



# ROTARY DISTRICT 5470

## International Service News

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What the Rotary District 5470 International Service Committee does:

- It 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](#). We want to know what YOUR club is doing..*



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## GG2343134 Municipality of San Sebastian, Honduras

Written by Reggie O'Brien  
Chair International Committee Vail Rotary Club



There are approximately 11,700 rural community drinking water systems in Nicaragua and Honduras and more than 85% of these systems have been found to be contaminated with harmful bacteria. Governments and donors commonly fund the construction of new or improved water sources to combat the contamination of water with the fecal-oral pathogens that cause diarrhea. However, recontamination when water is transported or stored remains a problem, even if the water source is initially uncontaminated. Most of these water systems lack filtration or chlorination capabilities. EOS works with communities to empower operational community water systems and infrastructure including a protected watershed/water source, pipes, tanks, water treatment, and water meters. Often there is no provision for protection against animal waste contamination. The communities in this project water are all piped from an open source often several miles away, into a storage tank. Local water districts are responsible for the quality assurance and should consider raising awareness, active participation and involvement of local communities to maintain the forests in the watershed which regulate the water source and quality.

The objectives of the Safe Drinking Water Circuit Rider Program is to improve the health and livelihoods of 15 rural communities in San Sebastian, Honduras 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 project is expected to directly impact 4,333 people. The beneficiaries are 29% adult male, 31% adult female, and 40% under 15.

The sustainability portion of the Global Grant ensure that the community's water system is operational at all times, has the proper treatment solution in place to kill harmful bacteria and that the community water board has the knowledge and resources to maintain high-quality drinking water for their community, ensuring their drinking water is safe to drink.

On a personal note, I served as a senior Peace Corps Volunteer in Honduras 2009-2011. I worked with the Marcala Rotary Club while I was a volunteer and they are our partner with this Global Grant. This past November, I had the opportunity to return to Honduras and visit the beneficiary communities as well as to visit my Peace Corps site of Cane, Honduras. Needless to say, it was a very emotional and rewarding trip. It was a surprise visit to Cane and my counterparts remembered me as if I just left. The Rotary/ Peace Corps work that was done in my community is still functional and the relationships are still strong. Our NGO partner in this project is EOS, with whom the Vail Rotary Club collaborated on a project in Nicaragua in 2020-21. We were all set to go but the current political situation in Nicaragua forced the host club to decline participation due to fear of personal retaliation and the closing of more than 2500 NGOs in Nicaragua.

The project budget is \$55,620 plus the 5% Rotary International admin fee for a total of \$58,401. In our 5470 District, I have commitments from Vail, Edwards and Western Eagle County Rotary Clubs and a pending contribution from the Telluride Rotary Club. The project requires an additional \$4,114 for completion. This would include DDF and RI funding. On an individual or partnering 5470 club basis, the "ask" is for \$1,300. I would be happy to answer any questions or concerns. We can present to your club(s), should you have the need or desire. Thank you.

Reggie O'Brien Chair International Committee Vail Rotary Club  
District 5470  
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# How to find an International Grants Project for your club

By Peter Jeschofnig, Glenwood Springs Sunset RC

## D-5470 International Service Newsletter

Read the bi-monthly D-5470 International Service Newsletter on a regular basis and contact the project author of a project that your club might like to participate in. You should receive your personal copy as an email attachment. If you don't receive your own copy, contact your club secretary. Or go to the D-5470 website and click on the "International Service Newsletter" in the banner.



**Contact Global Grants chair and District Grants Chair** The Global Grants Chair Melanie Phelps <melaniephe@aol.com>, the District Grants Chair Carol Bach <carolmosierbach68@gmail.com> will know of all projects being worked on by any club in our district.

