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Rotary International District 7070 Southern Ontario Canada

Local & International Recipients

Will Benefit from Your Club's \$139 Donation to RADAR

With the 2011/12 Rotary year in full swing, it is once again time for the RADAR (Rotary Action for the Development of AIDS Responses) team to ask clubs to consider the 'RADAR 139' project which has been ongoing since the Rotary year 2006/07.

This past Rotary year, RADAR was able to send a cheque to Dignitas International in the amount of \$8,446 for their HIV/AIDS program in Malawi. The Rotary Club of Etobicoke's Dignitas AIDS Committee's contribution of \$5,139 helped with this wonderful total!!

This year, RADAR has decided to assist HIV/AIDS initiatives on both a local and an international front. Funds raised will be divided equally for the specific needs of:

Locally - The Teresa Group is a Toronto-based organization that has built a firm foundation over the past 20 years providing exemplary programming for local children and families affected by HIV/AIDS. Most of the children they serve live in poverty, and, according to a Teresa Group report, many of those they serve come from isolated immigrant populations. The Teresa Group works in partnership with HIV teams at Sick Kids Hospital, Mount Sinai Hospital and St. Michael's Hospital. www.teresagroup.ca

Internationally - The Salvation Army Howard Hospital is north of Harare, Zimbabwe and is a 144 bed facility serving a catchment area of 275,000 people within a radius of 50 miles! The hospital provides every conceivable need and attends to 130,000 patients a year, plus runs an HIV/AIDS clinic with up to 5,000 clients. They also have up to 700 malnourished children registered for an in-hospital feeding program. In 2009, government support was, yes, a mere \$2,000US. The care, despite relying on donations, is also exemplary given their chronic shortage of everything from doctors to an unreliable diesel generator. Their needs are great as is their leader, Captain (Dr.) Paul Thistle, who can be reached at: pthistle@healthnet.zw or pjthistle@hotmail.com.

'RADAR 139' makes a difference in the lives of so many. Club contributions in the amount of \$139 (or more!) will help to bring hope and healing to those affected by the HIV/AIDS pandemic, locally and internationally.

Cheques should be made payable to Rotary District 7070 and sent to the District Treasurer, Mr. Peter Vanek, 311 Green Lane, Thornhill, ON L3T 7A6. All support is greatly appreciated.

Submitted by:

Joanne Ashley and Mary Lou Harrison

Co-Chairs, RADAR 7070 (Rotary Action for the Development of AIDS Responses)

P.S. The annual District Conference is taking place in Collingwood on October 22-23, 2011. Please come visit us at the RADAR information table and participate in our breakout session on Saturday morning, an **AIDS Response Marketplace...with RADAR**. Come and "shop" for your next HIV/AIDS project and share your own projects too.

The Rift Valley Project Report

From the Rotary Club of Toronto Eglinton District 7070

Rift Valley Water & Sanitation Project

The Rift Valley Water and Sanitation Project was started in 2002 by the late John Mbugua of the Rotary Club of Nakuru along with the support of the Rotary Club of Summerland B.C. To date, over 3000 rainwater harvested water tanks have been built bringing a lifetime supply of clean water to about 28,000 people; the project is being managed by the Rotary Club of Nakuru.

Nakuru Visit

Norma Davis of the Toronto Eglinton Rotary Club visited Nakuru this month and spent time with the Nakuru Rotary Club and their Rift Valley Water Committee. She visited several Rotary Community Corps and met many women such as Lucy Thuo, whose lives have been transformed by a rainwater-harvesting tank.

Lucy's Story

Lucy Wothaya Thuo had to walk 10 km a day to the Baruku River to fetch water for drinking, cooking, and washing. Her back ached; there was no time to do other work. The water was dirty and left the family with skin disease, typhoid and diarrhoea. Enter the Rotary Club of Nakuru. Lucy received support to build a rainwater-harvesting tank. With time and a micro credit loan, she was able to purchase three goats. She bred the goats and by selling the offspring, she has been able to realize a profit that enabled her to repay her loan within one year. She is now doing well; she is debt free and as the younger goats mature, she sells the older ones to keep her stock fresh.



