

Rotary Club of Leesburg
International Service Projects 2011-12

1. Clean Water Project in Zambia – Matching Grant involving the “Gang of Five” (Dulles, Leesburg, Tysons, Vienna, Bailey’s CrossRoads)
 - 5 Year Well Drilling and water sanitation in remote Zambia
 - 4 New Wells in 2011-12 + latrines, etc. (plus 11 completed)
 - Rotary Club of Leesburg budgeted in 2011-12 = \$2500.00
 - Spent to-date = \$600.00

2. Loudoun Free Clinic Diabetic Patient Mgmt Program
 - District Simplified Grant (\$1000 from District 7610 + \$750 from RCLB)
 - 1 year program to assist Loudoun Free Clinic in development of software, hardware and network tools to automate diabetes patient maintenance management
 - Rotary Club of Leesburg budgeted in 2011-12 = \$750.00
 - Spent to-date = \$1750.00

3. Rotary Footbridges for Guatemala
 - Multi-club Matching Grant (Bailey’s CrossRoads, Leesburg, Herndon, Springfield, Matthews)
 - Initial 1 Year program to build footbridges across ravines, valleys, etc., in Guatemala
 - 6 bridges planned within the matching grant period(next year)
 - Rotary Club of Leesburg budgeted in 2011-12 = \$1500.00
 - Spent to-date = \$1500.00 transferred to Bailey’s CrossRoad Club

Mission of the International Service Projects Committee

To develop, sponsor and conduct international service programs which will advance international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons with an ideal of humanitarian service. This includes the initiation of program concepts and objectives, the development of program plans and proposals for funding, and the management of program execution in conjunction with other international Rotary organizations. The objectives of the 2011 Leesburg Rotary Club International Programs should be in keeping with the six focus areas of the District 7610 Rotary strategy which are:

- peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- disease prevention and treatment
- water and sanitation improvement
- maternal and child health
- basic education and literacy
- economic and community development

2011-2012 International Services Committee Multi-Year Plan

1. Committee composition for year 2011-12 beginning July 1, 2011

Currently the following people are to be members of the committee beginning on July 1

- George Webber - - - chair
- Randy Kelley (immediate past chair)
- Dee Jonas
- Carolyn Casey
- Jewell Emswiller

2. Project Plan Expectations for 2011-12

After doing initial coordination with Randy and Dee as well as with other District 7610 clubs, and to a lesser extent with Sue Webb and Carolyn and several other club members I currently expect that during the forthcoming year we will be participating in the following international service programs:

- One major joint Rotary Club District 7610 Matching Grant program which will be a continuation of the Joint Matching Grant program for developing water wells and water systems in Zambia Which we were involved in starting with four other clubs last year. Over the past few weeks Dee and I have been closely coordinating with Andrew Wade of the Dulles Rotary Club, who leads the project, as well as with the other participating clubs in defining the coming year's proposed activities. The expected funding requirements from our Leesburg Club to support this matching grant program during the coming year will be on the order of \$2400 to \$2500.
- Two Simple Grant programs which are currently being defined. Funding requirements from our club for our support of each of these grants are expected to be on the order of \$500 to \$750.

3. Project Plan Expectations for years 2012-13 and 2013-14

Right now I expect that during the two years 2012-13 and 2013-14 we would continue with our participation in the Major Joint Rotary Club Matching Grant program for the water system development project in Zambia. In each of those years the funding requirement from our Leesburg club would be on the order of \$2500. Beyond this, I would also expect that we would have a goal to again conduct two simple grant programs with funding requirements of \$500 to \$750 for each in each of those years.

4. Other Option Project Activities

Over and above the International program activities discussed above, I anticipate that we will be watching progress and potential plans for the Hospice Service activity in Siberia which was originally conceptualized by our club a couple of years ago. Our intention would be to hopefully take lead in perhaps structuring a major Matching Grant program for District 7610 in 2012-13 to support TBD project activities. We may have a need for \$500 to \$600 from our club in 2011-12 to support initial project scoping activities.

2/10/2012 Status Update - - Clean Water Project in Zambia

ATTN: District 7610 Water Alliance (AKA Gang of Five)

First and foremost; please forward this email to your Club President, President Elect, Pres Elect Nominee, & any Rotarian in your club that is on the International Committee

2011-2012 Rotary Year - 2 Matching Grants:

We have submitted / been approved for the first grant to install 3 bore holes & 4 latrines/toilets @ 3 schools (copperbelt, Zambia)

***Funds have been transferred from TRF/ work to start shortly

We have signed the second grant to install 1 bore hole & 3 latrine/toilets @ 1 orphanage (1.5 hr from Lusaka, Zambia)

***The Nkwazi Rotary Club based in Lusaka has finally written & signed the grant. District 7610 has also signed it. Submission to TRF should be any day. There are still some logistics being ironed out on the Zambian side of the grant.

We will soon be requesting the second \$50 check from each club.

Dec. 12, 2011 - H2O Meeting:

We laid out a plan with all five clubs in attendance; a five year goal of 50 bore holes!

