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The Rotary District 5470 International Service Committee educates and nurtures Rotarians and clubs working in the six 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 *Rotary Connects the World*

In the previous newsletter we primarily provided information about global grants involving clubs in our district. In this newsletter, we'll show some more of our many global grants as well as upcoming projects

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

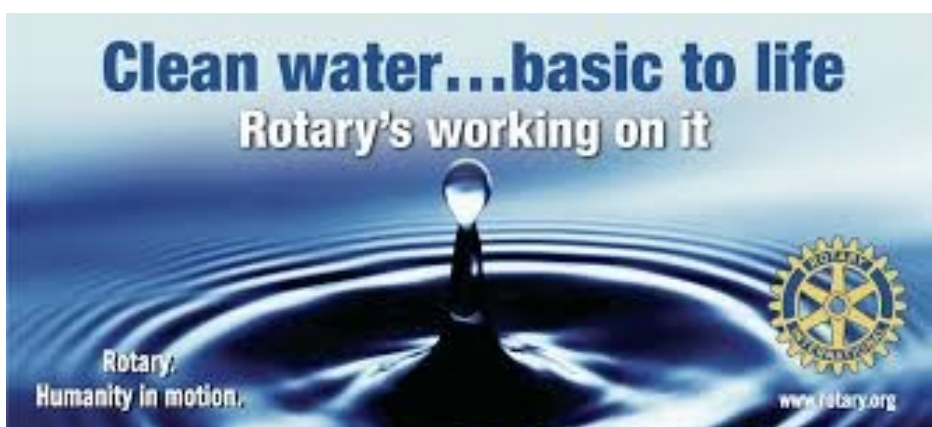


"If you think you are too small to make a difference, you haven't spent a night with a mosquito".

African proverb

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Empowering Girls in Technology

Guatemala Literacy Project

Aspen & Snowmass Village Rotary Clubs

Melinda Gates once said, “If you want to lift up humanity, empower women.” And that is exactly what the community of Hacienda Maria is doing.

This year, 18 GLP Computer Program students from Hacienda Maria earned the Microsoft Office Specialist certification in Excel 2013 Core. Oh, and did we mention that 13 of them were girls?!

With the support of their incredible teachers, parents, and Computer Centers Program staff, these students were the first at any GLP computer center to take AND pass a test of this magnitude. To reiterate how amazing these students are, many of the young girls scored even higher than many of the teachers who have taken the same test.

In rural Guatemala where these students live, earning this type of certification as a middle school student is unheard of. In some of the communities that the GLP serves, not a single student has touched a computer before the arrival of the program. Without computer training, these students enter the job market without the same training as their peers and they face unemployment and economic hardship—causing the cycle of poverty to continue another generation.

To make matters worse, girls are not traditionally supported in their desire to go to school. Often, when parents have to decide which child to educate on their meager earnings, they prioritize the boys, and the girls get left behind. In the regions the GLP serves, there is nearly a boy and a half in school for every girl.

These young, rural girls are put at a disadvantage from the start—especially in tech—but in Hacienda Maria, the community is determined to break the mold and build a brighter future for their girls through education.

Hacienda Maria joined the GLP Computer Program in 2004. Since then, students at the school have received at least 60 minutes of hands-on computer instruction per week!

To guarantee the program’s sustainability into the future, the student’s families continue to contribute to the revolving fund by paying a small fee for their children to use the computers. This has ensured that Hacienda Maria can purchase new equipment when theirs wears out. In fact, Hacienda Maria has renewed their computer equipment twice since they started the program!

Not only did the community provide new equipment to their own school, they donated their used equipment to other schools in the program that had outdated equipment but hadn’t saved enough money to renew yet!

They didn’t stop there. The school and parents in Hacienda Maria led the initiative to certify their students and paid most of the fee for their students to take the Microsoft Office Specialist exam.

This certification will give these rural middle-schoolers the tools they need to continue their education, secure higher-wage jobs, and permanently raise the standard of living not only for themselves, but for future generations.

The Aspen & Snowmass Village Rotary Clubs are strong supporters of the Guatemala Literacy Project.