Rotary Foundation Global Grant Status



The following clubs in District 7070 made it happen with their contributions of \$38,770: **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 the University of Ontario Institute of Technology** set up a display in the university cafeteria and urged students to donate their change. In addition to managing the project, our host club, **The Rotary Club of Nakuru, and District 9200** made a substantial financial contribution.

We send our sincere thanks to the Rotary Clubs in District 7810: **Fredericton North, Dalhousie, Presque Isle, and Leslie Van Patter** who have contributed funds to the project in the memory of Rotarian Mike Street. These funds will be matched by CRCID funds and clubs will receive Paul Harris Credits.

We appreciate the generosity of Rotarian **Dennis Gray** the **President of Backyard Brands** whose sales staff have made a contribution to the project through **Wasrag**. Four Rotary Clubs in District 1040 (England) have contributed to the project. Thank you to the Rotary Clubs of **Skipton, Ottley, Bridlington, and Wakefield, District 1040**. The District has agreed to match club contributions with DDF. Thanks to **John Walker**, District Grants Sub Committee Chair for his leadership.

Get Ready for Vocational Service Month

Mary Lou Harrison - District 7070 Vocational Service Chair

Vocational Service is at the heart of what it means to be a Rotarian, but all too often it's a misunderstood Avenue of Service.

Not to despair however! October is Vocational Service and there are lots of opportunities to learn more and to celebrate. Here are just a few ideas:

- Come to the interactive and lively breakout session at the District Conference and meet some of the District's Vocational Service stars, who pour heart and soul into local and international projects.
- Book a Vocational Service presentation by Mary Lou Harrison, Chair of Vocational Service for District 7070.
- Ask club members (new and not so new) to do classification talks and learn more about what motivates them to provide "Service Above Self."
- Get involved with Rotary At Work, an incredible initiative with the goal of getting more people with disabilities into the workplace. More details at www.rotaryatwork.com.

However you celebrate, know that Vocational Service is what Rotarians do every day as we live by the Four Way Test, give Service Above Self and work to uphold the dignity of every useful occupation.

Literacy Matters

**Joan Hayward, District Literacy Chair
September 2011**

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

The District Conference Literacy Breakout Session

Building a Legacy of Hope through Literacy and Education

We often think that we here in southern Ontario and indeed in Canada have a literacy rate that many other countries can only dream of. Yet in our own communities there are many children whose literacy skills fall well below those of proficient readers.

Have you ever wondered how to help those children who are struggling, trying to make sense of the written word and getting gradually more frustrated because they can't? Would you **really** like to change a child's life? The literacy breakout session at this year's district conference will allow you to see how you can teach a child one year's reading skills in 30 hours. Come, experience this live demonstration presented by Michael Maloney.

Our literate Canadian young people may be educated but there is still a lot for them to learn about the world outside their comfort zones. The breakout session will help you feel pride of membership when you experience a small part of the public engagement campaign that we embarked upon once Canadian Rotarians and the Afghanistan Ministry of Education completed building and furnishing a school in Afghanistan. We are providing an effective place in which to teach Afghanistan young people and, through the campaign, helping to educate Ontario high school students.

Make plans now to attend the District Conference and to participate in the Literacy Breakout Session on Saturday morning. See you there.

Suggested Goals for Clubs

- Celebrate Literacy Month in March
- Conduct a dictionary project or other book project
- Share information about its literacy activities with the District Literacy Chair or the District Governor
- Earn a district literacy award
- Conduct a Vocational Service literacy project
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Criteria for Literacy Awards

District Award

Club must complete five literacy projects. Projects that are the same but in different locations (e.g. books, dictionaries to schools) count as only one project.

