

ROTARY DISTRICT 5470

International Service News

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The Rotary District 5470 International Service Committee educates and nurtures Rotarians and clubs working in the seven Areas of Focus.

- ◇ It connects clubs
- ◇ It builds relationships
- ◇ It educates, assists, and may help

finance clubs' international project development and fulfillment efforts.

It also inspires Rotarians like you who chose to visit international projects and see first-hand how to *Serve to Change Lives*.

In this newsletter, we'll continue to show more of our many global grants as well as upcoming projects .

Share your club's international projects and interest with District International Service Chair [Peter Jeschofnig](#) who will share with District clubs.



“Volunteers are unpaid not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.” – Anonymous

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Clean water...basic to life
Rotary's working on it



HOW ROTARY CHANGED MY LIFE

By Charles Albert, Durango High Noon RC

This is about international projects of years past, but the principles still apply today.

I joined High Noon Rotary in Durango, Colorado in 1988. It was a fun club with about 100 members. In my early years, our club had some local projects but not anything international. At that time, I enjoyed the camaraderie with the members, but didn't have any particular interest in working on local or international service projects.

At a club meeting one day, the president asked me to be the International Chairman. I don't know why I was asked, but I said I would do it and didn't have any idea what I needed to do. A little later Joe Williams came to me and said that he had met two Rotarians from Mexico City and they would like our club to help with their project, La Desayunador, to feed poor children breakfast at a public primary school in Mexico City. He was extremely excited about this collaboration and said that the Mexican Rotarians were coming to Durango to meet with us and explain their project and since I am the International Chairman that I should be there. I wasn't particularly interested and I didn't understand what this might involve but I said I would be there, kind of as a favor to Joe.

At the meeting in Durango, Joe and I met with Lino and Jorge, two Rotarians from the La Villa club in Mexico City. Both were very impressive businessmen. Later, I learned that Lino was the owner of a tour bus company in Mexico City and Jorge was the owner of a paint manufacturing company that sold paint all over Mexico.

The project the club was working on, La Desayunador, was conducted in an area of Mexico City called Rincon Cerca Del Cielo where poor rural people from all over Mexico gathered to look for jobs. The project was at a primary school where the children had very little food so the project was providing them with a breakfast every school day.

We decided to apply for a Rotary Foundation grant to fund the breakfast project for one year. Joe, Lino, Jorge and I worked to prepare the grant application. During this process, I got to know and gain a great respect for Lino and Jorge.

This was the beginning of a life-changing attitude for me. It is natural for us in our family, our club, our Rotary District, our community and our nation to believe that we are of superior character and intelligence to those in other nations and cultures. In working with Lino, Jorge and other members of the La Villa Club in the preparation of this grant application and other projects that our clubs worked on, I learned that there are good and capable men in Mexico and other countries too.

As it turned out the breakfast grant application was approved. Several members of our club went to Mexico City to view the project and were treated in a gracious and grand manner while we were welcomed and hosted in the homes of club members.

Later on, we again partnered on a wheelchair project with the La Villa Club. The High Noon Club paid for half a container of wheelchairs; the Wheel Chair Foundation paid for the other half which were all delivered to Mexico City. The La Villa club made arrangements with several organizations around Mexico City to find recipients for the chairs. Several members of the High Noon Club went to Mexico City to participate in the distribution of the wheelchairs. Again, we were hosted by the La Villa Club in grand fashion. Lino provided one of his ultra-modern tour buses to take the High Noon members to the various distribution locations and tourist sites in Mexico. Many wonderful friendships were formed on this trip.

HOW ROTARY CHANGED MY LIFE (cont.)

By Charles Albert, Durango High Noon RC

Many clubs in the district are involved in international projects. For the most part, this involves setting aside some percentage of their available funds to go to international projects. This is great, however, there is a second step that I believe should be taken.

There are some good international projects going on now. Typically, the way this goes is that there are a few members in a few clubs that initiate a project and then request other clubs for funding for the project. What I believe is missing here is that there are only a few Rotarians in our district who are directly involved with the Rotarians in the receiving club. This is partly caused by Rotary Foundation's policy that grants should be very large. This makes it more efficient for their staff, but results in less Rotarian-to-Rotarian contact, connection, friendship and cultural exchange and understanding.

