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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



D-5470 Supporting Girls in Education Global Grant # GG 2120048 Participation UPDATE By DG Becky Smith

We've raised \$12,000 so far. Many clubs have committed to support the effort but haven't sent in their check just yet.

Here are the clubs that have already donated:

Broadmoor District
RC of Grand Junction
RC of Glenwood Springs
RC of Glenwood Springs Sunset
Wet Mountain Valley RC
RC East Colorado Springs
Mt Sopris RC of Carbondale
North Colo Springs RC
Colo Springs RC
RC of Crested Butte
Rampart Range RC
Vail RC
RC of Durango High Noon
Salida Rotary Charitable Fund
Pikes Peak RC
Edwards RC
Dolores Rotary Club Foundation
RC of Cedaredge
Gallium Group

For a complete description of the project:

<https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000050015/en-ca/files/sitepage/d-5470-clubs-seeking-project-partners/d-5470-kenya-girls-educ-project/Emily-GPE-Flier-19th-Feb-2021--1-.pdf>

To download the donation form: <https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000050015/en-ca/files/sitepage/d-5470-clubs-seeking-project-partners/donation-form---kenya-girls-project/Donation-Form-for-Clubs.docx>



Manchichi Indigenous Midwife project, Panama

GG2121358 UPDATE # 1– Oct. 2021

By Dr. Nancy Kerr - Telluride RC

There have been a number of launch points since this journey began. The first was connecting with the two groups to become our principal implementation organizations – Phalarope (and especially Dr. Miriam Rittmeyer) in Savannah, Georgia and ASASTRAN, the traditional indigenous midwife group, in the Ngabe-Bugle Comarca about a year ago (September, 2020). This led to a formal in person meeting last November 12 at the Fundacion Nuestra Senora del Camino (FNSC) Catholic mission facility (helping pregnant indigenous women) in San Felix with representatives of Phalarope, MINSA, ASASTRAN, FNSC and the Boquete Rotary Club; resulting in an alignment of purposes amongst the various groups. Funding outreach was initiated, in earnest, last January at the Rotary Project Fair in Panama City (virtual) to introduce the project to a wider audience. Phase 1 community assessments were initiated back on March 15 with the opening of the Manchichi office at the Fundacion. With the successful completion and report of this assessment and accumulation of necessary funding pledges in June, the Global Grant 2121358 was formally sent to the Rotary Foundation and approved on August 26. October 1 represents the next important landmark as this was the day that the Manchichi project was officially started. Although the international travel suspension could easily have delayed the project for months to come, it was decided that valuable preparatory work could still be done via virtual communications between the Phalarope vocational team and implemented by the Manchichi staff. As well, we felt it was important to stay in the “slipstream” of the incredibly positive momentum that had been generated thus far amongst the various players and collaborating agencies.



And thus, Dr. Rittmeyer and her team have developed detailed itineraries for our Manchichi staff to begin the work for the next three months to build the necessary foundation of training, culturally specific modifications and infrastructure connectivity such that as soon as the ban is lifted the project can proceed with haste. Fortunately, our Manchichi staff of four capable and motivated women from the Comarca, have acquired valuable IT and related organizational skills during the community assessment phase through their work with Dr. Rittmeyer.

A list of goals to accomplish for this period were developed including:

1. Preparing contracts and hiring the staff (same personnel used in phase 1)
2. Renewal of contract for office space at FNSC and reset of the Manchichi office.
3. Purchase of all equipment needed for the training.
4. Review and translation of all educational materials of 3 training programs (modules already developed by Phalarope for successful projects in Guatemala).
5. Coordinating with Minister of Health (MINSA) the list of all the personal that will be trained with the cultural competency course.
6. Developing the referral system process in conjunction with MINSA and IGNTG, the Panama geographic Institute (integration of health providers and midwives).
7. Identify and enrollment of the first cohort of 50 community members per community in the 6 communities for the health education program.
8. Identify and enrollment of the first cohort of pregnant women that are been manage by the midwives in the target communities (this will be done prior to the Phalarope Vocational team’s first trip).