District Award with Distinction

Club must complete ten literacy projects, including the five required for the District Literacy Award, and

1. one project from the list of suggested activities below
2. either celebrate International Literacy Day (Sept. 8th) or celebrate Literacy Month in March
3. complete a book project (e.g. a dictionary project)

Suggested Activities for Literacy Awards

Club Service

- Recruit a new club member with a literacy classification
- Promote International Literacy Day and/or Literacy Month.
- Invite a literacy speaker to a club meeting
- Devote a club meeting to creating awareness of literacy project opportunities
- Conduct Rotary theme of the month projects creating awareness of the literacy aspects of theme of the month, e.g. in December, Family Literacy
- Send club members to a district literacy seminar or conference and devote a subsequent club meeting to their report from the seminar.

Vocational Service

- Conduct a 4-Way Test project or make the test part of other projects such as book gifts or of other character literacy projects
- Conduct a character literacy project such as *Who Is Nobody*, *Laws of Life*; *BrainWise* or gift of books such as *Elmer and Andy's Apple Dumpling Adventure*.
- Recognize a community leader who is a vocational service role model; use the occasion to create public awareness of Rotary's vocational service values.
- Sponsor (perhaps in partnership with an Interact club) a high school workshop which teaches vocational literacy as exemplified in Rotary's Four-Way Test, the second part of the Object of Rotary, and our two mottos.

International Service

- Participate in an international book shipping project, a mini-library project, or school or family book or supplies or equipment project.
- Participate in a literacy and education-focused international project that is connected to health, hunger, and water concerns.
- Find an international partner and support their proposed project. (Project Link can help you find a partner – Go to www.rotary.org).

Community Service

- Support a Concentrated Language Encounter or similar program (such as Yo Puedo)
- Support a Computer –Assisted Literacy Solution (CALS) or similar program.
- Do an Imagination Library project or other reading readiness program such as SOUNDS, Books for Babies, and Sandparents (to cite a few examples). Note that some programs are complementary (e.g. Imagination Library and SOUNDS).
- Join or support a local project to raise funds for a school or other literacy organization.
- Engage in a school partnership such as providing reading mentors, financial support, gifts-in-kind, scholarships or other needs identified by the school.

ROTARY FOUNDATION WALK : SEPTEMBER 11, 2011

GANARASKA FOREST CENTRE

Another extremely successful Foundation Walk, over 500 Rotarians, families and friends enjoyed a beautiful day in the forest, an amazing lunch and raised over \$115,000 for the Foundation. Sponsored this year by the Rotary Clubs of Northumberland County (Brighton, Colborne, Campbellford, Port Hope, Northumberland Sunrise, and Cobourg) and chaired by Ian Lancaster of the Cobourg Rotary Club, the Walk demonstrates Rotarians commitment to advance The Rotary Foundation and its goals.

Every Rotarian around the world is asked to contribute at least \$100 US Dollars every year to the Annual Programs Fund through the Every Rotarian Every Year request. Your contributions are the primary source of funding Foundation programs which cover more than 160 countries from digging wells for villages in Africa to teaching basic literacy skills to children in Latin America, during any given moment, thousands of Rotarians volunteer their time and expertise.

Participation in The Rotary Foundation, through our own District 7070 Foundation Walk, help attract and retain members. It was so much fun to walk along with area club presidents, Rotaract and Interact members and even Earlyact members. And did you know that Foundation Grants are supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians like us and friends of The Rotary Foundation who share our vision of a better world.

After a great walk through the Ganaraska Forest, the 500 participants had a great steak dinner (sponsored by Past District Governor Bill Patchett, this year's Chair of The District Rotary Foundation Committee and the Zone 24 \$200 Million Dollar Coordinator) at the Ganaraska Forest Centre.

Chairman Ian Lancaster thanks everyone who assisted with this great event and introduced District Governor Bob Wallace who also thanked the Rotary Clubs for hosting the event, but more importantly, the 500 participants for walking and donating \$115,000 to The Rotary Foundation Annual Programs Fund through The District 7070 Foundation Walk. Past District Governor Ted Morrison then gave out Foundation Grant cheques to area Rotary Clubs.