Corazón de Esperanza, Peru

Via Jennifer Wright, Western Eagle Valley Rotary Club

The Western Eagle Valley Rotary Club has been a proud supporter of Corazon de Esperanza, a non-profit organization based in Peru that was founded by an Eagle County local after she adopted 5 children from Peru. The organization is dedicated to providing hope to orphaned children, at-risk teens, and impoverished women of Northern Peru, most of whom would be destined for a life of human trafficking if not for the framework and support that this organization provides. Most orphans in Peru must transition out of the orphanages by the age of 18, with little to no skill set and no personal or financial support in place. Corazon de Esperanza provides transitional housing support and vocational training to orphans who have aged-out in order to provide them with the resources they need to not only survive, but to thrive on their own. Through their two year program, they provide a variety of classes including: cooking, knitting, child-care, social development, and financial literacy to individuals, allowing them to have a marketable trade as they transition into independent living.

Maribel's story.

Maribel currently receives housing and supportive services at the Luz de Vida transitional home in northern Perú. Prior to entering the transitional home, Maribel was residing at a local orphanage. Her father abandoned the family and Maribel's mother could not care for her. At the age of twelve, Maribel was sent away to work as a housekeeper. Due to abuse by her employer, the authorities took Maribel to an orphanage when she was fourteen years old. When Maribel turned eighteen, she could no longer remain at the orphanage and she was not prepared to live on her own. Maribel was excited to be accepted into the youth transitional home, where she has been learning how to cook, maintain a budget, and have healthy social interactions. Maribel has now graduated from a vocational training program that prepared her for employment in the hotel service industry and continues to work on finishing her high school degree. Not only did Maribel gain important skills for living independently, she now has hope and anticipation for a bright future.



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Special Task Force Update

By Emma Mitchell, East Colorado Springs RC

In 2017, I was contemplating quitting my job and making a move to Colorado Springs. Because I was a past president of the Kalamazoo Rotaract Club, I figured I would look up a Rotary Club in the Springs while I was visiting in mid-December. As luck would have it, I was there on a Monday and the Rotary Club of East Colorado Springs was hosting an annual Christmas Party at Past President Penny Kelly's beautiful home. I reached out via Facebook to see if I could attend and the club welcomed my friend and me with open arms.

During that party, I learned about Trampled Rose, a non-profit founded by Becky Kiser, which helps Ethiopian girls stay in school. (trampledrose.org). I made three important decisions that evening: 1. That I was definitely moving to Colorado Springs. 2. I would join the Rotary Club of East Colorado Springs when I moved. 3. I would support the Trampled Rose girls in any way that I could.



Fast forward to early 2018. I was an active member of the East Club for almost a year and supporting Trampled Rose by assisting in a few marketing projects and volunteering at fundraisers for the nonprofit. During this time, I was invited to be part of a revolutionary club experiment – the Special Task Force. The goal of the Special Task Force is to bring together people who want to get involved in international projects through the Rotary Club but cannot commit to weekly meetings. The most incredible part of this group is that people from all over the world can join.

On May 22, 2019, the Special Task Force was founded as a “special interest group” of the Rotary Club of East Colorado Springs. The Special Task Force currently has 19 members of all ages, and includes people from Spain, Germany, Ethiopia, Ireland, other Rotary Clubs, and multiple cities in Colorado. Communication to the Special Task Force group occurs primarily through emails and WhatsApp chat. Members are also encouraged to participate in Rotary meetings locally and to meet as a group or via Skype.

As a younger member of Rotary, it is exciting to be a part of the Special Task Force. I enjoy finding ways I can make an impact locally and internationally through service projects. I also crave connection with like-minded people of many backgrounds, and the Special Task Force is a wonderful way to foster these types of relationships at an international level. I loved getting involved during the charter year and look forward to our service projects in 2020, one of which includes providing Easter meals to refugees in various countries.

Some recent Special Task Force projects have included:

- Food to starving children in Yemen
- Giving Easter baskets in Ethiopia
- Echoes of Kindness - Spreading joy in our own respective communities and sharing the stories via the group chat
- Leadership training in Ethiopia with representatives from 5 countries
- Giving Tuesday volunteering in Colorado Springs

To learn more about the Special Task Force, please contact the Rotary Club of East Colorado Springs.

WORKING TOGETHER: ELIMINATE MALARIA IN THE COPPERBELT, ZAMBIA GG2093386

By Dr. Robert Porter, Aspen RC

Aspen Rotary Club is training 200 Community Health Workers in Zambia to diagnose and treat malaria. The program which is orchestrated through RI Global Grants also provides all supplies needed including bicycles, phones, clothing as well as diagnostic kits and antimalarial medications. Last year there were approximately 20,000 new cases of malaria and 20 malaria related deaths in Chililabombwe. The project will decrease the incidence of malaria in the District of Chililabombwe for 120,000 people by 85 to 90% which will truly save up to 16 lives each year and change lives of up to 17,000 Zambians who will avoid the morbidity and loss of income associated with malaria.



