

August 15, 2011 District 7070 Newsletter



Rotary International District 7070 Southern Ontario Canada



From: District Governor Bob Wallace

District Governor Bob Wallace and Kathy

As you read this I will be in Boston at the Zone24/32 institute. We are of course part of zone 24 and we are joined with zone 32. I will be enjoying the experience of the institute while your District Governor Elect Ted Koziel and District Governor Nominee Valerie Wafer will be continuing their training and preparation for their years as district governor.

Kathy and I have had a great time so far this summer visiting, speaking and meeting with the clubs in district 7070. We have visited a little more than half the clubs in the district and will be continuing visits through into October. The fellowship and friends we have made will last a lifetime and are very much appreciated. Many of the clubs have made donations on our behalf and these are my

favourites as each one is Reaching Out to Embrace Humanity. Many clubs have provided Kathy with tours in their communities and she has really appreciated these. I'm a bit jealous as she is doing these while I meet with the club board of directors. We will have to revisit some of these areas so that I can see what she was shown. I want to thank each of the clubs for being so friendly and prepared for these visits.

Next to meeting each Rotarian the best part of the official visit is learning what each of you are doing for fund raising as well as local and international projects. The breadth of these is truly amazing.

As I have mentioned in each visit there are 3 upcoming district fellowship events.

First on September 2 and 3 is the Evening to End Polio, a music

concert in Oshawa with the Ontario Philharmonic orchestra and the Heidelberg youth orchestra. Please make every effort to attend one of these concerts.

Second is the Foundation Walk being held north of Port Hope in the Ganaraska Forest. This afternoon is a time for fun and fellowship where we can enjoy a walk in the forest and raise funds for our Foundation. Remember all are invited to attend the walk and enjoy the fellowship.

Third of course is the district conference on Oct 21,22, 23 at the Blue Mountain Resort in Collingwood. This will be a fun filled weekend of learning and fellowship. Complete information is available on the district web site www.rotary7070.org

**Day 1 for District Governor Bob Wallace and Kathy:
July 1, 2011 Canada Day Parade in Port Hope in the back
seat of one of Bob's Vintage Mustangs**



On the next page , check out the article from Ron Miller, President of The Rotary Club of Etobicoke about their Club's Ribfest held over the Canada Day weekend. A true Rotary success story.

Record-Breaking 2011 Toronto Ribfest

As far as we know, the Toronto Ribfest is the largest Rotary-run event in Canada. It's also a great way to highlight Rotary and what we do. This year had record-breaking attendance (over 210,000 people), volunteer participation (about 1,400 four-hour shifts were filled) and media coverage (38 million Tier 1 level impressions – 96% of which were positive, 4% neutral and 0% negative).



Already plans are well underway for 2012. These include:

More Rotary!

- I'd like to get our District's youth exchange involved. Being part of Ribfest – even just attending – will give our exchange students a fantastic Rotary story to bring home with them.
- Membership – all clubs in the district are invited to help promote their clubs and their activities at our Rotary tent.
- The Rotary stage will be a focal point for stories and videos of the benefits Rotary brings.



Of course, we know 100% of the funds raised go to worthy organizations to help people. But most of our patrons still do not. We will continue with our entrance theme – to Eradicate Child Hunger; and we will again choose four “Ribfest Partners”, organizations that will both support Ribfest and be supported by Toronto Ribfest, to help drive home the message that the Toronto Ribfest is more than about having a great time and great food.

This year, a number of media picked up on the “charity” aspect of the event, so we expect this message will start to sink in over the next few years. Toronto Ribfest is also possibly the largest annual charity event in Toronto.

Canada Day is always a special time – with a swearing in ceremony for about 30-40 new Canadians in the morning, and a massive music and fireworks display that night.



More Family Fun!

One of the reasons the Toronto Ribfest is getting bigger are the attractions. Our two stages, the Children’s area, the Midway, the Haunted House – plus, we’ll be looking to add to these and the other sponsor-driven attractions in the coming years.

We welcome all Rotarians and Rotary clubs in the District to come out to the Toronto Ribfest next summer, have some great food, and show others that being a Rotarian is not only meaningful, but lots of fun too!



2011 Toronto International Microfinance Summit – Coming September 16 & 17, 2011



The **Toronto International Microfinance Summit** (formerly known as the Toronto Microfinance Conference & Gala) was inspired by the Rotary District 7070 Microfinance Committee and the Rotarian Action Group for Microcredit in 2009. Now in its third year of operation, the Summit is becoming Canada's premier event focusing on domestic and international applications for microfinance.