## District gatherings (PETS, Assemblies, Dist. Conference, etc)

Attend district meetings and interact with as many Rotarians as possible. Ask the meeting host to make an announcement that you are interested in participating in an international project

**Post your interest in an international project in the District Facebook page** (Rotary District 5470). You may have to submit your request to Rosanne Gain, FB manager <rgain@gain-stovall.com>

**Participate in an International Project Fair** - either in a virtual Fair to traveling to one.

D-4195 Project Fair (Merida, Yucatan, Mexico) 20 - 26 February 2023 - In-person projectfair@rotary4195.org

D-4400 Project Fair (Quito, Ecuador) - January 28-30— Daniel Valdivieso <d4400gubernacion2223@gmail.com>

Zone 23B Project Fair 14-15 July, 2023 -Buenos Aires, Argentina

ID	Title	Country	Location	District	Club	Amount	Status
41992	World Cancer Research	USA	Atlanta	2087	Rotary Club of Atlanta	\$10,000	Open \$10,000
41994	Support for the elderly in the	USA	Atlanta	2087	Rotary Club of Atlanta	\$5,000	Open \$5,000
41995	Support for the elderly in the	USA	Atlanta	2087	Rotary Club of Atlanta	\$5,000	Open \$5,000
41996	Support for the elderly in the	USA	Atlanta	2087	Rotary Club of Atlanta	\$5,000	Open \$5,000
41997	Support for the elderly in the	USA	Atlanta	2087	Rotary Club of Atlanta	\$5,000	Open \$5,000
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## Visit international Rotary clubs

When traveling internationally—whether on vacation or a business trip, don't forget to visit a local Rotary club. You may be introduced to a local project that would welcome your participation. There are many examples of this in our district.

**Check: www.matchinggrants.org/global**This project sharing website was developed and is maintained by D-5340. The goal of this website is to facilitate communications between Rotarians looking for projects to finance, and Rotarians looking to finance their local projects.

**Ask for a project presentation:** If you know of another D-5470 club participating in an international project, ask them for a presentation to your club - in person or via Zoom

**Join a Rotary Action Group** If your club is interested in a specific Area of Focus, have one of your club members join one of the many Rotary Action Groups. Their international newsletter will keep you informed of projects that you may like. Link to list of Action Groups: <https://my.rotary.org/en/take-action/empower-leaders/rotary-action-groups>.



**Opportunity for Service in Ukraine**  
**Written by Dennis Hagerty**  
**Wet Mountain Rotary Club**

Not long after joining the Rotary Club of Novato, California in 1990, my club sponsored the Rotary Club of Kiev. John Elloway, member and physician in town, was born in Saskatchewan of Ukrainian immigrants. Speaking Ukrainian still, he made contacts there while they were still under the Soviets. In 1992, there was a formal induction into Rotary International. Several members of the club travelled to Ukraine for the induction. Over the years I met several members of RC Kyiv as they came to visit our club in California.

Now I have reconnected with some of these folk while they are under attack by Russian forces. The club has supported two orphanages over the years. Due to war, demand upon the orphanages has increased. I wrote Rotarian Natalya Radovanskaya and asked about their needs. They are in need of industrial-sized washing machines and dryers for the children. Estimated cost of a washer is \$3,200 and \$1,700 for a dryer. I rounded up to \$5,000 and have made that our club project goal. In December, when I was exchanging with Natalya, I asked about immediate needs. She wrote that \$100 would purchase under clothing for 35 children. Our club collectively contributed \$1,000 and wired the money to the club in Kiev shortly before Christmas.



**Dear Rotary District 5470,**

I had hope for better news, but it appears that all around the world, Food insecurity continues to rise. In Tasmania, where I live, the Premiers Economic and Social Recovery Advisory Council, last report accepts that emergency relief is needed but “the state government should plan and transition from increased emergency relief provision towards community based , and school based security models”.



This is exactly the model we can deliver around the world and we know it works, but we still need funds to do this urgently. We still need help from Rotary Clubs and communities , and sponsors around the world.

At the Convention in Melbourne, Australia, this year, we have been accepted to deliver a workshop, where you, and the members from your district who register, will hear about the successes, and be given tools to develop community/ school gardens in their communities to end this burden of food Insecurity. We look forward to speaking with you.

I would love to speak with you or your clubs/ district via Zoom at any time.

Thanks you for this opportunity.

Yours in Rotary  
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PDG Una Hobday OAM

## Empowering Girls Initiative – Calling for Your Club’s Story



I’m Michelle Lefebvre and I’m working with our District 5470 to share, create interest in and help spread success stories of Empowering Girls. Please share with me what you and your Club may be doing, either locally or internationally, to Empower Girls. AND keep reading to learn of the importance of this initiative and how you can become involved.

