

# Rotary News

District 7090

April, 2003

## Riding for a cause

*It was a time for celebrating when the Rotary Club of Brantford held their wrap-up meeting for the Great Northern Ride, a snowmobile ride through Northern Ontario which this year generated a profit of \$61,000 which will go towards youth work in the community. At right, club president Brendan Ryan receives a cheque for the proceeds from Bob Caissie, while below, participants Fred Green and his nephew Harold (Rotarian Bob Peeling and his son Craig) are welcomed to the meeting by ride founder and chairman Bob Caissie.*



## Fellowship dinner is re-scheduled

The Southern Ontario Fellowship Dinner, scheduled to be held in Burlington on May 5, has been postponed until June.

The organizing committee has just been informed that the scheduled speaker, incoming Rotary Foundation chair James Lacy, was advised by RI not to enter Canada because of the SARS outbreak in Toronto.

The dinner has been re-scheduled for June 16th, but at the present time, it is not known if Rotarian Lacy will be the guest speaker.

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**Rotary Club of Buffalo**

**Sow the Seeds of Love**

## District clubs play host to GSE team from India

Despite some last-minute visa problems, and the concern over SARS, the inbound Group Study Exchange team from India is now enjoying their time in District 7090.

This exchange marks the return visit from District 3060, with the outbound team having experienced the hospitality of a visit to India earlier this year.

The members of the inbound team include:

- Naresh Gandhi, a Rotarian since 1984, a mechanical engineer who is managing director of Datta Chemicals;
- Noel Britto, a doctor who works as a consultant anesthesiologist and intensivist;

- Mayur Jhala, an associate research scientist in the department of microbiology at the Veterinary College in Anand;

- Hiral Dholakia, a feature writer and copy editor for The Times of India;

- Vishakha Dave, an executive for Tech-Pacific India, where she is involved in marketing.

The GSE program began in 1955 as an idea from a district in New Zealand. Originally known as the Rotary Overseas Travel Award, the program was officially adopted by RI in 1965, and since that time, more than 9,000 teams with almost 50,000 participants have been involved in the initiative.

## Rotary News

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## Rotary News needs your newsletter

These days it seems that bulletins are being sent out every which way.

They are handed out at meetings, mailed, faxed and e-mailed, but unfortunately, a number of people who should be receiving your club bulletin are being left in the dark.

Copies of all club bulletins should be sent to *Rotary News*, so that items can be picked up for the district publication. These include such things as new members, Paul Harris Fellows, members in the news, short takes, fund-raising ideas, club policy items and did you know items.

If your club is not sending its bulletin, please add the publication to your list. It can be mailed to *Rotary News*, 2351 Sinclair Circle, Burlington, Ont. L7P 3C1, faxed to (905) 336-5110, or e-mailed to northbooks@sympatico.ca.

Bulletins should also be sent to DG Joe DePaolo and DGE Bob Bruce.

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## Short Takes

It will be a combined change-over night and Paul Harris dinner when the **Rotary Club of Waterdown** and the **Rotary Club of Flamborough A.M.** meet at the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club in June...the members of the **Rotary Club of Middleport** joined with the local Scouts to set up for an Easter egg hunt in that community...the club then joined with the Girl Scouts for an Arbor Day celebration with the planting of 10 Rose of Sharon seedlings...the **Rotary Club of Akron-Newstead** head that the local Interact Club had a sleep-out and raised \$1,100 for the City Mission...there was lots of great fellowship when the **Amherst-Williamsville** clubs got together at the Brookfield Country Club for a joint meeting...tickets were only \$5 if purchased in advance for the **Rotary Club of Eastern Hills Sunrise** annual Monte Carlo Night...the **Rotary Club of Lewiston-Niagara-on-the-Lake** has taken up the challenge to send an entire container of wheelchairs to a Third World Country...the members of the **Rotary Club of Lincoln** heard that their new Interact Club at Beamsville Secondary School is now up and running and has numerous enthusiastic participants... the **Rotary Club of Akron-Newstead** sold 533 tickets for their recent pancake breakfast...the **Rotary Club of Ancaster A.M.** has agreed to pay their share of the \$6,500 profit from the Spirit of Ancaster fund-raiser to the city of Hamilton, with the funds being used for the Community Centre...the Beaver Isle Parkway will be a bit cleaner in the next few days thanks to the effort of the **Rotary Club of Grand Island**...the call went out to the members of the **Rotary Club of Hamburg Sunrise** to serve dinner and breakfast at the

town's 24-Hour Relay at the end of May...the **Rotary Club of Kenmore's** Foundation announced a \$25,000 donation to the Darwin Martin House restoration program which will be matched by others to bring the total to \$50,000...Jerry House of the **Rotary Club of Jamestown** and Jack Henderson of the **Rotary Club of Falconer** attended a meeting of the Rotary Club of Nueva Tegucigalpa, Honduras, recently, to learn of their needs, and to possibly provide assistance...it was a different type of program to say the least when the members of the **Rotary Club of Akron-Newstead** held their meeting at the Rattles to Reading Child Care Centre, with Rotarians going on a

tour of the new facility...the **Rotary Club of Buffalo** had another of their vocational service forums recently featuring Business Lessons from Rotarians, with three club members talking about their businesses, their work, their missions and objectives...the members of the **Rotary Club of Holley** held a pancake breakfast recently...the **Rotary Club of Albion** had a wine and cheese house party recently, and it counted as a make-up...the **Rotary Club of Hamilton Mountain** held their 23rd annual Paul Harris Award Dinner on March 12...four members of the **Rotary Club of Waterdown** helped build three doghouses for Lynwood Hall.

