A visitor's guide to:

World Community Service
Rotary Club of Cupertino

What we do: We plan, implement, and review (visit) international service projects that originate within WCS as well as within other Rotary clubs

When we meet: 7:15 AM on the fourth Tuesday each month at Holder’s Country Inn (with 1-2 evening meetings per year on an ad hoc basis)

Where do projects come from? Proposed by Committee members, friends, other clubs, other (non-Rotary) partner organizations

Global Grants (GG)—our primary activity

- Must meet at least one of six areas of emphasis for The Rotary Foundation (TRF):
  - Promoting Peace
  - Fighting Disease
  - Clean water/hygiene
  - Mothers and Children
  - Education
  - Local economies
- A key focus is on sustainability (as opposed to “band-aid”). Minimum $30K.
- A formal application process, that includes an International Club (e.g. Cupertino) and a local host club (where the service project is located). Other clubs often participate in the funding, particularly for large projects.
- Most of our annual projects are submitted to WCS each year in April/May. A champion is selected and a small team formed to submit and manage each project.
- Rigorous financial tracking and reporting, almost always including a visit to the site of the project, with a formal project close-out once goals have been met (deadline: 2 years after funding).
- No club can have more than 10 open Global Grants at a time – often a problem for Cupertino! We sometimes support other clubs’ GGs.

Other Grants

- Smaller projects and grants – generally <$5K, approved by WCS throughout the year. Does not require the formal approval and tracking of GGs.

Where do $$$$ come from?

- Donations to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) are returned to Cupertino Rotary three years later as District Designated Funds (DDF). DDF are matched 1:1 by TRF.
- WCS holds an annual fundraiser – Global Elegance, in August of each year.
- Individual cash donations. These and Global Elegance cash are matched 1:2 by TRF.
- District 5170 “Match for Max” program. Approved CREF grants allow us to purchase DDF that has been allocated to our district, and is unused by other clubs.

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