The Empowering Girls initiative is focused on club-level activities through which Rotary clubs can create positive change in the lives of girls worldwide. In 2021 Shekhar Mehta made empowering girls one of his presidential initiatives and, because of the importance and impact, current RI president Jennifer Jones has continued with this initiative.

*600 million young people live in unstable or conflict-ridden environments and, according to UNICEF (2022), 129 million girls are out of school, including 32 million of primary school age, and 97 million of secondary school age. Young women and girls are disproportionately impacted. (European Union Website: [https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/what-girls-want-empowering-girls-peace-security-and-sustainable-development\\_en](https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/what-girls-want-empowering-girls-peace-security-and-sustainable-development_en))*

**I’m betting some of you District 5470 Clubs are already doing some amazing work in this area with Girl’s and I would like to hear your story.** Reaching out to the girls of our world is the heart and purpose of Rotary's Empowering Girls Initiative.

**Here’s WHY it’s important and HOW your club can get involved** from local initiatives to reaching out worldwide.

**What:** Equality is a fundamental human right that’s necessary for a peaceful, prosperous, and sustainable world. Still, girls and women worldwide face inequities in health and education, and they experience violence and poverty at higher rates than men.

According to the United Nations, empowering girls includes five components:

Their sense of self-worth

Their right to have and to determine choices

Their right to have access to opportunities and resources.

Their right to have power to control their own lives, both within and outside the home.

Their ability to influence the direction of social change to create a more just social and economic order, nationally and internationally.

**How:** Empowering Girls initiatives can start right in your own hometown. Consider doing one or more of the following:

- Start a local Rotary Interact Club or become involved one that already exists: [https://www.rotary.org/en/get-involved/interact-clubs?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIvd2is-3b-wIV5AKtBh23hgS\\_EAAYAiAAEgl7RfD\\_BwE](https://www.rotary.org/en/get-involved/interact-clubs?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIvd2is-3b-wIV5AKtBh23hgS_EAAYAiAAEgl7RfD_BwE)
- Participate with your local girl scouts for a one-time event, ongoing mentorship, or speak to the girl scout troop on an empowering topic.
- Become a Pal, Big Brother or Sister to a girl or teen in your area. Contact a local youth organization to find out more.
- Invite female students from a local high school to a Rotary meeting. Have the teens spread out and sit at different tables. Create talking points ahead of time for each table, such as focusing on what they do well (because everyone excels at different things). Cheer them on for their successes. Allow time in the meeting for this or make this THE meeting. Giving a young woman a chance to feel heard and championed on, helps their self-esteem and give them confidence.
- Volunteer with Girls On The Run [https://www.girlsontherun.org/What-We-Do/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIs6Wk2vHb-wIV3RCtBh1F\\_gY6EAAYAiAAEgIs-PD\\_BwE](https://www.girlsontherun.org/What-We-Do/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIs6Wk2vHb-wIV3RCtBh1F_gY6EAAYAiAAEgIs-PD_BwE)

**I need your help in collecting stories** of how your club is Empowering Girls. A quick conversation with me is all it takes – I’m happy to do the leg work for the newsletter. Have ideas around this topic of Empowering Girls? Please reach out to me

Thanks Rotarians, for all you do! Michelle Lefebvre | mobile: 970-945-9001 (accepts texts) | michelle@coachwithmichelle.com.

***We cannot all succeed when half of us are held back. We call upon our sisters around the world to be brave – to embrace the strength within themselves and realize their full potential. -Malala Yousafzai-***



## **International Midwife Assistance**

### **Childbirth Scenario**

A STORY FROM UGANDA TO SHARE

Story submitted by Nancy Kerr Past President and current International Committee Chair

Telluride Rotary Club

During the last week of October 2022, there came a young mother to Teso Safe Motherhood. She had attended prenatal some 3 times at the Soroti Regional Referral Hospital. Interestingly, when she felt labor-like pains she went to the responsible person, the father of the baby. The man denied her and ran away from her. The desperate girl decided to report to police that the responsible man had refused to help her. The police registered her case but the police in Soroti police station advised her to go to Teso Safe Motherhood where she could be helped well.

