East, Forest Hill and Uxbridge.**

The Rotary Club of Forest Hill hosted an evening fundraiser **Food for Water** to raise money for the project. **The Rotaract Club of UOIT** also raised money for the project.

The Rotary Club of Nakuru and District 9200 contributed financial support as well

With the support of District 7070 Designated Funds, a Global Grant of \$70,405 from TRF, \$25,000 from WASRAG Canada, and \$138,000 from CRCID (Canadian Rotary Collaboration for International Development) , we will contribute over \$300,000 to bring fresh water to the families of the Rift Valley.

Without the support of the clubs in District 7070, we would not have been able to qualify for a Global Grant or CRCID funds.

A sincere thank you from the Rotary Club of Toronto Eglinton!!



A letter from our Rotary Foundation (Global Grant) Ambassadorial Scholar who is in Australia to District 7070 Chair Gene Burns

Hi Mr. Burns,

Here is a photo of me at 'Hat Day for Mental Health Research' on May 20, 2011. I heard about the event at a Rotary meeting where I was giving a speech. It was a fantastic day organized by Australian Rotary Health to raise awareness and funds for mental health research. Everyone gathered in a large square in downtown Sydney called Martin Place. We were attempting to set a Guinness World Record for the most people wearing paper hats in one place. One of the city's major newspapers, the Sydney Morning Herald, donated old papers to be used for making paper hats. My hat was quite colourful as it was made with a photo story about William and Kate's wedding. I'm happy to say that after a head count, or rather 'hat' count, we won the record! There was a stage set up with entertainment and the whole event was widely publicized. I was especially keen to participate because mental health is part of my studies in public health and bioethics. In fact, next semester I have elected to take a course on the Ethics of Mental Health. I was really proud that Australian Rotary Health chose to focus on something that is still stigmatized and in need of much more research and support.

I've attached a few more photos that I tried to send weeks ago, however, the internet wasn't working well and I don't think they went through. Here are a few photo captions:

1. With Rotary International President Ray Klinginsmith and other Ambassadorial Scholars at the Rotary Inspirational Women's Dinner.
2. At Rotary headquarters in Parramatta, Australia.
3. With my new Rotary counselor Michelle Kilburn (left) who just became President of our Rotary club (Sydney CBD) at a fantastic meeting this past Monday. This was taken when my Mom (right) visited Sydney.
4. On campus at the University of Sydney.

Eileen McCurdy. Rotary Foundation, District 7070 Ambassadorial Scholar






Rotary Clubs in Oshawa, Whitby, Courtice , and Bowmanville band together to Help End Polio With 2 Concerts at University of Ontario Institute of Technology's Regent Theatre , 50 King Street East in Oshawa, Ontario on September 2 and 3 at 8:00 PM.

Tickets are going fast. Don't miss this Special Evening To Help Rotary End Polio World-Wide. Call Bill Patchett at 905-375-5271 or patch@eagle.ca or any Rotarian in Durham Region for tickets.



An Evening to End Polio
Rotary & OP working together to eradicate polio

**SUPPORT A SPECIAL CAUSE • Two extraordinary performances:
SEPTEMBER 2 and 3, 2011 at 8 pm • UOIT's Regent Theatre ,
50 King Street E, Oshawa, Ontario**

 
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- Celebrate Youth With Beethoven in an international concert comprising a sea of musicians on stage! • This unique Rotary Foundation "End Polio Now" fundraising event features one of Canada's most exciting orchestras, the Ontario Philharmonic • OP's special guests, 1st prize winners of the coveted "German Orchestra Competition", the Heidelberg Youth Chamber Orchestra joins the OP along with the Durham Youth Orchestra to form a massive orchestra in a performance of Beethoven's great 7th Symphony.
- Be part of an extraordinary occasion! Support a special cause and enjoy the thrill of the OP and its specially gifted young guests in an exhilarating program led by conductors Thomas Kalb (Germany) and Marco Parisotto (Canada).

PROGRAM:
Felix MENDELSSOHN Symphony No. 10 in B minor for strings
Anton ARENSKY Variations on a theme by Tchaikovsky op. 35a
Piotr TCHAIKOVSKY Souvenir de Florence, first movement
Ludwig van BEETHOVEN Symphony No.7, op.93 in A major

TICKETS
General Admission \$60
(Price includes HST)

To purchase tickets please contact your local ROTARY CLUB or Ontario Philharmonic
Tel: 905.579.6711
Website: www.ontariophil.ca

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