Newly acquired software (ESRI) already being used by MINSA for Covid related activities, provides an incredibly robust platform to allow for real time georeferenced referrals but will require significant set up and training. Tommy Guardia Geografic Institute of Panama has agreed to provide the necessary guidance in this pilot project endeavor and with a recognition of the potential for greater nationwide expansion. The Rotary Foundation has been cooperative with our desire to move forward and has agreed to release funding for non-travel related activities.

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By Dr. Nancy Kerr - Telluride RC

Translation of educational and training modules from Spanish to the native tongue, Ngabere, will be done with assistance from ASASTRAN. As well, it is important to incorporate specific cultural belief models into the materials, as was done with the Maya culture in Guatemala. This provides a more acceptable and comprehensible platform for learning. A myriad of activities will be required to coordinate the community programs such as determining where in the communities to hold classes for community members as well as for midwives. Tremendous anticipation and positive good will was developed in the six communities during the extensive community assessment period. The fact that the women conducting the survey and who will be providing the midwife training and community health education classes are from their communities, continues to be a source of great pride and trust.

A both useful and remarkable perspective on the project ahead can be garnered from the screenshot below of first day of training via zoom. The faces include Silvia Salina and Patricia Mendoza, Manchichi staff supervisor and community liaison, (bottom left), and members of the Phalarope Vocational training team – Dr. Miriam Rittmeyer, (top right), Tatiana Blanco, (top left) Colombian born Phalarope Maternal and infant programs coordinator (nurse and epidemiologist) and Doris Sepet (Guatemala-Mayan Health Promoter, now coordinator of Phalarope programs in Guatemala). A true cross-cultural interconnection of vast knowledge and experience.



As mentioned previously, this Manchichi project was built upon a model successfully implemented in Guatemala. But with the added bonus that Phalarope is now able to draw upon an extensive seed bank of experience to bridge the divide between western and traditional-indigenous health approaches. As well, the interface with MINSA-and the Geografic Institute of Panama will provide a quantum jump in real time, georeferenced integration of health assistance from the midwives of the rural Comarca to the outside clinical professionals. By good fortune this all coincides with recently passed laws in Panama encouraging greater attention to traditional medicine (when possible) and tele-medicine initiatives. After the three months of activities described above (referred to as Phase 2A) there may be a pause depending on

the timing of the lifting of the Rotary International travel restrictions. We anticipate that Phase 2B can begin in earnest very early in 2022 with the arrival of the Phalarope Vocational team.

Manchichi Team - Profiles in Ngabe heroes

In the ensuing updates, a storyline for each member of the local team will be presented to provide a snapshot glimpse inside the amazing women who eagerly grasped at the opportunity to be involved in the project. The first Profile features Sra. Silvia Salina (or Royi – her native name). Silvia was the first person from the Ngabe culture contacted (recommended to us by Peace Corps volunteers with whom she previously worked on health education projects). She has provided “invaluable”, sage advice and has literally opened the gates of the Comarca with her extensive networking. As such, she was given the position of Community Liaison (an incredibly important position in obtaining cooperation amongst all principal participants – community leaders, health related personnel, including midwives, and the residents) in addition to the contributions in training, mentoring, and data collection work she is doing.

Silvia was born, October 5, 1963 at home (as was and is still common) in the small rural village of Cerro Otoe (named for a hill shaped like a locally consumed tuber). Her mother, 15 years of age, died a short time after her birth. Her father remarried and eventually fathered 16 siblings. Her grandmother, interestingly, attended her birth and was a traditional medical practitioner (and midwife). Sadly, she too died before Silvia was a year old but one of her daughters (Silvia’s aunt) also had this predilection (she was a well-known herbal traditional medicine woman and midwife) and became an important teacher and mentor for Silvia. This aunt just recently died. Silvia received both traditional training and some more formal training as a Health Promoter.

