



**MARCH
2011
District 7070
Newsletter**



Rotary International District 7070 Southern Ontario Canada



**From District Governor
Ted Morrison**

It is hard to believe we are in the last quarter of this Rotary year. Clubs are asked to submit their **Presidential Citation forms to me asap**. All clubs are doing such wonderful projects. It would be a shame not to receive a Citation for your efforts.

Congratulations go out to the **Ajax Rotary Club** as they celebrate their 60th anniversary. They celebrated with a special evening with Stephen Lewis. The **Toronto Rotary Club** had Ravi Ravindren as their special speaker. Ravi is from Sri Lanka. He talked about the rebuilding of the Sri Lanka's schools after their tsunami in 2007.

Clubs received their Semi Annual Reports from RI in January. In a report from RI on March 22 it still shows **16 clubs have not paid their dues to RI**. If your club is one of them take care of this asap. We have sent over 50 welcome letters to new Rotarians. Yet our official membership data sent in to RI does not reflect that. **Every secretary and President should check their membership on the RI website to ensure all your new members have been entered.**

The **District Long Range Planning Committee** has been working hard all winter to develop a **new District Strategic Plan** that coincides with the new RI Strategic Plan. Under the

leadership of Michael Cooksey the committee hopes to have it ready to present at the **District Assembly on May 7**.

The month of **March was Literacy month**. I congratulate those clubs that have projects dealing with literacy both in their communities and internationally. Special congratulations to **Dennis Bayley of the Port Perry Rotary Club** who is walking 1,000 miles to raise funds for their dictionary project. In **April, the monthly theme is Rotarian Magazine month**. Be creative and find a way to focus on The Rotarian at your meetings during the month of April.

Keep up the good work.

**Trump AIDS Walk: Saturday April 16 in Belleville and
April 30 in Toronto
Calling all Rotary Clubs: Get a team together and enjoy the fun.**

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

In Belleville, begin and end the walk at the Bay of Quinte Yacht Club at the beautiful Victoria Park.

In Toronto, begin and end the walk along the Toronto Waterfront at *The Government* - "one of the 7 wonders of the Entertainment World". Enjoy fun, food, games, surprise guests, and of course the climactic Poker Showdown when the teams lay down their cards. This will be a day to remember. Will you be the big winner? Everyone wins! Go to the website and get involved.....<http://www.trumpaidstoronto.ca>

**Rotary District 7070 Assembly: May 7, 2011
Bank of Montreal Institute for Learning,
Don Mills, Ontario
Calling all Incoming Presidents and All of Your Club Directors,
Secretary, and Treasurer:**

A great way to start the 2011 – 2012 Rotary Year. Please join Incoming District Governor Bob Wallace and his Dream Team to help your club follow your dream into the new Rotary Year.

And your entire club executive is invited. It will be very informative for your executive as you collectively plan out the Rotary Year. This is also an excellent opportunity to ask any member of your Rotary Club who has been a member for less than 2 years to learn more about all of the wonderful programs of Rotary. We really encourage new members to attend.

Ask your Club President and President Elect how you can register.

Presidents' Club Meetings

Hosted by: Rotary District 7070 **Date:** Thursday April 14, 2011
Location: Oshawa Golf Club , 160 Alexandra St., Oshawa, Ontario L1G 2C4

Start time is 7 pm. Be sure to bring your Incoming President. This is a great opportunity for continuity in your club's leadership from one Rotary Year to the next.

WASRAG WORLD WATER SUMMIT: MAY 20, 2011 NEW ORLEANS

If you are going to the International Convention this year in New Orleans, you will not want to miss this important event and keynote speaker.

We are delighted to announce that William Reilly will be a keynote speaker at World Water Summit IV, in New Orleans, May 20, 2011.

In May 2010 William (Bill) Reilly was appointed by President Obama to co-chair the National Commission on the BP Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling. His career involves much work on environmental issues. To name just a few, under President Bush, he was the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, is Chairman Emeritus of the World Wildlife Fund, Co-Chair of the National Commission on Energy Policy, and head of the U.S. Delegation to the United Nations Earth Summit at Rio, in 1992.

Bill will speak about the oil spill and its impact, water, sanitation and sustainable living.

We hope you are able to join us for this inspiring and interesting presentation along with the other high caliber speakers and workshops at the Summit.

Register **NOW** for: [World Water Summit IV](#) Friday, May 20, 2011 New Orleans, USA

Building Communities - *New Thinking in International Development*

Bridging Continents - *Building Strong Teams for Sustainable Change*

In 2008, an estimated 2.6 billion people around the world lacked access to an improved sanitation facility. If the trend continues, that number will grow to 2.7 billion by 2015. Among sanitation practices, the one that poses the greatest threat to human health is open defecation. If open defecation rates continue to decline, the impact on reducing child deaths could be enormous, primarily by preventing diarrheal diseases and the stunting and under-nutrition that tend to follow.