The young girl decided to visit us, where she was received and attended to. She was admitted with early labor pains, and ultimately had a bouncing baby girl weighing 3.2kgs. Since she had no one attending to her from her family, she was taken care off by the nurses for two days. The facility provided her with baby wear, basin, soap etc.

Mary Apio was assigned to take care of her and the baby in terms of washing baby clothes, washing baby, supporting her to bathe as other midwives monitored her and the baby. On a Friday she was discharged and given a lift by Teso Safe Motherhood. A very happy young girl was given a lift to a grass-thatched house where she lived with an old mama who is just a friend, not a relative. Some contact was also made with her sister who is married and living in Tubur village. The sister has plans to collect her and bring to Tubur.

She attended her six-day postnatal before getting to the village and was also encouraged to join us in family planning. Given her social situation, it's unlikely that any other clinic would have attended to her. Her delivery was complicated, but we got her through it just fine. But I hate to imagine what could have happened to her without us. Long live Teso Safe Motherhood - Amazing!! - *Sister Goretti Esabu*

## ROTARY CLUB OF ASPEN IMPACTS MALARIA

Written by Dr Dan Perlman

Photos by Drs. Dan Perlman and Bob Porter



Malaria Fighters R/C Aspen

*If we take as our standard of importance the greatest human harm to the greatest number, then there is no question malaria is the most important of all infectious diseases” -Sir Frank Macfarlane Burnet, 1962*

Over the past several years, Aspen Rotary has pursued a path towards elimination of malaria in sub-saharan Africa. Starting with mainly Ducky Derby funds of about \$10,000, our club began partnering with various organizations to build a formidable model that is sustainable and scalable to solve many difficult pieces of the malaria puzzle.

We realized early diagnosis and treatment of malaria in rural Africa is critical for global elimination. Our approach joins multiple private and public agencies with diverse skill sets into a single team, whose goal is to train thousands of CHWs (community healthcare workers). This innovation, coordinated through MPI (Malaria Partners International, an organization analogous to PolioPlus) and Partners for a Malaria Free Zambia, brings together >10 Rotary clubs in Zambia, regional government health facilities, national government and international NGO partners, including Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and World Vision. Our program began in Northern Zambia where existing health facilities had the lowest ratio of CHWs compared with number of malaria cases. The trainings educate them to recognize malaria signs and symptoms, perform rapid diagnostic testing, and initiate treatment. Each CHW is given a bicycle to enable last kilometer care. Smart phones are used to ensure data integrity, real-time reporting and ongoing transparent communications. Although children and pregnant women are most at risk, CHWs positively impact rural community health status. With now over 4000 CHWs trained and working this program has grown by leaps and bounds. In Northern Zambia by June 30,2022, 68% of all malaria cases were diagnosed by CHWs. In addition, 10,876 active malaria cases were identified and treated by CHWs, which would not have been identified without our last kilometer care strategy.

We are currently deploying our strategy to many new countries. We welcome participation and support of any Rotary Clubs in our District, and individual contributions are gratefully accepted.

The next Zambia malaria adventure, exploration, discovery trip for rotary is in March and spots are still available. contact Dan Perlman ASAP if you are interested. There are a total of twenty-two spaces. The very best is if you can notify Dr Dan Perlman before February 2. The cost is \$3450 per person for all ground arrangements.

## More Education Time for Girls – continued outreach from Cañon City Rotary Club, CO.

Linda Carlson, Ph.D.

Following a presentation to the local ZONTA chapter describing our Club's female hygiene kit project in developing countries, a friend in the audience, retired RN Sheila Banker, expressed their group's desire to participate. A committee started purchasing fabric and supplies and making the quick and simple-to-sew kits.

Having washable sanitary supplies, damp washcloths in ziplock bags for hygiene, and an attractive drawstring bag for privacy, means that girls in schools without washing facilities in the restrooms can attend school during menstruation, rather than staying home and missing classes each month.