Over the years I have been involved in over 50 international projects in various locations- mostly Mexico and Central America. Most of these were initiated through the Uniendo America Central America Project Fairs. I have gotten to know many outstanding Rotarians. One of those in particular who stands out is Juan Foster of the Club Guatemala Nordeste. He served in Rotary work until he was in his 90's. He passed on a few years ago.

I will always be grateful to Joe Williams for introducing me to my first Rotary International project. About 10 years ago, I established an NGO called Escuela San Mateo which sponsors vocational education in Senahu, Guatemala and other nearby indigenous areas in the highlands. These projects have been rewarding and life enriching for me. I feel I have met and worked with some of the best people in this part of the world. I recommend you get seriously involved in one of your club's projects and make a difference in your life too.



Nicaragua Water Project – El Paraiso and La Guayabas, Nicaragua

Bringing Clean Running Water and Home Latrines to 2 Villages

By Melanie Phelps - Pueblo West Rotary Club

Two villages deep in the tropical dry forest of Nicaragua are getting clean water delivered directly into their homes thanks to Rotary International and a grant written by the Pueblo West Rotary Club. Each home will also have a new outdoor latrine system to ensure better hygiene and mitigate water borne diseases for the two hundred people in El Paraiso and La Guayabas, Nicaragua. The people of the villages will be involved in the construction, maintenance, and oversight of these systems, which will also provide employment for the locals. The construction is being undertaken through a Colorado company, that has built many water systems throughout Nicaragua. El Porvenir means the future in Spanish. El Porvenir is leading the way into the future of clean water in Nicaragua, through their engineering expertise.

This dream for clean water had humble beginnings in the IB Environmental Class of Palmer High School in Colorado Springs. When Melanie Phelps, the teacher, showed the class a photo she had taken while in Uganda, of women walking for miles to a mud/water hole to get water for their families and then a photo of the women bathing their babies, washing clothes and getting drinking water from the same source, the students emphatically declared that they had to do something to help. Those high school students formed an Interact Rotary Club and raised over \$13,000 for the Nicaragua Water Project. They donated \$10,000 to the Colorado Springs Rotary Club, who wrote the first grant and built water systems in two villages in Nicaragua, and they donated the remaining \$3,000 to the Pueblo West Rotary Club. With this seed money, much community fundraising and support from many District 5470 Rotary and Interact Clubs, Pueblo West Rotarians were awarded an Rotary International Grant, and the clean water wells are becoming a reality. So, from the hearts of teenagers who care, to the homes of villages in Nicaragua, the dream of clean water has taken flight. Between the two Rotary International Grants, the people in four villages will be able to turn a tap in their homes and have pure, clean, safe water flowing. The people will be able to walk outside their homes to use clean latrines that ensure their drinking water will remain uncontaminated. Kids are our future, and we are in good hands.



Sincere thanks to the many Rotary Clubs in District 5470 who contributed to this project.



D-5470 Assistance to Ukraine via Slovakia (D-2240) Via Kristi Redlinger, Grand Junction Horizon Sunrise RC

Kristi Redlinger of the Grand Junction Horizon Sunrise Rotary club and our district's Youth Exchange chair has been in touch with our Youth Exchange partner country Slovakia (D-2240). Stefania Duricova of the Rotary Club Košice in Slovakia is a member of the international aid team, which coordinates the help from different clubs and districts across the globe to support our initiatives. Stefania provided the following summary.

"Currently, we are working on the whole coordination process to get as much humanitarian help into Ukraine, to those fleeing the country, and to help evacuate civilians to the neighboring countries and further. At the moment we are preparing a document in which we will explain all the necessary material aid and financial aid that is needed. We are running more activities - such as transport of medicaments, food, clothing, hygiene products by train to Uzhgorod, from where these items are distributed forward. From now on, a train will be running to inland Ukraine with this aid. We are also loading trucks to Uzhgorod to a central storage, from there Ukrainian trucks are distributing the goods elsewhere, and help at the borders.

We have already been supported by numerous Rotary Clubs and Districts and we are grateful for any help."

The Grand Junction Horizon Sunrise club has committed \$5000 to D2240.