Our five clubs have voted and approved to continue to work together & approve the grants annually based on the following factors:

- 1) Continual Need (for water & sanitation)
- 2) Reliable Host Club
- 3) Reliable Contractor
- 4) Look at maintenance / sustainability of wells and latrines longer term
- 5) Look at adding and/or subtracting Rotary clubs within 7610

This may sound like a daunting task, but here is how the numbers are shaping up:

- 11- completed:
- 4 - 2011/2012 Rotary Year
- 5 - 2012/2013 Rotary Year
- 10 - 2013/2012 Rotary Year
- 10 - 2014/2015 Rotary Year
- 10 - 2015/2016 Rotary Year

50 Bore Hole Goal

In bold print are the Future Vision Years. This is when The Rotary Foundation (TRF) wants to see: Multi-Club/ Multi-Year projects in various focus areas to include Clean Water AND Sanitation.

District Conference; March 29 to April 1:

The District is very excited about all of us working together. They have called and asked us to help kick-off the District 7610 Conference on Friday morning, March 30th in Charlottesville VA. Fred Jennings, the engineer that went to Zambia on behalf of all of our clubs will be showing the DVD. We will also have booth reserved for the Gang of Five.

Loudoun Free Clinic Diabetic Patient Mgmt Program – Technology Component

Medical statistics have shown for at least a decade the occurrence of diabetes and pre-diabetes conditions among the population of our nation has become a near-epidemic in its proportions. It occurs with particular prevalence in those portions of the population which are disadvantaged in terms of financial means and awareness to ensure adequate health care practices and healthy lifestyles including diet. A major problem in addressing the long term treatment of diabetes particularly in disadvantaged communities is not necessarily the availability of insulin and related medications but is rather the availability and regular use of reliable medical record systems at the patient level which can ensure maintenance of treatment regimens including medication and life style practices and can record and monitor progress and outcomes to support long term patient awareness and education. In this program the Rotary Club of Leesburg to utilize an initial District Simplified Grant(DSG) to begin a partnership with our Loudoun County Free Clinic to develop and implement a patient level computerized medical record system for monitoring, tracking and evaluating diabetes treatment regimens and outcomes for under-privileged patients in Loudoun County. Members of the International Services Committee and the Technology Committee of the Rotary Club of Leesburg (RCOL) have now been working directly with technical and medical staff members of the Loudoun Free Clinic (LFC) to develop and implement a diabetes patient management software application package based upon existing electronic medical record (EMR) standards and using available commodity software packages. This year the Rotary District 7610 DSG for this project was not awarded and received until almost November 15th and therefore our local Rotary Club participation on the project with LFC was late getting started. However, since the official DSG award, three of our local club members have worked closely with LFC technical and medical staff in developing and documenting the overall system requirements for this project in terms of all of the “stakeholder” informational needs and data communication flows. Together we have also now identified initial system architecture for the Diabetes Patient Management System and have begun to identify existing available commodity software packages that can be used in implementing the architecture. In addition our Rotary/Loudoun Free Clinic team has now specified and purchased the necessary laptop computer hardware suite that will be needed to support the development and initial implementation of the system. Rotary project funds in the amount of \$1076.25 were used for the purchase of this equipment. More recently an additional \$673.75 has been committed to the Loudoun Free Clinic for the purchase of Internet router and related communications equipment to support network connectivity for diabetes patients and volunteer care providers to use the patient maintenance system tools.

Rotary Footbridges for Guatemala

What do bridges in Rwanda & Guatemala have in common? Answer: They are desperately needed and Rotary is there to help! The Rotary Club of Bailey's Crossroad has been in discussion with Bridges to Prosperity (B2P/Rotarian Ken Frantz) in Newport News, VA to build six footbridges—four in Guatemala and two in Rwanda. Our Club has committed \$5,000 to the project. \$11,000 has been committed from other sources. In order to approach the District for matching funds of \$10,000, we need to raise \$5,000 from other Clubs within or without the District. If we are successful, RI will contribute another \$20,500 for a total of \$51,500. With this seed money, B2P promises to build all six bridges of which the total cost will be approximately \$150,000.

The bridges, like so many others B2P has built (see www.bridgestoprosperty.org) will cross steep ravines and draw communities together. Most importantly, they provide a way for children who live on one side of the ravine to attend a school on the other side without a dangerous climb down one slope and up the other. And their footbridge program teaches the local how to build these bridges on their own.

We solicit your support. Please ask your Board if your Club would like to be part of this project. Contributions of at least \$1,000 or more are requested. If the total we can raise exceeds \$5,000, one, two or more extra bridges can be built. Contributions over \$1,500 will earn the right to co-sponsor a bridge, and over \$3,000 full bridge sponsorship with club name on both plaque and website.

For work to start during 2012, contributions will have to be sent to the Rotary Foundation by May, 2012, but we would like to have the grant paperwork ready by January 15 in order to submit to TRF by February 1. The grant should probably be approved by April 1, by which time we will know if we should send our funds to Chicago. All contributions will receive Paul Harris contribution points for your Club.

If all proceeds on schedule, it is expected that work building the bridges would commence in August 2012 and be completed by October 2013.

Yours in Rotary Service,

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