*Learning is fun!*



*Sheila sharing kits and instructions with the Home EC teacher, the Principal, and (photo to left) the wife of the Village Chief.*

Recently, Sheila and her husband travelled to the Lokosi Secondary School of 342 students (186 boys and 136 girls) in the village of Hwange, Zimbabwe, with the premade kits, plus patterns and instructions, which they handed out.

The staff were very pleased to receive the kits. Students will be taught to make their own. The school has 2 sewing machines, with 8 more on loan, and kits can also be hand sewn.



*Learning practical skills in Home EC class*



*Washing dishes: water is carried from the river in buckets on heads, and a typical classroom.*



Any Rotarian travelling to a developing country and interested in passing out the premade kit examples, with patterns and instructions, please contact me and I will be happy to provide as many as you wish. We have provided these also to dressmakers, biology teachers, medical clinics and Rotarians in many different countries, with great enthusiasm from recipients.

Please contact me with your suggestions and for further information. I would also be happy to give a presentation to your Club.



# A Day Care-Center for the Addis Ababa Construction & Education Bureaus Finalised

By Nicola Demme-Tsegaye/ RC East Colorado Springs

**Note from DISC Rebekah Kiser:** *Nicola is a German Citizen living in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. She is a member of the Rotary Club of East Colorado Springs. This brings us to the question, “what does the word “international project” really mean in our newly small world?”*

In 2021, the Addis Ababa Construction Bureau together with the Addis Ababa Education Bureau have started a project to build a day care centre for children of their employees. The project could not be finalised due to a severe shortage of funds. The Bureau has reached out to the local and international community in Addis Ababa for support to help them realize their ambitious plan.

Rotary’s Special Task Force (a special interest group of the Rotary Club of East Colorado Springs), friend Abiy is working for the bureau and has shared his impressions with us:

*“During the past years at the Bureau, I often wondered why I meet so many small children here and there in the office building. In the beginning, I found it beautiful and quite funny but then I also saw mothers with their children in the cleaning cabin and toilets. Some mothers did cleaning work with their child on the back. Other children were waiting for hours in the hallways for their parents to finish work. Not the right place for children to spend their time. I realised that most of those children in the office are from parents with low incomes. They simply cannot afford childcare for their children.*

*This really touched me and I decided to personally make a contribution and give something to these children and their parents. But one is not enough. We need to come together and get this project done.”*

## **How a vision became reality:**

One year and 1.8 Mio ETB later,(\$34,000) the day care is up and running. It was brought to reality by one person believing in it and mobilising the local community to contribute in cash or in kind to transform a former storage building into a beautiful day care centre. Funding came from individuals and companies in Addis Ababa who wanted to support a good cause. No international funding was needed. This showed us that no matter how rich or poor a country is – people can get things done if they join hands and work together. The kids, their parents, the care givers and the whole bureau staff are proud of their day care.

It is now open for 20 kids and other governmental offices have already been asking for help to start similar projects.



*Before*



*After*

## Read at Home and Chinle Planting Hope: Family Literacy, Navajo Nation and Beyond

Story by Nancy Bo Flood, Ph.D. Rotarian, Glenwood Springs, Colorado

**Chinle Planting Hope** and **Read at Home** are two grassroots Native nonprofits working together with the mutual goals of supporting early literacy, providing easy access to quality books and children's magazines, while also building community. In the words of founding board member, S.D. Nelson, Lakota Standing Rock, educator, author and artist, "readers make powerful leaders."



**Read at Home** is reaching out to tribal schools to support early literacy in a variety of ways. 500 subscriptions! Responding to requests, subscription to Highlight's High Five are sent monthly to over 500 students attending tribal programs through Headstart, pre-school, or first grade. School locations include St. Mary's in Alaska, Fort Hall Headstart in

Idaho, Chief Targee (native language immersion charter school) in Idaho, Chinle preschools on the Navajo Nation, and FACE – a family literacy program in southern Arizona.



Another project is **R.E.A.D in Beauty Bookmobile**. This traveling library-on-wheels is ready to roll! Also, a Little Lending Library will soon be "open" 24/7. Thank you to so many who have contributed books for the Bookmobile and Little Lending Library. More diverse and culturally- appropriate books are always needed.