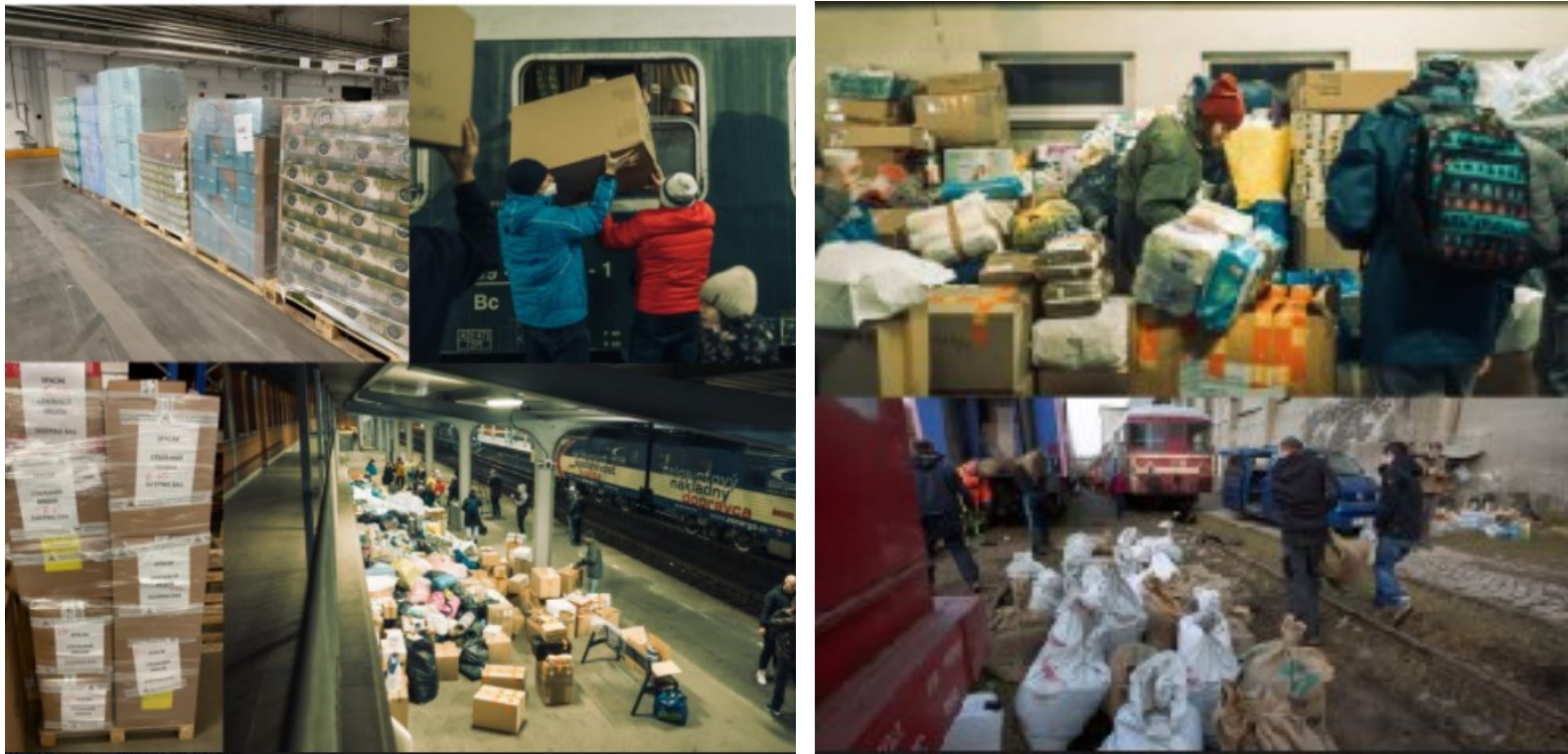
Kristi has already set up an account for donations to D-2240 (a direct neighbor of Ukraine)

<https://www.givsum.com/opportunities/ukrainian-refugee-relief-c601edd67>

As of March 7, an additional \$4170 was raised through this link, and Kristi will be sending the first wire this week and will send additional wires periodically as more funds come in.

Kristi is happy to forward emails from D2240 to anyone who requests them. Her email is

districtchair@mountainandplainsrye.com



D-5470 Friendship Exchange with Botswana

May 16 - May 29, 2022

By Amy McBride - Rotary Club of Gaborone

We have a few seats remaining on a planned Friendship Exchange between District 5470 and the Rotary Club of Gaborone. Participants will leave for Botswana on 16 May and return on 29 May. Expected total costs are approximately \$3,000 per person (including all meals, flights, lodging, other transportation, and fees). The trip is open to fully vaccinated Rotarians and their family/friends. If you are interested, please contact Trip Organizer Amy McBride of the Rotary Club of Gaborone (and formerly of the Rotary Club of Montrose) at amylopermcbride@gmail.com or on WhatsApp at +19704338779.