This forum, held annually in Toronto, will bring together attendees from diverse backgrounds including development professionals, senior officials of NGOs, foundations, young professionals, students, academics, donors, post-graduate students, interns-volunteers in international development, as well as business leaders and media with the objectives of raising the profile of microfinance; educating our community on the value of microfinance as a universal poverty reduction tool; and providing tangible support for microfinance programs and scholarships.

Run entirely by volunteers of diverse backgrounds and ages, the following Vision and Mission statements were developed to articulate the Committee's work:

Vision: We envision a world without poverty through microfinance.

Mission: To establish an annual Microfinance Conference & Gala in Toronto that will:

- educate people on the value of microfinance;
- provide a forum in the Greater Toronto Area where everyone interested in alleviating poverty through microfinance can connect, exchange ideas, share experiences and transfer best practices;
- raise the public profile of microfinance;
- raise funds for educational scholarships and fellowships in microfinance;
- raise funds for projects to relieve poverty globally through the provision of microcredit and other financial services to the poor.

In 2009, 250 people attended the Conference, exceeding our target by 40%. In 2010, a fundraising Gala was added to build on that success. Over 250 people attended the inaugural Gala and Conference attendance increased to over 400. The MasterCard Foundation helped finance approximately 140 college and university students to attend the Conference. As a result of the attendance and roster of speakers, the event received local and international media attention.

Building on previous successes, the 2011 Toronto International Microfinance Summit includes two related events. First, on Friday, September 16 is a fundraising Gala for an educational scholarship in microfinance; for a microfinance project that involves our First Nations' communities; and for an international microfinance project. The Gala will be held at the Arcadian Court, 401 Bay Street, 8th Floor, Simpson Tower in Toronto, starting at 6 p.m.

The keynote speaker for the Gala is Philip Smith, a philanthropist and co-author of *A Billion Bootstraps: Microcredit, Barefoot Banking, and the Business Solution for Ending Poverty*, a book about microfinance from the donor's view. As well, The Honourable David C. Onley will be present to welcome all on behalf of the Province of Ontario.

Second, a one-day Conference (the micro way) will be held on Saturday, September 17 featuring experts in the field who will address the effectiveness of microfinance as a poverty alleviation tool and provide frontline insights from around the world. Our theme for this year's conference is: ***From Microcredit to Financial Inclusion: Making a Difference in our World.***

The location of the Conference is the Allstream Centre, Exhibition Place, 105 Princes' Boulevard in Toronto with registration starting at 7:30 a.m. The program will start at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 5 p.m.

The Executive of the Toronto International Microfinance Summit, incorporated earlier this year, are all Rotarians from District 7070. They are Gordon Crann, Past President, member of the Toronto Earls court Rotary Club and RAGM Vice-President; Carol Golench, President and member of the Toronto Earls court Rotary Club; Jim Louttit, Vice-President, member of the Rotary Club of Toronto Sunrise and RAGM Secretary; and Annemarie Pallister, Secretary/Treasurer, member of the Rotary Club of Toronto Sunrise and RAGM Treasurer.

With support from the MasterCard Foundation, financial assistance is available for the first 100 students registering to attend the Conference. For more information on this, visit our website at www.microfinanceconference.ca.

In recognition of the inspiration received from the Rotary Family, the Summit is offering all Rotarians an opportunity to help with a Rotarian Bronze Sponsorship for a fee of \$5,000 which includes recognition from the podium at the Gala; eight complimentary tickets for the Gala; a business card sized ad in the Gala and Conference programs; acknowledgement as a sponsor in the Gala and Conference programs including a corporate logo on all our media, and three complimentary tickets for delegates at the Conference. As well, a Microfinance Summit Friend sponsorship is available for \$2,500 offering two complimentary tickets to the Gala, a half page ad in the Gala and Conference programs and use of a corporate logo on all our media.

More information on the Summit's Gala and Conference, including an exceptional list of keynote speakers and presenters, can be viewed at www.microfinanceconference.ca. For other information on the Summit, contact Jim Louttit via e-mail at jlrotary@gmail.com or via cell at 647-291-6820.

