

The Path to Making A Difference

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We Rotarians aspire to do a little bit of healing in the<br/>world with everything we touch – and not just for<br/>the moment, but for the long term.stricken with polio again.Polio of course will contin

I felt the tug to help heal the world at an incredibly young girl at the age of 5. I recall, perhaps like many of you, those days as young children when we played hard from morning until night with our friends in our

neighborhood. We skipped rope, played ball, and hide and seek and at the end of the day planned long and hard about what we might do tomorrow! You see, one of those friends from my childhood, who I'll name Suzie, was



and one day Suzie mysteriously disappeared from my life. I kept asking my mother if I could play with Suzie and asked where she went. Finally, one day my mother, with tears in her eyes, told me that Suzie had a disease called polio and we wouldn't ever play again. Suzie, you see had succumbed to Polio, and those "big plans for tomorrow" disappeared as well.

awfully close to me

I hadn't thought about (Suzie) for many years until three of my clients asked me to join Rotary back in 1989 and that is when I first learned about Rotary and its commitment to end polio around the world... yes, 30 plus years ago! Suddenly, my heart was five years old, and I was playing hopscotch with Suzie. Polio of course will continue to be Rotary's #1 priority and I know that you will all continue to support this effort until we have seen that last case of Polio and beyond. In fact, due to the pandemic the distribution of the Polio vaccine was disrupted,



helping to curb the affects of Covid 19.

Being part of Rotary has been one of the great joys of my life. And helping to lead our Foundation, as its first woman chair and current Trustee has been one of the most gratifying experiences I've ever had. Fellow Rotarians, we've accomplished so much, and we are so close.

Your continued support is needed, our mission is to create lasting change as is stated in our new vision statement. Please ensure you make gifts, no matter how big or small, to both PolioPlus and to the Annual Fund-Share as frequent as you are able, set up recurring gifts on Rotary Direct.

Your complete support is greatly needed to help keep up with the high demands on the needs we witness around the globe – the incredible life changing and transformational projects that you continue to make happen as a committed Rotarian or Rotaractor.

"And I knew immediately that I needed to join Rotary to help ensure that no little girl or boy would ever be stricken with polio again. "

however we can be so very proud that the infrastructure that Rotary helped create to fight Polio has been a critical component in

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### Inside this issue

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## The Spirit of Ubuntu

#### Savi Bhim, Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator

We welcome you to the first Rotary Foundation newsletter of Districts 5240, 5300 and 5330. It is our aim to inform and to inspire you and we hope this will motivate you to continue to support the Rotary Foundation.

More importantly, we hope you will become part of our team by sending us your feedback, your questions and your foundation stories to rotarysavi@gmail.com.

This newsletter is called **Ubuntu** [ùbúnt'ù]), which is a word from the ancient Zulu tribe in South Africa meaning "I am because we are."

Now that we have faced the Corona Virus

crisis, our interconnectedness has never been more evident. The entire world has been brought to its feet and it does not matter your ethnicity, your country or how important you are, the virus attacks without discrimination and the action of one, affects all, we can only come out of this is collectively because none of us is safe until all of us are safe.

## There is a popular story that succinctly describes the spirit of **UBUNTU**:

An anthropologist was in Africa studying the social behavior of an indigenous tribe. He invited a group of children to play a game. He placed a basket of fruits under a tree and asked the children to race towards it and the one who reached first would win the basket of fruits.

The children instead of running individually held each other's hands and together they ran towards the basket. Only when they all reached the basket did they proceed to share the fruits.

The astonished anthropologist asked them why they waited for each other when one of them could have

had all the fruits.

The children shook their heads and replied "Ubuntu, how can one of us be happy if all the others are sad."

As we embark on Rotary Year 2021-2022 let us be reminded in all the things we do, to practice the spirit of Ubuntu.

The Environment—Rotary's New Area of Focus



Supporting the environment becomes Rotary's seventh area of focus. Through the years, Rotary has carried out thousands of projects to protect the environment. In just the last five years, we've allocated \$18 million to projects that help our planet. These include: providing clean water, supporting sustainable farming or utilizing clean energy. Members have even more opportunities to focus on issues that are important to them, now that the environment is one of the causes we focus on.

