

## **ROTARY DISTRICT 5470**

International Service News



## D-5470 INTERNATIONAL SERVICE NEWSLETTER #45



## Dear Rotarians and Guests.

We are thrilled to present to you the 45th edition of the D5470 Rotary International Newsletter! This quarter is jampacked with exciting updates and heartwarming stories. We start with an inspiring message from our new DG Whittney Smythe-Smith, sharing her incredible journey at the 2024 Rotary International Conference in Singapore.

In addition, we highlight an amazing joint fundraising project that brings together 1,095 Ethiopian Rotarian students doing a fundraiser with several D5470 Rotary Clubs. But that's not all – we have captivating stories from across the globe, including Niger, Navajo Nation, Chinle, Guatemala, Hungary, Zambia, and much more!

So, find a cozy spot, settle in, and get ready to embark on an international adventure of fellowship and goodwill. Happy reading!

Oh yeah... Did I mention there is a prize to be won within this newsletter?

Maryam Eaton
D5470 Int'l Newsletter Editor

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Rebekah Kiser is inviting you to D5470 International Coffee Bistro Zoom meeting. <u>ZOOM LINK HERE</u>

Every month on the Third Saturday
The next scheduled meetings are at 9AM:

July 20 August 17 September 21

Meeting ID: 827 6233 9280 Passcode: 938948



We have begun a District International WhatsApp group that has been fun. If you are not on it and want to be added, email your name and mobile phone number to:

beckykiser28@gmail.com with subject: WhatsApp Group

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## 2024 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



This May, I had the pleasure of representing District 5470 at the Rotary International Convention and Youth Exchange Preconvention in Singapore.

Attending the Rotary International Convention is a significant opportunity for Rotarians seeking to enhance their impact and broaden their horizons. This annual event brings together thousands of members from around the globe, creating a unique platform for networking and collaboration. By connecting with fellow Rotarians, attendees can exchange ideas, share successful projects, and form partnerships that transcend geographical boundaries. The convention features a variety of workshops, seminars, and panel discussions led by experts in various fields, providing valuable insights into leadership, community service, and humanitarian efforts.

One of the key benefits of attending is the exposure to innovative ideas and strategies that can be applied to local projects. Hearing about the successes and challenges faced by other clubs inspires attendees to implement effective solutions in their communities.

Additionally, the convention promotes cultural exchange, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of diverse perspectives. This cultural immersion enriches the Rotarian experience, encouraging a global mindset and enhancing international understanding.

Moreover, the convention reinvigorates the commitment to Rotary's mission of service above self. Attendees return to their clubs with renewed enthusiasm, armed with new knowledge and connections that can drive meaningful change. The Rotary International Convention is more than just an event; it is a catalyst for personal growth, professional development, and impactful service.

This coming year, the Rotary International Convention will be held in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. District 5470 is looking forward to our members joining us this year with the Convention returning to North America. For those attending the District Conference, the last weekend of September in Grand Junction, the first 20 people who can show our Calgary Representative their registration for the event will receive a special prize.

Whittney Smythe-Smith District Governor



Members of District 5470 having dinner on the Tiffin Room Patio Singapore



Members of the 24-25 DG Cohort Representing the Big West Zones in the Flag Ceremony.

## ROTARY TRADING BANNERS: WHERE FRIENDSHIP, COLLABORATIONS, UNITY AND FUN GO GLOBAL

## TRI-LAKES DYNAMIC ROTARY CLUB

MONUMENT, COLORADO

MARYAM EATON



Rotary Club of Bali Nusa, Indonesia & Past Pres. Khurshid Qureshi & Gloria Qureshi (Tri-Lakes Dynamic Rotary PP & N. CO Springs past member)



Russell Chun (Tri-Lakes Dynamic Rotary - CO) Rotarians from Budapest, Israel, Ecuador



Past Pres. Owen Schoolsky (Tri-Lakes Dynamic Rotary - CO) Eric Smith (Tri-Cities Rotary Club-WA)

# CASUAL SILENDS Colorado, USA

## GOODWILL & FRIENDSHIPS WITH TRI-LAKES DYNAMIC ROTARY CLUB

To mark our club's 2nd anniversary, we unveiled our awesome new trading banner! We jumped right in—trading it with a member's visiting Rotarian brother and even swapped banners in Grand Cayman when our club president went on a family vacation. Talk about diving into fellowship and fun from the get-go!

## **BUILDING FRIENDSHIPS ACROSS THE GLOBE**

Trading banners within Rotary International is like sending postcards to friends you've never met but instantly click with! This fun tradition dates back to the early 1950s and has since become a fun tradition at Rotary events/meetings worldwide. When you exchange a banner, you're not just swapping fabric—you're sharing stories, creating connections, and maybe even planning your next travel destination! Every banner has its own vibe and tells a tale about its club's culture, importance, and achievements. It's like a mini travel adventure that fits right in your suitcase, making Rotary friendships colorful and exciting.

## **IGNITING FUN COLLABORATIONS**

Besides being a great way to make friends and show club pride, banner trading can spark some cool collaborations. When Rotarians exchange banners, it often leads to brainstorming sessions about joint projects and events. What started as a way to celebrate Rotary's expanding global presence has turned into a vibrant exchange of ideas and goodwill. It's like trading ideas and goodwill all in one go, helping clubs connect, collaborate, and having fun while making a difference together.

## MODERN SIGNIFICANCE

The tradition continues to thrive, with Rotarians eagerly trading banners to mark their visits to other clubs, whether locally or internationally. Through banner trading, Rotarians continue to strengthen their international friendships, promote cultural understanding, and celebrate the rich tapestry of the Rotary community. So, visit clubs on your vacations and have fun!