The practice of open defecation by 1.1 billion people is an affront to human dignity.

With sessions aimed at *all* levels of expertise, the Water Summit will feature four key note speakers, world leaders who will address issues such as: “cutting edge thinking in international development” and “the role of sustainability in building peace”.

Come to New Orleans, USA, and attend the World Water Summit IV.

For Information and registration: www.startwithwater.org/

District 7070 Conference 2011

Hosted by: Rotary District 7070

Date: Friday October 21, 2011

Location: the Intrust Blue Mountain Resort in Collingwood, Ontario

The 2011 District Conference will be held October 21st to 23rd at the Intrust Blue Mountain Resort in Collingwood, Ontario. Come and enjoy the crisp, fresh air, the splendid colours of the Fall leaves and a District Conference filled with activities you are sure to enjoy!

The Blue mountain resorts facility and Collingwood as well, lend themselves wonderfully to learning and sharing, and to stimulating fellowship activities that will allow you to renew old friendships and forge new ones. Be sure to register early!

Please download the brochure from the following link:

<http://www.rotary7070.org/event.php?show=event&eid=633>

Rotary International Convention



Join thousands of Rotarians in New Orleans!
2011 RI Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana,
USA, 21-25 May

Register early now to receive the best rates and accommodations, and Let the Good Times Roll ... Again! Find out more about New Orleans ! Download the convention logo and watch the 2011 RI Convention promotional video.

Attend the convention and experience the fellowship of Rotary at an international level

Register for the convention and ticketed events

Reserve your hotel

Purchase host event tickets

Check the preliminary schedule to help plan your trip.

Go to

<http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/Events/Convention/Pages/ridefault.aspx?housead> and Download the 2011 RI Convention promotional brochure

Are you following and contributing to the District 7070 on Facebook?

Are you following and contributing to the District 7070 on Twitter?

Come to the District Assembly on May 7 and find out how.

Toronto Bidding for the 2018 Rotary International Convention

From District Governor Ted Morrison:

Rotary International has asked 10 cities to bid for the 2018 Rotary International Convention. Toronto is one of the cities. A meeting was held on Friday March 18 to discuss the bid procedure. Toronto Tourism is putting together the actual bid that must be presented to Rotary International by May 1.

The lead club would be the Rotary Club of Toronto. Under the leadership of Michelle Guy from the Rotary Club of Toronto, a group from the Toronto Tourist Board and including District Governor Ted Morrison and District Governor Elect Bob Wallace met to discuss the commitment necessary to be successful.

If the bid is successful, Toronto will be placed on a short list of FOUR cities. The RI selection team will visit all four cities during the summer and the announcement will be made after the RI Board meeting in the fall.

This extremely exciting!!! It means that District 7070 will be hosting 20,000 Rotarians from all over the world. It also means that we will need a great many volunteers during the week of the conference. It will give us a chance to show the rest of the Rotary world how special the Rotarians are in District 7070.

Keep your fingers crossed!! We will let you know as soon as we know.

Canadian Ambassadorial Scholars With Rotary International President Ray Klinginsmith in Sydney Australia

From Our District 7070 Rotary Foundation Global Grant Chair, Gene Burns.



Seen [from left] PP **Elizabeth Michard** (District 9750 Rotary Foundation subcommittee for Scholarships), Scholar **Natilee McGruder** Alabama, Scholar **Leslie Buechele** New Jersey, **RI President Ray Klinginsmith**, Scholar **Sadia Rafiquddin** Canada, Scholar **Eileen McCurdy** Canada, and Scholar **Matthias Koehler** Germany. photo taken at March 2nd at the Rotary Inspirational Women's Dinner with RI President Ray Klinginsmith and Ambassadorial Scholars at the Four Seasons Hotel in Sydney with our District 7070 scholars Eileen McCurdy and Sadia Rafiquddin.

Here is One Rotarian's Contribution to Polio Plus: National Immunization Day In India From Ian Lancaster, Rotary Club of Cobourg

I was recently afforded a unique opportunity for ten days in late February to participate in a National Polio Immunization Day eradication program in India. It may be one of the last chances that anyone will have to give a child two drops of polio vaccine that will change that child's life forever. I wanted to contribute, and had asked PRIVP and Polio Plus Committee Chair Dr. Bob Scott how I could take part. He very kindly helped me get connected. I was one of three Canadians and 33 Rotarians from the United States based in Delhi as part of a program developed by PDG Brad Howard, D 5170, of Howard Tours and India's Polio Plus Committee.