Rotary members were already able to use global grants to fund projects that benefit the environment through the existing areas of focus. So what's new? Under the environment area of focus, Rotary members can tap into global grant funding specifically for initiatives such as:

- Restoring habitat, planting native vegetation, and removing invasive plant and animal species
- Protecting endangered species and preventing illegal wildlife trade
- Addressing overfishing, pollution, and coastal erosion
- Educating communities in conservation and resource management
- Supporting eco-friendly agriculture and sustainable fisheries
- Promoting the use of traditional and Indigenous knowledge in resource management
- Supporting the transition to energyefficient transportation
- Eliminating exposure to environmental toxins
- Reducing food waste

Like all global grant projects, those under the environment area of focus will require a community assessment and must be sustainable.

Applications under the environment area of focus will be accepted starting 1 July. Learn more at <u>rotary.org/environment</u>.

Just like every other living thing, we are a part of nature. But we are also the only species that bears the responsibility of protecting the environment for future generations. We live in a world of great stress to our environment of rapidly rising sea levels, massive storms, disappearing rainforests and wildlife and destructive forest fires. We can truly move mountains when we come together. Building upon this work to protect the environment, we will give yet another Rotary gift to future generations. And you can be a part of it today.

K.R. Ravindran Rotary International Past President & Foundation Trustee Chair 2020-2021

Improving the environment is crucial not only to the well being of the planet but to the health of the billions of people who inhabit it . We can create a world that is healthier and more prosperous for us and our children.

Barry Rassin 2018-19 Rotary International President







# The Rotary Foundation—Did you know?

# The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world.

Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects. At the 1917 convention, outgoing Rotary president Arch Klumph proposed setting up an endowment "for the purpose of doing good in the world." That one idea, and an initial contribution of \$26.50, set in motion a powerful force that has transformed millions of lives around the globe.

With your help, we can make lives better in your community and around the world.

#### **Our mission**

The mission of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

#### What impact can one donation have?

- For as little as 60 cents, a child can be protected from polio.
- \$50 can provide clean water to help fight waterborne illness.
- \$500 can launch an antibullying campaign and create a safe environment for children.

*"We should not live for ourselves alone, but for the joy in doing good for others. "* 

-Arch C. Klumph, 1929





### In Case You Don't Know, Now You Know

In Dec 2020 The Rotary Foundation received the Charity Navigator's four star rating which is the highest possible rating . This marks 13 consecutive years that The Rotary Foundation has received this rating . The Charity Navigator is an independent evaluator of approximately 160,00 Non Profits charities in the US.

The Rotary Foundation has introduced a competitive \$2 million Programs of Scale grant to provide Rotary members with the resources to implement large-scale, high impact programs in Rotary's areas of focus . Learn more at Programs of Scale at Rotary.org.

In 1930 Paul Harris and fellow Rotarian Edgar Allen drew up "The Crippled Children's Bill of Rights" which led to the first federal funding for children's services in the United States, written into the Social Security Act in 1935.

Little Free Library was launched by Todd Bol of the Rotary Club of Hudson in 2012. It is cute little libraries of free book. Rotary clubs have embraced this project and Little Free Libraries can be found throughout that US and across the globe including the Kyangwali Refugee settlement in Uganda and North of the Arctic Circle of Finland . Learn more at <u>littlefreelibrary.org</u>.

# District 5240 Helps Light the World

Over a billion people around the world are without electricity or only have intermittent service. The Carpinteria Morning Rotary Club has partnered with Unite to Light (UTL) for more than 10 years in "lighting the world and changing lives" with Luke Lights. UTL worked with the Santa Barbara Institute for Energy Efficiency to create solar lights to replace kerosene lamps and Luke Lights were created. More than 120,000 around the world have been converted. The next need was solar cell chargers as people needed cell phones but still had no reliable way to charge them. UTL developed the wallet-sized folding 3 solar panel charging bank that charges not only phones, but also Kindles, and fetal heart monitors.