Personal note: Visit our Dynamic club with your club banner! P.S. Also, I'm heading to Dubai soon. Have connections or suggestions of clubs to visit and exchange some banners?:) Please, let me know. <a href="mailto:maryamtrilakesrotary@gmail.com">maryamtrilakesrotary@gmail.com</a>



- Entry into a \$500 drawing
- Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar
- A costume contest
- Information will be available about ways to get involved in Rotary District 5470



## TRI-LAKES DYNAMIC ROTARY CLUB

MONUMENT, COLORADO RUSSELL CHUN

Tri-Lakes Rotary member Russell Chun from Monument, Colorado, recently visited the Rotary Club Budapest-City, District 1911. During his visit, he also met with Rotarian members from Israel, Budapest, Israel, and Ecuador.

Budapest is a truly international city, with members of the Budapest-City club (which holds meetings in English) hailing from Italy, China, Ecuador, South Africa, Ghana, and other nations. The club is engaged in numerous projects, with a significant focus on supporting a school for Ukrainian children and their families who have fled the conflict in Ukraine

Currently, about 10,000 Ukrainian children reside in Budapest, awaiting a safe return to their country. The school, which presently accommodates 100 children, aims to expand its capacity to 700 children. The Rotary Club Budapest–City is actively seeking Global Rotary grants to achieve this goal.







For more information and to help, please contact the 2023-2024 Rotary Club Budapest District 1191 President, Vitoria Vita Griessmuller, at <a href="mailto:griessmuller@gmail.com">griessmuller@gmail.com</a>. Please CC me on the email too.

Please email me contacts/info in the following areas: Ternopil, Vinnytsia, Kryvyi Rih, and Kyiv, as I would like to connect with them while I'm here. I will be in these locations by the time you are reading this article.

Followup about my journey (Ukraine, youth sports camps, and more) will be in the next newsletter!

Russell Chun <a href="mailto:fcagoodsportsusa@gmail.com">fcagoodsportsusa@gmail.com</a>

## A SIGN OF THE TIMES

## REPLACING COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATION SIGN

### ROTARY CLUB OF CEDAREDGE

CEDAREDGE, COLORADO
DON BENJAMIN

The Rotary Club of Cedaredge has up with other non-profit teamed community organizations to replace an aging sign at the town's highway entrance. A team composed of Rotarians and several members of the Grand Mesa Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 9221 worked cooperatively disassemble the old, outdated structure. Rotarians gathered six colorful emblems representing a half-dozen non-profits and had a new sign prepared. When it was ready, Rotarians and veterans united again to erect the new sign.



For more info click here for Club link



The new sign showcases the town's volunteer organizations and lets visitors know that Cedaredge is a vibrant community where organizations work together to achieve goodwill and cooperation.

In addition to Rotary and the VFW, the local Lions Club, the Grand Mesa Nordic Council, and the Grand Mesa Business Guild provided financial support. The emblems of the Surface Creek Animal Shelter and the Cedaredge Food Bank were also added to the sign with Rotary picking up the cost for those two important community organizations.



### Cedaredge Rotary Club | Cedaredge CO

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## UKRAINIAN SCHOOL PROJECT

### EDWARDS ROTARY IMPACT CLUB

UPDATE

EDWARDS, COLORADO BUDDY SIMS

Dear Rotarians and Friends in District 5470:

Hello it's Buddy Sims from the Edwards CO Rotary Impact Club. For the last two years my old Rotary club in Goodyear PebbleCreek (RCGYPC), AZ helped start and support a new Ukrainian Elementary School Project Budapest, Hungary. Rotary Club Budapest City (RCBC) https://www.rc-budapest-city.hu/ is also RCGYPC's sister club and the only English- speaking club in Hungary. Below you can find a link to a short video showcasing the currently operating school that was equipped with lots of US and Rotary world-wide support (over 15 Rotary sponsors). Since September 2023, this school has served almost 200 Ukrainian refugee kids Budapest. https://youtu.be/IXzG8r0YZU4? si=CIDFcK6GDTsga9U

Here are some key updates about the ongoing Ukrainian School Project: Over the last few months, RCBC has been working to engage new potential sponsors, and it looks promising that we might reach a total budget global grant goal of \$300,000. The Rotary International President 2024/2025, Ms. Stephanie Urchick from Pennsylvania, USA, and the Rotary International Director, Mr. David Tanase from Romania, visited the currently operating Ukrainian school and were enthusiastic about supporting the project.

Please see three attached photos of their visit. The organization of two summer camps in Sátoraljaújhely and Mórahalom (Hungary) for 30 Ukrainian refugee children, free of charge, is progressing well. In June 2024, a trainer who will hold smart board training for the Ukrainian refugee teachers will visit the school, and hopefully, we can finalize the structure of the training that is in line with the Global Grant requirements. New sponsors to cover the salaries of the currently *(Cont)* 

(cont) working teachers has been secured. Sponsors have been found to pay the two months' deposit and one month pre-payment for the larger building starting in Sep 2024 housing 700 students. The larger building contract was signed in May 2024 and we are waiting for the new school license from the Hungarian Government.

If any interest in District 5470 Clubs in joining the Rotary support team for the Ukrainian School Project, please contact me:



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## A Buck for the Basket for the Blind

PAGOSA SPRINGS, COLORADO

DONNA MOSHER



A Buck for the Basket for the Blind • Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs Niger is often listed as the poorest country in Africa. Sixty percent of Niger's population lives on less than \$2/day. The long-term solution to global poverty is self-sufficiency. Improving science and math literacy in underdeveloped countries can increase the rate of economic development and self-sufficiency of their people. Thousands of high school students in the capital city Niamey are studying biology, chemistry, and physics. These students will likely play a major role in the economic development of Niger.

The Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs is partnering with our twin club in Niamey to improve high school science education in Niger. The science teachers in these high schools have no equipment and little experience with hands-on science. We are helping them create laboratory manuals for biology, chemistry and physics. Science teachers will receive training through workshops and the supplies required to perform practical experiments. Each school will receive computers and digital projectors that will facilitate teaching large classes.

