



# 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 *Imagine Rotary*.

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 Chairman, [Rebekah Kiser](#), who will share with District clubs.



*"Disease results in misery, pain, and poverty. That's why preventing disease is so important to us. We believe good health care is everyone's right. "*

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# Mountain and Plains D5470 Rotary Youth Exchange

John Stroud, Vice Chair  
Rotary Club of Carbondale

## RETURN TO YOUTH EXCHANGE



Mountain and Plains D5470 Rotary Youth Exchange has resumed for the 2022-23 academic year, following a two-year hiatus during the pandemic. And what a wonderful return it has been.

We now have 15 students from across D5470 outbound to Spain, France, Italy, Austria, Denmark, Sweden, Romania, Czech Republic, Hungary, Turkey, Thailand, Taiwan, Brazil, Argentina and Mexico. Starting in early August, we began welcoming 19 students to host Rotary Clubs and communities across the district from those same countries, in addition to Germany, Slovakia, Colombia and Zimbabwe.

All of our inbound students had a chance to meet and get to know each other (and of course exchange pins!) at our required Inbound Orientation meeting Sept. 9-11 in Durango. Our weekend included a visit to the Aztec Ruins and lots of games and group activities to help them with their English language skills. It was also a great way to begin to make stories to be shared back home in a year. Welcome back Rotary Exchange students!

John Stroud, Vice Chair  
Mountain and Plains D5470 Rotary Youth Exchange  
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# Chinle Planting Hope

## Read at Home Family Literacy



Adrian Thompson (Navajo) and volunteers are adding a 9 foot by 80 foot mural to the Thrift Store Wall, part of the **Chinle Planting Hope** and **Read at Home** projects in Chinle, Canyon de Chelley, Navajo Nation, Arizona. What's this project all about? Bringing hope in realistic ways to residents, many who live miles from many basic resources—even water! This mural draws attention to any travelers driving down the main street in Chinle, US Hwy 191. Stop in. Great prices. Great selection. Great company. All are welcome.

**Chinle Planting Hope** and **Read at Home** are two grassroots nonprofits with the goals of supporting early literacy: “readers make powerful leaders.”

500 subscriptions! Yes, a year's subscription to Highlight's High Five will be sent to 500 students attending tribal programs through Headstart, preschool, or first grade. Location of schools include St. Mary's in Alaska, Fort Hall Headstart & Elementary in Idaho, Chief Targee (native language immersion charter school) in Idaho, Chinle Pre-school on the Navajo Nation, and FACE – a family literacy program in southern Arizona. Read at Home is reaching out to schools and programs to help support early literacy.

Other parts of this project include a R.E.A.D in Beauty Bookmobile. This traveling library is just about ready to roll! Piles of sorted donated books are ready to be checked out. Zerbi Teller, Navajo student, was the first “customer” to sign up for a Library Card. **Thank you, Glenwood Springs Noon Rotary**, for providing books for the Bookmobile, clothes and household items to sell at the Thrift Store, and many hours of volunteer time to paint, sort, build shelving, and cheer everyone on.

The Wayfarer Foundation invited several of the board members and volunteers to participate in the opening of permanent exhibit in the Chicago Field Museum on Native American history and culture.

Additional goals: Build community. Live with Hope. Walk in Beauty. “It's truly happening.”

For more information or to make a donation, contact Nancy Bo Flood via her website, [www.nancyboflood.com](http://www.nancyboflood.com) or take a look at [www.readathome.org](http://www.readathome.org). This year we are providing over 500 subscriptions of an award-winning magazine to teachers and their students.



Or sign up through the Chinle Planting Hope website [www.chinleplantinghope.com](http://www.chinleplantinghope.com) to become a monthly donor in support of the Bookmobile. Just imagine, for children living in this part of the Navajo Nation, the nearest library or bookstore is over 100 miles away. Just imagine.

# Completion of Global Grant 1875083 Clean Water in Ecuador

Rotary Partners: North Colorado Springs, Grand Junction, Grand Junction Horizon, Durango High Noon & Riobamba Rotary Clubs

The project scope includes designing, installing and training for water treatment systems in the communities of Shilpala and Pumayacu, Ecuador. The two projects together, with a cost of \$78,250, are serving approximately 1,100 individuals who previously drank untreated water contaminated with pathogens.