Recently Rotarian Mary Layman from the Carpinteria Morning Club supported the Roatan Village Project on a small island off the coast of Honduras with a shipment of 100 Luke Lights. Rotarian Robert Taylor the 2021-22 President of the Coronado Club, created a 100 Luke Light Project that benefited the La Hacienda Orphanage in Tijuana Mexico and used Interactors to help.

Luke Lights have been used around the world for grants in all 7 areas of focus.

So how can your club participate? Unite to Light will provide matching lights to Rotary Clubs with a simple online form outlining your qualifying. project.

Download the one-page matching grant form at <u>UnitetoLight.org/Rotary</u> or <u>https://www.unitetolight.org/</u> <u>rotary.html#/</u>.

## Inside Rotary District 5240 Dana Moldovan, District Governor 2021-2022

Meet DG Dana Moldovan. She joined Rotary in 2002 and is currently a member of Rotary Club Westlake Village. At the Rotary International Level, DG Dana is the Inter Country Committee (ICC) National Coordinator for USA. She started the first ICC of USA with her country-of-origin Romania in 2003 and has traveled extensively for various Rotary projects including polio campaigns in Nigeria and India.

Dana became a Rotarian to work on projects to help people especially, children in need. She feels that children are the responsibility of all of us and we must make sure they have good conditions to bloom.

In the last several years she was a presenter, talking about Peace & Conflict Resolution & Prevention Projects and Initiatives at Rotary International Conventions, Zone Institutes and Peace Conferences.

Dana also serves on the Board of Directors for several organizations including, Mediators Beyond Borders International, which is an approved Service Partner for Rotary International, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ventura County, and is on the advisory board of "Social Entrepreneurship & Change" Master Program of Pepperdine University. She is also a trained mediator and mediated hundreds of cases in the Los Angeles Courts.

Dana's classification is Software Engineering. She has a Master's Degree in both Electrical Engineering & Telecommunications and in Dispute Resolution from Pepperdine University. She was a partner in a high-tech company that was acquired by a public company. After completing her contract with the buyer, she began working full time on humanitarian projects. She started a nonprofit organization: "Children Skills for Life" whose mission is to help children build their future through education.

Dana believes in The Rotary Foundation and its ability to transform lives. For this reason, she became a Major Donor, a Bequest Society member, a Benefactor and a Paul Harris Society Member. She is a strong supporter of the Annual Fund Program because this is what allows us to work on projects and continue to do good in the world.

# District 5330 BUTTERFLY PROJECT

Our Club is part of Million Pollinators Garden Movement. On our 23rd anniversary we partnered with Bordando Nuestras Raices to provide art supplies for their butterfly project. This lead to us learning about the Monarch butterfly's journey and coming up with the idea to provide a landing ground for Monarch butterflies, which is phase one for a larger scale Urban Garden that will have:

**Education & Training** 

-Eco-education and interdisciplinary community events -Events to promote and mix educational or organizational opportunities

#### Gathering & Inclusion

-Seek to remove the barriers of cost, access, age, influence, and ability from community events -Development of social and educational capital between citizens and the building of organizational capacity between public and private institutions, non -profits, and their constituents -Create spaces and opportunities for disparate groups to connect (sensory garden and meditation/ yoga; Grandparent's day; food trucks during farm-to-table lessons; skills training with support groups; yoga and garden therapy; medicinal plants and defensible space) -Team building

Growth & Better Living

-Provide produce to the public -Augment current food distribution -Provide native and waterwise plants for sale -Create a physic garden



## Inside Rotary District 5300 Elizabeth Berry, District Governor 2021-2022

Elizabeth "Betsy" McDonough Barry joined Rotary Club of Upland in 2005. She served as club president, 2015-2016. She served for two years as District Membership Chair.

Betsy's husband, Roy is a member Upland Rotary. Roy will serve as president for 2019-2020.

Betsy served on the Upland City Council (1991-1998) and became Mayor Pro Tem (1996-1998). She was President of the Western San Bernardino County Bar Association (2002).

Betsy and Roy and their daughter, Maggie live in Yorba Linda, California. They serve as the liaison between Maggie's school, St. Francis of Assisi and St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church. Betsy is a lector at the parish. Betsy serves as Treasurer for Maggie's Girl Scout Troop. She is a member of the Kappa Delta Alumnae Chapters for Orange County and San Bernardino County.

