



# Governor's NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2010 EDITION



DG Doug Byers and his wife Nancy

The perception by many non-Rotarians is that Rotary is an organization that "steps up", whenever a need arises. I am proud to say that this has been demonstrated yet again by the clubs in District 7070. In response to the terrible earthquake in Haiti, the many monetary donations and the Shelter Box donations by our clubs has been outstanding. Many of the clubs publicized the initiatives and got the community support.

Many of the members met challenges and donated as well. Service Above Self is continuing to be demonstrated. *March is Literacy Month.* The Canadian Rotary Centennial Project which is a school in Afghanistan is a great way to provide for literacy in an area where for many, especially girls, literacy is not currently a reality. In our district we have many clubs that promote literacy locally and internationally. Clubs are partnering with other Rotary Clubs,

community organizations, faith-based groups, and Boards of Education to ensure that children and adults are better served by enhancing reading skills.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the clubs for the many unique ways they are fundraising for special projects and also for the Foundation, especially for the eradication of Polio.

The recent charter of our new Rotary Club – the Toronto Twilight Club was a great evening celebrating the growth of rotary in District 7070. The young members are full of ideas, energy, enthusiasm and truly represent the Future of Rotary. Congratulations to the Toronto East Rotary Club for sponsoring the new club. Your dedication and leadership is an example for all of our clubs.

I continue to be impressed by the actions of Rotarians across the District who work hard daily to ensure that the lives of people here and abroad are improved, that as an organization, we promote high ethical standards and that the message about Rotary is promoted in a positive way.



## 85 Million Children to be immunized

Dakar/Brazzaville, 4 March 2010 - More than 85 million children under five years old will be immunized against polio in 19 countries across West and Central Africa in a massive example of cross-border cooperation aimed at stopping a year-long polio epidemic.

Over 400,000 volunteers and health workers will take part in the campaign, which is part of an ongoing response to the epidemic that first spread from polio-endemic Nigeria to its polio-free neighbours in 2008 and is still paralyzing children in West and Central Africa.

This complex logistical operation is largely made possible by US\$ 30 million in extraordinary funding released by Rotary International, a major partner in the global effort to stop polio.



World Water Summit III  
Local Solutions, Global Support

Saturday, June 19, 2010

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...not to be missed!

One of the many reasons to come to Montreal in June!

World Water Summit - outstanding international presenters and great workshops for Rotarians & others.

Early bird registration for the Summit ends March 31st! REGISTER NOW

Montreal International Convention - June 20 to 23rd, Montreal, Canada



# Has your club ...promoted RYLA?

**WHAT IS RYLA?** - Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is Rotary's leadership training program for young people. RYLA participants can be ages 14-30, but most clubs and districts choose to focus on a narrower age range, such as 14-18 or 19-30.

RYLA emphasizes leadership, citizenship, and personal growth, and aims to

- Demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth
- Provide an effective training experience for selected youth and potential leaders
- Encourage leadership of youth by youth
- Recognize publicly young people who are rendering service to their communities

## The D7070 RYLA program

May 16 to May 21, 2010  
Loyalist College, Belleville, ON

Participants say:

*"RYLA is a beautiful experience – each person and impression will stick with me for a very long time. The teaching will stick with me my whole life".*

*"I thought the program was extremely valuable, and very well presented".*

*"Thank you! I heard every word and will take it with me and share my learning as much as I possibly can".*

*"I liked the approach the facilitators took. I liked that they were very open to new ideas, it was an open atmosphere".*

*"It was a lot of fun and educational at the same time".*

*"The growing edge feedback was the most valuable part of the programme".*



*"I made many new friends, and loved the leadership experience".*

*"Great work. Thank you for providing the programme, Rotary".*

*"I love the idea of 'Service Above Self' – and I believe in it!"*

## Your Rotary RYLA Candidate

Promise, potential, performance. Candidates for RYLA have demonstrated all of these – in school, sports, community involvement, family. Now they are about to venture into adulthood to be challenged and to perform at new levels. Between the ages of 19 and 25, they may be enrolled in post secondary education, at work, or pursuing other professional qualifications and life skills. RYLA will add to their capabilities by giving them a whole new perspective on Leadership, Friendship and Citizenship. Your RYLA candidate today may well be your Rotary Club President in the future!

