

International Activities – Rotary Club of Calgary – as of April 2014

The Rotary Club of Calgary is one of the most active clubs in the country with respect to international activities, with projects in SE Asia, Africa, Central and South America. Many of the projects are championed by our members and as well we support the projects of other Rotary clubs in our District and in other parts of the world. Some of the projects of note are:

Africa

Uganda – An ongoing and prominent project initiated by Garth Toombs (incoming District Governor and a member of our club) a number of years ago is **TRACC** – Taking Rotary Assistance to Children and Communities. This is the international project we are focusing on as part of our 100 year celebration. This project is run cooperatively with two Rotary Clubs in Uganda and provides personal and educational support to AIDS orphans and families decimated by AIDS. A large part of this project is focused on education and is supplemented by the scholarship program in recognition of **Curly Galbraith**, a former club member and active participant on the executive of Rotary International.

In Africa we have also been involved with a number of Rotary Clubs. The **Malaria** project involves clubs in two Districts, providing mosquito nets to prevent the spread of Malaria. This project is now entering its third phase.

Read Uganda is a cooperative project between the Rotary Club of Calgary, the Rotary Club of Greater Huntsville, Alabama, and the Rotary Club of Masaka in Uganda which is designed to increase the literacy of children by providing access to books as well as improving teacher literacy. As well we have equipped a school in **Sierra Leone** with computers.

Malawi – Girls on the Move – We support a program called Atsikana Pa Ulendo (APU) which helps girls in rural areas of Malawi who would otherwise be unable to continue their education beyond primary school. Helene Weir from our Club volunteers on the Board of this grassroots organization and we provide financial support.

Cambodia

We collaborate with the Rotary Club of Pursat and Sustainable Cambodia, an international NGO that works with the families of rural Cambodian villages to help them achieve sustainability and self-sufficiency through wells, biosand filters, irrigation, schools, training and empowerment. Dr. Walter Haessel of our Club is a volunteer and Board Member of this organization.

Afghanistan – Teacher Education

Central and South America

Guatemala - The Rotary Club of Calgary built a computer library for a number of villages in rural Guatemala and has also cooperated with the Rotary Clubs of Calgary West and Canmore to build stoves and schools in the badly devastated region in the North of Guatemala. In addition we support the work

of other Calgary Rotary Clubs installing CAWST water filters and the Rotary Club of Washington Literacy Project.

Nicaragua – The Rotary Club of Calgary supports the University of Calgary Rotaract Club which was the recipient of recognition from RI for its program in Nicaragua.

We have also recently committed to supporting an initiative in Columbia being undertaken by the Rotary Club of Calgary South and the Right to Play initiative of the Cochrane Club.

Uganda



Child Headed Family – Parents deceased due to AIDS



Read Uganda Students

Cambodia



Water wells in Cambodia become centers of activity

Guatemala



No more open fires – Grandma has a stove for cooking