Submitted by Jim Louttit

Chair, District 7070 Microfinance Committee

Vice-President, Toronto International Microfinance Summit

Secretary, Rotarian Action Group for Microcredit

Past President, Rotary Club of Toronto Sunrise

**CANADIAN LANDMINES DINNER IN COBURG:
OCTOBER 14, 2011
WE ARE ALL INVITED:**

A Letter from Past District Governor Bill Patchett

Dear Rotarians,

As Wilf Wilkinson, Past President Rotary International is on the Landmines' Board, we will be holding a Gala Dinner in his honour at the Best Western in Cobourg on October 14, 2011 in support of the eradication of Landmines throughout the World.

Master Chefs from around the Province will be at the Best Western to prepare a fine six-course dinner with hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$ 100.00 per person. Wine is included. The Best Western is located at 930 William Street. You may use the Burnham Street exit from the 401 and travel south to Elgin Street. It is located on the corner of Elgin and William.

We will need YOUR support to make this evening a success. Please email me - patch@eagle.ca with your attendance.

Presidents please discuss the dinner with your members. You may want to email them the information. Assistant Governors, please follow-up!!

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**TWO WEEKS TO GO:
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**

 
ONTARIO PHILHARMONIC
 MARCO PARISOTTO • MUSIC DIRECTOR



- 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

(N.B. Ontario Philharmonic
 concerts regularly sell out.
 Get your tickets fast!)

Rotary International Convention In Bangkok, Thailand

District Governor Elect Ted Koziel is heading up the District 7070 Rotary International Convention Committee. Ted will have a booth at the Rotary Foundation Walk in September to inform District 7070 Rotarians on Bangkok.

Ted would be glad to visit your Rotary Club and do a speech and show a video and power point presentation.

Ted can be reached at tkozyiel@northernalarm.com

Register now for the 2012 RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand, 6-9 May, 2012 and enjoy an unforgettable experience in the Land of a Thousand Smiles! Enjoy Thai hospitality. Make friends with fellow Rotarians from

around the world. Take in spectacular sights. Taste delicious Thai cuisine. Experience a vibrant culture. Renew your commitment to Service Above Self. And have fun in a world class city.

To attend the convention and experience the fellowship of Rotary at an International level, follow these steps.

Step 1: Consider options before registering

Decide if you'll register with a group or as an individual. You can register yourself and up to four guests [online](#), but if you have a group of six or more, you'll need to submit a [paper registration form](#). Check the [preliminary schedule](#) and decide the preconvention activities and RI-ticket events you wish to attend. RI-ticket events include three luncheons open to all convention registrants. Before you register, you may also want to [check pricing](#) and find information on [visa requirements](#)

Step 2: Register and reserve your room.

- [Register for the convention and RI-ticketed events](#).
- [Register for host-ticketed events](#). Local Rotarians on the Host Organization Committee (HOC) have arranged several cultural excursions and host hospitality events to help visiting Rotarians enjoy their stay in Bangkok. Continue your convention experience by taking a host-sponsored tour before or after the convention. Register online or download the interactive host event [form](#). Questions? [e-mail the HOC](#).
- [Reserve your hotel room](#) through Experient. Reservations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis, so please book early to secure your preferred hotel. Download the [group housing form](#) for a block of 15 rooms or more. Please submit requests by **2 September** for the best availability. Full prepayment is due on 2 December. If you are not booking online, return your [completed reservation form](#) to Experient by 17:00 Central Daylight Time **6 April 2012**. You may also want to [explore alternative housing opportunities](#)

Step 3: Make travel arrangements after registering.

[Discounts](#) are available on select airlines for Rotarians traveling to Bangkok for the 2012 convention. [Learn more](#).

In the meantime, here are some links to the RI Website just on the 2012 International Convention

<http://www.rotaryconvention2012.com/#Start>

<http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/Events/Convention/Pages/ridefault.aspx?housead>

http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/c12_registration_form_en.pdf

http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/c12_pricing_en.pdf

http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/c12_preliminary_schedule_en.pdf

<http://registration2.experient-inc.com/showROT121/Default.aspx>

http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/c12_hotel_reservation_form_en.pdf

<http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/Events/Convention/Pages/TravelandHousing.aspx>

Dare to Dream: The 2011 Rotary District 7070 Conference:

Hosted by: Rotary District 7070

Date: Friday October 21, 2011

Location: the Intrawest Blue Mountain Resort in Collingwood, Ontario

The 2011 District Conference will be held October 21st to 23rd at the Intrawest 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!

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Go to the District 7070 Website and see these links:

Be sure to register for the Conference:

<http://www.rotary7070.org/downloads/events/RotaryRegFormWeb.pdf>

Be sure to book your room:

<http://www.rotary7070.org/downloads/events/RotaryAccomodationsWeb.pdf>