See our district website, to get more information, or to enroll your candidate, (complete and fax the form available on our district website (click [LINK HERE](#))), or e-mail Josie Abbate at [Josie.Abbate@bmo.com](mailto:Josie.Abbate@bmo.com) fax 416-867-7609

## RADAR 7070 the District's HIV and AIDS program

received word on December 6th, 2009 that their proposed break out session for the 2010 Rotary International Convention was approved.

The session titled "From Clubs to Communities to Continents: Successes and challenges in fighting HIV/AIDS in Africa", is scheduled to take place on Monday June 21 from 15:45 to 17:15 at The Palais des Congres.

The exact room number to be established at a later date.

As District 7070 Rotarians attending the R.I. Convention in Montreal, the RADAR team invite you to join us as we present a panel discussion on the successes and challenges facing front line workers in Zimbabwe and Malawi.

The panel consists of moderator, Past R.I. President Wilf Wilkinson, RADAR founder Joanne Ashley, Dr. Paul Thistle Chief Medical Director of the Howard Hospital Zimbabwe and the recent Order of Canada recipient Dr. James Orbinski as Co-founder of Dignitas International with a focus on the work being done in Malawi. We are very excited about this unique opportunity to present RADAR 7070 to Rotarians on an International stage. Please plan to join us at the Rotary International Convention at the Palais des Congres on June 21, 2010.

## Rotary Club of Whitby Hosts Lieutenant Governor of Ontario at Polio Plus Fundraiser

On October 27, 2009, at Tosca banquet Hall in Whitby, Ontario, the Rotary Club of Whitby held a very successful fundraiser to help the "End Polio Now" Campaign at which The Lieutenant Governor of The Province of Ontario, The Honourable David C. Onley, himself a polio survivor, was the guest speaker.

providing modern plastic and metal braces to polio victims. And many Rotary Clubs in District 7070 assisted Ken with his efforts in the early years of the Measles Vaccination Program and the Brace projects.

In his speech, His Honour Onley paid tribute to Rotary International, stating that no government could ever do



The Whitby Rotary Organizing Committee as follows : left to right: Paula Callery, Mark Wafer, Mike Finigan, Jeff Callery (Rotary Club of Whitby President), Claire Hunt, Tim Morgan, Joe Dale, Theresa Dale

The Rotary Club of Whitby has had a long association with the effort to eradicate Polio, beginning in 1979 with Rotary District 7070 Past District Gov. and Whitby Rotarian Dr. Ken Hobb's Measles Vaccination program in India.

Ken also sat on the original Rotary International Planning Committee for Polio Eradication in 1988. Prior to this program, the West Africa Brace project was undertaken by members of the Whitby Rotary Club who went to West Africa to set up a program of

what Rotary has done in inoculating two billion people against polio since 1988.

The Lieutenant Governor has been a champion for people with disabilities and is quoted to say, "Accessibility is that which enables people to achieve their full potential. It is inclusion. Accessibility is a human right and accessibility is right". His Honour paid tribute to the Rotary District 7070 program, "Rotary At Work" which originated in the Whitby Rotary Club. "Rotary At Work" encour-

David Onley arriving



ages businesses to hire the disabled. His Honour pointed out that hiring the disabled will help these people achieve their full potential and also expand Rotary's role in the community.

The Lieutenant Governor compared accessibility to the everyday door. Different people with different disabilities try to open the door. But the most important door of all is the door to your mind, pointing out that with the right attitude one can turn disability into ability.