Literacy and school success research has shown for years that the single most important factor for learning to read and future life-success is having access to good books and reading with family in the home. Glenwood Rotarians have collaborated with Read at Home, Chinle Planting Hope, and several other Colorado Rotarian clubs including Glenwood Sunset, Vail, Carbondale, and Durango (installing solar light batteries and fixtures). Working together has created a lending library, a bookmobile to provide regular access to books, light to read by, and a children's magazine subscription program to encourage and support families reading together at home.

The children and families being served by these two organizations, many live miles from basic resources, not only libraries, bookstores, internet services, but even electricity or running water.

For more information or to make a book or money donation, go to [www.readathome.org](http://www.readathome.org) or to the Chinle Planting Hope website [www.chinleplantinghope.com](http://www.chinleplantinghope.com) Or contact Nancy Bo Flood at [wfflood@hotmail.com](mailto:wfflood@hotmail.com).

Build community. Live with Hope. Collaborate. Walk in Beauty.

"It's truly happening."

# Chinle Planting Hope Alumni Thank You written by Chinle Planting Hope Board Members

Submitted by Nancy Bo Flood



Yá'át'éé,

My name is Janice Dunn, the President of Chinle Planting Hope. I would like to extend my personal thank you for supporting our community Bookmobile and Library Resource program. With your support we have achieved our goal of owning a Bookmobile! We are definitely excited to be on a new journey of being out in the rural communities this spring. The program itself is thriving. We've hired one full time staff and are entering books into our Attruim system. The Bookmobile will be operating fully in the community this spring.

Reading is power. Power that our native kids need. Books are where we can find our heroes, dreams, and hope. YOU have helped open those doors for our community. I'm forever thankful and eternally grateful for what you have given to our kids and the community.

Today a Reader, tomorrow a Leader. -Margaret Fuller

Kindly,  
Janice Dunn

Hello,

My Name is Alvira Teller and I started working with the Bookmobile full time on October 24, 2022. I am very passionate about the Bookmobile and Resource Room on the reservation. It's a dream that has come true. As of today, we have 10,809 books cataloged into our system for the community to check out. With your contribution we have young children and families able to check out books and enjoy reading on the reservation and they don't have to travel far to check out books. Books will be in their neighborhood and that's the exciting thing about having the Bookmobile on the reservation. We have had children come to the Resource Room and check out books, as many as they want, so they can enjoy reading with their parents, grandparents, and siblings. We have also purchased our Bookmobile Ford van and are excited to start going out to the community to share books. Thank you!

Alvira Teller  
[ateller0311@gmail.com](mailto:ateller0311@gmail.com)



Dear Chinle IHS Alumni,

Thank you so much for being the CPH Bookmobile Community Partner each fall. We are so encouraged and supported by your responses and generous donations towards this project. It's a gift to know we can count on it! Thanks for the years you lived and served in Chinle at the hospital. Playgroups and potlucks are such an important part of our family memories. Thank you for continuing to support the community work of CPH as you've moved out all over the country. CPH is having an Open House Celebration in Chinle on Saturday, June 10, and we'd love to see any of you face to face again. We're excited to move forward and make tons more progress in 2023!

Thanks again for your friendship and support,  
Amber Drinen



# D-4195 Project Fair - Feb. 20 - 26, 2023

## Merida, Yucatan, Mexico

Rotary's project fairs are regional events hosted by Rotary districts to encourage international friendship and collaboration. Fairs give Rotary clubs a chance to showcase their service efforts to potential partners, and they give international visitors the chance to find a project that meets their club's goals. Fairs are the perfect way for visitors to learn about the local community, experience the local culture, visit service projects, and build lasting relationships with their international hosts. Attend a project fair to expand your interests and support a new international project.

### Did you know?

District grants can be used to support travel to and participation in Rotary project fairs to help districts identify project partners. As with any district grant, it is up to the district whether they permit District Designated Funds (DDF) to be used.





## Rotary Youth Exchange Update

By John Stroud, Vice Chair, Mountain & Plains D5470 Rotary Youth Exchange

Mountain & Plains District 5470 Rotary Youth Exchange had its interview/selection weekend in Grand Junction in early December, and will be sending 12 students from across our district to outbound destinations around the world for the 2023-24 school year.