Here are ten reasons why you should visit Botswana:

It has the world's largest population of elephants.

Over 500 species of birds have been recorded in Botswana.

You can easily see the "Big Five"—Cape buffalo, lions, leopards, rhinos, and elephants.

It's the newly-declared "evolutionary birthplace of humankind."

Animals roam freely in the nearly half of Botswana that is protected through national parks, reserves, and management areas.

Victoria Falls, the world's largest waterfall (by surface area) is next door!

The climate is mild...with highs in the 80s and lows around 50 in May.

There are no vaccination requirements, and Botswana is one of the safest countries for travel in Africa. [Do note that malaria prophylaxis is recommended.]

The people! Extremely friendly! And fun!

The proposed itinerary has you flying to Gaborone (the capital city) and recovering for a day with local Rotarians, including dinner, drinks, and a bird's eye view of the city atop Botswana's tallest building. Then it's off to Khama Rhino Sanctuary where you'll sleep under a baobab tree and go on a game drive to see wildebeest, zebras, giraffes, kudu, and rhinos (of course).

Then you'll head to the Makgadikgadi Pans, one of the world's largest salt flats, to enjoy its incredible tranquility. You'll have two nights in Kasane, on the edge of Chobe National Park which is home to the highest concentration of elephants in Botswana. You will enjoy a morning game drive and hopefully see leopards and lions and amazing birds, like the Kori bustard (Botswana's national bird and Africa's largest flying bird). In the afternoon, you'll cruise down the Chobe River and see bathing hippos and elephants, crocodiles and Cape buffalo.

Along the way we will visit nongovernmental organizations that are working with Botswana's orphans and vulnerable children, meet dikgosi (chiefs) and other leaders, and learn about Botswana's rich history and culture.

Victoria Falls is next. You'll travel across the Zambezi River on the newly-opened Kazungula Bridge and stay in Livingstone, Zambia (named for the famed explorer and there's an excellent museum about him). You'll spend a day at the Mosi-o-a-Tunya National Parks (there's one in Zimbabwe and one in Zambia), taking in the glory of the Falls. If you'd like, you can bungee jump off the Victoria Falls Bridge, take a helicopter flight, or raft the Zambezi.



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From there, we will cross the Caprivi Strip of Namibia to Shakawe in northwestern Botswana. We will visit Tshodilo Hills, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to more than 4,500 rock paintings. Then it's back to Gaborone, where you can either fly home, or do as an Australian Friendship Exchange group that visited Botswana in 2020 did and book a side trip to Cape Town, South Africa to partake in its amazing beauty, wine, food, and penguins!

The friendship exchange trip by Botswana Rotarians to Colorado is being planned for later this year or next year.

Aasvoelness school garden, Namibia - Update

A Glenwood Springs Sunset RC Project

By Nathan Turvaville, Auas Windhoek RC, Namibia

The Auas Rotary Club in Windhoek, Namibia, is happy to report that the Aasvoelness School Garden is fully operational. While the first harvest is still about a month away, it has already begun being utilized as an educational environment for its students.

The garden officially opened with a visit from the Honorable Minister of Education, Arts and Culture for Namibia, Mrs Anna Nghipondoka, on Friday, 25 February 2022.

The Minister wished to thank the Rotary Club for its continued support of disenfranchised and underserved communities like Aasvoelness and reiterated her commitment to working as a partner with the club to ensure the ongoing viability and productivity of the schools garden.

While the construction of the greenhouse, fence, shed, and irrigation systems are complete, this does not mean that our partnership with the school is over.

A significant component of this partnership will come in the way of training for the students, faculty, and community members involved in the upkeep of the farm to be held over the next few months.

We are also committed to helping the school with other issues, such as improving their access to clean, safe, and reliable drinking water and will begin working on digging the school a new solar-powered borehole and installing a water storage system in the next few months.

Thank you to everyone involved in making this project happen, and I look forward to sharing more information on the progress of the farm, school, and students in the coming months!