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Silvia has raised 8 children, five still living. She has lost 3 during the last four years – a 15 year old son to a car accident in 2017, just recently in April, a daughter (26 years) to a heart related condition, and in August of 2020, at exactly the time we were first contacting her, another daughter of 36years who had eclampsia complications after giving birth. This tragic death, preventable with proper diagnostics and medical intervention, galvanized our resolve to pursue this program.

Silvia was extremely instrumental in the establishment of the organization we work closely with known as ASASTRAN – Asociacion de Agentes de Salud Tradicional Natural Ngabe. A brief history of this Ngabe organization of about 100 midwives and traditional medicine practitioners within the Comarca follows. In 1991, Dr. Jose Maria Lopez Arroategui, a medical doctor from Spain arrived in Panama with the vision of studying indigenous health practices. One of the first practitioners that he met was Silvia Salina as she was working on getting her Health Promoter certificate. Together, they were able to promote the eventual adoption in 1996 of a law, Ley Capitulo II, Articulo 256 addressing health needs in the Comarcas. With financial assistance from the Spanish government, ASASTRAN was officially established as an advocate and operational organization to promote health in the Ngabe-Bugle Comarca in 1999. Facilities were constructed in four communities – 1. Kuerima, 2. Lajero, 3. Cerro Sombrero and 4. Pueblo Nuevo (in Bocas del Toro side of the Comarca). These facilities have buildings for the health practitioners to meet, exchange information, treat patients, and to grow, process and distribute traditional medicines. Needless to say, Silvia was involved in every step of this development and is commemorated with a plaque at the main location in Kuerima. She has served three times as President of the organization and three times as secretary (three year terms). Dr. Jose Lopez died in 2014 leaving behind the organization of dedicated, yet poorly funded volunteers that Manchichi is working with today.

Silvia has attended the births of hundreds of babies in the Comarca in her nearly 30 years of practice. Today her work is primarily administrative as she tirelessly advocates for ASASTRAN and Comarca health support. As a Ngabe midwife, she has had to endure a constant barrage of misogynistic and professional indignities yet remains resilient and determined. She immediately jumped at the opportunity to work with the Manchichi project; immediately recognizing the cultural affirming and community empowering approach that could make a vast, sustainable improvement in the lives of Comarca families. She has been engaged in meetings with MINSA, Tommy Guardia and INAMU (the Panama Women's Institute) and continues to be an invaluable part of the Manchichi effort.



Silvia addressing a meeting in Panama City extolling the importance of the project for her communities (co-leader Patricia Mendoza and Phalarope director Dr. Miriam Rittmeyer at her side). Silvia typically spends one week a month in her home village; the rest of the time she is traveling in the Comarca visiting ASASTRAN facilities and, now, working with the Manchichi project.

As pieces continue fall into place over the next few months, we will do our best to keep you all in the loop. We are currently working from contributions that The Rotary Foundation has allowed us to retain in our Manchichi Global Grant dedicated account while The Rotary Foundation is receiving and processing the rest of the pledged contributions. It is anticipated that the rest of the funding

(again non travel related funding) will be deposited in our GG account soon. Expectations and enthusiasm remain on a high plane.

POLIO NEVER MORE

POEM BY JOE WILLIAMS, DURANGO DAYBREAK RC

I wrote this poem about a man I met in Hyderabad. Polio, never more, I swore, he wore cut-down shoes upon his knees and hands...to drag himself from place to place.



Polio, never more

I've walked the streets of the poor
Traveled to places, shacks with no doors

To see a crawler, a scooter, face down
Feces, mud, dirt, surround

Walkers move around him with hardly a glance
As a child, polio took away any chance to dance

He looked up at me, no pity needed
I knelt to greet him
His smile broad

Covered in filth, life is hard
His can with two coins rattles
A call to all
to never forget

FROM RYE STUDENT IN FRUITA TO M.D. AND ACTRESS BY KATHARINA SCHEUBA, AUSTRIA

Meet Dr. Katharina Scheuba. Since her year at Fruita Monument High School, Katharina has gone on to earn her medical degree. She speaks 4 languages beautifully, and she's also an accomplished actress.