Born in San Bernardino, California, she graduated from Upland High School; earned a bachelor's degree in political science with a minor in Business Administration, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona; and a juris doctor from Western State University, College of Law.

Betsy and Roy are attorneys at Barry and Barry, in Upland, specializing in probate, real property, business, and litigation.

Betsy's best Rotary moments include "Shopping at Target" where 100 underprivileged local children are given \$100.00 to buy Christmas presents; and reading and distributing books to Title I school children in grades K through third grade.

During Betsy's year as President, 35 traffic signs were installed near every school in Upland to warn drivers to "Drive Carefully, Protect Our Children."

## Inside Rotary District 5330 Dan Goodrich, District Governor 2021-2022

I am humbled to have this opportunity to lead my District 5330 for Rotary year 2021-22.

The Rotary Foundation has always been my passion because this is how we get our work done. Through our contributions we change the lives of people whom we may never meet. Children get the opportunity of a promising future through education and a healthy life because of access to clean water.

For over a century Rotary has promoted Peace around the world through our mission to alleviate the suffering of others.

How cool it is that Rotary is now taking initiatives of protecting our planet by adopting the environment as a new area of focus.

The Rotary Foundation and membership go hand in hand. When people see the good work that Rotary does in their communities and across the world, they too want to have the opportunity to serve. I see District 5330 in the 21-22 year growing in service, following our Rotary International president's direction of Rotary Days of Service.

We have an opportunity to be the change makers in our communities and around the world.

It is an exciting time for us to be Rotarians and for the difference we will make.



# District 5300 Teams Up for the Owls

The Huntington Library, Art Museum and Botanical Gardens is a highly successful and historic organization located in San Marino. CA. Included in the 203-acre site are a dozen thematic gardens on 102 acres. Although the library is home to some of the most instantly familiar attractions on the planet, but you will be hard-pressed to even locate Olivia Lee's contribution to the property. In fact, it's doubtful one can even legally enter the grounds where the San Marino Girl Scout's handiwork can be found and there will be no exhibit tags to explain their significance.

Girl Scout Olivia Lee, working toward a Golden award, presented a plan to install 30 owl houses for barn owls to control rodents without the use of chemicals. The plan was accepted by Huntington and mentored by the Director of Botanical Gardens - Jim Folsom, a San Marino Rotarian. Olivia designed, built, and installed the houses on the grounds.



"The goal of my project is to decrease the amount of rodents at the Huntington Library without having to use toxic chemicals," explained Lee, "Building these boxes will attract barn owls, which will hopefully create an equal balance of predators and prey."

She also implemented a blog and created a video of how to build the owl houses for other Scout members. She has a follow-up program to insure the houses are performing their intended function. The Rotary Club of San Marino granted \$1,000 of DDF to the project and an additional \$1,000, which the Girl Scout



#### What is a global grant?

It is a method of funding a project which is sponsored by two clubs from two different countries, ergo a <u>Global</u> Grant. The Host club is located in the Rotary district where the project will be conducted. The International partner club can be located in any country other than the host country. The minimum project size is \$30,000.

There are many advantages to global grants. Cash contributions to fund a global grant qualify for Paul Harris credit. Any District Designated Funds (DDF) committed to a project are matched by TRF at 80% (as of July 1, 2021). Having multiple clubs and districts involved expands the fundraising base, allows for more technical interchange and provides fellowship opportunities over the lifespan of the project. Note that TRF no longer matches any portion of cash contributions.

The <u>Rotary.org</u> website is full of resources to help guide you through the grant process. I have included several links in this article to applicable resources.

In order to participate as an international or host partner on a global grant, your club must complete the <u>TRF qualification process</u> which is described in Pub 1000 Guide to Global Grants. This process assures TRF that you understand the fundamentals of a Global Grant and that you are prepared to accept the financial obligations that go along with it. Make sure that your club is meeting your district's yearly requirements in order to be eligible.