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Providing Water, Sanitation, & Hygiene to Kaimosi, a Rural Healthcare Facility in Kenya Via Dr. Billy Jivetti, Albuquerque RC



In 1968 Rose Jivetti from the small village of Emmaus, near Kaimosi in Western Kenya had a dream to construct a medical center that would be built to support expecting and new mothers and to provide immunization for children under 5 years of age. While Rose worked as a midwife and nurse in the community in the 1960s she realized over 50% of all births were performed outside of a medical center. Births at home were, and are dangerous, and many mothers and children died. If the children did survive, the next 5 years were critical. Whooping cough, malaria and diarrhea claimed many young children.

In 2007 Rose and family members embarked in a program of community health initiatives including malaria campaigns and preventative medicine, but soon realized the plans were short-lived and began to plan for a more sustainable and wide-reaching solution. A plot of land was purchased in 2010 and fundraising began to construct the Fellbaum Health Center Facility in the village. Today, Rose's dream of a three-story health facility stands and is nearing completion. When completed, this health center will change the lives of the community.

The Rotary Club of Albuquerque, where Dr. Billy Jivetti is a member (son of Rose), is working in coordination with the nearby Sagam Rotary Club in Western Kenya to collaborate on

developing a clean and reliable water supply for the community and health care facility consisting of a drilled deep bore-hole well, solar pumping system, raised water storage tank and distribution network. In addition, we are seeking to add a sewage tank/septic system for the health center and a medical waste incinerator, all aimed at improving the health and hygiene of the community. The facility when completed will serve and benefit a population base near 30,000 in Western Kenya. Gastrointestinal diseases are rampant in these communities due to unclear water supply and poor sanitation issues.

The global grant request for these so needed items is \$300,000. We are seeking the support of Rotary Clubs, Rotaract Clubs, and individuals that understand the desperate need for this project. We thank you for any type of investment you may be able to provide to truly make a difference in Kenya.

Pine River Valley Rotarian Dr. Richard (Dick) Grossman and his wife Gaye are contributors to Billy's hospital, as is the Pine River Valley Rotary Club.

Pine River Valley Rotary Club connected with Billy Jivetti in 2020 and encouraged him to consider establishing a local Rotary club. Efforts commenced in earnest when Billy recruited people, conducted training sessions, and on February 2, 2022, the Rotary Club of Kaimosi was chartered. "We were so overjoyed and thrilled by such an accomplishment for a rural community like ours. We feel so proud to have joined the Rotary International community," Billy says

Billy is looking for "Sister Clubs" to collaborate with the Rotary Club of Kaimosi on club-to-club partnerships for collaboration on Rotary's focus in Disease Prevention and Treatment; Water and Sanitation; Maternal and child health; Basic education and Literacy; Economic and Community Development.

For more information, please contact Dr. Billy:
Dr. Billy Jivetti; Email: JivettiBA@gmail.com;
Ph: (505)448-9665



International Hometown Heroes Recognition Project

By Linda Carlson, Cañon City RC

This new project was greatly appreciated by our community and has brought thanks and recognition to the participating Rotary Clubs and other organizations. It is a different kind of 'international' project, celebrating our local military serving overseas.

Parents-Supporters of Military-Fremont County was founded 6 years ago. Members provide "Send-Off" celebrations for local military recruits - to date, we have held over 80 send-offs. This appreciation is followed up by sending Christmas and Valentine's Day cards and letters from school children, friends and citizens. Annual goodie boxes, containing treats, novelties, toiletries and small gifts are also sent to all those who have joined up in the past 6 years.

Now, an exciting new annual project has been founded by the Parents-Supporters of Military Fremont County, together with Cañon City and Florence Rotary Clubs. The goal is to recognize our service military in a grand fashion.

The Hometown Heroes Celebration was proposed to recognize our local service military personnel currently serving our country, here and overseas, in a public display. A photo of each person in uniform was acquired to create 3ft by 5 ft banners, to honor them. During this inaugural celebration event, in Fall 2021, banners were hung for 8 weeks in downtown Cañon City and Florence, honoring 40 of the 92 local active military. There is the capacity to hang over 90 banners. The Mayors and City Administrators approved this concept, and the display lasted from October through Veterans Day. Beneficiaries were our service men and women, their families, friends and the community.

