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## VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP: 185

JULY ATTENDANCE: 46%

AMBASSADORS: Rotary Club of Eli, MN: **Dave and Jane Piegras**; Rotary Club of Green Bay, WI: **Tank Sholem**

ROCHESTER ROTARY RISERS: **John Woodruff**

GREATER ROCHESTER ROTARY: none reported

ROTARY eCLUB ONE: **Lorie Luedke**

MEMBERS ON LEAVE: none

RESIGNATIONS: none

NEW MEMBERS: **Jesica Johnston**

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
Sept 3	Jerry Downes	Minneapolis, MN
Sept 7	Jerry Williams	Princeville, IL
Sept 13	Amy Holtz	Caledonia, MN
Sept 14	Lisa Baldus	Rochester, MN
	Laurel Schacht	Rochester, MN
Sept 16	Josef Chlachula	Czechoslovakia
Sept 19	Audrey Betcher	Rochester, MN
Sept 23	Bill Nietz	Rochester MN
Sept 24	Susan Ahlquist	West Virginia
	Mark Noble	Jamestown, ND
	Kristine Stensland	Cedar Rapids, IA
Sept 26	Tom Sitzer	Langdon, ND
Sept 29	Gary Harmon	Fargo, ND
	Jes Johnston	Stewartville, MN

*If we have missed your birthday, please let us know.*

## SEPTEMBER IS ROTARY BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

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**BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH**

"The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."  
Dr. Seuss, "I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!"

Rotary [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

## Welcome to our newest Rotarian!

New Rotarian  
Jes Johnston  
sponsored by  
Patrick Gannon



*Read about Rochester Rotarians work on education and literacy in our community on page 7.*

# SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

## Weekly Meetings

- September 3** “Rochester Public Library Reading Champions Program” presented by Gail Harris, 11:30 a.m. –1:00 p.m. **Holiday Inn Plaza Banquet Room**
- September 9** (WEDNESDAY) – Rotary Golf Outing, program by Willow Creek Golf Pro Scott Rindahl, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Holiday Inn Plaza Banquet Room**
- September 17** “Rochester Public Schools” presented by Superintendent and Rotarian Mike Muñoz, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Holiday Inn Plaza Banquet Room**
- September 24** “The Tale of Three Tails” presented by Rotarian Don Scholz, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, **Holiday Inn Plaza Banquet Room**

## Other Meetings & Events

- September 1** **Rotary Club of Rochester Board Meeting**, OMC SE Clinic Conference Room 4-2 (210 9th St SE), 7 a.m.
- September 7** **NO Channel One Service** due to Labor Day holiday
- September 9** **Southeastern Minnesota World Community Service** meeting, Nietz & Eversman (2212 2nd St SW) 7 a.m.
- September 9** **Community Food Response Service**, Bethel Lutheran Church (810 3rd Ave SE), 1:15-6:45 p.m.
- September 14** **Salvation Army Dinner Service**, Salvation Army Bldg, 5:30-7 p.m.
- September 15** **Holiday Classic Steering Committee Meeting**, Aspen Suites Conference Room, (1211 2nd St. SW), 11:30 a.m.
- September 16** **White Oaks Park Clean-up**, White Oaks Park (4597 55th St. NW), 6 p.m.
- September 23** **Wine Down Wednesday**, To Be Announced, 4 p.m.
- September 23** **Rotary Information Meeting**, Aspen Suites Conference Room (1211 2nd St. SW), noon - 1:30 p.m.

## September Rotary Anniversaries

Dana Hlebichuk	1 year
Terry Sorenson	5 years
Barbara Banner	6 years
Susan F. Johnson	7 years
Paul Tieskoetter	7 years
David Harbert	8 years
Mark Ostrem	8 years
Dan Kelly	9 years
Jim Sloan	11 years
Laurel Schacht	14 years
Karel Weigel	17 years
Sue Dripps	19 years
Lois Nietz	28 years
Frank Sharbrough	32 years