The global grant process begins with a <u>com-</u> <u>munity needs assessment</u>. This assures that the process is based on a true need within the host community. When selecting a project it must address one or more of Rotary's seven <u>areas of focus</u>. These are PEACE BUILDING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION; DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT; WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE; MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH; BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY; COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; ENVIRONMENT (NEW IN 2021).

### Understanding the Global Grant Process Chas Wilson, District 5240 Global Grants Committee Chair

Several years ago, The Rotary Foundation (TRF) changed their grant strategy from matching grants to global grants. Their aim was to support larger, sustainable projects that met priority needs.

After identifying a need in the community, it is time to plan out a project to address that need. Execution of the project may be done by a Rotary club or by Cooperating Organizations which specialize in the planned scope of work. At this stage in the process, I always recommend a conversation with a <u>TRF staff member</u> to get an early assessment of your project's viability. Each Rotary district has a grant coordinator assigned to it who reviews and oversees all Global Grants taking place within one or more districts. This staff member is uniquely aware of the Rotary clubs and projects in their area of responsibility. Their input at this early stage can be crucial to the outcome of your project.

As your plans unfold, a schedule and budget must be prepared, funding must be secured and an International partner must be brought on board. If this is your first global grant, identifying a partner club in another country can be a challenge. If you have worked with an international partner in the past, you may be able to work with that same club again.

Finally, a global grant must be <u>sustainable</u>. The benefits to the community must not end when the project is completed and the final report is written. The aim is to have the goals of the project continue to be met far into the future.

Once the plans are in place, it is time to capture the details in the online tool at TRF. The figure below lists the remaining steps in the process.



The application process is started <u>online</u> and a grant number is automatically assigned. The grant remains in a Draft status while details are being finalized by all of the stake holders. When the data input and team review is complete, the grant application is "locked" and the application is moved to "Authorizations Required" status.

The requisite individuals are notified automatically to review and authorize the application. When all authorizations have been obtained, the grant automatically moves to the "Submitted" status and TRF staff are notified to begin the review process.

The TRF review process is approximately 4 weeks, but depends on the work load of each staff member. TRF reviewers may submit a list of questions to the applicants that must be answered before they can take final action on the application.

When a grant application is approved, a project bank account must be opened by either the host or International partner. At the same time, the cash contributions are sent to TRF. When all cash has been collected, the DDF and World Fund portions are automatically added and the funds are transferred into the project account and the project is underway.

Annual progress reports are required and are submitted via the same online tool that was used for the original application. When the final report has been submitted and accepted, the grant is closed. Congratulations.

As you may have noticed, there is some rigor in this process that has evolved over the years. Although this involves effort by the partner clubs, this assures that the process produces quality projects that will have long term impact. For those of us who have successfully completed a Global Grant, I can state that it was very worthwhile and immensely rewarding.

Don't be afraid to tackle the challenge. Support is available from the RI website, TRF staff, district teams and even your fellow club members. Start <u>HERE</u> to begin the adventure.



TWO - The total number of cases of the wild poliovirus Type 1 that occurred in the world since New Years Day.

**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-NINE** - The number of days since the last case of the **wild** poliovirus Type 1 occurred in Afghanistan.

**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-THREE** - The number of days since the last case of the **wild** poliovirus Type 1 occurred in Pakistan.

## A Look at Our Three Rotary Districts



Arroyo Grande Atascadero Bakersfield Bakersfield Breakfast Bakersfield East Bakersfield North Bakersfield Twilight Bakersfield West Buelton **Camarillo Rotary** Camarillo Sunrise Cambria Carpinteria Carpinteria Morning Carninteria Sunset Cayucos China Lake Conejo Valley Delano E-Club of One World Fillmore Goleta Goleta Noontime Grover Beach Indian Wells Valley Kern River Valley Lompoc Los Olivos Rotary Los Osos Montecito Moorpark Moorpark Morning Morro Bay Newbury Park Nipomo Ojai Ojai West Oxnard **Oxnard Sunrise** Paso Robles Rotarv Paso Robles Sunrise Passport Club of the Central Coast Pismo Beach-Five Cities RC5CE



**District Governor** Dana Moldovan

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District Governor Dan Goodrich

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Rotary is 1.2 million members in over 35,000 clubs all over the world. Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.