As an introduction to our involvement in the polio undertaking, the Indian Rotary leadership provided an overview of the eradication effort and the key issues that remain before polio is eliminated from India. As part of our initial experience, we visited St. Stephan's Hospital where a very dedicated surgeon lead team corrected the deformities attributed to polio. These surgeries and prosthetics were provided at no cost to the patients. All costs were covered by the Rotary Club of Delhi Midtown.

To help promote this vital program, the local Rotary clubs along with the public schools in Ghaziabad, a suburb 90 minutes east of Delhi, had arranged a Social Mobilization rally. This activity is intended to raise

awareness of the polio immunization program. As part of the rally, and along with several other international and local Rotarian groups, we marched through the streets of Ghaziabad getting the word out that immunizations would be taking place throughout the area. The rally was followed by immunizations in numerous project sites throughout Ghaziabad. In our particular location, our small group of six immunized over 500 children!

The following day, our group ventured farther afield into a nomadic encampment of people from the northern Indian state of Rajasthan. Our 'guide' was the UNICEF Medical Coordinator for Northern India. The doctor indicated that this population is very much at risk because they are so transient. They are in the Delhi area for three to six months and then return home. The local medical community has little or no way of tracking them, so it is very difficult so ensure that the children are vaccinated. As a nurse, it certainly opened my eyes to the less than desirable conditions that they live under. But I was able to look into the eyes of a child's mother, give those two drops and an understanding took place that she knew hopefully her child would not experience the crippling effects of polio, regardless of his station in life!

This whole experience came together for me when I watched Itzhak Perlman and James DePriest at the Concert to End Polio just a few days after my return from India. Here are two formidable musicians who did not let the disease hold them back. After the concert, I was also able to convey the effect the National Immunization Day had on me as a Rotarian to Rotary International President Elect Kalyan and First Lady Binota Banerjee. RI President Elect Kalyan was delighted to hear of my trip and thanked me for my contribution. He indicated that Ghaziabad is a strategic area in the quest to eradicate polio and all the help provided by visiting Rotarians certainly helps the cause.

This journey was a landmark event in my Rotary experiences and I would be pleased to share more with your Rotary Club at your request.

Be sure to contact : Ian Lancaster, Rotary Club of Cobourg ielancaster@xplornet.ca

CULINARY TRAVEL AROUND THE WORLD

SUPPORT WASRAG'S SANITATION PROJECTS IN KENYA:

Join the Rotary Clubs of Toronto Eglinton and Forest Hill together with the Church of the Redeemer for an evening of culinary globetrotting and good fellowship.

Beat the winter blahs and taste a wonderful variety of specialities from Asia, Africa and Europe prepared by "chefs" from these regions.

The food for thought and the highlight of the evening 2nd April will be a presentation by our very own Past District Governor, Dr. Ron Denham, Chair of the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group (Wasrag) .

Ron, a noted speaker will tell us – supported by an impressive slide show – how Rotarians are bringing safe water and sanitation to those in need. He will update us on the progress of District 7070's Rainwater Harvesting projects in Kenya's Rift Valley.

To support the projects, we welcome a donation of \$25 per person.

All the food for the evening is being donated by the "chefs". That means every penny of your donation will go to Wasrag's water and sanitation projects in Kenya. Our "culinary travel around the world" begins Saturday, 2nd April at 6 p.m. at the Church of the Redeemer 162 Bloor Street West, Toronto , Ontario.

To reserve your seat please buy your ticket early or make a reservation

with Simon Lewcuk, Church of the Redeemer, Tel.: 416 922 49 48, ext. 215 or Rainer Jaensch, Rotary, Tel. 416 598 88 13; E-mail: chrisrai@gmx.de

SUPPORT THE ROTARY FOUNDATION AND BOOK YOUR NEXT TRIP

Here is what one Rotarian's spouse is doing to support the Rotary Foundation.

What is your business doing for The Rotary Foundation? Tell your fellow District Rotarians all about it. Here is just an example.



SAIL AWAY FOR ROTARY!

Book any 7 day or longer cruise in a Balcony or Suite Stateroom and our Agency will donate \$50.00 to The Rotary Foundation in support of the Polio Plus Campaign

Promotion ends May 30, 2011! ACT NOW FOR BEST STATEROOM AVAILABILITY

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IS YOUR CLUB LOOKING FOR AN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT? WHY NOT PARTNER WITH THE ROTARY CLUB OF WHITBY-SUNRISE

From Whitby-Sunrise Rotarian Peter Irvine:

The Rotary Club of Whitby-Sunrise has built quite an international service team. Our main focus projects are in the Dominican Republic and Thailand with several of our members visiting each of these two countries each year to work on a variety of projects. We also have members visiting Laos and Rwanda to work on a variety of projects through different organizations. Listed are the different activities and projects our members are involved in.