The celebration culminated with a gathering and formal ceremony in Veterans Park, Cañon City, which was attended by over 150 local citizens. Cañon City Mayor, Ashley Smith said: "We're here today to pay tribute to all who have taken time to sacrifice for our country and ensure our freedom in America. We have a debt to those who answered the call of the uniform so we might be free." Brochures for the project, including photographs of the honorees were handed out.

With support from other local benefactors in future years, this event will continue to be held. By spreading the word, the goal of honoring every individual in service, will be achieved. Several of our Rotarians have children and grand-children serving, and others are themselves retired military personnel.



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Hometown Heroes

11/12/2021

Fremont County salutes those in military service

Recruiter: "This town is probably the most pro-military, patriotic"

By Olivia Johnson
The Daily Record

The Parents/Supporters of Military-Fremont County and Cañon City Rotary Club program met Thursday in Veterans Park, along with many veterans and families, to celebrate the many young men and women from Cañon City who are serving in the United States Armed Forces.

The Parents/Supporters of Military program was founded by Tonya Wolf and Carrie Canterbury in February 2015 and has since grown to include shipper ceremonies and care package development for local active-duty servicemen and women. Thursday's ceremony was just one of their community outreach events.

Decorated war veterans dotted the audience, as well as mothers, fathers, siblings and friends, who sought to support those who are currently serving. Red, white and blue flags flapped in the crisp breeze as Mayor Ashley Smith approached the microphone.

"We have a debt that we owe for those that answered the call and donned a uniform so that we might be free," Smith said.

Retired U.S. Army Major Edward Williamson completed the invocation by asking the audience to stand, remove any head coverings, and participate in an opening prayer.

The Cañon City High School JROTC team then presented the colors, offering a moment of solemn silence for the audience followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. CCHS Encore! member, Rain Rosales, then performed a show-stopping rendition of the National Anthem.



Olivia Johnson / Daily Record

Audience members wave their flags during Thursday's ceremony at Veterans Park.

Leona Bennett gave a short summary of the Parents/Supporters of Military and what they do, namely, the 40 banners of active, local servicemen and women that have been placed on Main Street.

"One of the things we want to happen is to spread the word," Bennett said. "We want to make sure that next year we even have more (banners) of our active-duty members up there. So if you know anybody who might have a kid or a grandchild in the military, please tell them to contact us."

Keynote speaker Sgt. First Class Stephen Workman has been in Cañon City only a short time, since January, but he had nothing but glowing remarks to make on the commitment of the local people to their active service children and grandchildren.

"Out of 17 years in the service and over eight years in recruiting in three different states, this town is probably the most pro-military and patriotic town that I have ever been in," Workman said.

His assertion was met with an

encouraging round of applause.

Workman himself applauded the work of Parents/Supporters of Military by detailing the send-offs and care packages that the small organization crafts for those in active service.

"I would ask that you please thank those that served," Workman said. "If you see another man or woman out there that is currently in service, please shake their hand. It may not be their day, but it's going to be their day."

Mayor Smith requested that the audience rise to provide a standing ovation for all retired military servicemen and women.

In closing, Bob Weir sang "God Bless the U.S.A." accompanied by guitar. During the song, the Royal Gorge Route Railroad sent out a blaring train whistle which, coincidentally, commemorated 11:11 a.m. Nov. 11, Veterans Day. Though it was accidental, the train whistle served as a brilliant reminder that veterans all across America — and Fremont County — were receiving their due respect.

Update from Ethiopia

By Becky Kiser, East Colo. Springs RC

Tesfaye and I went out to visit our girls last week. We made the hard decision to take the trip in spite of warnings of civil conflict and destroyed roads. We followed our hearts and went anyway.

We left in the early morning and traveled for hours over rough roads. Finally we pulled up to the front of the high school. My mind was focused on what I wanted to do with our Trampled Rose girls when I looked up and suddenly saw a new classroom opened. It took me a moment or two before I realized it was a new computer lab with computers provided by Rotary Club of East Colorado Springs, Rotary Club of Colorado Springs, Ram-part Range Rotary club and our District 5470 grant.

I hope you enjoy a few of the photos (and a short video) of the harvest of what we do with the funds we gather in Rotary.