The evening was attended by two hundred guests from the community and surrounding Rotary Clubs. The Rotary Club of Whitby would like to express their thanks and gratitude to the attendees. The evening concluded with a cheque presentation in the amount of \$5,000 to District Polio Plus Foundation Chair, Bill Patchett and District Foundation Chair Michael Cooksey to the Polio Plus Campaign.

# More goings-on in D7070!

## The Rotary Club of Markham Unionville First Annual Fund Raising Gala



October 31, 2009.

The Halloween Masquerade Ball was a great success with entertainment where musicians were encouraged to perform for the Club and was much appreciated by all club members and their guests.

There were lots of food, dancing and music provided by D.J. Fatz and lots of raffle and door prizes.

It was nice to see adults take part in the fun and spirit of Halloween and show up in costume.

We had prizes for the best dancer and the best costume and the fun kept on till midnight.

The Town of Markham with its Mayor Frank Scarpitti and Councillors attended along with Member of Parliament from Scarborough Rouge M.P. Derek Lee who recognized the great cause and the efforts put by the Rotary Club of Markham Unionville.

Guests were requested to donate non perishable food items for the Markham Food Bank and the food

was later received by the food bank with lots of appreciation towards the Rotary Club of Markham Unionville.

Marlene Gallyot and Harvey Meek who spear headed this event along with all the members from the Rotary Club; hope to go further by having a live and silent auction in the following years to come.

This event brought attention and awareness to the club and for all its efforts in bringing together business and professional leaders to provide humanitarian services and encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and to help build goodwill and peace around the world.

We would like all people to join in this great cause regardless of race, colour, creed or professional preference and make this world a better place."

Article by - Marlene Gallyot

Photo by Alice Ho - Include Club members with Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti in Centre, President Alan Ho (long blonde hair), kneeling.

Regards,  
Wally Buczkowski  
Markham-Unionville Club  
Club Service Director

## RC Willowdale Fundraising Cruise: Jan. 15 - 22, 2011

**Ship:** Celebrity Eclipse

**Launched:** April, 2010

**Size:** Mid-size ship - Capacity 2500 guests

**Sailing:** Caribbean - See Flyer for itinerary

**Sailing from:** Miami

**Costs:** Holding 4 categories of Balcony Cabins

**Category:** 2C - \$969.00 + Taxes \$76.85 - Total Per Person: \$1045.86

Other categories - slightly higher

**Cat Difference:** Location on Ship

**Air:** Booking by early summer-should be able to find flights at approx \$550 return. You can use your own points to book flights.

**Donation:** \$100 will be added to the cost per person, which is a tax deductible donation to Rotary's Polio Plus Campaign. This qualifies for the Every Rotarian Every Year. The travel agent will provide the credit card information of passengers to the Treasurer of the Rotary Club of Willowdale and the donation portion will be done by the Rotary Club of Willowdale. Receipts will be provided directly from the Club.

Based on the number of total cabins booked by the time final payment is due, the Cruiseline may also contribute to the fundraising efforts. Our Travel Agent, Joy Vanek, wife of Peter Vanek, a Rotarian from the Willowdale Rotary Club, will also be donating a portion of her commission.

**SPACE IS LIMITED! RESERVE YOUR CABIN BY MARCH 31, 2010, TO ENSURE BEST CABIN SELECTION.**

Contact Joy Vanek at (416) 571-5521 or [jvanek@cruiseshipcenters.com](mailto:jvanek@cruiseshipcenters.com) for more details



## Rotary Club of Willowdale District 7070-Fundraising Cruise

Support the Fight to End Polio

Step aboard the third of our Solstice-class ships, the spectacular *Celebrity Eclipse*. From award-winning cuisine inside the main dining room to the intimate Eclipse Theatre, she's designed with your best vacation in mind.