Countries we anticipate exchanging with this coming year include Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Colombia, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Romania, Slovakia/Czech Republic and Spain. We are still accepting applications for possible gap year (after graduation) exchanges with Denmark and Sweden. Visit <http://mountainandplainsrye.com/> for more information.

Meanwhile, our first year back to active exchange following a two-year hiatus during the pandemic has been a lot of fun. We currently have 19 foreign students in our district representing 18 countries. Our inbound students, as we refer to them, joined us for interview/selection weekend and got to visit the Colorado National Monument. In October, they participated in the Flag Ceremony at District Conference in Avon, and the last weekend of January they got to experience the Winter X Games in Aspen.

And, our 14 outbound students for the 2022-23 year are making memories that I am sure they will be excited to share with their sponsor clubs when they return. Please plan to schedule them in for a presentation following their return in July.



*Group photos are from District Conference weekend.*



*Pictured in the Country Fair photos are Maria Pastor, talking up her home country of Spain, and Don and Sean, talking about Thailand and Tawain, respectively.*

# TRF Cadre of Technical Advisers May Need You

## Peter Jeschofnig, CADRE member; Glenwood Springs Sunset RC

If you have technical expertise in one of the Rotary areas of focus or financial auditing, the Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers needs you. The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers is a group of Rotary members who volunteer to use their professional skills and technical expertise in Rotary's areas of focus or financial auditing to advise Rotary members who are planning and working on Rotary Foundation grant projects around the world. Individuals fluent in French, Spanish, Portuguese, and other language skills are welcome as well.









The CADRE is in need of Rotarians qualified in one of the Rotary areas of focus or financial Cadre members are involved in planning, monitoring, and evaluating humanitarian grant projects in the following ways:

- Application and project adviser assists with global grant applications and the implementation of projects.
- Technical reviewer assists Foundation staff by evaluating the technical feasibility of grant applications. These are desk reviews that do not involve travel.
- Site visitor evaluates the technical feasibility of a proposed project (advance site visitor) or the implementation of an ongoing project (interim monitor). These assignments involve travel to the project site and meetings with the sponsors, residents of the benefiting community, and representatives of any cooperating organizations.
- Auditor evaluates the financial management and oversight of grant funds. These assignments, which include random, routine, targeted, and operational audits, involve travel to the project site as well as meetings with the relevant stakeholders.



### Who is in the Cadre?

-  Mediators, social workers, former Rotary peace scholars
-  Doctors, nurses, public and community health professionals
-  Civil, environmental, mechanical engineers and sanitation professionals
-  Teachers, education specialists, literacy advocates
-  Community organizers, agriculture experts, micro-finance specialists
-  Accountants, financial advisers

WHAT THE CADRE IS LOOKING FOR: The cadre assignment process involves multiple factors, with preference given to members who best meet the following criteria:

- Experience – Appropriate technical expertise and familiarity with Foundation grant programs
- Language skills – Ability to communicate in the language spoken at the project site
- Cost-effectiveness – Proximity to the project site
- Quality of evaluations – For members who have completed cadre assignments, a history of submitting high-quality evaluations within the requested time frame
- Cultural familiarity – Understanding of the culture of the project site and benefiting community

Want to join the CADRE? Email [cadre@rotary.org](mailto:cadre@rotary.org) for more information .

# 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



**SAVE THE DATE**

*Chinle Planting Hope  
Community Center  
Open House  
Celebration*

June 10, 2023  
10am - 2pm (MDT)  
Chinle, AZ

Chinle Planting Hope  
PO Box 4119  
Chinle, AZ 86503  
[www.chinleplantinghope.com](http://www.chinleplantinghope.com)

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Saturday, June 10, 2023  
10 am to 2 pm

Chinle Planting Hope  
Community Center Open House  
7330 US Hwy 191  
Chinle, Arizona 86503

Come celebrate the CPH Community  
Center progress and plans for the  
upcoming year and beyond!