Steve Rutledge in Laos has personally raised funds to build a school, supply furniture and toilets, mosquito nets, blankets and water filter systems. Steve was in Laos for almost two months. For more info: srutledge@xplornet.ca

Bob Jarvest and Rotary Team work in Consuelo in the Dominican Republic each year. They organize and distribute supplies from the large shipping container we shipped in the fall of 2010 which includes restaurant and video equipment to LaLoma trade School equipping LaLoma with benches and electrical equipment for the future electrical course; building and installing water filters; installing light systems in homes; building playgrounds for schools; distributing food staples to those who have little to eat. Each year we also run an "Adopt a Senior" program at \$200 each and then the money goes towards feeding these seniors one decent meal a day for a year. We also supply a shelter and warm bed for many seniors. For more information "bobjarvest@xplornet.ca

Through the leadership of Rotarian George Punyaprateep, Rotarians George Punyaprateep, Debbie Morgan, Mark Chipman, and Craig Howie travelled to Thailand in January to monitor some ongoing International projects the Whitby Sunrise Club is currently sponsoring. The Club funds Fish, Chicken and Mushroom farms that provide the students of impoverished schools with food and products to sell at the local market. The club members also Travelled to Laos where Rotarian Steve Rutledge is currently working on funding his 3rd school with the help of Rotary. For more information: g_punyaprateep@hotmail.com and craig.howie@rbc.com

Contribute online to the Japan earthquake, tsunami fund through The Rotary Foundation

Here is some information from The TRF Canada website and the RI Website which you may find helpful.

In response to the massive earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan on 11 March, The Rotary Foundation established the Rotary Japan and Pacific Islands Disaster Recovery Fund, which will support recovery projects in the affected areas. To contribute online, go to <https://secure.trfcanada.org/Donate.aspx>

The 9.0-magnitude earthquake, Japan's largest in history, caused a devastating tsunami that swept over northern coastal towns. At least 10,000 have been killed and thousands remain missing. Rotarians, clubs, and districts can contribute cash and District Designated Fund (DDF)

allocations to the fund. To contribute, Districts can go to: http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/japan_pacific_disaster_recovery_fund_en.pdf

Frequently Asked Questions: Rotary Japan and Pacific Islands

2011 Disaster Recovery Fund

1. How do I make a contribution to support the Rotary Japan and Pacific Islands 2011 Disaster Recovery Fund?

Contributions designated to the Rotary Japan and Pacific Islands 2011 Disaster Recovery Fund may be made in the same fashion you normally contribute through

The Rotary Foundation Canada .

Checks should be made payable to The Rotary Foundation Canada (note on your check that the contribution should be used for the Rotary Japan and Pacific Islands 2011 Disaster Recovery Fund, #G10005).

2. How will contributions designated to the Rotary Japan and Pacific Islands 2011 Disaster Recovery Fund be used?

Rotarians in affected areas will identify and determine how best to help these communities recover after initial disaster relief efforts are completed. The funds contributed will not be used for immediate disaster relief but rather for recovery efforts. Contributions to the

Fund will be made available to clubs and Districts in the affected areas for participation in Rotary Foundation Matching Grants and Global Grants. As with all Matching Grants and Global Grants projects, Rotary Japan and Pacific Islands 2011 Disaster Recovery Fund grants will require Rotary clubs or districts in at least two countries (a partner outside of the project country and a partner within the project country) to work together to plan, implement, and complete the project. The projects must involve active personal Rotarian participation. As with all funds contributed to The Rotary Foundation, the Trustees will manage funds contributed to the fund.

3. Will I receive Paul Harris Fellow recognition for my contribution?

No. Contributions designated to the fund are not eligible for Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

4. Will my contribution count toward my club and district's total contribution goals?

Yes. Contributions designated to the Rotary Japan and Pacific Islands 2011 Disaster Recovery Fund will count toward club and district total contribution goals. However, contributions will not count toward club and district Annual Programs Fund goals.

5. Will my contribution be included in my total Foundation giving?

Yes. Your personal contribution will appear on your giving history and will apply toward major donor recognition.

6. Is there a minimum contribution amount?

No

7. Can District Designated Fund (DDF) allocations go to

the Rotary Japan and Pacific Islands 2011 Disaster Recovery Fund?

Yes. DDF can be used for recovery efforts relating to this fund. Please refer to the Rotary Japan and Pacific Islands 2011 Recovery Fund District Designated Funds form on the website.

8. Who should I contact with contribution questions?

Questions may be directed to the Contact Center at 1-866-976-8279 or www.contact.center@rotary.org

9. Where can I find more information on Rotary clubs' relief work in Japan and the Pacific Islands?

Please contact www.relief@rotary.org for information on Rotary club and district relief efforts in Japan and the Pacific Islands.