Here is an example of some of the District 7070 Rotary Club recipients: Willowdale- Replace a pickup truck in Sonrisas, Dominican Republic to support a mobile dental clinic; Bowmanville & Toronto Sunrise & Trenton – Train sniffer dogs in former war zones for Canadian Landmines Foundation; Whitby-Sunrise – Training & building materials for a clean water solution for under-privileged grade school in Thailand; Bowmanville & Port Hope – scholarships for Matawa District Tribal Band (in Canada's North); Toronto Sunrise – Books for weekly reading circle for children at Greenwood Community Centre; North York & Newmarket – Artwork with information for patient areas at Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket; Quinte Sunrise & Belleville & Wellington – Replace docks used for swimming & boating at Camp Trillium (camp for children suffering from cancer); Scarborough – Basic education, & food support for children in Winneba, Ghana rescued from child trafficking and forced labour; Port Hope - Basic Classroom for children in Lauang Prabang, Laos; Whitby Sunrise – Truck to deliver education material and basic needs, and bio-sand water filters to families in Dominican Republic; Whitby & Whitby Sunrise –Exercise Equipment to Heydenshore Park, Whitby; Scarborough Twilight – Support Scarborough Village Festival; Scarborough – Provide potable water, sanitary facilities & hygiene training in Ghana; Agincourt – Robotics kits for Agincourt Collegiate; Toronto East – Spare parts for wheelchairs at Variety Village in Toronto; Whitby Sunrise – New latrine wall for school in Euskarduna, Dominican Republic; Uxbridge – 3 computers for Uxbridge Youth Centre; Alliston – Rehabilitate a water furrow system in Nagaru, Tanzania; Oshawa-Parkwood – Production of daily food supplements for 800 children in Calvaire, St. Therese, Haiti; Belleville – Mold eradication program for First nations homes in Northern Ontario; Parkdale-High Park & Etobicoke & Richmond Hill – Support 3 school based communities in Zimbabwe with wells and nutrition gardens; Etobicoke & Alliston & Forest Hill – support Cullinan Care & Rehabilitation Centre near Pretoria South Africa.

Next year's Foundation Walk is in Bowmanville, Ontario - -Time for you and your Rotary Club to support this great event..



The Ganaraska Centre

DGE Ted Koziel's new Rotary Van



DG Bob Wallace



PDG Ted Morrison handing out Foundation Grants

ROTARY FOUNDATION WALK – SEPT 11, 2011 – ROTARY FOUNDATION GLOBAL GRANT (AMBASSADORIAL) SCHOLARS WALKING TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE ROTARY FOUNDATION WALK

In the photo. L to R : Shin Tanabe from Japan; District 7070 Rotary Foundation Global Grant (Ambassadorial) Scholar Program Chair, Gene Burns; Ben Gagneux from France; You Sing Chae from South Korea; and David How , Rotary District 7070 Host Counselor



Rotaractors learn about more than just the Foundation at Ganaraska

From Andrea Tirone: Rotaract Club of Toronto

On Sunday, September 11th, Rotaractors from the District's Rotaract clubs joined Rotarians at the Ganaraska Forest Centre to participate in the annual Foundation walk. In an effort to make good use of space and time, the Rotaract District Committee organized a half-day training session for Rotaract leaders, which addressed issues such as the Rotaract-Rotary relationship, District Conference, project planning and the role of club officers.

The afternoon began with an inspiring talk from Rotarian Don Brooks (Rotary Club of Toronto) about the relationship between Rotary and Rotaract. He spoke of how the Rotary Club of Toronto and the two Rotaract Clubs it sponsors often partner on events and activities to make the most of everyone's abilities and expertise.

The Rotaractors then participated in an interactive discussion on effective event and project planning, which was led by Rotaractors Netila Demneri and Maria Shibaeva of the Rotaract Club of Toronto. The group learned about the variety of excellent resources available on the Rotary International website to help groups create effective and sustainable project plans and had the opportunity to share their successes and challenges with one another. The final session covered each of the club officer roles in a Rotaract Club, giving those in attendance the chance to ask questions and contribute additional role ideas based on their individual experiences.

The Rotaractors also benefited from the support and guidance of District Governor Bob Wallace, District Rotaract Chair Ken O'Neill and District New Generations Chair Virginia O'Reilly. Their presence also served to encourage Rotaract attendance at the upcoming Rotary District Conference in Collingwood. Make sure to stick around on Sunday morning at the conference to hear more about Rotaract and the good works the clubs do in District 7070 and beyond.