A few days ago, Katharina put a short video clip on Youtube, which you can find here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=427B6G1Novo>

Here are the highlights of her video:

Hello my name is Katharina Scheuba. I was born and grew up in Vienna, Austria but have already lived in nine different cities in the four different countries, including Augsburg, Munich, Frankfurt and Berlin in Germany. I also lived in Brussels, Belgium for some time.



I spent my Junior year of High School living in the States and a tiny town in Colorado (Fruita) where I also definitely left a piece of my heart.

I also spent my last semester of med school studying at UPenn in Philadelphia and also some time living in NY City during my acting studies.

A fun fact about me is that I am also a medical doctor and I'm quadrilingual. I speak German, English, French and Spanish. Learning Spanish was one of my projects during quarantine and I am still learning it now and also watch TV in Spanish.

I have been very lucky to work with some amazing humans along the way, some of which have actually become mentors to me. To learn from incredible teachers like Sheila in New York who constantly keeps pushing me and inspires me to keep honing my craft always.

For any more information just contact me directly and I would love to hear from you.

<https://www.facebook.com/katharina.scheuba>

Navajo Nation Project

By Nancy Bo Flood, Glenwood Springs RC

Imagine this. During the pandemic your schools have been closed for over a year. The nearest public library is over 70 miles away. There are no bookstores. Internet services are unreliable and often not available. How do parents and teachers continue their children's education? How will students learn to read when there is nothing for them to read?

And then imagine your grandmother living alone, taking care of herself, her home, her sheep. During the pandemic store hours have been restricted. It is difficult for her to get gas for her truck so she can get supplies, food, or haul water for herself and her livestock.

This has been the situation this last year not in some far-away foreign country, but right here in the United States, on the Navajo Nation, occupying the northern 1/3 of Arizona and extending into parts of Utah and New Mexico. When the pandemic threatened to overrun the reservation, Navajo leaders closed the entire Nation to prevent spread of the virus – no one could come in, no one could leave -- a successful but harsh restriction.

In the Navajo community of Chinle, located near the center of the reservation, several women shared their fears, and then shared ideas about what they could do to strengthen their community, to help families, elders and children survive. These women worked with local tribal leaders and created a nonprofit, Chinle Planting Hope. First, they worked to provide the essentials - water, for drinking, for washing, for livestock. Then they found ways to provide other essentials such as face masks to prevent the spread of the virus. They brought baskets filled with nearly a week's supply of food to the elderly. They found ways to support education and literacy by obtaining funds to purchase a bookmobile with a sustainable budget. They received permission to use several "empty" acres of land located near the schools and the hospital. They purchased several large shipping containers that they are turning into an inviting and important community center offering a variety of services and a place to gather. They are developing a thrift store, mini-lending library, bicycle shop, an all-play park, and maybe a café, a place to sit in the shade, enjoy meeting friends.



Chinle Planting Hope is turning this small acreage of land into an inviting community center. Glenwood Springs Rotary is helping. I had lived and worked in Chinle for many years and knew about Chinle Planting Hope. I am also one of the founding members of Read at Home, a small grass-roots nonprofit that encourages literacy by distributing free Highlights Magazine subscriptions to pre-schools on tribal nations. With Glenwood Springs Rotary's support, over 450 individual subscriptions have been given to children on the Navajo Nation (Chinle) as well as the Shoshone-Bannock Reservation in Idaho.