### 7 Night Eastern Caribbean Cruise

**Ship Name**  Celebrity Eclipse

**Destination**  Caribbean

**Ports of Call** Miami, Florida; At Sea; San Juan, Puerto Rico; Philipsburg,

St.Maarten; Basseterre, St.Kitts; At Sea; At Sea; Miami, Florida

**2011 Sail Date(s)**  Jan.15

**Veranda:**

**810.00**



Reserve Your Stateroom by March 31/2010-Space is Limited!

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**For more information or to make a reservation contact:**



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Any reductions to the cruise rate within final payment that reflect a credit to the booking will be applied in the form of an on board credit. This adjustment will be reflected on the booking within 24 hours and a new confirmation sent.

Celebrity Cruises reserves the right to impose a fuel supplement of up to \$10 USD per guest per day on all guests if the price of West Texas Intermediate fuel exceeds \$65 USD per barrel.

# and more on Service...

## Interact Report

by Sarah Robert, co-president of the CDCI West Interact Club

When an earthquake struck Haiti a few months ago, there was an outpouring of support from the international community. Our school, too, seemed to want to help out Haiti. Our Interact club generally spends the first semester of the school year doing smaller fund-raisers for a variety of deserving groups in our community and beyond. During the first part of the year, we ran a lunch-time bar-beque for the United Way. We would like to say thank you again for your help in making the event a success! We ran our best ever annual "Halloween for Hunger" food drive for the Fare Share Food bank. We then devoted many hours to making \$800 for the Stephen Lewis Foundation as a part of their nationwide Dare to Remember challenge - enough to make one of our teachers straighten his hair and shave his beard into mut-tonchops for a day.

In the early aftermath of the earthquake, we quickly helped organize a concession stand for our school's grade nine orientation night and raised \$400 to benefit Red Cross' efforts in Haiti. As our international campaign kicks off this semester, we aim to extend our efforts and benefit several smaller organizations doing great work in Haiti, but who might not be receiving as much funding as larger charities. By the time you read this, we will probably already have held our first of a series of biweekly bake sales in the school. We are hard at work putting together a presentation for our annual Interact assembly for the entire school, to let our fellow

students know what we hope to accomplish in the following months and weeks. We tentatively plan to do a clothing drive of some sort, and, of course, our annual car wash, which Rotary has always so generously supported in the past.

Hopefully by the time we drop by to sell tickets, we'll have even more events to tell you about! Again, a sincere thank you from the entire Interact club for helping make this all possible.

The first Interact Conference was held at the Oshawa Golf Club with members from the Interact Clubs participating in a day of Networking and Fellowship. District Trainer Lynda Ryder lead icebreaking activities allowing the members from the various clubs to get acquainted. This was followed by the Cobourg West Interact Club leading, "A Time to get to know One Another." The Scarborough Interact Club presented a session "Share and Learn," where each club talked about the various initiatives within their clubs and also the group as a whole brainstormed more opportunities to Serve the Communities and beyond. The Interact Club of Clarington presented on fundraising activities. The guest speaker for the day was John Cairns president of the Belleville Rotary Club. His topic, "The future of "your life" is in your hands". John's inspirational message as always inspired the interactors to think about themselves and also how they can make a difference. The Winston Churchill Club members also talked about the school involvement and how to get the whole school involved. Thanks to Tom Reed the Interact Chairperson and Virginia O'Reilly, New Generations

Chair for the organization of the day. The enthusiasm exhibited by the youth really lets us see that the future of Rotary is in good hands.

### District Governor Nominee (2012-13) Selected

Ted Koziel from the Rotary Club of Richmond Hill. Ted has held various positions in the district and is a past president of his Rotary Club. His experience will add to the leadership of district 7070. Congratulations Ted.

## Shelter Box Update

Our district has contributed over 220 shelter boxes in response to the crisis in Haiti.

### *And from ShelterBox Canada:*

In the last bulletin at the end of January we made a comment about Canada's generosity for Haiti leaving us speechless. Well if we were speechless then, we are now dumbstruck. In total, donors to ShelterBox Canada sponsored (drum roll) 4000 ShelterBoxes! No, we have not made an error with the number of zeros on the end. Our office has processed four years' of work in the last 7 weeks!