## Thanks to all who helped with the August meetings:

Greeters: **John Brandrup, Bruce Rohde, Samantha Rother, Mark Noble, Joel Haak, Mark Dripps**; Cashier: **Danae Gaio, Janice Domke, Josef Chlachula, Caroline Baihly**; Sergeant-at-Arms: **John Woodruff, Dana Funk**, Visitors Desk: **Vicki Allen, Jen Woodford, Suzanne Dinusson**; Music: **Jim Sloan,, Mark Neville, Maury Hagen, Judith O’Fallon**; Reflections: **Audrey Betcher, Jim Sloan, Bryan Bachman, Janice Domke**; Four Way Test: **Stacey Vanden Heuvel, Mark Dripps, Dana Funk, Mark Neville**; Introduction of Visitors: **Phil Karsell, Vicki Allen, Jerry Downes**; Presenters: RYLA students **Jack, Katie, Kahnyi, YE student Margaret, Aaron Schmitz, Diane Ilstrup, Hanan Wazwaz, Frank Klauda**

# QUARRY HILL FALL FESTIVAL

Staff and volunteers at Quarry Hill enjoy this annual event celebrating fall and all things uniquely Quarry Hill! Indoor activities include nature games, eco-friendly crafts and candle rolling, & outdoor activities include cave tours, canoeing, rock climbing, pumpkin decorating and more.

Tree Climbing offered by Maier Tree and Lawn will take place from 12:00-3:00 each day. Food and activity tickets are available for purchase on site \$1/ticket, \$20/25 tickets. Food and activities range from 1-4 tickets. Bike to the festival and receive a free activity ticket. Entertainment at this 'all things nature' festival will feature live animal programs.



Quarry Hill's Fall Festival is an annual tradition drawing thousands of visitors from Rochester and the surrounding communities. All proceeds from the event benefit the Friends of Quarry Hill Nature Center and are used to help keep the nature center admission free year-round and provide the many educational programs offered for youth, families and adults throughout the year." (<http://www.qhnc.org/event-detail/99>)



## KWIK TRIP SCRIP CARDS

The Kwik Trip Scrip Gift Card Program allows The Rotary Club of Rochester to keep 10% of the face value of each card. Scrip cards are available for purchase at the weekly Club meetings.

## ROTARY CLUBS OF WINNIPEG HOSTS 90TH ANNUAL GOODWILL WEEKEND

Friday September 18 – Sunday September 20, 2015  
Winnipeg Manitoba @ Norwood Hotel

### International Goodwill and Fun

Come and enjoy the food, hospitality, sights of Winnipeg

#### Events Include:

- Curling
- Tours of Assiniboine Zoo and
- Canadian Museum of Human Rights
- Theatre
- Optional Tours
- Homestays
- Peace Partner Events

[Click Here](#) - 90th Goodwill Weekend US Registration Form

[Click Here](#) - Goodwill Weekend 2015 Flyer

[Click Here](#) - 90th Goodwill Weekend 2015 Schedule of Events

[Click Here](#) - Curling Event Registration Form

[Click Here](#) - Letter to Rotarians about 90th Goodwill Weekend



Check out District 5550 website, [click here](#), for further updates. Register online or by mail. For further information contact District 5960's On to Winnipeg Chair, Alan Ruvelson, [aruvelson@msn.com](mailto:aruvelson@msn.com) or call 651-353-7910.

Registration Deadline: September 11, 2015.

## Registration Deadline is September 3!

The Rotary Club of Rochester invites you to join us on  
**Wednesday, September 9, 2015, for lunch, fellowship, and the  
 2015 Rochester Rotary Golf Outing!**

**Willow Creek Golf Course** (1700 48th St. SW, Rochester)  
**Lunch, Fellowship & Meeting 11:30 am - 1:00 pm**

This is an open invitation to all Rotarians and their guests. Golf will be played as "Best Shot," as this event is intended to encourage Rotary fun and fellowship. Golfers of all skill levels are encouraged to play. Rotary logo-wear is encouraged. Awards and surprises given at Willow Creek Golf Course at the end of the round. Non-golfers are encouraged to join the fun before or after the golf - or both!

### Options and prices

**Please indicate your option preference in registration:**

- Option 1:** \$13 - lunch only
- Option 2:** \$28.60 - lunch & golf with cart for Willow Creek Golf Course members
- Option 3:** \$58 - lunch & golf with cart for golfers who aren't Willow Creek members
- Option 4:** \$15.60 - golf & cart for Willow Creek Golf Course members
- Option 5:** \$45 - golf & cart for golfers who aren't Willow Creek members

[Register online](#) today!