The project couldn't happen without the assistance and support of our Host Club RC Kitwe, The Rotary Foundation Global Grant, Districts 5470, 5450, 6910 DDF funding, partnering with Rotary Clubs of Denver, Indianapolis, Parker, Carbondale, Rotarian Malaria Partners USA, Rotarian Malaria Partners Zambia and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. RC Aspen and Kitwe are also working with the Ministry of Health of Zambia, Chililabombwe Public Health Department, USAID. PATH and the Vice President of Zambia, Inonge Wina. So you can see that eliminating malaria is not a one club proposition but requires the Rotary plus a whole coalition of government and NGO organizations to be successful.

Rotarian Malaria Partners organized a trip to Zambia in October 2019 to demonstrate firsthand the incredible works that clubs like Aspen and Rotary International are doing to eliminate malaria in sub-Saharan Africa.

During the trip the Rotarians experienced how Aspen RC will eliminate malaria by:
training Community Health Workers
providing rapid diagnostic screening for malaria
treating infected individuals with anti-malaria medications.

Paul Harris, Rotary International Founder said: "Whatever the Rotary means to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves." RC Aspen believes that Paul Harris would be proud of the results achieved of saving and changing lives through the elimination of malaria.



Drinking Water Deep Well in Saé Saboua/Niger/Africa (GG1978458)

By David Smith, Pagosa Springs RC

The Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs is working with five Rotary Clubs in Vienna Austria and one Rotary Club in Niamey, Niger on a project to provide safe drinking water to the small village of Saé Saboua, Niger. This village of 7,500 people is located in south central Niger about 350 mi east of the capital city Niamey.

The path to a successful global grant is often long, sometimes discouraging and occasionally painful. But, success is so sweet. This application was submitted to The Foundation in May of 2019 and approved for funding in July. The funding actually arrived in Niamey, home of the Host Club, in September. By the end of December, a 350 ft deep well had been dug and clean water was flowing in the village of Saé Saboua. Eight months passed between submitting the application and accomplishing the major objectives of the project. The total cost of the project was \$69,584.

Although this was the first global grant for the Wien-Stadtpark Rotary Club (Vienna Austria), it was able to develop and carry out this project within a short time. Careful planning was the key. Discussions with the Foundation Program Manager early in the process helped to avoid mistakes. They also benefited from the experience of one of their members who had been involved with projects in the region for several years. Reliable partners on the ground in Saé Saboua were identified through these contacts.

Global grants are the most effective way to use club funds to combat deep poverty, which is defined by the World Bank as people living on less than \$1.90/day. Each dollar of club funding becomes \$3.50 in project funding. If other clubs join your effort, one dollar from your club can become \$10-\$20 in project funding.



For more information on global grants, contact one of the members of our district Global Grants Committee:

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Durango High Noon Rotary Saving Lives in Guatemala Via Adrian Driscoll, Durango High Noon RC

Imagine waking up at 5:00 am and having to drive four hours to the “big city” with a truck filled with empty oxygen cylinders, waiting for those cylinders to be filled and then driving back to your small hospital with your lifesaving bounty. This is exactly what was happening several times a week at the Hospitalito Atitlan in Santiago Atitlan, Solola, Guatemala after their oxygen booster compressor suffered a catastrophic failure.

Due to a partnership with the Durango High Noon Rotary Club fostered in 2012 with the delivery of a portable ultrasound machine, the Hospitalito reached out for assistance in purchasing a new compressor. A new compressor from High Pressure Technologies was quoted at \$10,000.

The Chair of the International Committee, Marla Underell, presented the project to the club and the project was overwhelmingly supported with the full amount by the club members and the board.

The compressor is up and running at the Hospitalito and you can see from the photographs it has been a huge success.

Rotary is making a difference worldwide and the Durango High Noon Rotary club is proud to support the Hospitalito.



D-5470 Participates in GG 1988620

Medical equipment for Mercy Ship, Global Mercy



D1260 (United Kingdom) is seeking clubs and districts to help finance the purchase of medical equipment for Mercy Ships' new ship, Global Mercy, being built in China, the 1 Million Dollar Challenge.