It is truly remarkable and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your outpouring of love.

There is still a desperate need for shelter in Haiti and people will be succumbing to the elements, disease and lack of housing unless immediate aid is provided. We can provide them with shelter, comfort, survival and some dignity back into their lives. The

# EarlyAct

rainy season has already begun. And now ShelterBox is responding to the stricken nation of Chile which has just experienced one of the largest seismic events ever recorded. In the course of the last few weeks, we often had to explain to donors that it has always been our policy to not accept donations that are location specific. In the past some charities have found themselves with funds they are unable to use because they were restricted to a certain country. Unfortunately sometimes governments in disaster areas make decisions which preclude further aid, such as was the case in Sri Lanka recently when the government would not allow any more tents into the country. We sometimes made the flippant observation in this regard that you never know what city is going to fall down next, and Concepcion, Chile is a perfect example of this. ShelterBox needs the flexibility to deploy resources according to verified needs and priorities identified by ShelterBox - wherever those disasters occur, and to acquire stock in readiness for the next disaster.

Public donations are vital to ShelterBox's continuing work around the world. To make a donation please call 1 800 677 0990 or go to [www.shelterbox.ca](http://www.shelterbox.ca) to donate on line. Go to [www.shelterboxcanada.blogspot.com](http://www.shelterboxcanada.blogspot.com), and sign on as a follower. Sincerely,  
Don Ohlgren, Executive Director

**King Tut Polio Fundraiser**  
Over 180 Rotarians and friends enjoyed an evening at the AGO on February 3rd, and raised nearly \$800 for Polio Eradication, at the same time!

## EarlyAct in D7070

The Rotary Club of Courtice is pleased to announce that we have partnered with Dr. G. J. MacGillivray Public School in Courtice to form the First EarlyAct Club in District 7070.

EarlyAct is a school wide service club for elementary students from ages 5 to 13. It is sponsored by a local Rotary club near where the host school is located.

### Why EarlyAct?

EarlyAct teaches optimism, integrity, fairness, respect, empathy, initiative, caring, responsibility, leadership, perseverance, friendship and teamwork. The student's realize the importance of respect, dignity and caring for all people by promoting good will and understanding through their active participation at school, local community and global levels.

High student achievement is developed by actively participating in various projects to improve the quality of life for their school, local and global communities. They work with the sponsoring Rotary club members and staff advisers as facilitators, mentors and role models.

Dr. G. J. MacGillivray Public School falls within the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board which fosters and promotes 10 "Character Education" traits:

- Respect,
- Responsibility,
- Honesty,
- Integrity,
- Empathy,
- Fairness,
- Initiative,
- Perseverance,

- Courage, and
- Optimism

These traits are an incredible fit with EarlyAct.

In our community we also have established Interact and Rotaract clubs, this endeavour will lend to a new avenue of expanded Rotary participation in our youth.

We are very proud to have Conor Visser, the Dr. G. J. MacGillivray EarlyAct Club President available to present EarlyAct information to local clubs.

If you would like to have Connor present to your club contact the Rotary Club of Courtice President Dale Gibbons at 905-436-9090 or email [dale@woinsurancebrokers.com](mailto:dale@woinsurancebrokers.com).

## RLI Report



To great response and enthusiastic feedback, D7070 offered two Part 1 Rotary Leadership Institute courses this year: November 14 - Belleville, and February 6 - Richmond Hill.

Courses available in the Shining Waters Division (D7070, D7080, D7090, and D6330) this spring are:

- April 10 - Stoney Creek, ON
- May 29 - Stratford, ON

Details are available on the website: [www.rli-shiningwaters.org](http://www.rli-shiningwaters.org)

2010-2011 courses should be posted on the website by the end of June.