And we are now starting a mini project. With just our spare change, our members are supporting nine visually impaired students attending the National School for the Blind in Niamey. This is an easy and affordable way for each of us to support our International Service work in Niger. Our goal is to collect \$25 each week over the next year to provide the basic supplies these students need at a cost of about \$125 each. The members of our twin club have promised to send us updates on our support. This gives us the opportunity to be reminded on a regular basis about this vital work in Niger.

The basic needs of the nine visually impaired students are as follows:

- -Tablet used as a slate for taking notes during class lessons, price \$57.85
- -Punch serving as a pen for the tablet; price \$4.96
- -Paper in the form of Bristol cards for writing; ream of 300 sheets at \$33.06 -Ring to connect and classify courses; price \$0.33 per unit
- -School outfit (Dress, pants + T-shirt) price at \$18.18
- -School bag estimated price \$8.28



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## WELL UPDATE FROM ZAMBIA IN PARTNERSHIP WITH FARM STEW AND WILDERNESS GATE-JUNE 2024

FUNDED BY ROTARY DISTRICT 5470

## ROTARY CLUB OF THE NORTH FORK VALLEY PAONIA, COLORADO JOY KAUFFMAN AND HILLARY ZEBRON

LOCATION: KATUBYA VILLAGE, ZIMBA/KAZUNGULA DISTRICT, SOUTHERN PROVINCE KATUBYA CLUSTER, SPECIFICALLY IN SIANCHIMWA VILLAGE,, 17°13'57.2 S 25°26'53.4" E

Sianchimwa VILLAGE has made many strides since September 2023, when the first borehole, currently the only operational borehole in the 80 sq km of the Katubya cluster of villages, was installed. This borehole was provided by a District Grant from Rotary 5470 through FARM STEW International (FARM STEW). The borehole provided has been a lifeline, especially as Zambia has been experiencing an extreme drought this year.

The FARM STEW training and support in this part of Zambia began in Q1 2023, covering 16 villages. Trainers teach skills of farming, meals, sanitation, enterprise, and more. The goal is FARM STEW-certified households and communities that adopt the behaviors they are taught that will lead to a more abundant life. In particular, FARM STEW-certified households have established Kitchen Gardens that are thriving as they have grown and continue to grow





vegetables for their own consumption and for sale to the surrounding villages. This would not have been possible without the borehole. One village woman and her family were able to buy a goat and chickens because of the sale of vegetables; others exchanged vegetables for maize.

Since the borehole well was installed in September 2023, Sianchimwa now supports three other surrounding villages with water. The 2023/24 planting season for staple crops was a disaster for the whole southern part of Zambia and Katubya was not spared at all. The communities had just come through a previous tough season only to now go through an even more painful season of very little rain. This has meant families and whole villages will have an even bigger task of finding not only food but especially water. (Continued on next page)

## Well Update from Zambia, Continued

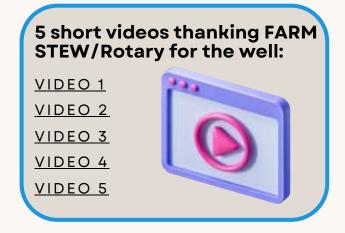


## **CHALLENGES:**

This is the only borehole well in the Katubya area of Sianchimwa village. It is already under stress as it provides water to three surrounding villages. The FARM STEW trainers working in the area are appealing for additional boreholes to ease the strain on the well as other communities work towards achieving FARM STEW Certified status.

The borehole has been a lifeline as it is the only source of accessible safe water for 3 communities, especially as Zambia's drought has been severe this year.

### ARTICLE PHOTOS CREDIT: HILLARY ZEBRON





## **BENEFITS:**

This is one of many beneficiaries that now not only have water to drink but are able to eat from the food that the water has helped them to grow. Crops like these are a lifeline to hungry people as they grow!



Thanks to the FARM STEW training on sanitation, many more families in the area have built latrines and are using them.

## **FOR MORE INFO:**

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## ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE CONTINUES TO GROW AFTER PANDEMIC HALT



**MOUNTAIN & PLAINS ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE** 

John Stroud

Greetings from Mountain and Plains District 5470 Rotary Youth Exchange. We are in the midst of perhaps our busiest time of year for Rotary Youth Exchange, with students coming and going all over the world.

We are preparing a new class of high school-aged students to go outbound (study abroad) for the 2024-25 school year, while our current outbound group is returning from their year abroad. At the same time, we are saying goodbye to our inbound students who have been with us here in District 5470 for the past year, while also preparing to welcome a new group of foreign students in August who will be with us for the coming year.

There's never really a down time for Youth Exchange, and that's even more true as we continue to grow the program back to prepandemic levels.

This past year, we had 12 outbound students and an equal number of inbound students hosted by 12 different clubs in our district.

Among them was our first-ever Ukrainian student, Alex Protsenko, who came to Glenwood Springs through a special one-way exchange opportunity. Many thanks to all of the clubs and individual Rotarians who contributed financially to help support this exchange.



## ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE, Continued



Our numbers this year were down slightly from 2022-23 when we sent 13 students abroad and hosted 19 students, but next year we will be sending 17 students abroad and hosting 18 students among 15 clubs.

Special thanks to three of our clubs, Carbondale, Crested Butte and Durango Daybreak, who will be hosting two students each next year. It takes a lot of work and volunteer hours to arrange for host families, provide financial support and take care of all of the fine details associated with hosting a foreign exchange student in our communities.

Many thanks to all of the clubs that currently host. If your club would like to become active with Rotary Youth Exchange, please contact me at jstroud@mountainandplainsrye.com If you know of a student in your community who would be interested in studying abroad through Rotary, the application period for the 2025-26 year will open on August 1. Please see our website, mountainandplainsrye.com for details.