The community of Shilpala received a water treatment plant with filtration and disinfection capabilities. Shilpala is home to approximately 140 families or 700 residents. The community of Pumayacu received a treatment plant with two slow filter disinfection units. This project is serving approximately 85 families or 425 residents

Scott Perry

North Colorado Springs Rotary Club



# Rampart Range Rotary Club of Colorado Springs helps spread cheer around the world.



Can you imagine being a child at Christmas time without a Christmas tree? What must that feel like?

In Colorado Springs a couple bought a new Christmas tree, put an ad on Craig's List-- "Free Christmas tree to a family with children.". Within an hour, twenty responded—all with good reasons why they wanted/needed one. A grandmother raising the grandchildren, wounded veterans, single moms, people struggling on the financial edge...So how did the couple fill all the requests? They told friends about the response, and very quickly, EVERY response was filled with a Christmas tree and ornaments! Thus was born a great service to those in need. Requests now have been filled on six continents! The Colorado Springs Project locates a local person, both nationally and internationally, who is willing to help fill that dream! (Amazing map on website!)

Rampart Range Rotary Club heard of the project, asked David Fein come to explain, encouraged the East Club of Colorado Springs to join in the endeavor, and both clubs are looking forward to participating again in a gift to the community that EVERY community fortunate enough to have a Rotary Club should have—THE GIFT OF A CHRISTMAS TREE WITH DECORATIONS!

Our clubs will be trying to also give books this year to every child whose family drives through the give-away location!

Please go to "[www.thechristmastreeproject.org](http://www.thechristmastreeproject.org)" and watch the national CBS news interview video. Take time to explore the responses on the website!

Then join with us in helping every family who wants or needs a tree. YOU CAN CERTAINLY SPREAD THE JOY OF THE SEASON IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

CONTACT Rotarian RobbyDale NELSON, [nelson19560@gmail.com](mailto:nelson19560@gmail.com), for information on the basics of establishing this project in your community. What a joy you'll experience in this gift of SERVICE ABOVE SELF!

AND WHAT GREAT COLLABORATIVE CONNECTIONS FOR DISTRICT 5470! **IMAGINE ROTARY....**



# A planned water project in Honduras.

## Vail Rotary Club

Story submitted by Reggie O'Brien

Chair International Committee Vail Rotary Club - District 5470



Drinking water contamination is endemic in Central America. When it is not fatal, unsafe drinking water makes families sick, and misses school or work, resulting in an underproductive workforce, high healthcare costs, and significant economic repercussions for entire communities and the country. Due to the importance and significant impact of safe drinking water, the project is expected to directly impact 15 communities in the Municipality of San Sebastian, Honduras, and reach 4,333 people. The beneficiaries are 29% adult male, 31% adult female, and 40% under 15.

The objectives of the Safe Drinking Water Circuit Rider Program are to improve the health and livelihoods of rural communities by eliminating waterborne disease and providing sustainable access to safe drinking water, focusing our work on a local and national level to align with SDG 6 Clean Water. **SDG 6:** Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.

The budget is \$55,600. I am requesting \$9,000 from the VRC and will look for other clubs to participate. Our District 5470, will match our requests up to 125%. I believe that is still the case. We would be working with EOS, with whom successfully completed the Global Grant writing process

Should all things go well, I plan to travel to Honduras in November.

# Castle Rock High Noon Rotary Club Delivers!

## Submitted by Steve Baroch

Ethical. We wrote the word on the board many times over two days, and little heads bent over their brand new hardbacked dictionaries to look it up. E-T-H-I-C-A-L. Members of the Castle Rock (Colorado) High Noon Rotary Club and I were on a 1400-mile journey to take 265 books to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in the Navajo Nation of Northeast Arizona. This was our fourth delivery over four years. Even during the pandemic when the Navajo Nation was completely closed off to visitors, we arranged to get the dictionaries delivered to each child's home along with the other school supplies that the School District delivered. Post pandemic we were so excited to go back and see the students in person. Who wouldn't want to make time to do so - meeting all those third graders who are thrilled to see you and receive a beautiful, illustration-filled dictionary? This year we expanded to cover every 3<sup>rd</sup> grader in the Chinle, Arizona School District. The trip is the most fulfilling that I will take this year! We not only handed out the dictionaries, but we asked each of the children to introduce themselves and to say "Thank You" when they were handed their own personal book. We also had them write their names in the label that we had stickered in the book and pointed out the letter for their parents, so the parents knew where the book came from. And then we had a mini lesson on all that is contained in their dictionary in addition to definitions. Wonderful maps. Flags of the states. A list of Presidents. Great questions always came up. "Can I keep it until I get old?" "Can I read it in bed?" One of our members, Justin Duddles, was handing out the books and one child asked him if we, the Rotarians, are his friends. Justin beamed about it when telling us later.