# District 5470 Bathrooms for Girls Project Update!

By PDG Becky Smith

Last year, District 5470 clubs worked together to raise over \$27,000 to support building bathrooms for girls in impoverished villages in Africa. It was the first time that the district collaboratively donated funds to support a Global Grant. Every club in the district either directly donated or was sponsored by another club's donation to meet the goal of raising \$25,000. In true Rotarian fashion, the goal was exceeded, with several clubs offering even more money to support the worthy cause. District 5470's Foundation Committee committed to match the \$25,000 goal with DDF funds at a rate of 1:1. With the Rotary Foundation's match of \$20,000, the total funding available for this project will be \$72,000.



Currently, the district is working with the Rotary Club of Kabale, Uganda on Global Grant 2346892. The main objective of the grant is to improve the health and hygiene of children in primary and secondary schools in five villages (Karuhinda, Kishojwa, Bushanja, Rushebeya and Bukoora) by providing clean toilets and drinking water. **The effort is to decrease the number of missed school days due to inadequate menstrual hygiene and diseases associated with inadequate hygiene practices.** It will improve the overall health of students by decreasing the prevalence of diseases related to inadequate hygiene practices (gastrointestinal diseases, upper respiratory infections, dermatological diseases) Finally the project will benefit directly over 2,100 school students in the five schools of Makiro, Karuhinda, Kibirnbiri, San Giovanni School and Christ The King Town View School and indirectly benefit over 225 households and community members which include the parents and their families. The project is set to begin in 2023.

Originally, the project was intended to support a bathroom building grant in Turkana, Kenya. Unfortunately, the Rotary Foundation enacted a new policy last year that limits certain districts in impoverished regions to host only two global grants at a time. Our grant would have been the fifth grant in the region and was "put on the shelf" to wait. We agreed with our international partners in Kenya that the best course of action was to find a new grant in a region that was not limited at this time by the new policy. A lengthy search was conducted by TRF Chairman, David Wood, along with International Service Chairman, Becky Kiser and PDG Becky Smith. This trio of fiercely committed Rotarians identified and secured an International Partnership with the Rotary Club of Kabale.

**More updates will follow!**



## School Bus for Volcanes School Puerto Vallarta

*Submitted by Khurshid Qureshi Ph.D.*

*President Tri-Lake Dynamic Rotary Club*



### **Puerto Vallarta Volcanes School Bus in urgent need of Replacement**

Our newly chartered Club is looking for partnership for district grant to provide a mini bus for Rotary Volcanes School of Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco Mexico. Volcanes Education is a Rotary Show Case Project established in the poorest part of Puerto Vallarta. Program has t 400 students enrolled, from grades 1 through 12. School has 6 professionals teaching English, Computers, computer coding, and Spanish Reading Intervention to help those kids in grades 1 through 4 to either learn to read in Spanish or help them if they are behind. Then from 4 to 6 pm they have music class for about 45 students. Graduates of this school have gone to colleges and universities and have become professionals. On a typical evening 25 to 30 students come to the library to use computers for their homework. The program is funded by Rotarians both locally as well as US and Canadians and local business community. Rotarians have also established a sewing school and provided state of the art 30 commercial sewing machines. Rotary is making the difference in the lives of this poor neighborhood. The school also provide visiting Rotarians opportunities to teach or do some other volunteer work. More info, please click on

<https://volcanesproject.com/a-new-start/> .

School has a 20 years old bus which now spend more time in repair shop then to transport students. It needs replacement.

New (used mini bus) will cost \$16,000. We have already raised \$4,000 for this project. We are looking 2-3 clubs to partner with us for district by contributing \$2,000 each. After the commitment, we will apply for district grant of \$6,000.

Partners: \$2,000      Contributors: No amount is too small.

Clubs and individuals can donate smaller amounts.

We need these funds ASAP to deliver the bus to the school before new School year starts in August 2023.

*Tri-Lakes Dynamic Rotary Club chartered on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 has 30 members, 27 of them are new to Rotary family. We are excited to be part of District 5470. We are already involved in many community and international projects. We are trying different ideas of coloration and partnerships.*

**Khurshid Qureshi President Tri-Lakes Dynamic Rotary Club**

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To donate for this project by credit card please go to <https://tlrotary.com> and click on donate or make check payable to Tri-Lakes Dynamic Rotary, 4591 Red Rock Ranch, Monument CO 80132



## 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)