El Cojibo Senior Center Restoration Project, San Jose, Mexico

By Rick Routh, Durango High Noon RC

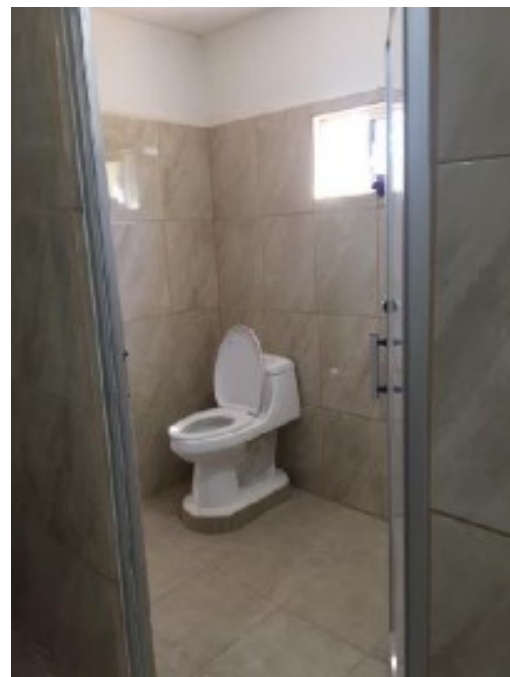
Near the resort town of San Carlos, Mexico, also near the Mexican town of Guaymas, is a small, rural, and very poor agrarian community called San Jose. For many years, locals from the Sonoran area have supported a senior center that accepts age 70+ Mexicans who can not afford....really anything. Some years ago, a hurricane-spawned flood caused a nearby river to broach and trash this senior center, named El Cojibo Senior Center.

The local San Carlos rotary club stepped up to organize, design, manage and fund a full restoration of the water, sewer, and buildings including fixtures and bathrooms. The El Cojibo center is not supported by any municipal agency, only with local donations of time/energy, food, and clothing, along with medical/dentistry volunteering.

The restoration project has been broken down into three phases over the last 3 years. Phase III is nearly complete. I personally toured the site back in December 2021 with the project managers. Steve Riedel of the San Carlos rotary club is the point person collecting funds from several Arizona rotary clubs to complete the Phase III final work, which is very close to 100% completion.

Three International committees from our Durango Colorado area: Durango High Noon, Durango Daybreak and Pine River, have donated \$5000 to donate to the El Cojibo rehab/restoration project.

I plan to visit the project in Fall 2022 to see how the funds have been spent.



Opportunities in Nigeria: School Restrooms, Girls Education, Safe Blood

By David Smith, Pagosa Springs RC, Global Grants Co-Chair

Most of the Global Grants managed by Rotary Clubs in our district were initiated by one, highly energized person who was personally interested in a specific project in a specific country. Although this approach is often successful, it is fraught with a major obstacle: How to find a Host Club Partner that will be a reliable partner?



Of the approximately 46,000 Rotary Clubs in the world, only a small number have the will or the ability to host a Global Grant. Finding a Rotary Club in a particular community to manage a particular project is usually a major challenge.

Partnering with Rotary Clubs that have already identified projects they would like to do is more likely to lead to success with less effort. I recently received an email from Linus Okezie Eze, who chairs District 9142 Grants Subcommittee for The Rotary Foundation. This district is located in SE Nigeria.

Linus has identified 6 Global Grant projects that clubs in his district would like to do. These projects are directed towards improving toilet facilities in schools, upgrading instruction in girls schools, and training to insure a safe blood supply. All fit within one or more of The Foundation's Areas of Focus.

The Host Clubs are not only willing and able to partner on these projects, they are hyper excited. They just need an International Partner, which could be your club.

Every dollar that clubs in our district contribute to a Global Grant is matched by an additional \$2.25 from District and TRF matches. Most Global Grants have a total budget of \$40,000 to \$80,000, which is enough money to do a lot of good. Although developing a Global Grant may appear difficult, the process is quite doable when you have a reliable Host Club partner.



For more information on these projects, contact: Linus Okezie EZE leo_okiizaa@yahoo.com

For information on how to prepare a Global Grant application, contact Melanie Phelps melaniephe@aol.com, or myself dsmith7@unl.edu.