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After Glenwood Springs Rotary decided to support Read at Home, they realized they could make a bigger impact and partner with Chinle Planting Hope as well. Glenwood Springs Rotary provided funds, as a club and individually, over \$10,000, to support Read at Home and allow it to expand to other tribal nations that have asked for support. Rotary also collected over 15,000 books for the bookmobile and bookstore as well; as clothing and more for the thrift store, over 7,500 pounds of goods in all. Over a 4-day weekend in September, Rotarians drove themselves, and these donations, the 7 hours to Chinle. There they worked with Chinle Planting Hope to unload all the supplies, paint containers, build storage shelves and a playhouse. Rotarians hiked to remote canyons with their hosts, watched the sun set over magnificent Spider Rock, shared meals (and fry bread!) with a four-generation Navajo family, and watched their little ones run to the box of books we brought. The children didn't want to eat! Instead, they asked, "Please read this book.... Maybe one more, or two....". What an amazing experience.



Working together, true collaboration, means, "Yes, we can." One of our club mottos conveys in simple words what we do – "service is where we shine." We, Rotarians, can help create opportunities and resources that strengthen a community, that expand access to books, and support education.

Nancy Bo Flood, Ph.D. November 2021

Come with us to Chinle in a short recap of this venture.

Video (7 minutes):

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4Oiupz91cT08obOY47kl3g>



Looking for an International Project?

Looking for a Host club Partner?

By David Smith, Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs

Does your club want to join The Foundation in reducing deep poverty but you do not know where to start? Providing financial support for a Global Grant project that is ready to go, but needs some additional support, may be a good choice.

The Rotary Club of Manati, Puerto Rico has joined with the Rotary Club of Carpachay, Argentina to provide training equipment for a new "Perinatal Training Center" in the Santa Rosa Hospital. This hospital is located in the Municipality of Vicente López, which is a region in the north part of Buenos Aires.

The "Perinatal Training Center" is a fundamental tool to improve pre and

postpartum care of pregnant women and newborns. Its greatest impact will be the decrease in

Maternal and Neonatal Morbidity and Mortality. The Training Center will start training using human models to simulate the real world. Funding from this Global Grant will be used to purchase the required human models and to provide training in their use.

The application is written, but needs additional funding. When matched with District and Foundation funds, \$5,000 in club funds from our district will likely fund the project.

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Is your club thinking about starting a new Global Grant project in Puerto Rico or Argentina? Both of these clubs may be interested in other Global Grant projects and willing to serve as the Host Club.



Simulators used to train students in perinatal care.

Water Project in Cameroon Needs Partners

By Joshua Knight, Rotary Club of Denver Southeast

Our district has been approached by the Rotary Club of Denver Southeast and D-5450 to help find D-5470 clubs which may be willing to help with a Water Project Global Grant in Cameroon, West Africa.

The project will involve three, but possible five villages and consists of drilling one deep well; one storage tank and one tower in each village, as well as two stand taps in Up Station Bamenda and 3 taps stands in Sole, and one in the village, Biagnimi. If enough money can be raised additional tap stands that we will added to the project. The secondary project is a COVID Response Project and Hygiene training which includes Menstrual Hygiene workshops on reusable pads and cups from local experts. The COVID Response includes training on preparation, prevention and treatment, with mask, surface sanitizer, soap and family garden instructions using local materials and local trainers.

The three villages have paid over 15% cash of all capital construction costs. One additional village, Biagnimi (which has hit the 15% cash contribution goal, and 2 other villages want to participate but haven't yet come up with the required cash contribution.

For training, we include full Train-the-Trainer for the village water committee and caretaker on water system construction, maintenance and repairs, as well as financial management and hygiene training. We include Sustainable Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) and Cycle Understanding for the women to provide more sustainable and earth-friendly methods of MHM including cups, reusable pads, period panties and biodegradable pads, depending on local village culture.

This is a great, vital project to protect Health, to Promote Self-Sustainability, and further the cause of Rotary around the world. Below is the picture of children who've just received water this Past Weekend through last year's Global Grant Project. Please help us to continue this awesome work.

Project Recipients: 4,900 people in Cameroon

Club: Denver Southeast. **Chuck Bahr**, Project Champion, as well as **Steve Werner and Peter Van Arsdale**, Committee Members. **Joshua Knight** is the Program Engineer.