Our D-5470 Global Grants Committee has committed \$ 10,000.00 DDF to this project. If any of our clubs are interested in contributing to this Global Grant (any amount), please do so before Jan. 31.

Mercy Ships partners with nations to transform the lives of individuals and leave a legacy of improved healthcare. Everything is free of charge for patients. We think it is worthy of Rotary's further support and we hope you do too.

Barry Rassin, Rotary International President 2018/2019, calls it an amazing project which should get support worldwide.

For addition information follow this link to our D-5470 website:

[https://
clubrun-](https://clubrun-)



Students on Colorado campuses go hungry: Potential Rotary project

By Peter Jeschofnig, Glenwood Springs Sunset RC

In a recent conversation with my friend Peggy Halderman, a Rotarian in the Golden RC , who discovered the issue of hidden childhood hunger in her community and who founded the Golden Backpack Program, I was made aware that hunger issues also exist at Colorado colleges, and even elite colleges, like the Colorado School of Mines. I was so surprised that I decided to follow up on this issue and discovered that college food pantries are now common, as skyrocketing rents and tuition force many kids to skip meals.

Numerous Colorado colleges and universities are grappling with student hunger. At least eight campuses have opened food pantries, four of them in the last six years. Two of the surveyed colleges that do not have brick-and-mortar food pantries, Colorado State University-Fort Collins and the University of Colorado -Boulder have other food assistance programs for their students, including a mobile food pantry.

In November 2018, Regis University held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its new pantry which carries canned vegetables, peanut butter, noodles and hygiene products.

Red Rocks Community College, which has had a pantry for at least 14 years, sees an average of 100 students per week. Community College of Denver's pantry, now more than 8 years old, serves 300 students per semester. Metro State's food pantry sees 40 to 50 students per week, and according to the food pantry supervisor, the number is growing. CU-Denver's pantry opened in 2010 and sees about 100 students per month. The number of students using Colorado Mesa University's pantry has grown since it opened in 2012, from just a few to about 20 per week, according to supervisor Rose Willett.

A 2013 Colorado State University survey found approximately 10 percent of its students experienced food insecurity, meaning they lack access to consistent, healthy food. Last year, its mobile food pantry had 2,264 unique visitors and about 50 percent visited more than once.

In 2015, 184 food pantries were registered nationally with the [College and University Food Bank Alliance](#), as of September 2018 there were 686.

This short article is designed to help you reflect on potential hunger issues at the college in your town. Could this be a potential project for your club?



Students on Colorado campuses go hungry: Potential Rotary project (cont.)

By Peter Jeschofnig, Glenwood Springs Sunset RC

References and further readings:

In time of plenty, students on Colorado campuses are hungry

<https://www.coloradoindependent.com/2018/11/21/colorado-student-hunger-food-pantries-tuition-costs-high-rent-regis-college-metropolitan-state-university/>

College Students Around The US Struggle With Food And Housing, Is It The Same For Colorado Students?

<https://www.cpr.org/2019/09/30/college-students-around-the-us-struggle-with-food-and-housing-is-it-the-same-for-colorado-students/>

The Colorado School of Mines has a hunger-related FB page: "Fighting Hunger at Mines"

<https://www.facebook.com/fightinghungeratmines/>

Food pantry for hungry Community College of Denver students expands:

<https://denverite.com/2019/12/19/food-pantry-for-hungry-community-college-of-denver-students-expands/>

Fighting Hunger at Mines wins 2019 Mayor's Award for Excellence

<https://www.minesnewsroom.com/news/fighting-hunger-mines-wins-2019-mayors-award-excellence>



GG2095255 - Equipment for detection and hearing diagnosis in children

Bahia Blanca Norte RC - Argentina

D-5470 Partner Clubs Needed

General Objective

The main beneficiaries are children from newborns to school age. The equipment to be acquired will allow to detect and diagnose auditory pathologies in healthy or high-risk children, and up to school age, which will improve access to early diagnosis and timely treatment, thus reducing the comorbidities that can result in loss hearing

Specific Objectives

All children born at Penna Hospital (approximately 2,500 births per year) and those derived from other public and private health institutions in Bahía Blanca and the region (300 kilometers around) will be attended. Penna Hospital is the only public hospital with maternity that conducts hearing studies. The area of influence of the Hospital comprises 80,104 km² with a population of almost 700,000 inhabitants according to official estimates of 2019. The attention will allow early detection of hearing loss and be able to make a timely diagnosis, thereby reducing comorbidities in the development of the child and decreasing the costs of medical treatments throughout his life.