## For More Info:

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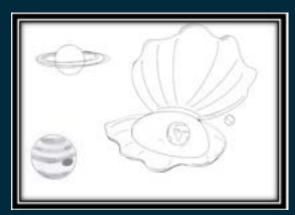
## A COLLECTION OF PEARLS OF WISDOM FOR YOUR ADVENTURE



ROTARY CLUB OF EAST

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO

REBEKAH KISER



1,095 Student Rotarians of the Rotary club of East Colorado Springs received the benefit of a D5470 matching grant enabling them to practice living by the four-way-test

The lifestyle workshop was taught on April 13, 2024.

The book is written in English and translated into Amharic and Oromifa. It is based on the concept of a beautiful pearl being formed from pain.

The first day of training was held in Addis Ababa for twenty school directors and teacher volunteers. They were taught how to train in a learning center model. The group from Aliyu Amba traveled through a live battle and waited for a short pause in the fire in order to run through a road barrier. The group from Muki Turi was "detained" on their way for more than three hours.



## THERE IS GREATNESS IN YOU

A COLLECTION OF PEARLS OF WISDOM FOR YOUR ADVENTURE



On the day of the training of the girls, thirty-two Muki Turi residents were kidnapped. We are impressed with the trainer's commitment to hope and the girls. (Continued on next page)



Students separated into Amharic speaking and Oromifa speaking groups. Trainers moved from group to group. The workshop began at 9:00 and was complete at 3:00 pm. Each student received a package with Greatness in You workbook, a set of colored pencils, an iron pencil sharpener, and a creativity sheet to complete later.

Lunch was served and the students kept whispering to each other in disbelief that they were encouraged to eat as much as they wanted.



The afternoon session was the "Pearl of Hope". A powerful panel of graduates from Trampled Rose who are now university students (one medical doctor and three engineers), and the opening, by trainers, of real oysters to find pearls.









As we left each other to return to our villages, the atmosphere was full of hope and commitment for a better future. Each student returned home with their own packet and the chance to create whatever came to them. As each student left they were given a hug and a pearl to keep in their pockets to remind them that they are our pearl of great value.

Submitted with gratitude,





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## **June 2024**

1095 Rural Secondary Ethiopian Student Rotarians of the Rotary Club of East Colorado Springs are working to change the world.

Our student Rotarians live is an area so rural they use camels as their main source of transportation. They were recent recipients of a District 5470 matching grant providing lifestyle training based upon the four-way test. In their gratitude they have been working to do their own international project. They have chosen to provide books for the bookmobile in Chinle, AZ in cooperation with other Rotary clubs in our district.

Come July, 18 from 5:50–7:00 to Patty Jewett Golf Club in Colorado Springs to hear more about student world changers. We want to hear about your club's projects too, **It's a Disco Party**, hosted by the Rotary Club of East Colorado Springs, in cooperation with D5470 International and Membership committees is for Rotarians and Friends who want to have some fun while making an impact.

Wear your disco best (there will be a contest but wear what you want), bring your friends, everyone who attends will be entered into a \$500 cash drawing. Yes, this may even attract them to join you in more Rotary time.

See you there?? bkiser@aol.com

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## **HELP NEEDED**



## **HOW TO MAKE SOIL FERTILE**



Dear Rotary District Members,

We hope this message finds you well. We are excited to relay an important update from Food Plant Solutions, which has recently completed a set of five invaluable resources specifically for Zimbabwe. You can access these resources here: Zimbabwe Resources.

Food Plant Solutions needs our collective support to maximize the impact of these resources:

- Food Plant Solutions would also like to have them translated into at least the two main languages. If you know of anyone that could do this (volunteer only, we don't have the funds to pay for translation), could you please put them in touch with Food Plant Solutions (see contact info below)? We have translation tables for this to easily occur.
- As you know, resources such as these can be created for any country or region and we'd welcome the opportunity to discuss our resources with you.
- And, if you're able, a donation will help create these <a href="https://foodplantsolutions.org/donate/">https://foodplantsolutions.org/donate/</a>

Thank you for your attention and your ongoing commitment to making a difference. By collaborating with Food Plant Solutions, we can drive positive change and foster sustainable solutions for communities around the world.

### **CONTACT INFO:**

Karalyn Hingston, Executive Officer info@foodplantsolutions.org Food Plant Solutions: PO Box 690, DEVONPORT TAS 7310, AUSTRALIA





## GLENWOOD SPRINGS SUNSET ROTARY CLUB GLENWOOD SPRINGS, COLORADO PETER JESCHOFNIG

The Rotary Clubs of Las Américas and Downey announced that the Guatemala Literacy Project (GLP) Global Grant for the 2023-2024 Rotary year has been approved by The Rotary Foundation! <u>Global Grant #2351451</u> is for a total amount of USD \$453,038!

152 clubs (including several D-5470 clubs) and 26 districts (including D-5470) contributed DDF to this Global Grant, which will provide the gift of literacy, education, and training to more than 6,200 children and teachers in rural Guatemala, mainly during the 2025 Guatemalan school year (January to October).

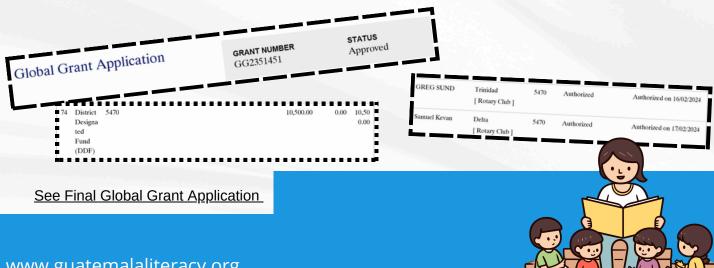
Cheers, Peter Jeschofnig

pjeschofnig@gmail.com



P.S I am attaching the GG application LINK below so that you can see which D-5470 clubs are participating (besides Aspen RC)