Pre-payment is required.

Submit payment to :  
 TRCR  
 PO Box 7566  
 Rochester, MN 55903-7566



“LIKE” THE ROTARY CLUB OF ROCHESTER

### The Rotary Club of Rochester 2015-16 Club Progress to Goals

CATEGORY	2015-16 GOALS	As of August 31, 2015
Membership <i>(Began Rotary year with 185)</i>	200	185
Rotary International Foundation Annual Program Fund	\$10,000	\$750 (8% of goal)
Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY)	100%	3%
PolioPlus	\$2,500	\$0 (0% of goal)
District 5960 Fast for Hope Project	\$1,000	\$0 (0% of goal)

# AN INTERVIEW WITH OUR 2014-15 OUTBOUND YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENT MARGARET

**TRCR:** How did you learn about Rotary's Youth Exchange Program?

**Margaret:** I learned of the Rotary Youth Exchange Program because two of my aunts had gone on exchange through Rotary. I was able to hear many stories of their adventures in Denmark and Thailand.

**TRCR:** Why did you decide to apply?

**Margaret:** I decided to apply to be a Rotary Youth Exchange Student because of all the opportunities the program makes available to its participants. Traveling with Rotary meant that I could learn a new language, new culture, and become part of an international community.

**TRCR:** How do you think this experience will help you when you return to your home country?

**Margaret:** My experiences abroad in Chile, after only being back home for two months, have already helped me readjust to life back in Minnesota. I feel as though I can adapt better to change, I feel more outgoing, and ready for new adventures!

**TRCR:** Is there anything specific you hope to do or accomplish while you are in the program?

**Margaret:** During my time in the Rotary Exchange Program I was surprised by how many doors opened up, and by how many opportunities for new experiences I was given. I was able to travel throughout Chile, from the Atacama Desert to Patagonia, and practically everywhere in between. I made friendships with other students in my school, and with other students within the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. Because of this, my experience abroad stretched not only to Chile, but to all around the globe – allowing me to learn about the cultures of my friends from Germany, the Netherlands, Denmark, and Finland.

**TRCR:** Were your perceptions about what it would be like accurate or is it different than what you expected it to be?

**Margaret:** Before I went on exchange, I tried not to have too many expectations. I wanted to begin my year with an open mind. Before I left for Chile, I imagined having a great host family, and making friends. Throughout the course of my year abroad I was given both of those, and so much more.



**TRCR:** What's been the biggest adjustment for you?

**Margaret:** The biggest initial adjustment for me when I arrived in Chile was the language. I had taken 4 years of Spanish throughout my time in high school, but not being able to quickly communicate in conversations was the biggest adjustment I experienced. After about 3 months, my speaking abilities improved, and I was able to communicate much more with both my classmates and my host family.

**TRCR:** Is it hard starting a new school and being a new student?

**Margaret:** I thought my experience starting at a new school and as a new student was more exciting than it was hard or difficult. It was fun to meet so many new people, and it was interesting to see how school systems taught in another country. Yes, it was very different from my school back home, but that was what made it interesting.

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## AN INTERVIEW WITH OUR 2014-15 OUTBOUND YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENT MARGARET *continued from page 5*

**TRCR:** Talk about how you go about getting involved and meeting friends.

**Margaret:** During my exchange year, I made connections with classmates by learning about what we had in common. Whether that was biking, seeing movies, or going to Zumba, connecting with friends was about spending time together and having fun!

**TRCR:** If you were talking with a good friend, what would you tell them about Rotary's Youth Exchange Program?

**Margaret:** If a friend asked me about my experience with Rotary Youth Exchange, I would tell them that it was one of the best decisions I could've made for myself. I learned so much over the course of my year with Rotary that I never could've experienced otherwise. What I learned, and the connections I made over the year, will always have a positive impact on my life as well as encourage me to keep growing and exploring the world around me.



**TRCR:** Is there anything else you would like to share about this experience?

**Margaret:** I want to thank Rotary for giving me such an incredible opportunity, and that I am so grateful to all three clubs in Rochester for supporting my year abroad. This past year in Chile gave me so many skills – from speaking Spanish to making better connections, and I am very grateful to be able to share these experiences with my club. Thank you! Muchas gracias!