Rotarian Justin Duddles delivering dictionaries to Navajo Third Graders in Chinle, Arizona while Rotarian Sheri Rich assists.

Inevitably when I told people over the next few weeks about having made the journey, I heard responses such as "In this day of Internet, why would kids want actual BOOKS?" And, inevitably, these people were shocked to hear that on the Navajo Nation as on many other reservations in the US, for many homes, there simply is no running water nor electricity, much less Internet. Yes, even in 2022. For some of these children, this might be the only book that they personally own and without internet, the only reading material they have!

# Castle Rock High Noon Rotary Club Delivers! (cont)

## Submitted by Steve Baroch



A Navajo Third Grader in Chinle Arizona with her new Dictionary

The Navajo Nation has a population of about 300,000 people spread over parts of New Mexico, Utah, and Arizona. The area is so vast and totals almost one quarter of the size of the whole state of Arizona. It is poor. Poor in the things that the rest of us might use to measure wealth. But I am always impressed by the Navajo's wealth in the closeness of their families, how the people introduce themselves among themselves by telling which family groups they come from and by the effort to hold onto and even revive their traditions.



The nearby Anasazi era ruins in Canyon de Chelly



Some of the then Third Graders with their books in our first delivery 4 years ago

Stopping by a trading post (yes, an actual trading post) at the end of our trip, our Club President Denise Harris-Frazier was chatting with an employee there. The woman working at the Trading Post was delighted by the story of why we were there. She told Denise that she has a 6<sup>th</sup> Grade daughter who, three years ago, received a dictionary from us and still uses it today!

Not only did we give each third grader in Chinle School District a dictionary, but we made sure each class and school library had a dictionary as well! And we delivered donated clothes to a startup Thrift Store and other books to a startup community library!

E-T-H-I-C-A-L. Not a bad word to look up on your first time through a dictionary.





# MANCHICHI UPDATE

By Nancy Kerr Past President and current International Committee Chair  
Telluride Rotary Club



A formal ceremony to present the 26 registered midwives and 5 traditional medicos in the Manchichi training program with their own set of medical equipment was held on October 4, in a rural venue near the San Felix Manchichi office. Despite the arduous travel challenges, some traveling for several hours to attend, 100% of this Manchichi trainees made the effort. Manchichi field supervisor Patricia Mendoza was the Master of Ceremony for the event which was conducted both in Spanish and Ngabere. Several members of the Boquete Rotary Club were in attendance including funding benefactors Teri and Andrew Nowak with the Tan foundation, Project lead Jeff Flynn, delivering the address for the Club, the Manchichi committee members Dr. Rod Gottula, Dr. Larry Schmitz, Gisela Remsen and our Club president Vernon Kruger and Ginny Wooley. Representing Phalarope, was chairman of the board John Wiseman. John, a former Peace Corps volunteer, used the opportunity to address the crowd in well-rehearsed Ngabere and Spanish. Silvia Salina, gave an address as both Community Liaison for Manchichi and president of ASASTRAN (Indigenous midwife association). A midwife representative from each of the six communities each gave an address extolling the appreciation and pride they all felt for this opportunity to vastly upgrade their knowledge and capabilities to serve their communities. Finally, the last two Manchichi staff members (Florinda Zurdo and Bertilia Montezuma) gave heartfelt speeches expressing the pride they had for the opportunity to mentor the midwives and their appreciation for the hard work and dedication of all. Also attending the festivities was Sra. Rosa Moreno the director of the Fundacion Nuestra Senora del Camino.

After 3 months of practicing on the equipment used by the training staff, these midwives had proven to Dr. Miriam Rittmeyer that they were indeed ready to continue the training with their own set of diagnostics supplies and equipment. The training will continue for an additional 4.5 months as the midwives continue to polish their skills and expand their familiarity with high-risk pregnancy detection. Each week, the midwives are visiting their patients and filling our “patient Referral Forms” whenever concerning symptoms present themselves. These forms have both Rotary and Phalarope logos and are presented to nearby (relative term) health center staff. Because of Panama Health Ministry’s, thus far, continued intransigence in signing the Letter of Cooperation with the project, acceptance of these very professional and detailed forms (patient information, and list of vitals with emphasis on those health markers of most concern) has been erratic at best.