P.S.S The Youtube documentary is officially released on July 1st, 2024



## **ZAMBIA GLOBAL GRANT**

## PINE RIVER VALLEY CENTENNIAL ROTARY BAYFIELD, COLORADO BECKY SMITH

I'm writing with good news! I received a lengthy update from my contact in the Phoenix 100 Rotary Club regarding the global grant in Zambia. Here are the highlights:

- TRF reviewed the grant and posed many questions (as they always do) regarding the grant. For example, TRF wanted more clarity on the selection process for contractors.
- The questions were answered adequately and now the grant will move on to final approval
- Final approval is expected imminently
- A member of the Phoenix 100 club, Kim Lorenz, traveled to Mbala, Zambi to meet with district and local club leaders as well as with World Vision representatives. They reviewed the grant together to align their efforts in more detail
- We will receive a request for funds in the next few weeks
- The project will begin immediately. It will most likely finish in March or April of 2025
- We are invited to travel with members of the Phoenix 100 Club to review the completed project

### Now just some fun tidbits:

- The grant was held up for a few weeks when the Rotary district in Zambia discovered the Mbala club underpaid their club dues by \$75. This poor club did not have the funds to complete the payment. A generous member of the Phoenix 100 Club made the payment personally!
- After flying to Zambia, Kim Lorenz took a 1 1/2 hour in-country flight and then drove 7 hours on bad roads to get to Mbala. A new airport is opening in one month that will significantly reduce the drive time.
- I prefer to keep an eye on the global grant progress myself, but until we have sent the funds and become an official sponsor, I won't have access. You can imagine how eager I am to get that access!
- As usual, the schools in Mbala have many needs beyond the scope of this
  project. They will be asking for school desks for the children. I prefer to
  make arrangements to ensure the girls have access to their monthly
  supplies that will keep them in school.



This is the group that will oversee the project in Mbala. It includes Kim Lorenz, members of the local Rotary club, representatives from World Vision and a local government representative. Kelvin Chabinga, to the right of Kim, is one of the project managers.



Reviewing the MOU.



The long-term solution to global poverty is self-sufficiency. Forty years of thoughtful research involving 70 countries shows a strong correlation between the rate of economic development and the science and math literacy in these countries. This correlation shows that aid to improve science and math literacy in under-developed countries is likely to increase the rate of economic development and self-sufficiency of their people. The immediate purpose of this Global Grant is to improve high school science education in Niger.

With a per-capita Gross National Income (GNI) less than \$1,000, Niger is often listed as the poorest country in Africa. To understand the severity of poverty in Niger, it is helpful to note that Mexico's GNI is \$16,000. Sixty percent of Niger's population lives on less than \$2/day.

Eighty percent of Niger lies in the Sahara Desert. Average annual rainfall in Niger is about 6 inches. The average annual rainfall in the U.S. is 39 inches.

In addition to fostering economic development in this impoverished country, this project will build understanding between Muslim and non-Muslim communities. Niger is about 90% Muslim.

Despite widespread, extreme poverty and the lack of development in Niger, there are thousands of high school students in the capital city Niamey who are studying biology, chemistry and physics. These students will likely play a major role in the economic development of Niger.

This project will support science education in 4 high schools in Niamey. One of the high schools, CES LAZARET has nearly 5,000 students. Lazaret is a northern suburb, which is known historically for its refugee camp with many Tuareg people. The camp became the largest in the Sahel during the extreme drought of 1973-1975. Another high school, Collège Mariama, has nearly 1900 students.

Although the science teachers in these high schools are rather well-trained in the theory of science, they have no equipment and little experience with hands-on science. One of the main goals of this program is to develop laboratory manuals for biology, chemistry and physics. Science teachers will receive training through workshops and the supplies required to perform practical experiments. Each school will receive computers and digital projectors that will facilitate teaching large classes.

This program builds on experience gained through similar projects in Senegal, as well as through 2 visits to Niger. (<a href="https://pagosaspringsrotary.org/Stories/strengthening-high-school-science-in-niger">https://pagosaspringsrotary.org/Stories/strengthening-high-school-science-in-niger</a>)



## DEAR ROTARIANS,

Please consider sharing this fantastic Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity news with the Rotary International Outreach Committee, especially given several Rotarians have volunteered with us. I have copied Martin as he has worked directly with Chloe on the committee.



Chloe Henry, PPHFH's Faith in Action Program Manager, submitted the attached PPHFH Interfaith Dialogue Report for the international competition for United Nations World Interfaith Harmony Week. Last Friday we received notice that ....drum roll please.... PPHFH won the international silver medal for the King Abdullah II UN WIHW !!! We are only the 3rd US organization EVER to receive this prestigious international award! The winners will be announced on their website and social media very soon, and Chloe will represent PPHFH for the presentation of the Silver medal, certificate and \$3,000 at the Jordan Embassy in Washington D.C.! (The judges are listed below in case you are curious.)

On Behalf of the Judges

H.R.H. Prince Ghazi bin Muhammad

H.B. Patriarch Theophilus III – Patriarch of the Holy City, Palestine and Jordan

H.E. Sheikh Dr Ali Goma'a – former Grand Mufti of the Arab Republic of Egypt

H.E. Bishop Munib Yunan – Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, and President of the World Federation of Evangelical Lutheran Churches

Sheikh Usama al-Sayyid Al-Azhari – Professor at Al-Azhar University

Father Nabil Haddad – Founder and Executive Director of the Jordanian Interfaith Coexistence Research Centre

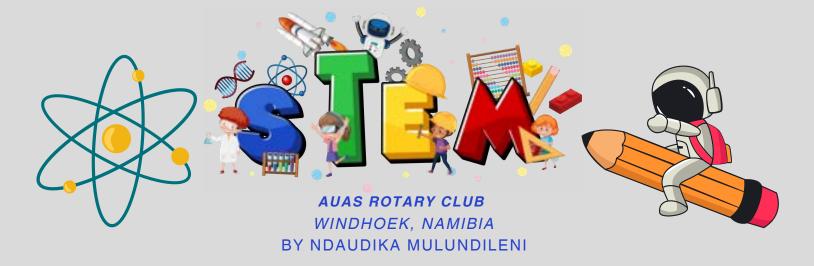
Dr. Tarek Elgawhary – Director of the Royal Aal Al-Bayt Institute for Islamic Thought

We are ROCKING it locally, nationally and internationally!! So very proud of the work this team does to create A WORLD WHERE EVERYONE HAS A DECENT PLACE TO LIVE~

Kris Lewis CEO Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity

2024 PIKES PEAK HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
"WHO IS YOUR NEIGHBOR INTERFAITH DIALOGUE"

LINK



Dear Rtn. Peter, This is Ndaudika Mulundileni from Auas Rotary Club in Windhoek, Namibia.