116 Hires Attributed to Rotary at Work Efforts

From Joe Dale, District 7070 Chair Rotary at Work

The Issue:

Statistics Canada cites that over 16% of Canadians have a disability. That's equal to the combined populations of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. In Ontario that's almost 1.9 million people – our largest minority! People who have a disability live in every neighbourhood and every community. The tragedy, however, is that 49% of adults who have a disability are unemployed, many of whom live in isolation and poverty as a result.

The Solution:

Rotary at Work is an educational program about the importance and the value of including people who have a disability in the workplace.

Since the Rotary Club of Whitby launched this initiative in 2009, presentations have been made to over 70 Rotary Clubs across Ontario, 2 District Conferences and 3 District Assemblies, Chambers of Commerce and individual businesses. Rotary at Work has been taken on as District initiatives in 4 Districts of Ontario – 7070, 6400, 6290 and 7090.

We have been very fortunate to form an alliance with Ontario's Lieutenant Governor, David C. Onley, who has become a big supporter of the initiative. In June we were able to host a presentation, in partnership with the Whitby Chamber of Commerce, where His Honour participated in a joint presentation to the business community with Rotary at Work.

Last year, we were able to get a \$40,000 grant from Service Canada that allowed us to advertise across Ontario and create a Rotary at Work video – ***Building a New Workforce***. Check out the video on You Tube, the Rotary at Work Facebook Page or Rotary Club of Whitby website.

The Year Ahead:

We've got some big plans laid out for the year ahead that includes many more presentations to Rotary clubs, Chambers of Commerce and individual businesses. We have three more joint presentations lined up with the Lieutenant Governor in partnership with Rotary Clubs and Chambers of Commerce in Welland, Sarnia and Ottawa.

We want to extend Rotary at Work into two new Districts of Ontario this year – 7040 (Eastern Ontario to Ottawa-Hull) and 6330 – London – Sarnia. This will require a number of presentations to new clubs in these Districts.

Most importantly, we want to find jobs for 50 more people who have a disability this year. That may be an ambitious goal, but with the help of Rotarians, we are confident we can achieve this.

We Need Your Help:

The success of the Rotary at Work initiative is due to the many Rotarians who have stepped up to help. Many Rotarians have hired people who have a disability. Many have helped deliver presentations and many more have leveraged their role in business and the community to help us get speaking engagements.

Can you help us get speaking engagements? They can be with your club; with your Chamber or BIA; in your business or corporation; or even, host a lunch and learn with some of your business clients and associates. The key is to spread this message as far and wide as is possible. With your help, we will achieve our goals for this year and help make a difference in the lives of people who have a disability.

For more information, contact: jdale@rotaryatwork.com

District 7070 Global Grant 25564

There is still an opportunity to be part of Global Grant 25564, which is valued at \$42,000, to supply specific hospital equipment focussed on HIV/AIDS detection and birthing for mothers in the Kirua community of 10,000 people in Tanzania close to Mt. Kilimanjaro. The project will help to reduce the transmission of AIDS and improve the birthing success rate. The project complements a similar grant that provided hospital equipment to the central hospital in Kilema which has an HIV clinic built jointly by District 7070 Rotarians and CACHA. The HIV clinic currently has 2,000 active clients; however at the present time no tests are undertaken in the Kirua community. The existing equipment for birthing is at a totally unacceptable level and clearly is the major reason for high infant and mother deaths. The condition of the equipment is shown in the two photos.



There is a need to raise \$4,000 to complete the requirements of the grant. Rotarians from District 7070 will be going to Tanzania this January again and will make the necessary repairs to the clinic along with the local community and the Rotarians of the Moshi Kilema Kati club in Tanzania.

Now is the time for your club to decide to be a part of this significant project. The lead club for the work is the Alliston club and any questions should be directed to Roger Hayward, rhayward@sympatico.ca or David Green, dag63@me.com