Stick With It - Pins can tell the story of your Rotary experience by Ed Book, Chair, Rotary on Pins Fellowship

PIN, THE TALE: The array of Rotary pins is vast - representing service projects, annual themes, club offices, district conferences, and other events. The pins typically have some identifying information on them, such as a club name, district, or event date. You can use that information to search the internet to find out more about them. There are also people ready to help you out on Rotary on Pins' Facebook page.

TRADE VALUE: If fellowship members are interested in trading Rotary pins, they can join our trading group on Facebook. Trading is also really popular at in-person events - especially among Youth Exchange students, Rotaractors, and other younger members. I'll put some pins out on the table at conventions, and people will immediately start taking pins off their own jackets to trade - it's like nothing I've ever seen.

ALL TOGETHER: A good pin collection is in the eye of the beholder. If you're happy with it, you're good. If you like to look at your pin collection, talk about it, and engage with Rotary members and others by wearing your pins, then it's valuable. It's not about the number of pins you have or the monetary value; it's about representing what Rotary does for the community.

The first lapel pin in the history of the Rotary was designed and made by New York Rotary Club member, John Frick on October 14, 1909 and worn by the club's first president Bradford Bullock from 1909 until his premature death in 1911 (At the time, he was serving as VP of the National Association of Rotary Clubs).

Why wear a Rotary pin?

Reasons for wearing a pin varied: for publicity of Rotary, for pride, for acceptance and recognition, for the start of easy conversation with other Rotarians wherever you go. Wearing a Rotary Fellowship pin shows a Rotarian's vocation, his creational interest.

Past RI President Bob Barth (1993-94, from the Rotary Club of Aarau, Switzerland) felt that a Rotary pin says this about the wearer: "You can rely on me, I am dependable, I am reliable, I give more than I take, and I am available



D-5470 Pin designed by
PDG Laura Thompson

Rotaract Participation in Rotary grants

Via Meredith Burlew, Director of Grants, The Rotary Foundation

Beginning next Rotary year, Rotaract clubs can receive Rotary district grant funds or global grants to support their service efforts in their own communities and abroad. Districts can now include Rotaract clubs in their 2022-23 district grant spending plans. And in July, Rotaract clubs can apply for global grants.

We need to remember to invite Rotaractors to participate in grant management seminars so their clubs can become **qualified** to apply for global grants.

Learn more about how Rotaract clubs can get involved and how all clubs and districts can prepare, and find answers to frequently asked questions. <https://msgfocus.rotary.org/c/13TkcpIJyw6aNbAR7u9O2m0ZLiC5>

If you have any questions, please contact the appropriate committee chairs.



**The Future
of Rotary is
Rotaract**



Free Virtual Projects Fair - D-4240/4250 Central America March 25-26, 2022



Rotarians in District 5470 have been invited to attend a Virtual Fair conducted by D-4240/4250 (Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama)

If you are looking for a project in Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama you should attend this project fair.

Check out the projects fair program here: <https://projectfair4240-4250.org/program>

Register here: <https://projectfair4240-4250.org/register>



RI Director Suzi Howe & Past RI Director Brad Howard will be guest speakers

Global Grants Projects Involving Our clubs

Many of our clubs are the International Partners of Global Grants (GG) Projects around the world.

Our clubs also contribute to projects conducted by other districts.

Whether your club is the international partner in a project or is simply contributing to a project, remember that D-5470 is usually prepared to match your club's contributions from District Designated Funds (DDF).

To request D-5470 DDF, you need to complete a simple request form and send it to the D-5470 Global Grants Chair, David Smith < dsmith7@unl.edu >

Contact Us

Do you want to have your International Service project displayed in a future newsletter? Send the story and a few photos to pjeschofnig@gmail.com



Water & Sanitation Projects Around the World

Global Grants Basics:

- Large, long-term projects
- Sustainable, measurable outcomes
- Alignment with Areas of Focus
- Real community needs (via needs assessment)
- International partnerships (frequent communication)
- Implementation plan
- Proper Stewardship of funds
- Involve Rotary clubs in two districts
- Minimum budget of US\$28,000

For detailed instructions on Global Grants applications, check out David Smith's **GUIDE TO GLOBAL GRANTS:**
<http://www.rotary5470.org/SitePage/global-grants>

If you would like to be the international partner of a Global Grant or simply contribute to an existing D-5470 Global Grant, contact the Global Grants Committee chair, David Smith, dsmith7@unl.edu or Peter Jeschofnig, pjeschofnig@gmail.com