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# The Huntington Rotarian

## PRESIDENT-ELECT MARK MALONEY

I chose to write about the new president of Rotary for a couple of reasons. First, he described his reaction to being chosen as being "bumfuzzled". The second reason is that his rich baritone draws attention when he sings "R-O-T-A-R-Y/than spells Rotary". Some may remember I used that in my last column. Two reasons why I think he'll be a good president. The next time I'm working on genealogy I am going to see if we are related. Oh, another reason: he joined Rotary because his business partner was a Kiwanian. I joined because mine was a Kiwanian.

The president-elect describes Rotary as being like a United Nations of individuals, as having a tremendous impact on the world. He believes there will be a female president of RI in the next five years and explains why it will not happen sooner. One must have served as club president, as district governor, as international director, in sum they must have move up through the ranks.

Maloney has selected *Rotary Connects the World* as the theme of his presidency, explaining that Rotary is all about connection, explaining that joining a club connects you with community business leaders, with other clubs and dis-

tricts people around the world. He says Rotary is the original social network.

Our new president has four priorities for his presidency and No. 1 is growing Rotary. He says that, "At every level of this organization we need to design our club meetings, service project, and social events so they are family-friendly. We need to provide opportunities that complement younger individuals 'family lives rather than compete with those family lives'".

He goes on to say that "We must change our culture, our attitudes, and the way we do business so that is possible and apparent that you can be actively engaged in Rotary and still be actively engaged in our businesses and professions".

Some of those things don't apply to us because we are already doing them. Let's pat ourselves on the back where we can and make changes where we might need to make them.

-Article written by Mel Ring



4th Mike Perkins  
10th Carol White  
12th Cindy Krumanaker  
25th Bill Miller



## RETURNING TO MATTRU HOSPITAL

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In 1980, just 38 years ago, the first Huntington Rotary project at Mattru Hospital in Sierra Leone Africa was launched. Now our club is returning again to Mattru Hospital. In December of 2018 our Board voted to approve the MATTRU HOSPITAL METER PROJECT with a goal of \$13,000.

A sizeable solar array has been erected on the campus of the hospital through funds from several grants, individual contributions, and other sources. The solar power furnishes electricity for the hospital, staff quarters, and electricity to be sold to customers in the Mattru area.

The MATTRU METER PROJECT is purchasing 61 meters to be installed at customer locations in the Mattru area. The meters will measure the electricity used. Income from sales could potentially return between \$1,000 and \$2,000 a month to the hospital.

With a goal of \$13,000 the meters are expected to cost approximately \$12,000. The remainder will go toward the casting of a plaque to be mounted at the hospital recognizing the impact Huntington Rotary Club has made on Mattru Hospital over the years.

The Huntington Rotary Foundation INC has committed \$4,000 toward the \$13,000 goal. Lead gifts of \$7,000 have also been committed, which leaves \$2,000 to complete our goal.

Our club has a generous tradition with Mattru Hospital to uphold. The first project, launched in 1980 under the leadership of Dr. DeWitt Baker, had a goal of \$10,000 to equip and staff a newly rebuilt pediatrics ward. The campaign was a three-year effort continued by Presidents Dr. Joseph Hake ('81-'82) and Gary Mullennix ('82-'83). The pediatric ward was dedicated in 1983.

It was at that location that the first shipments of the polio vaccine from the International Rotary Foundation's POLIO PLUS project were received. The ward was used as the staging point from which the vaccine was then distributed throughout the country of Sierra Leone. As a result Sierra Leone has been declared polio free for several years now.

Then again in 2016 our club donated, under the leadership of Nicole' Johnson, \$4,000 toward the completion of a plant to produce and package pure water to meet the needs of the hospital. The excess pure water is packaged and marketed in the area. The hospital is currently averaging \$1,000 a month income from the sales of the pure water.

Huntington Rotary Club members are again rising to meet another urgent need at the hospital. With the leadership of our current President, Cindy Krumanaker, we will again answer the call.

Thank you in advance for meeting another need at Mattru Hospital!

Submitted by: Jim Hoffman, Chairman, International Projects Committee

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Water and Sanitation

Program Chair: Jim Hoffman

# Rotary



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Club STRIVE 2:30 at Y	5 Dr. Ron Baker	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Rotary Day - World Conference Affairs	13	14	15	16
17	18 Board Meeting 5:15	19 Dawn Harvey - Friendship Exchange India	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Richard Strick Logan Patterson Love INC	27	28	29	30
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