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The Huntington Rotarian

MATTRU HOSPITAL

Continuing an association that began nearly 40 years ago, our club has engaged in a project with Mattru Hospital in Sierra Leone, which was established by member and past president of our club, Dr. Dewitt Baker.

The project provides for the purchase of 61 smart meters which connect local homes and businesses to the newly installed solar grid. The meters work on a pre-paid basis using cards embedded with micro-chips so the hospital can avoid becoming a collection agency. Clients simply charge up their cards with kilowatt hours and insert their cards into their smart meters. The cost of the project is about \$10,000 and it has been fully subscribed.

The solar grid was installed in 2017 and replaces a diesel generator that previously provided electricity for the hospital. The generator had to be started up each time the operating room was needed for surgery.

The Mattru hospital is a referral hospital for the region, and the care given through maternity care and vaccinations and treatment for children under five have significantly reduced the high rate of maternal and infants deaths in the district.

Members of our club will recall a visitor to our meeting a few weeks ago. Dr. Ron Baker, son of Rotarian DeWitt and his wife Evelyn, who played the piano at our meetings back when we sang songs. (Remember R-O-T-A-R-Y. that spells Rotary) Ron, who was a child in Africa when the Bakers served there, became an MD and served at the Mattru hospital for several years. He is now retired in Michigan but still travels to Africa a couple of times a year.

The work of the Baker family continues through our Club.

-Article written by Mel Ring



4th Jodie Stanley

28th Russ Degitz



Below is our Presidential Citation and our status for this Rotary year. Everything in green is achieved. Our focus really needs to be on the first section so we can meet our Presidential Citation for this year. We've gained four new members soon to be five but we've also lost five. You can help, bring a friend to Rotary that you think would add great value to our club!

Presidential Citation 2018-2019

Support and Strengthen Clubs

Achieve at least three of the following goals:

- ◆ Achieve a net gain of one member
- ◆ Maintain or improve your club's retention of current and new members:
 - ◆ Maintain or improve your club's retention rate by one percentage point or
 - ◆ If your club's retention rate was 90 percent or more in 2017-18, maintain it
- ◆ Achieve a net gain in female members
- ◆ Have at least 60 percent of club members report their birth dates through My Rotary
- ◆ Conduct a classification study of your members' occupations, and work to align your membership with the mix of businesses and professions in your community

Focus and Increase Humanitarian Service

Achieve at least three of the following goals:

- ◆ Sponsor a Rotary Community Corps
- ◆ Sponsor or co-sponsor an Interact or Rotaract club
- ◆ Contribute at least \$100 per capita to the Annual Fund
- ◆ Increase the number of members involved in service projects
- ◆ Hold an event to raise funds for, or to increase awareness of, Rotary's work toward polio eradication
- ◆ Conduct a significant local or international service project in one of Rotary's six areas of focus

Enhance Public Image and Awareness

Achieve at least three of the following goals:

- ◆ Post successful club projects, with details about activities, volunteer hours, and funds raised, on Rotary Showcase
- ◆ Use Rotary's brand guidelines, templates, People of Action campaign materials, and related resources
- ◆ Arrange for the club's members to talk with the media to tell your club's, and Rotary's, story
- ◆ Host an event for Rotary alumni, and highlight Rotary's networking opportunities
- ◆ Continue or establish a partnership with a corporate, governmental, or nongovernmental entity and work on a project together
- ◆ Sponsor a Youth Exchange student or RYLA participant

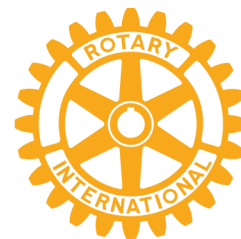
Following are additional goals we can achieve to receive Silver (one goal), Gold (two goals) or Platinum (three goals) distinction

- ◆ Achieve a net gain of five or more members
- ◆ Show how your club's members are People of Action by promoting your club and its service activities on social media at least four times a month
- ◆ Initiate or continue a leadership, personal, or professional development program to enhance the members' skills and the value of their membership

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Peace and Conflict Resolution
Program Chair: Randy Sizemore

Rotary



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Special Olympics HNHS
3	4 Club STRIVE 2:30 at Y	5 Jeff Mann- B2B CFO	6	7	8	9 Social Night at Nicole's
10	11	12 Adam Drummond- OFFSITE	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Jason Shaw- Child's Play Autism Centers	20	21	22	23
24	25 Board Meeting 5:15	26 Rob Pearson- Heartland REMC	27	28		