Project cost is \$78,209

Our club, **Denver Southeast**, is providing \$6,000, with a \$6,000 DDF Match request from our district.

Communities: The villages themselves have already committed to 15% of the capital construction cost, over \$8,000. They are also providing local materials, all manual labor, and room and board for the technicians who will do the work to double their cash contribution, a sure sign of a sustainable project!

Other Rotary Clubs: We are currently up to **\$56,000** in commitments, Your club will get us so much closer!

D-5470 Clubs: we'd appreciate **\$5,000 + \$5,000 DDF**, but any amount is greatly appreciated. Please note, this is a **Global Grant**, so your contribution is almost Tripled! The district will match each club's contribution up to \$15,000, and Rotary International will match any contribution from our district. at 80% This is a great way to leverage your contribution!

When: We are hoping to submit this project in November.

Would it be possible to present to your club in November? Any amount of time to explain the project would be greatly appreciated, but we usually have 15 minutes, 10 minutes for a presentation and 5 minutes for questions.

To request a presentation, please contact Joshua Knight <joshuanknight@gmail.com>



Is it the truth?

East Colo. Springs RC “Special Task Force”

By Becky Kiser, East Colorado Springs RC



Is it the Truth? That was my question as my year of service as club president of the Rotary Club of East Colorado Springs in 2017/18 came to a bittersweet end. I could easily agree it had been one of the very best years I've ever experienced. In the end I still felt a bit confused and a little disturbed

It seems that my club had been desperate enough to offer me the honor of serving as our president although my residence is more than half the year in Ethiopia. I accepted this great honor with tears for days. (I've later been told that other past presidents had tears but theirs had not been tears of joy, like mine) Together, our club had managed to turn ourselves around from five years of membership decline to our first year back in the club growth club. However, I kept hearing murmurs I just didn't believe.

My years in Rotary went way back to helping my father (a member of Rampart Range Rotary Club) with some of his membership duties. I almost didn't start my own journey in Rotary because of misconceptions that had been true in my father's time but were no longer true in mine. I understood that a member was only allowed three meeting misses in a year, or they would be asked to resign. In 2006, I was working in the USA, the Philippines, and Ethiopia. I believed that this meeting mandate made me disqualified for membership. My first surprise was discovering that Rotary International had changed the rules and I was eligible.

Not long after joining Rotary, it became clear that I needed to take the jump of leaving my home and work to focus on helping girls in Ethiopia full time. It was painful and scary. One of the things that made the transition easier was my club allowed me to retain my local membership. I loved attending Rotary meetings all over the world but even more, I loved enjoying the roots of membership in my home Rotary club.

In our club, it's traditional for the past president to assume the role of membership chair. How wonderful it was to serve in this position with my dear friend, Penny Kelly as our 2018/19 club president. As membership chair, I began a "needs survey" with many of the young people and friends and acquaintances who knew the key to happiness is helping other people, but just never joined Rotary. The question was, "what is keeping you from joining Rotary?". The answers were only two, "money and time" or, "time and money" depending upon the age of the responder.

As the wheels of my creativity began to turn, I wondered; how can we overcome these two minor obstacles? Why couldn't we reduce the price of membership to only the necessary dues and costs? Why couldn't we have additional meetings less often and in an evening format so that those who had less time would be able to attend? Why couldn't we just order off a menu or not order at all so that meeting costs could be kept low? Why couldn't we invite friends to join Rotary from all over the city, state, country, and world? Why couldn't we ask existing club members, who for one reason or another weren't able to attend lunch meetings, to remain part of us? The positive response to asking friends if they would want to join Rotary if the cost was low and meeting requirements were few was expectedly positive.

Is it the truth? (cont.)