# Rochester Rotarians work on education and literacy in our community

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"Sixty-seven million children worldwide have no access to education and more than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy." (<https://www.rotary.org/en/learning-reference/about-rotary/areas-focus>)

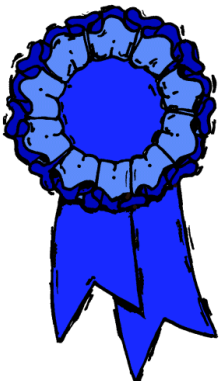
What are Rotarians in Rochester doing to support education and literacy?

- Giving grants from money raised during the Holiday Classic to nonprofits focused on educating local youth
- Honoring high school students with Service Above Self Awards for their dedication to academics and service to others
- Hosting speakers from local and international organizations focused on education
- Hosting youth exchange students, encouraging them to participate in school, club, and service activities
- Providing financial and service support to Rochester's STRIVE program to mentor at-risk high school students
- Provided financial support to Seeds of Wisdom School in South Sudan to assist in building a well for clean water at the school
- Providing scholarship monies to STRIVE students for further education
- Supporting Greater Rochester Rotary's Dictionary Project
- Supporting Rochester Rotary Risers' My Book Day

"On May 14 the Rochester Rotary club hosted the Chamber of Commerce "Leadership Greater Rochester" representatives to present their regular meeting program. The presenters discussed how their early 2 1/2 month discussion and debate of several project possibilities eventually concluded with unanimous approval and support for the Mini Library Project. Community response to the build and placement of 40 mini libraries throughout the city of Rochester was extremely enthusiastic and positive. At the conclusion of their program Rotary President Paul Tieskoetter presented them with a Rotary International CLUB LITERACY and EDUCATION AWARD for their efforts to promote literacy and education during the 2014-15 Rotary year. Words on the Award Certificate read "Your significant support of literacy and education has helped strengthen individual dignity and self-worth of people, thereby strengthening the foundations of international goodwill, understanding and peace. Thank you for helping shape and influence future leaders of the world!!!" (Merlin and Karen Ricklefs, members of the Rochester Rotary Club and, District Co-Chairs for Literacy and Education.)

Have you been involved in one or more of these efforts? Do you have other ideas on how to support basic education and literacy? [Learn more about Rotary's literacy efforts.](#)

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE WHO ACHIEVED 100% ATTENDANCE DURING ROTARY YEAR 2014-15



Mike O'Fallon	1 year	Jim Sloan	8 years
Paul Tieskoetter	2 years	Judy O'Fallon	9 years
Caroline Baihly	5 years	Sarah Burrington	16 years
Tank Sholem	5 years	Lorie Luedke	17 years
Mark Dripps	6 years	Borge M. Christensen	32 years
Karel Weigel	6 years	John Woodruff	40 years

# NOMINATIONS FOR DISTRICT 5960 GOVERNOR 2018-19

*From Karel M. Weigel, District Governor 2014-2015*

The history of Rotary District 5960 has been written by the generous commitment of Rotarians, the strength of their leadership and with the guidance of successive District Governors and their leadership teams. It is important that our tradition of strong leadership continue as we chart the course for Rotary's future.

The process for soliciting candidates for District Governor for Rotary year 2018-2019 is now beginning. The formal procedure and guidelines for submitting a suggested candidate is attached. Note that the process requires a formal resolution from the candidates club along with the completed application signed by the club President and club Secretary.

**All suggestions for District Governor must be received no later than Friday, October 2, 2015 to be considered.**

The suggestion for District Governor must be submitted in the form of a resolution, adopted at a regular meeting of the club, naming the suggested candidate. The club secretary shall certify the resolution. A club may suggest only one of its own members as a candidate for governor-nominee.

The selection of a governor-nominee must be conducted in a dignified, responsible manner in harmony with the principles of Rotary. (RCP 19.030.1) Section 10.050 of the RI Bylaws provides that any candidate who becomes aware of campaigning, canvassing or electioneering for elective office in RI, must express their disapproval to those so engaged and shall instruct them to terminate such activity.

