

MAY 2020



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Fun & Fellowship



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Service



PRIDE

Personal, Professional
& Career Development

District responds to members' call for international aid

We heard you, District 5950 Rotarians. You supported district help for the international community respond to the COVID-19 crisis. District 5950's Rotary Foundation Committee authorized:

- \$75,000 of District 5950's Global DDF to the **Italian Rotarians' Response to COVID-19 Grant**
- \$25,000 of District 5950's Global DDF to the **Rotary International Disaster Response Fund**.

Why these choices? Because we live up to our name – Rotary International – as a global organization. Our established grant strategy earmarks part of TRF funds for international projects which allows us, as Americans, to lead change on a global level.

DISASTER RESPONSE FUND

The Rotary Foundation Trustees recently placed \$1 million in its Disaster Response Fund to make grants immediately available for applications related to COVID-19.

District 5950's contribution supports grants that help Rotarians shore up the medical capabilities of their communities in all parts of the world, including hot spots in the United States.

Meanwhile, we are very proud of all the efforts the clubs in our district are making to support local community food shelf and medical facilities. Keep up that great work, **People of Action!**

Sincerely,

*District Governor Russ Michaletz
District Governor-Elect Tom Gump
District Rotary Foundation Chair
Carol MacDonald*

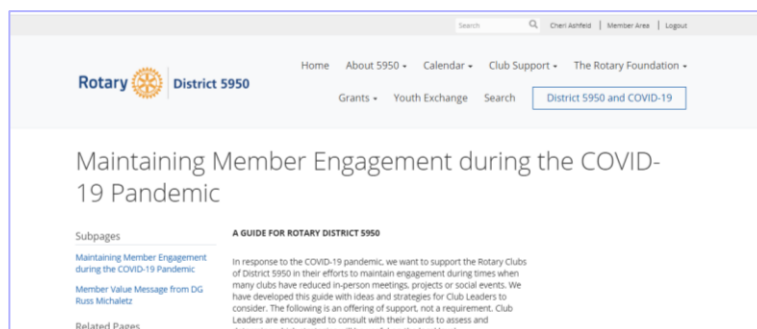
ITALIAN ROTARIANS' RESPONSE TO COVID-19 GRANT

When the COVID-19 pandemic struck Italy, their 13 Rotary Districts mobilized to support their hospitals with innovative, high-tech solutions to protect workers and help break the infection chain.

Italian districts received partnership funding from US Districts **5950**, 6970, 7280, 7730 and Japan's 2750 to install equipment in 26 hospitals. The project funded:

- **Thermo scanners** at hospital access gates to instantly detect fever
- **COVID triage units** that prevent medical personnel's contact with potential COVID-19 while triaging and isolating patients
- **Bio-containment stretchers** to safely transport infected patients within hospitals, via ambulance or on an aircraft or helicopter.

Clubs, check out 5950's COVID-19 web page of ideas!



Need help with Zoom? Ideas for sharing leadership during online meetings? Social media tips? Ideas for virtual volunteering? Click on the image or go to the [COVID page on Rotary5950.org](https://Rotary5950.org).

District meeting alerts!

**District Assembly
presenters**

THANK YOU!

We had great participation and representation from our District and beyond!

The deck, recording, and other documents can be found on the District Webpage- Rotary5950.org

Annual Meeting
for all 5950 members

Saturday, May 16
9-10 a.m. via Zoom
[Register here](#)

Important Agenda Items

- Elect our District Governor Nominee
- Elect District Representatives to important Rotary International governance organizations
- Approve budget for the 2020-21 Rotary year
- Provide feedback about your club's needs as we transition back to in-person meetings, service projects and events

Hats off to clubs continuing to serve during the pandemic!

The Minnetonka Rotary Club has long supported the ICA food shelf as well as west metro social service agency Resource West. The club provides volunteers and financial support on a regular basis to both organizations. Working together, the needs of many vulnerable families in the community are met through their joint efforts.

Club members knew existing food insecurities and additional hardships imposed by COVID-19 would only get worse for many in the community. Minnetonka Rotary Foundation (MRF) approved an urgent donation of \$3,000 to ICA. Funds will be used to buy food in bulk at a much better rate than can be obtained individually. Resource West urgently requested payment for students' internet access for home schooling. The MRF donated \$1,000 for this purpose. Minnetonka Rotary's 52 members are honored to partner with ICA and Resource West. *Service Above Self* continues to keep communities strong even in these unparalleled times.



ICA's Patti Sinykin and MRF President Nancy Davis

The Brooklyn Center Rotary Club reports that the sewing center that District 5950 and Rotary International funded in Haiti has changed from making reusable menstrual kits to making protective masks. Here is the sewing center in cap Haitian. Sewers received the mask pattern one day; the pictures are from the next day. Issues of pattern printing, finding the correct elastic in country and the language barrier did not prove to be too much! Seamstresses and tailors learned the steps via WhatsApp and FaceTime. They will teach others. On the reporting day, they made 150 masks.



The Eden Prairie AM Rotary Club welcomed Eden Prairie grad and New York City opera singer Andrea Lynn Cianflone as a recent club speaker. She made an impactful offer that may help Rotarians who have lost or may lose a loved one before the pandemic is over.

A FREE GIFT TO FAMILIES IMPACTED BY COVID-19

In this time of incredible uncertainty and unimaginable pain and grief from loss, *Be Delighted* is here to bring comfort to families. *Be Delighted* is committed to bringing emotional support through the healing power of the arts. We would like to extend a free special gift to the families who have lost a loved one to COVID-19 by bringing a special livestream celebration-of-life program into their homes. We will sing for you, reflect and pray with you, and celebrate the life of your loved ones with you! Please feel free to pass this information to your networks so we can help families impacted by COVID-19. You may contact us by email through the contact page at www.bedelightedtoday.com.



Sincerely,
Andrea Lynn Cianflone
 Founder of *Be Delighted*

BECOME A VOLUNTEER

The COVID-19 epidemic is pushing the American healthcare system to the breaking point—and leaving our frontline medical providers overwhelmed and exhausted. But there's hope. Many of the most basic caretaking tasks can be performed by volunteer assistants, so the professionals can focus on tending to the most acute needs.

VOLUNTEER SURGE
 Yale SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH
 Rotary Districts and Clubs

Rotary Clubs across the country are partnering with Volunteer Surge to recruit 1 million volunteers to participate in a new program that provides training online, for free, to **become a Telehealth Worker or a Community Health Worker**. The training is based on “Ready CNA,” a video-based online course which can be completed in about 30 hours. It’s hosted on Absorb LMS and produced in cooperation with General George Casey (US Army Ret.) and the Yale School of Public Health.

Upon completion, these volunteers will provide basic assistance, reduce suffering and save lives locally and across the nation. How? By helping our health care providers to focus more of their attention where it is most needed. Check out the opportunities on VolunteerSurge.com.