I am writing to share with you the STEAM Partnership Project global grant application concept note, based on the project that our club has worked on since 2022. Initially the STEAM Partnership project was a partnership between Auas and Hamburg International Rotary Clubs, this partnership came to an end after a successful completion of phase 1.

For phase 2, we want to scale the project to expose more school children, including those in marginalized areas to STEAM educational activities as described in the work plan in the proposal attached.

We would like you to assist where you may to link us with potential partners so that we can discuss potential collaborations regarding this project.

We are also happy to share more information if you may need it.

Best regards, Ndaudika Mulundileni Auas Rotary Club Secretary

ndaudika@mindsinaction.com.na https://www.facebook.com/ARCWindhoek/



## **DAILY DIGEST**

Abertina and Josephine, grade 4 & 5 learners at Benhard NordKamp Center in Windhoek, they are part of the group that benefited from the STEAM Partnership Project pilot. Here they are showcasing a game that they developed together. In addition to game development, they also learned Coding, Robotics, Electronics, and soft skills like creativity, algorithmic thinking, collaboration, problem solving, and they had so much fun for over 6 months.



PP PENNY KELLY

Rotary Club of East Colorado Springs



Profanity, yes profanity is the topic of conversation for this month's thoughts.

Profanity is the crutch of a conversational cripple. ~ Jay Alexander

Have you ever met someone and within minutes of meeting them were disgusted, wanted to walk awayor your opinion of them goes downhill fast because of their choice of profanity?

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Profane conversation fillers are off putting, demeaning, disrespectful...not cool, funny, hip, edifyingor relationship building.

As Rotarians, I believe we are called to a higher standard in all walks of life. Our example impacts thousands of people in everything we think, do and say. This is not a call for a check up from the neckup but a check up for what's coming out of your mouth.

Profanity is started lightly, possibly picked up from someone we grew up with, hung out with orare friends with today. Little by little our profanity vocabulary expands and we become numb to the meaning of the words we are flippantly spewing. STOP! Think about the actual meaning of what you are vomiting from your mouth. Are those words helping deliver the message you want to convey?

In this time in history, don't we need to guard the messages we are sending to others? Rotarians are exceptional humans! We serve others in so many ways, doing so much good by expanding the vision of a better life for others. How about looking at how we debase ourselves and disrespect the person we are speaking to when choosing filthy words to get our point across?



The same premise is true, we never get a second chance to make a good first impression. If we choose profanity, we quite possibly will never get a second chance to show others our hearts and sincere desire to make this world a better place.

**ROTARY 4 WAY TEST** 

- \*IS IT THE TRUTH?
- \*IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?
- \*WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- \*WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?





## Registration is still open!

## Rotary Women in the Rockies July 26-28 Westcliffe, CO

## Join with women of service from all over Colorado and Wyoming!

Here's the registration link:

https://www.crsadmin.com/eventportal/Registrations/PublicFill/EventPublicFill.aspx?evtid=5ca9eae8-cae7-49e0-a365-4146e2c08546

- Our first EVER conference for Rotary Women is growing and building.
- We have incredible NEW facilitators with IMPACTFUL topics that pertain to every woman in Rotary.
- · We have fabulous meals organized that address all dietary preferences.
- We have TIME for NETWORKING included in the schedule of events.

### SEVERAL CLUBS ARE SPONSORING THE \$200 REGISTRATION FEE FOR THEIR MEMBERS TO ATTEND!!

Here's the live link for lodging in Westcliffe:

https://visitwetmountainvalley.com/lodging/

### CoChairs

PDG Becky Smith <u>becky/smith.rotary@gmail.com</u>
DGND Donna Hood <u>rdh@apaintedview.com</u>



**HERE'S THE REGISTRATION LINK:** 

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER** 





## OPEN WORLD PROGRAM 2025 CALL FOR HOSTS

18 June 2024

To: Current and elected Rotary club presidents

cc: Current and elected officers for

U.S. district governor, U.S. Rotary club secretary, U.S. district international service chair

U.S. club executive

secretary U.S. district community service committee chair, U.S. Rotaract club president

Dear current and elected U.S. Rotary club presidents:

Greetings from Evanston! We are pleased to announce new hosting opportunities under the Open World Program during the 2025 calendar/hosting year, which will mark the twenty-sixth anniversary of Rotary's participation in the program.

The Open World Program is available to Rotary/Rotaract clubs in the United States and provides an opportunity to build fellowship and friendship to strengthen international understanding by hosting emerging Eurasian leaders from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Mongolia, North Macedonia, Papua New Guinea, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Solomon Islands, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu and Vietnam in your community.Rotary/Rotaract clubs are needed to host six-participant delegations for eight days and nights and prepare a professional program related to business, community, and civic life in the United States. The program focuses on developing a network of leaders who have an understanding of how American communities deal with contemporary issues and want to maintain contact with their new American contacts and other counterparts. Often, these collaborations lead to service projects between Rotary clubs in the two countries.