Rotary International Bylaws Article 15.080 state, "a governor at the time of taking office must have attended the International Assembly for its full duration, been a member of one or more Rotary clubs for at least seven years, and must continue to possess the qualifications in section 15.070.



- A. A member in good standing of a club in the District. (RIB 15.070.1)
- B. The Rotarian must have full qualification for such membership in the strict application of the provisions thereof, and the integrity of the Rotarian's classification must be without question. (RIB 15.070.2)
- C. The Rotarian must be a member in a functioning club in good standing which has no outstanding indebtedness to RI or to the district as of the close of the year preceding that in which the Rotarian is proposed as a candidate for the nomination for governor. (RIB 15.070.3)
- D. The Rotarian must have served as president of a club for a full term or be a charter president of a club having served the full term from the date of charter to 30 June, provided that this period is at least six months. (RIB 15.070.4)
- E. The Rotarian must demonstrate willingness, commitment, and ability, physically and otherwise, to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the office of governor as provided in section 15.090, "Duties of a Governor." (RIB 15.070.5)
- F. The Rotarian must demonstrate knowledge of the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of governor as prescribed in the bylaws and submit to RI, through its general secretary, a signed statement that the Rotarian understands clearly such qualifications, duties, and responsibilities. Such statement shall also confirm that the Rotarian is qualified for the office of governor and willing and able to assume the duties and responsibilities of that office and to perform them faithfully. (RIB 15.070.6)

A member of the District Nominating Committee will make a personal contact with those nominees qualified to serve. Any questions related to the duties, obligations or rewards of serving as a District Governor should be directed to Karel Weigel Chair of the District Nominating Committee.

Interviews for the District Governor Nominee, who would serve as District Governor during the Rotary year, 1 July 2018- 30 June 2019, will take place at:

**Date:** Saturday, October 17, 2015

**Place:** Family Means 1875 Northwestern Ave. S, Stillwater, MN 55082



# AFRICA REACHES IMPORTANT POLIO MILESTONE

By Arnold R. Grahl, *Rotary News*, 11-Aug-2015

Today marks a significant milestone for Africa in its effort to eradicate polio from the continent. A full year has passed since Africa's last reported case caused by the wild poliovirus.

Somalia was the last country to identify a new case, which occurred on 11 August 2014. While Africa has achieved an important public health milestone, the job is not yet finished. To end polio forever, all countries – both endemic and non-endemic – must strengthen routine immunization, address gaps in disease surveillance and do more to reach children who are still being missed by vaccinators.

"We cannot wind down our efforts now. We need to continue immunizing until the last country is certified polio-free, and thereafter," says Dr. Tunji Funsho, chair of Rotary's Nigeria PolioPlus Committee. "As long as the virus remains anywhere in the world, it is only a plane ride away."

Rotary members have played a key role in the eradication effort. They have led the way in raising funds, advocating for government support, building awareness, and mobilizing volunteers on the ground.

"The work of Rotary and the Global Polio Eradication Initiative has also cut through the clichéd narrative of Africa as the land of poverty, disease, and conflict," says RI General Secretary John Hewko. "Real human development has been achieved despite the toughest obstacles and despite the opinion of many who thought we could not eradicate this disease in Africa."

Strong continued support toward polio eradication in these final years of the campaign is the best way to ensure that today's milestone will indeed mark the last case of polio in Africa, says Michael McGovern, chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee.

"Rotary members have many opportunities to make a difference, including being part of history as we seek a polio-free world," McGovern says. "Members have led the way in fundraising and lining up volunteer support for polio eradication."

Through 2018, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is matching 2-to-1 every dollar that Rotary commits for polio, up to \$35 million a year.