In March, 2023, at the end of the Global Grant program, graduations will be held in each of the six communities to include family and community participation.

Just days before the ceremony, Dr. Miriam Rittmeyer received News regarding her invitation to address a conference at the WHO HQ in Geneva, Switzerland that is held jointly with Rotary International. The press release is displayed below:



**Rotarian Miriam Urizar Rittmeyer, MD, PhD, MPH to speak at the World Health Organization Headquarters about the Manchichi Traditional Midwife Health Monitoring Program**

**(SAVANNAH, GA, USA) Dr. Miriam U. Rittmeyer, a Rotarian from the Skidaway Island Club in Savannah, GA, and CEO and co-founder of Phalarope, will speak at "World Polio Day 2022 and Beyond" at the World Health Organization (WHO) Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland on October 21 and 22. This event is a joint venture with Rotary International and WHO.**

**Dr. Rittmeyer will speak about the Manchichi program, a replication of a successful intervention developed by Phalarope in 20 communities of rural Guatemala. The program is an intense 12-month training where traditional midwives are taught to identify risk factors and conditions during pregnancy, labor, delivery, and postpartum thus, certain conditions can be prevented or managed promptly. Both programs are funded by Rotary Foundation and Rotary Clubs in Georgia, Guatemala, and Panama.**

Other news:

A Zoom meeting was recently held with Nellys Herrera, the Executive Director of INAMU (Instituto Nacional de la Mujer – Panama Government office advocating for all things relating to women’s education, health, safety and economic development). This organization had been in touch with the project when we launched the early community assessment phase back in early 2021. They have been following the program advancements over the last year with much interest and have now asked to work with the project going forward. The director is organizing a direct forum to be held in Panama City at the Capital with the Panama Legislative Body to make them aware of the tremendous potential for quantum advancement in Indigenous women’s maternal health care that this model represents. They intend to bring in Dr. Rittmeyer, her vocational team and the local Manchichi team to directly address the legislators. As well, representatives of other Indigenous areas of Panama will be present.

The program is receiving increased National and International attention over the next several weeks and months. We are hopeful that this will translate to better collaboration with the Health Ministry to allow the pilot project to fulfill and, perhaps, exceed the original stated goals.

Stay tuned!!



**Nellys Herreral NAMU**

# Join us in a Rotary Service Project!

## Glenwood Springs Rotary in Partnership on the Navajo Nation

### Supporting the Development of the Chinle Planting Hope Community Center

When: June 9 and 10, 2023

Where: Chinle, Arizona

What: Provide help with open house event, including set up and clean up

How many Rotarians needed: 15-20 or more!

More info – Provide your own transportation, lodging and meals. The plan is to have everyone who is a worker wear a t-shirt. Rotary will have our own Rotary/Chinle Planting Hope T-shirt. Each Rotarian is asked to help with costs by contributing \$50 when signing up to cover cost of t-shirt, water bottle and a Friday evening taco dinner. Payable to Glenwood Springs Rotary, PO Box 953, Glenwood Springs, CO 81602.

Add your name to the list of interest. We will keep you in the loop for updates.

Send us your:

Name

Email

Cell phone

Rotary Club

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# Rotary can Halt Hunger

By PDG Una Hobday

## Chair, Food Plant Solutions Rotary Action Group

As you are aware we have many requests for assistance and we need to raise money for each of the projects. It is very hard when you are aware of the needs around the world, with the increasing levels of malnutrition. I know that "Every minute of every day, 5 children under 5, die from malnutrition".

And, only today World Food Program Executive Director David Beasley has tweeted in part "hunger is soaring to terrifying levels in nations around the world. We've now got 349M people marching towards starvation—that's up from 80M people when I took over this job."

We need help to raise these funds. A small donation (say \$500) from each club, each year, would go a long way to be able to assist in reducing malnutrition levels in these countries. Donations can be made to <https://foodplantsolutions.org/donate/>

Please consider this as the need is urgent.