The Open World program, operated by the Congressional Office for International Leadership (COIL) an independent U.S. federal agency, is a special program available to Rotary/Rotaract clubs in the United States through a grant secured by Rotary International. Please review the Rotary Open World brochure for more information. Rotary International (RI) serves as a national host organization, with Rotary clubs serving as local hosts for Open World delegations. Rotary clubs in 290 cities and 48 states have hosted over 4,000 of all 31,000 Open World participants throughout these years. RI can reimburse participating clubs for many of their hosting expenses through Open World grants.

Is your Rotary Club interested in working on an international project, hosting six Open World participants for eight days/nights, and willing to develop an intensive week of events based on a selected Open World theme? If yes, then the Open World Program would be perfect for your club. Please complete the Host Registration Form and email the completed form to OpenWorld@rotary.org by Monday, 12 August or sooner. Find out more about the Open World Program on Rotary clubs I My Rotary.Warm Rotary Regards, Natalia KunzerOpen World Program OfficerNatalia.Kunzer@Rotary.org (847) 946-5664 Rotary clubs I My Rotary

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ROTARY CLUB OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS GLENWOOD SPRINGS, COLORADO

**DEBBIE WILDE** 



## Dear Rotarians,

Join us in a transformative initiative to promote literacy and community development within the Navajo Nation by participating in a Global Grant and Rotary Service Project.

The Ajijic Rotary Club (Mexico), Glenwood Springs Sunset Rotary Club and Glenwood Springs Noon Rotary Club are enthusiastic about the impact a Global Grant of \$100,000 for the Navajo Nation Literacy and Community Building Project will have on the lives of those within the Navajo community. We are a third of the way in funding commitments to make this possible.



**Need:** The Navajo Nation is the largest reservation of indigenous people in the USA, but large areas of the reservation lack basic services. Nearly 50% of Navajo families have no running water, no electricity, no internet, no libraries. This means that children have limited access to educational materials - no books, no place to borrow or buy books without driving over 100 miles. Students begin preschool kindergarten already significantly behind in basic literacy skills - it's hard to learn to read when there is nothing to read. Recent test scores indicate that 67% of 3rd graders and 89% of high school students are significantly deficient in reading proficiency. Basic literacy research again and again has shown that how well a child is doing in 3rd grade is the best indicator of how well that child will do in life. (Continued on next page)

## A SPECIAL NOTE TO ROTARIANS IN DISTRICT 5470.

We have another \$12,500 of District Match possibility for this Global Grant which then is matched by Rotary Foundation.... Long story short.... another \$10,000 from District 5470 Clubs becomes \$30,000 for this project. Please join us with your commitment!

(Continued)

Rotary Global Grant: This global grant will supply materials for equipping the permanent structure that will house all these components: learning and exploration centers, classes, STEAM activities, and more for toddlers through teens. A reading area and library will be an anchor for the already successful bookmobile. There will be a café for nutrition and cooking classes, as well as a place for parents and community members to relax, talk, share ideas, and plan projects.

**Rotary Service Project**: With a successful global grant, which receives matching monies from Rotary Districts and The Rotary Foundation, we will assemble a **Rotary Service Project** in the summer of 2025 to install materials in The Imagination Station Learning Center.

**Navajo Partner:** Our Navajo Partner is the nonprofit Chinle Planting Hope. Rotarians from several clubs have worked hands-on with Chinle Planting

Hope for the past few years. We continue to partner with this organization created and run by local Navajo, not only because the need is so great, but because they have demonstrated remarkable stewardship and follow-through with resources. The community center includes а library/bookmobile, thrift store, a bicycle repair shop plus bikes and helmets given to children (once they complete their biking class at school), a community garden and soon The Imagination Station Learning Center.

Over 10,000 donated books have been cataloged into an active lending library –Read in Beauty Bookmobile. Over 1,500 students are proud owners of library cards and over 6,000 books have been checked out. Since the beginning of 2024, the Read in Beauty Book mobile is bringing books to schools that do not have libraries and also to communities at local events.



**The Request:** We are requesting a tentative funding commitment for Global Grant participation as soon as possible. We are planning to have final commitments by July 31, 2024. No amount is too large or too small. Participating clubs may also be interested in the service project connected to this effort. Please reply to this email with your commitment.

We already have commitments for \$10,000 from clubs and \$12,500 commitment for DDF from D-5470; with a TRF match of \$10,000 means we have \$30,000 or one-third of the project.

Please help us with your commitment by simply replying to this email.

We Can Help: We can help you make a presentation to your club via zoom, in person (if distance isn't too great) or share a power point with information flyers.

### **Rotary Contacts for Questions and More Information:**

For Global Grant technical questions – Peter Jeschofnig, <u>pjeschofnig@gmail.com</u> For Project Questions – Debbie Wilde, <u>debbiewilde@debbiewilde.com</u> and Nancy Bo Flood, <u>wlflood@hotmail.com</u>

"We saw Chinle Planting Hope start with nothing but dirt! They have created a viable space that is becoming a model for the Navajo Nation. It is a joy to walk alongside these talented individuals that care so deeply for their native communities." -A Rotarian

## LEARN MORE: JOIN US FOR A SHORT QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

**Topic: Global Grant Navajo** 

Nation Q&A

Time: Jun 27, 2024 06:30 PM

Mountain Time (US and

Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8 2095052932?