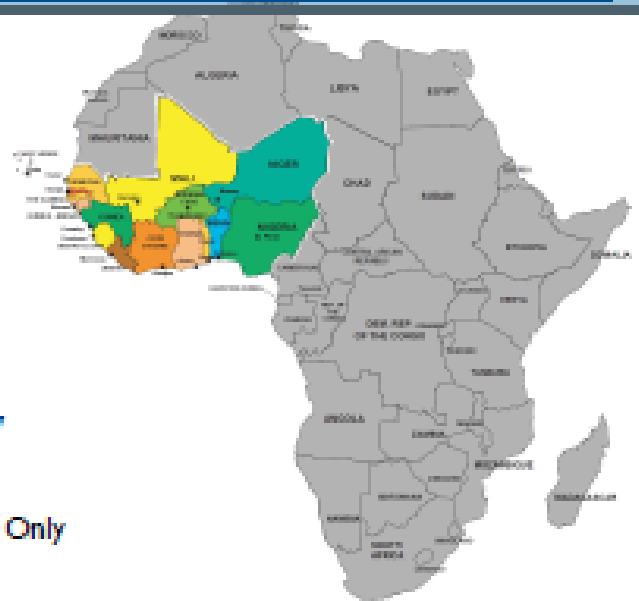
# 10th WEST AFRICA PROJECT FAIR

Includes Polio Eradication Activities

**NOVEMBER 10 - NOVEMBER 19, 2015**

**10 Days • Land Only**

**\$1,779 Per Person, Double Occupancy, Land Only**



Price includes hotel, sightseeing, transfers, meals, Project Fair registration, polio immunization activities, Rotary events, community service/humanitarian programs.

(Round trip airfare not included.)

To be offered separately September 2015)

This week-long trip is a hands-on experience in polio eradication, community service, friendships and learning how to support the Rotary projects of West Africa.

**We travel to a rural community to participate in a polio eradication exercise.** This day will be a landmark event in your Rotary experience. It also may be your last chance to give two drops of the polio vaccine to a child.

**We work at a local school, supported by local Rotary clubs and the Rotary Foundation, in a hands-on community service project.** It will be a day of accomplishment and satisfaction.

**We attend The West Africa Project Fair,** which showcases Rotary projects from 15 West African nations. It will be a time to learn, experience and see how you and your club can be a part of "Doing Good" in Africa.



## Howard Tours

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## Howard Tours

Founded in 1948, Howard Tours has been operating tour programs worldwide for over six decades. Thousands of Rotarians have joined us to participate in polio eradication campaigns, wheelchair deliveries, humanitarian missions, and played a critical role in the creation of the West Africa Project Fair by providing an easy, comprehensive travel program for North American participants. Over 400 people from North America have traveled with us to prior Fairs.

## Rotarian Purpose

The West Africa Project Fair (WAPF) was Rotary's first humanitarian project fair in Africa, and is a part of Rotary's Reach Out to Africa Initiative. It was created by Rotarians from 15 West African nations to facilitate partnerships and projects that will make a significant contribution to the needs of this continent.

By joining this program, you will work with the local Rotarians to understand how important Rotary is to their communities. You will also have the opportunity to select and support Rotary Foundation projects during the Fair, engage in field work in the local communities, create strong friendships with the West African Rotarians, and participate in hands-on humanitarian and health related field work.



## Polio Immunization, Hands-on Work Project, and West Africa Project Fair:

**The Ivorian National Polio Plus Committee confirmed they will conduct a Sub-National Immunization program in Abidjan during our stay. Our members will go into the local communities to give two drops of the polio vaccine to save the lives of the children.**

We are also working with the Ivorian Rotarians and community members to engage in a hands on humanitarian project, and we will visit a number of humanitarian project sites to witness the work of Rotary and The Rotary Foundation. During these activities, you will have extraordinary experiences, develop a unique insight into the life and challenges in Africa, and be in the safety and care of local Rotarians.

***Membership is limited, and will be confirmed, on a first-come, first-served basis. Interest in this tour has been overwhelming. We expect it to sell-out quickly.***

## Passport, Visa and Health Requirements:

The Ivorian government requires U.S. citizens to have a valid visa for entry into Côte d'Ivoire, as well as a passport with more than six months of remaining validity. Citizens of other countries will need to determine their respective visa requirements. Although Howard Tours will assist in securing the visa, the cost of obtaining a passport, visa and inoculations are not included in the tour price. It is your responsibility to apply and pay for:

**Ivorian Visa for all U.S. citizens:** An application and information on applying for the visa will be sent to you with the trip confirmation letter and invoice. Allow four weeks to process the visa application.

**Inoculations:** An International health certificate showing current yellow fever immunization is required for entry into Côte d'Ivoire. The Center for Disease Control (<http://www.cdc.gov>) indicates that there are no other required vaccinations. They recommend that U.S. citizens take precautions against malaria and other diseases. Please consult your physician or travel doctor to determine the precautions appropriate for you.