East Colo. Springs RC "Special Task Force"

By BeckKiser, East Colo. Springs RC



Launch of STF, Member Nicola Demme with Rotary Club of Colorado Springs President,



It's a Party II

As with most my Rotary ideas, I ran this one past Peter Jeschofnig and then Rotary District Governor Chris Peterson, to make sure what we were proposing was "legal". Next, I wrote a pilot proposal to the board of our club. Our club agreed to give it a try.

We chose the format of a special interest group and named ourselves, "Special Task Force". Our only rule remains; "We all agree to do only what we can do with joy and ease". We celebrated our launch on February 22, 2019, at the World Peace and Understanding Day.

The answer to the opening question, "Is it the truth?" indeed proved not to be true. What we verified instead is, yes, Millennials do have the desire to serve others and be active in changing the world. Yes, it is true that Rotary continues to be the best model of service. Yes, it is true that people today feel the responsibility to their homes and communities. The actual obstacle seems to be our dated ideas and preconceptions.

To date, Special Task Force has added twenty-two new members to our club from the United States, Ethiopia, Spain, Germany, England, and France. Most are women and most are young. Among other things, we have helped starving children in Yemen, distributed almost 50,000 eggs to needy families in Ethiopia, helped with the Christmas Tree project and St Arnold Beer Fest, crafted cards for the elderly in nursing homes, distributed computers to rural student in Ethiopia, taught the four-way test to thousands of students, are in the process of beginning Interact clubs, and hosted *It's a Party II*, inviting all Rotarians in District 5470 to have fun together. The best part? The fellowship that has evolved with joy and ease.

Our dream now is to increase the synergy of Rotary in our city, District 5470, and the world by using Special Task Force as a tool for membership growth and increased world peace and understanding through projects and service. We are grateful to have participation from members of other clubs

Now the only question that remains, "Is there any reason your club doesn't want to join this movement for change?" The truth is, we'd love to change the world with YOU.

Thought About Doing Something Big?

By David Smith, Co-Chair, D-5470 Global Grants Committee

Global Grants are the primary means the Rotary Foundation uses to achieve its mission to improve the world we live in. If your club would like to help TRF achieve its mission, you can either support another club that is applying for a Global Grant or you can start your own Global Grant.

Your *Something Big* project can have a large budget because our district will likely provide \$1.25 for every dollar of club funds pledged to a project. AND, TRF will match every dollar from the district with \$0.80. In this way, \$10,000 of club money leads to a Global Grant budget of \$30,000.

Your club does not have \$10,000? Do you have friends in other clubs? Ask them to invite you to visit their club to present your plan. We Rotarians like to get together and talk of our dreams. Find five clubs that will pledge \$2,000 each; you have funding for a \$30,000 project.

Every Global Grant needs a Host Partner Rotary Club in the country where your *Big Project* will take place. Perhaps your club would like to partner with a Host Club located in the Himalayan foothills of India? District 3080 has 80 clubs, many of which would like to be a Host Partner for your club. Finding a host partner and a *Something Big* project can be as easy as sending email to Ajay Madan, the 2020-2021 Governor for District 3080. rid3080hq@gmail.com Tell him that you would like to develop a Global Grant with a club in his district. You will be on your way to a life-changing experience.

The Global Grants folder on our district website has the “Nuts and bolts” of how to develop a Global Grant. <https://rotary5470.org/SitePage/global-grants>

Or contact any member of our District Global Grants Committee for information:

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Ecuador Online Project Fair D-4400

November 13-14, 2021

Participating in an International Project Fair is an excellent way to learn about potential projects for your club.

For additional information, please contact Project Fair Committee Chair:

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Registration link: <https://forms.gle/JLARkqTrDYiS6WyL6>

XV ROTARY ECUADOR PROJECT FAIR ONLINE DISTRICT 4400, ECUADOR

13-14
NOV



For registration to the fair and additional information,
Please contact the Project Fair District Committee Chair
Amparo Albuja at a.albuja.comunicacion@hotmail.com
Or visit our District website www.rotaryecuador.org



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DG Fernando Aguirre

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