### Food Plant Solutions Rotary Action Group - Needs as at 14th November 2022

(Partners waiting for materials due to lack of funds)

Country	Requirement	Cost (AUD)	Notes
Nepal	4 x picture guides to be created and then translated.	\$8,000	DIPROSC-N (Development Project Service Centre Nepal), operating since 1981, DIPROSC Nepal is committed to enhance the participation of rural people in general and poorest of the poor, children, women and marginalized ethnic groups.
Zimbabwe	1 x field guide, 4 x picture guides.	\$12,000	Multiple requests.
Indonesia	3 x picture guides to be created and then translated.	\$6,000	Partner is Sun Food Foodbank and Community Centre, they have created a community garden to feed the impoverished community and called it "World Garden".
Togo	1 x field guide, 3 x picture guides.	\$10,000	Community focused.
Tanzania	4 x picture guides to be created and then translated.	\$8,000	Multiple organisations involved - School and community gardens.
Cambodia	3 x picture guides to be created and then translated.	\$6,000	Partners are Sustainable Cambodia and NNGO Cambodia – both focused on sustainable food production.
Uganda	Multiple posters.	\$1,000	Multiple requests.
Ghana	1 x field guide, 4 x picture guides.	\$12,000	FARIAD Fair River International Association for Development (FARIAD) is a farmer focused organization focuses on marginalized and vulnerable groups, FARIAD aims to reduce hunger and poverty. FARIAD works with community and local government structures to provide training and services on agriculture and food security, primary health care, economic development, technical and occasional education and training (TRET), good governance, and human rights, environmental preservation, science, technology and innovation.
The Gambia	1 x field guide, 4 x picture guides.	\$12,000	Nawawa Agricultural Training Centre (NATC) - Training young farmers (women) in sustainable modern agricultural techniques, promote sustainable natural resource management.
Benin	1 x field guide, 4 x picture guides.	\$12,000	Centre de Recherche pour la Gestion de la Biodiversité (CRGB) (Research Centre for Biodiversity Management).
Nigeria	1 x field guide, 4 x picture guides.	\$12,000	Multiple requests.
Egypt	4 x picture guides to be created and then translated.	\$8,000	Multiple requests.
<b>Total Funds Required</b>		<b>\$107,000</b>	

# Headline: A big year for disaster relief org. ShelterBox

For ShelterBox, Rotary International's official project partner for disaster relief, 2022 has been a historic year with large scale responses to the war in Ukraine, catastrophic flooding in Pakistan, and drought in Eastern Africa that has forced more than 1 million people to flee their homes in search of food and water.

The year started with ShelterBox's largest response to date in the Philippines after Super Typhoon Rai, locally known as Typhoon Odette. The severe storm hit the country at the very end of 2021, and because of ShelterBox's prepositioned aid, in country staff, and relations with local Rotary clubs, it was one of the first to respond and was ultimately able to help more than 20,000 families.

ShelterBox also quickly mobilized to respond to the war in Ukraine, the worst humanitarian crisis to hit Europe since World War II, as up to a third of the country's population has been forced to flee their homes or seen their homes severely damaged.

The conflict has primarily affected millions of women and children, and ShelterBox worked quickly to establish three programs.

ShelterBox provided 12,000 mattresses to "collective centers" like schools and churches in Lviv, Ukraine, where many are seeking shelter and safety.

It sent thousands of Shelter Kits, customized aid packages with rope, tools, thermal blankets, solar lights, and water filters to those whose homes have been damaged by the conflict in Central Ukraine near Kyiv.

Outside Ukraine, ShelterBox established a program in Moldova, one of Europe's poorest and most isolated countries. It provided items refugees could carry, such as hygiene items and cash assistance for food, medicine, and other needs.

The war in Ukraine continues, and ShelterBox is preparing to work in the country for months and potentially years to come. It is currently formulating its next programs in Ukraine, which will focus on providing items to help Ukrainians survive a cold winter.

ShelterBox in 2022 also responded to other crises and continued protracted work in conflict zones. It carried forward its programs in the Lake Chad basin in Africa, which earned ShelterBox nominations for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2018 and 2019.

And it launched new responses to the historic drought in Ethiopia and Somalia this year that has displaced more than 1 million people searching for food and water since October 2021. As many as 7.7 million people in Somalia alone require humanitarian assistance. ShelterBox will be providing a series of aid items there, including tarpaulins, blankets, sleeping mats, and solar lamps.

Since mid-June, Pakistan has been overwhelmed by stronger than usual monsoon rains, leading to flooding that has affected 33 million people, with more than 1,500 deaths and nearly 1 million people displaced.

ShelterBox has provided a customized aid package including thousands of tents, solar lights, mosquito nets, blankets, mattresses, water filters and carriers to the country so far. It is also considering cash assistance, to help beneficiaries purchase essentials for their families.