**Special Airfare Note:** Tour price does NOT include round trip airfare. This tour is offered to Rotarians throughout the U.S., making it impossible to anticipate and include the necessary flight itineraries. In September, after our group has formed, we will offer all North American members the most appropriate flight options. Alternatively, you are free to purchase your round trip airfare or use frequent flyer mileage.

## West Africa Project Fair, Humanitarian and Community Health Program

10 Days – Only \$1,779—Add \$550 for a Single Room  
Based on Per Person, Double Occupancy • Land Only

*When you look into the eyes of a child whose life you have changed, you will be different forever.*

**Tue., Nov. 10 - Depart North America**

**Wed., Nov. 11 - Arrive in Abidjan:** Evening arrival in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire. Transfer provided for group members on specified flights. First class accommodations at the Heden Golf Hotel, which includes daily breakfasts.

**Thu., Nov. 12– Abidjan:** Morning exploration of Abidjan, including the local market, National Museum, etc. We will attend a Inter-City Rotary lunch included as a tour event. This afternoon, we visit the U.S. Embassy for a cultural, economic and political briefing. This evening, we attend a welcome reception hosted by the local Rotarians and District Governor Marie Irene Richmond.

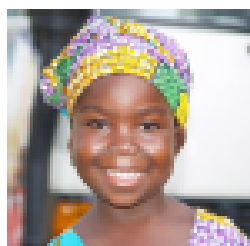


**Fri., Nov. 13 - West Africa Project Fair:** We spend a full and productive day attending the West Africa Project Fair and engaging with Rotarians from 15 West African nations. Events include the Fair's Opening Ceremony, Rotary Foundation seminars to review support and engagement in Africa, and to begin exploring possible club projects. Lunch is provided. This evening, we attend a West Africa Project Fair reception.

**Sat., Nov. 14 - West Africa Project Fair:** Today, we visit the Project Fair booths to learn about the projects of the West African clubs and discover how to join them in addressing their humanitarian needs. Lunch is included. Tonight, we enjoy a special closing dinner event.



**Sun., Nov. 15 - Polio Immunization Exercise:** Today we will go into the community around Abidjan to put two drops of the polio vaccine into the mouths of children. IT will be a day of special experiences, emotions and accomplishments. It is an experience unlike anything you have ever had before. Lunch provided by local Rotarians. This evening is free for rest and individual enjoyment.



**Mon., Nov. 16 - Community Service Project:** Today, we join local Rotarians in the field for an all-day, hands-on, community service projects that are being organized by the local Rotary clubs. Lunch on site. This evening, we will enjoy Host Hospitality, where our Ivorian hosts will take us to their homes, local restaurants and other places so that we get to create new friendships.

**Tue., Nov. 17 - Site Visit:** Today, we will enjoy all day sightseeing to the seaside town of Grand Bassam, to visit a traditional market, old colonial buildings and sites, the museum of traditional costumes and the local market. Lunch will be provided by local Rotarians. This evening, we will enjoy a farewell dinner event with the Abidjan Rotarians.

**Wed., Nov. 18 - Abidjan/Last Minute Shopping/Depart for Home:** This morning, we will provide an opportunity for last minute shopping, rest and free time to connect with the local Rotarians. Evening flight from Abidjan back to North America.

**Thu., Nov. 19. – Arrive in North America.**

**Payments:** send \$500 per person, payable only by check, with application. Remaining payments are due upon request and may be paid by check or credit card. Assign deposit check to: "Howard Tours, Trustee Account," Specify "WAPF 2015" on the lower left corner of the check.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**Bank Trustee Account and Financial Responsibilities:** Payments are deposited in a Bank of America, Grand Lake Branch, Oakland, California, trustee account, used exclusively for this program. By law, Howard Tours cannot and will not use these funds for any purpose other than to defray the program costs. While the money is in the bank, Bank of America, and NOT Howard Tours, is custodian of the funds. When the travel service companies are paid, Howard Tours will have met its financial and trustee obligation for the travel services involved.