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# It's a matter of policy...

*This column offers District clubs a unique look at other Rotary clubs - not from a service standpoint, but an inside out look at how clubs conduct their affairs.*

As a reminder to club members to give to the Rotary Foundation, the **Rotary Club of Hamilton** sent out a pledge form to all members on the club's email list.

In an effort to spread the world about Rotary, the **Rotary Club of Middleport** had a display at one of the local festivals with the central theme being What Rotary is all about.

The **Rotary Club of Akron-Newstead** has a supply of blank note cards with the Rotary logo on the front for general-purpose use.

The bulletin editor has asked the members of the **Rotary Club of Niagara Falls** if they would like to return to the mail out of the club newsletter.

The **Rotary Club of Olean** got

a good deal of business done at a recent meeting as each table was adorned with a sign listing an Avenue of Service with committee members assigned to respective tables.

The **Rotary Club of Eden-North Collins** is the latest club to go high tech with the Squeeks now being emailed to club members.

The **Rotary Club of Fort Erie** puts special emphasis on the induction of new members, attempting to have the District Governor do the honors if at all possible.

It's a relatively new club, but one which is seeking early traditions as the **Rotary Club of Lincoln** - chartered in 1997 - has a past president's day where former presidents share what occurred during their year in office.

The **Rotary Club of Dundas Valley Sunrise** has a short write-up in the club bulletin, talking about the Rotary theme for the month.

# New members are inducted

The following were recently inducted into District clubs.

**Akron-Newstead**

Paul Barone  
Jim Monteleone

**Buffalo**

Robert Mecca  
Barbara Hole  
Theodore Hdzi-Antich

**Dundas Valley Sunrise**

Roger Stewart

**Fort Erie**

George Stroumboulis  
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**St. Catharines Lakeshore**

Joy Flegg  
**Waterdown**  
Henry Lee

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S TRAVELS

# 7090 conference was a great success

The annual District Conference is now history. There were about 390 people in attendance at the Conference and they were treated to wonderful programs, speakers and fun.

The weekend started with an open House of Friendship where people could congregate and visit with fellow Rotarians from around the District. The House of Friendship, thanks to the efforts of the Buffalo Club, had refreshments, fruit and cookies. The House of Friendship was open throughout the conference.

Friday evening began with a cocktail party in the Oakes Foyer. Then the Rotarians and guests were ushered into the Oakes Ballroom where they were greeted by sergeants-at-arms, dressed as Italian gondoliers. Everyone saw the gondola made by the students of St. Mary's School for the Deaf in Buffalo. They also enjoyed a beautifully presented and prepared Italian food buffet. Even when participants were leaving to go home on Sunday, they were still talking about the delicious buffet.

After dinner there was entertainment by the *Images*. They are a female Barbershop Quartette and delivered some great music for those in attendance.

Friday evening then turned into entertainment magic by offering several hospitality suites sponsored by the clubs of the District. There was stiff competition in preparing the suites.

The grand prize was to be a Paul Harris Fellow Award. As it turned out two clubs or club groups won the coveted prize. Niagara-on-the-Lake, Niagara Falls, Welland and Lewiston/Niagara-on-the-Lake



DG Joe and Joan

won a Paul Harris Fellow Award for their Theme Venice Suite. Jamestown also won for their Karaoke for sheer entertainment and fun.

Saturday was a business day. The day began with a council meeting for the District's Council members. Over 55 members attended this working breakfast.

The official opening followed breakfast. District 7090 was fortunate to get Charles Marcus as the keynote speaker. Mr. Marcus motivated everyone to do their best in all their work with Rotary or their chosen fields of endeavors.

There were two sections of four breakout sessions before lunch. The topics of the breakout sessions were chosen by the committee and covered current projects and informational subjects.

Some of the topics were, Permanent Fund, Ambassadorial Scholars, Group Study Exchange and Fund-raisers.

The luncheon speaker was Jon B. Grant representing The Wheelchair Foundation. He gave

us a fabulous history of the founding of the Wheelchair Foundation.

The second plenary session featured Norma Gamble who gave us a talk on Rotary and her love and respect for our founder, Paul Harris.

She told the people in attendance why they must support the Rotary projects and serve the community both locally and interna-

tionally. Her talk was most interesting and inspiring.