ShelterBox began in 2000 as a project of a Rotary club in England, seeking to provide emergency shelter and other essential items following disasters or in conflict zones. ShelterBox started with its iconic green box, which included everything a family needs immediately after losing everything in a disaster. It has since evolved to provide customized aid, including tents and various shelter options, solar lights, water filters, cook sets, and other items.

Photo below from ShelterBox's work.



## Headline: A big year for disaster relief org. ShelterBox (cont)

The organization with headquarters in Truro, England, and offices in more than a dozen countries around the world has deployed emergency shelter and living essentials to more than 2.25 million people, responding to more than 400 disasters in over 100 countries. It is one of the world's leading humanitarian relief organizations. In addition to the responses mentioned above, ShelterBox is working in Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Nigeria, Mozambique, Syria and Yemen.

Support from District 5470 has helped enable our work. The following clubs reached HERO status by donating \$1,000 (bronze), \$3,000 (silver), or \$5,000 (gold) during the Rotary year. All clubs can be a HERO club. Gifts from clubs and individual club members count towards HERO awards.



*Father of four Abdul lives in a demolished village in Dadu district, Sindh, Pakistan. He has worked as a farmer since his childhood which is his ancestral profession. This year's floods destroyed his house and perished all his crops leaving him with nothing. The people living in this region of Sindh grow rice during the summer and wheat in winter, but this year, the flooded lands will deprive them of earning a living. Abdul and his younger son Adeel spend their evenings looking for their valuables in the rubble left behind by the flood. The family has been living under the open sky where the temperatures fall below 15 degrees Celsius during winter. After receiving the ShelterBox aid items, Abdul and his family were joyful to have a roof over their heads. The young ones, who were afraid of going to the toilet at night were excited to use the solar lights. The family is now able to have clean drinking water which has given them hope.*

# Lower Extremity Amputation Prevention in Latin America and the Caribbean – Rotary Club of Ajijic, D-4140, Jalisco, Mexico seeking Project Partners.

Rotary Club of Ajijic (RCOA) is a bi-lingual club, located along the shore of Lake Chapala in the state of Jalisco, Mexico, with a membership comprised mostly of retired American and Canadian Expats. RCOA’s activities are focused on education and improving the standard of living of local, largely indigenous, populations. RCOA serves as a bridge to Mexico for other North American Continent clubs with similar goals.

Over the past several years, RCOA Club Administrator and Director Don Edgerton has been working with Arche Healthcare, LLC to adapt elements of their proprietary Lower Extremity Amputation Prevention (LEAP) Program to address the burgeoning incidence of lower extremity amputations in Mexico, the rest of Latin America and the Caribbean. Arche’s unique, **visual** and innovative tools are employed in a Comprehensive Diabetic Foot Exam (CDFE) Program that provides preventive education to patients and gives them tools to involve them in their own care.

*“Tell me and I may forget, show me and I will remember, involve me and I will understand”*



Patients are stratified by risk of amputation and scheduled for a follow-up exam commensurate with their risk. The LEAP Program CDFE comes in a Standardized Kit that is FDA registered and in that process with the Mexican equivalent (COFEPRIS). The program is replicable, although it can be adjusted based on Community Assessment. The kits are low cost and therefore can be deployed on a very large scale in a modular model through Partners. The Program is preventive, requires minimal training to administer and requires only a clean well-lit setting to implement.

Don is also a Director at the Tepehua Community Center (TCC) which serves a very poor indigenous community located within Chapala Mexico and is representative of the demographic the LEAP Program will benefit. TCC has agreed to provide a site and volunteers to become the first site for this Program and the RCOA membership is enthusiastic about creating the first of many, many, many Rotary Projects to come.

# Lower Extremity Amputation Prevention in Latin America and the Caribbean – Rotary Club of Ajijic, D-4140, Jalisco, Mexico seeking Project Partners. (cont)



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## 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, **Melanie Phelps** <[melaniephe@aol.com](mailto:melaniephe@aol.com)>

## Contact Us

Do you want to have your International Service project displayed in a future newsletter? Send the story and a few photos to [bkiser@aol.com](mailto:bkiser@aol.com) or [pjeschofnig@gmail.com](mailto:pjeschofnig@gmail.com)



### 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\$30,000

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 Melanie Phelps [melaniephe@aol.com](mailto:melaniephe@aol.com)