**Per Person Tour Prices Include:** (1) Double occupancy hotel accommodations; (2) Meals and special events specified in the Itinerary; (3) Private motorcoach sightseeing and transfers; (4) English speaking guide; (5) Entrance fees; (6) Tips to local guides, drivers and hotel porters; (7) West Africa Project Fair registration; (8) Polio Immunization, community health and service program and other special Rotary events and values as stated in the Itinerary; and (9) Other Rotary and tour materials.

**Prices do NOT include:** (1) All airfares; (2) Passport and visa fees, if any; (3) Local airport departure taxes not included in the airline ticket; (4) All insurance; (5) All personal expenses, (e.g., phone, laundry, etc.); (6) All health and medical services, and related expenses; (7) All required travel immunizations, and related expenses; (8) Refunds for missed or unused services; (9) Accommodations in excess of the nights listed in the Itinerary; (10) Overnight delivery fees or delivery fees for clients outside the continental U.S.; (11) Meals not specified in the tour Itinerary.

**Conditions of Prices:** Prices are based on the relative value between the U.S. dollar, a projected number of travelers, and the currencies of the countries listed when the tours are priced and the folder is printed. If the exchange rates, airfares, number of people who join the tour, or other travel costs change, the traveler may be assessed any extra charges, or refunds. Prices were set and folder was printed August 28, 2015.

**Changes of Itinerary:** Howard Tours reserves the right to change the Itinerary or services for any reason, including those which may be out of our control, (e.g., airline schedule changes, natural disasters, schedule of local Rotarians, etc.) If changes are necessary, the traveler may be assessed any extra charges or refunds.

**Cancellations and Other Charges:** Cancellations must be made by letter, E-mail, or fax and NOT by telephone. Partial or total cancellation of tour services, regardless of reason, are subject to: (1) Funds that may be withheld or imposed by the airlines, hotels, sightseeing companies, etc.; and (2) A per person Howard Tours' cancellation service fee, prorated before departure, as follows: \$300 up to 46 days before departure, and \$500 within 45 days of departure. Cancellations received within 14 days of the date of departure will be 100% NON-refundable. Travelers whose changes result in rewritten air tickets will be charged whatever penalties the airlines may impose, and a Howard Tours \$50 service fee. Those applying within 45 days of departure will be assessed extra expenses caused by late enrollment, with a minimum charge of \$50 per person. Because the airlines, hotels, etc. impose heavy cancellation fees, we recommend the purchase of "Cancellation Insurance," which is available through Howard Tours.

**Responsibility Clause:** Howard Tours of Oakland, California, operates these programs as an agent for the travelers who join them, and for the various companies which perform services on land, sea and in the air. Individuals apply for membership and are accepted in these programs on the conditions that Howard Tours and its officers will not be responsible for irregularities, omissions, acts, events, or for any additional expenses due to delays, strikes, military action, riots, airplane hi-jacking, civil disorders, losses, injuries, sickness, damage, political action, and/or other matters related to any personal or property involving any facility, transport services, personnel and/or activity in the operations of this program. Because Howard Tours has no control over flights, sailings, rail schedules, and connections between flights, Howard Tours does not accept any responsibilities for these services. Air tickets, and the related tariff conditions filed with the Civil Aeronautics Board, constitute the sole contract between the airline and the purchaser of the travel program.

**Polio Immunization, Community Service and West Africa Project Fair Program**  
**Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire**  
Membership Application  
(Please Print)

**Traveler 1: NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Full Name EXACTLY as it appears on your passport—no nicknames, please)

**Passport No.:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Country of Issue:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Traveler 2: NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Full Name EXACTLY as it appears on your passport—no nicknames, please)

**Passport No.:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Country of Issue:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE Day:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Even:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Rotary Club:** \_\_\_\_\_ **District:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Highest Rotary Offices Held:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Would You Like Howard Tours to Make Your Air Reservations?** (circle one) Yes No

**Airport Nearest Your Home:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Accommodations Desired:** (circle one) Single Double Desire to Share with \_\_\_\_\_

**Traveler 1:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Traveler 2:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Badge Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Badge Name :** \_\_\_\_\_

Send application to Howard Tours, with a clear photocopy of each passport and a deposit by check of \$500 per person.

I have read and accept all conditions attached.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**THE FOUR-WAY TEST**

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build good will and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

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