The afternoon contained another group of five breakout sessions. The participants had a choice of a program on the Children of Chernobyl, a website demonstration, Centennial projects, Polio Eradication or Vocational Career Mentoring. Each of these sessions was well attended.

A Wine and Cheese Tasting took place at 6 p.m. for all the attendees and the Paul Harris Fellows in attendance at the conference.

This activity was a preamble to the Governor's Gala Dinner Dance that followed. The whole evening was enjoyed by all the participants. There was dancing to the music of *Chameleon*.

Sunday morning began with the Interfaith and Memorial Service that is a tradition through out Rotary around the world. Members of our District who have passed away since the last District Conference are remembered. This

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# Many helped make conference a success

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is accomplished by placing a white rose in a vase in the front of the room as their names are called. This is a very solemn ceremony and was very well attended. In fact there had to be more chairs put in place.

Breakfast was then served. Breakfast was followed by the highlight of the morning session and that is when the Exchange Students, both inbound and outbound, entertain the participants. Their skits are original, entertaining and very funny. These skits are put together for the weekend and they start on Friday evening and perform on Sunday.

Throughout the Conference Rotary International President Bhichai Rattakul's personal representative addressed the members of the conference. We had the Past District Governor from District 5870 in Shiner Texas. William H.

Bradfield and his lovely wife Jane attended all the events of this Conference and addressed the group on three occasions.

This was a very successful conference. To verify that just ask anyone who attended the District Conference this year. This does not happen by accident to be sure. I want to thank the following people who worked very hard to make this seem like a piece of cake.

First the co-chairs - Charlotte Herlong and Robb McLeod-brought leadership, enthusiasm and hard work and are the first I have to thank. They did everything anyone could have wanted.

They were assisted by many people who worked very hard as well.

They are Bob Bruce, Don DeMeo, Wally Ochterski, Pene Hutton, Chris Yates, Keith Lindberg, Ton Dicke, Salli Mac Donald, Alex Elliott, Dick Earne, Jon Olsen, Vicki Schneider, Tom Schratz, Eugene Gillies, Jim Mendola, Barbara Campagna, Dave Haddow, Jack Dow, Mary Biddle Widman, John Tkach and Marilyn Gomme.

Don DeMeo and Marilyn Gomme were at the registration desk almost the entire time. I truly want to thank all these Rotarians for their hard work.

And a special thank you to the First Lady of District 7090 for 2002-03, my wife Joan.

She supported all the extra time I had to put in to help, in a small way, to get this conference planned. Her constant understanding and support were an additional inspiration to me.

## UpCOMING in 7090

*This column provides an opportunity for clubs to spread the message about upcoming programs or events to other District Rotarians. If you have an event which you would like to see included, email the information to Rotary News at north-books@sympatico.ca*

### MAY 12

Gift of Life  
Golf Tournament  
Cherry Hill Golf Club

### MAY 14

Fort Erie celebrates  
50 years of service

### JUNE 1-4

Rotary International  
Convention  
Brisbane, Australia

### JUNE 6-8

2003 Rotary Bike Trek  
Niagara-on-the-Lake

### JULY 6-12

RYLA  
Brock University

### June 21

District Council  
Philip Sheridan Centre  
Kenmore

### AUG. 3-9

RYLA  
Hilbert College

### AUG. 8

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### SEPT. 26-27

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Annual tournament  
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## Buffalo's top 10!

Taking a page from Dave Letterman - and the FBI - the Rotary Club of Buffalo recent published a list of the Top 10 firms club members should contact for the month as part of their membership development program.

Club members were asked to review the list and if they had a contact, to pass that information along to the membership committee.

It was noted in the story that sharing Rotary with a friend or business associate is the single most effective way to strengthen Rotary's ability to do good in Buffalo and the world.

## Gift of Life tournament helps young children

District golfers are reminded that they can play a round of golf at one of the best courses in the area while helping to raise funds for the Gift of Life program.

John Rydzik says that the sixth annual Gift of Life Golf Tournament will be held at the Cherry Hill Club on May 12 and urges golfers from 7090 to sign up quickly for this popular event.

The Gift of Life program is a humanitarian program of Rotary clubs in Southern Ontario and Western New York providing life-saving open heart surgery to the children from Third World Countries who have congenital heart defects.

The cost for this day of fellowship and golf is \$130US, or \$190 CDN and includes golf, cart, lunch and dinner.

For more information, contact John Rydzik at (716) 649-3690 or Ken Goodwin at 905-468-2273.

## *Special 7090 event planned at International Convention*

It may be half-way around the world, and yet next month, a group of District Rotarians will be gathering for a special time of fellowship at the Rotary International Convention.

District Governor Joe DePaolo is planning a special get-together for District 7090 Rotarians planning to attend the convention in Brisbane, Australia, but he needs to know who will be attending, and where they are staying.

The special event is scheduled for the Sunday evening of the convention, June 1, and in this regard, he is asking District Rotarians to attend the early opening plenary session, so as to keep the Sunday night open.

Those planning to attend this event should contact Joe or Pene Hutton by email with their hotel information.

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