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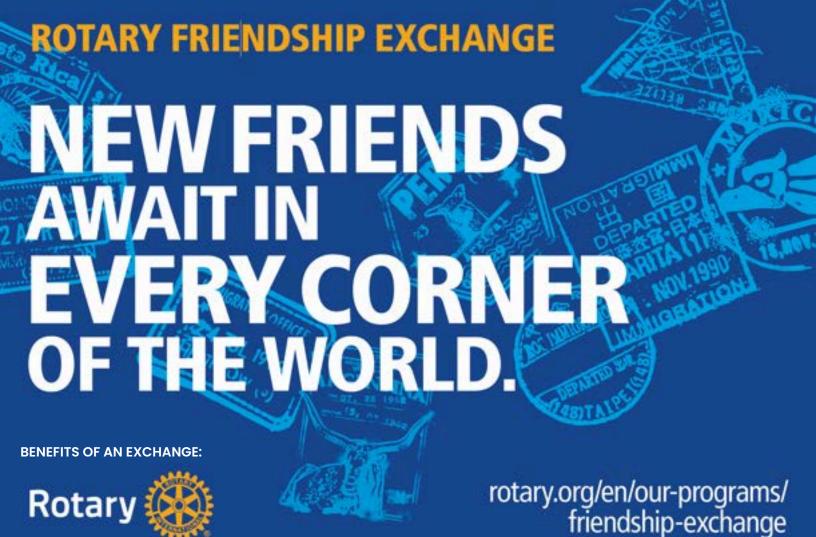
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## BENEFITS OF AN EXCHANGE

- Broaden international understanding
- Explore a profession or job in a different context
- · Build enduring friendships
- Establish a foundation for peace and service
- Gain opportunities for active project involvement and support
- Learn about a region's people, food, languages, customs, and history
- Find partners for grants

From: https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/friendship-exchange



## Friends + Exchange

Friendship Exchange is an international exchange program for Rotarians to exchange being hosts with each other. You can participate as a family, individual, or group whether you're a Rotary member or not

## Types of exchanges:

**Vocational:** Participate in help with fixing, repairing, building, medical, and various aspects of helping out.

Culture: Meet with the locals and leaders.

Fellowship: Enjoy music, food, dance, culture, etc

### For more info:

https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/friendship-exchange

## **USEFUL ROTARY RESOURCES ON GLOBAL GRANTS**

Compiled by PDG Chehab Elawar, Rotary Club of Las Vegas WON "Kindness is not an act, but a lifestyle."

### **How To Find Partners And Funds**

https://www.matchinggrants.org/

## **Regional grant coordinators**

http://msgfocus.rotary.org/c/12kRRsDf7Me8F1nzWrvyKUCNvimO

Cadre - Technical Advisers

https://my.rotary.org/en/take-action/apply-grants/cadre-technical-advisers

Give to the foundation Donate | Rotary International

https://www.rotary.org/en/donate

**Charitable Remaining Trust** 

https://rotary.planmygift.org/charitable-remainder-trusts

Disaster fund application

http://msgfocus.rotary.org/c/1pteO9SscGf8IbuIMYMvR3I7Wh

Google sheet for global grant partners

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1UP2yBWmNAHglSrz6dO\_dypaq5YVgJhACsjJ2Rewo49E/edit#gid=0

To join WhatsApp Global Grant Partners (only if you are serious about global grants)

https://chat.whatsapp.com/Cwqvm79MleB59al7WEHoQU

**Raise funds with Rotary** 

https://raise.rotary.org/

**Rotary Showcase** 

https://map.rotary.org/en/project/pages/project\_showcase.aspx

**Rotary Public Relations** 

https://my.rotary.org/en/learning-reference/learn-topic/public-relations

**Action Groups projects WhatsApp** 

https://chat.whatsapp.com/J9MeDruh0lkBoaBo7Vo7p



Dear Rotary leader,

As the Partnerships Manager for Rotary International's <u>service and project partnerships</u>, I am pleased to share an opportunity for Rotary members (18+ year-old, US citizens) that comes to us through our service partner, <u>Peace Corps</u>. Please feel free to share this opportunity to your members and community through your club's outreach platforms.

## **Announcement / Newsletter**

Make a lasting impact in communities around the world without leaving home

Rotary and Rotaract members are eligible to serve in Peace Corps' Virtual Service Pilot. Participants donate 5-15 hours per week for 3 to 6 months to support organizations abroad with their community-level projects related to education, health, agriculture, youth development, and entrepreneurship. Apply your professional skills, language skills, and interest in both global friendships and cultural exchange to build capacity and sustainability through a short-term, virtual engagement.

Learn more about Virtual Service opportunities and apply

[Link: <a href="https://www.peacecorps.gov/virtual-service/">https://www.peacecorps.gov/virtual-service/</a>]

### **Social Media Post**

A few hours of your time each week can make a lasting impact in communities worldwide.

Rotary and Rotaract members are invited to serve through <u>Peace Corps</u> Virtual Service Pilot. Virtual engagements connect US citizens with communities abroad to complete health, economic development, education, and youth development projects. This is a great short-term, part-time opportunity to lend your skills for service, gain intercultural experience, and learn about a new culture without leaving home.

Explore the virtual opportunities and apply at the link in our bio.

### Virtual Service Pilot Engagements

[Link: <a href="https://www.peacecorps.gov/volunteer/virtual-service-pilot/engagements/?#results">https://www.peacecorps.gov/volunteer/virtual-service-pilot/engagements/?#results</a>]

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for sharing this great opportunity!

Kindest regards,
Carrie Golden
Partnerships Manager
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## **ROTARY DISTRICT 5470**



## International Service News

## What the Rotary District 5470 International Service Committee does:

- Encourages us to expand our definition of community
- Educates and nurtures Rotarians and clubs working in the Seven Areas of Focus
- Connects clubs
- Builds relationships
- 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.

Who do I email for an international project article submission for the International Service Newsletter? What do I need to Include?

Share your club's international projects and interests with District International Service Chairman, Rebekah Kiser.

We want to know what YOUR club is doing. You can start adding them today.

- 1. Club Name and website
- 2. Name of who wrote the article
- 3. Name of your project
- 4. Your Article in PDF/Word format (PDF preferred)
- 5. Photos/images (Person who took photos if possible). Photos within the article are good or attached to the email.
- 6. Video website address/URLs if you want to include those.
- 7. Submit via Google Forms (Preferable please) with this link: <a href="https://forms.gle/gS2e4hFjHMDDAHMYA">https://forms.gle/gS2e4hFjHMDDAHMYA</a> OR if you can't, then

Email: beckykiser28@gmail.com with subject: Newsletter #46