Needs Assessment

The Rotary Club Bahía Blanca Sud determines the need based on the work of the Speech Speech Team of Penna Hospital, who based on their experience and daily work, determined as a priority the Equipment provided to meet the needs of preventive diagnosis and treatment of hearing pathologies. Rotarians and professionals at Penna Hospital determined the need, collected data from other hospitals and from Penna Hospital itself, established an action plan and recommended the appropriate equipment. To achieve this, the experience with the professionals of the Speech Therapy Unit during the last 25 years and the statistical data of the hospital were fundamental. With the Equipment to be acquired, 2,500 new children could be diagnosed annually and their pathologies treated in 500 children per year.

Brief Description of the Project:

The project consists of the acquisition of the following Equipment:

- a) Evoked Potential of Brain Trunk (ABR);
- b) Acoustic Otoemissions (TEOAE and DPOAE);
- c) Electrocochleography (Ecoch-G);
- d) Evoked Potentials of Stable State (ASSR).

All these modules will be integrated into a single equipment, which will be operated by Speech Therapists (7) and Otolaryngologists (1) of the permanent plant of Penna Hospital. The equipment to be acquired is of the first international level and the professionals that will operate it will be adequately trained for its use. Likewise, the equipment to be acquired does not interfere with the performance of other equipment nor does it require adjustments in hospital facilities.

The early detection of hearing loss will allow to act on the damage avoiding disability in the area of communication. The possibility of an early intervention in children's hearing pathologies allows hearing habilitation and improves language acquisition

Number of Beneficiaries: 2,500 children annually between 0 and 2 years of age

Budget

Equipment	USD 31.500
Training Expenses	USD 1.000
Bank Expenses	USD 1.500
Contingences (Exchanges Differences)	USD 1.50
____TOTAL	USD 35.500

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Potential GG Project for D-5470 clubs

Computer Lab Project for Schools Of D-3100

Uttar Pradesh, India

Project Specifics

As a result of the Database received From Department of Education by the District Governor of the different Schools of peripheral areas of the Rotary District 3100 region, a large number of children found without any knowledge of Computer and its uses, However some computer labs were installed earlier through Rotary International Global Grants but it is not sufficient to achieve total literacy goal of Rotary India Literacy Mission.

A verbal survey was conducted to the Rotary community members who expressed the need to solve this problem that affects both children and Teachers of the Schools. The execution of this project is fully justified given that it allows achieving Literacy Goals of District 3100, since the computer education is the most demanded requirement of the time and, in most cases, it is the step to explore the world through Internet. The information that is available from the Department of Education, indicates that the requirement of computer education is the must in this population, in most cases the children are highly dependent at school establishments.

In order to try to minimize or eradicate these Literacy Goals, the project will be executed with the support of the Rotary community members and one or more Private Supply Company, and Rotary District 3100 will work on financing with the help of Global Rotary Community. The community and the Supply Company are committed to providing all the workforce and machinery necessary for the realization of this project. This Project will be started with installation of Computer Labs in primary Schools of remote and near by areas of affected community.

A minimum target is to Procure 250 Computer System with Printers and UPS equipped with required Furniture of Best quality with proper installation facilities prepared with Internet Connection.



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Potential Project: Crutches 4 Africa Via David Talbot

While in Uganda in 2005 I saw people who had survived the disease of polio. Often they are rejected in their communities. I'm a polio survivor myself. Back in the United States, I realized that many people have a lightly-used and no-longer-needed mobility device from a twisted ankle, ski accident, or operation. I saw crutches at garage sales, in dumpsters, and unfortunately in roll-off containers headed to landfills. I knew that I had to do something; this was the genesis of Crutches 4 Africa.



Our Mission: collecting, shipping, and distributing mobility devices.

We collect used and surplus mobility devices, ship them to developing countries, and distribute them--free--to people with physical challenges regardless of their race, gender, tribe, age, or religion.

103,000 ...mobility devices have been collected, shipped, and distributed by C4A with help from our volunteers and partners.

16...countries in Africa have received mobility devices from C4A.

10 ...other countries have received mobility devices from C4A.

David Talbot & Crutches4Africa (C4A) are located in Denver and they welcome partnerships with D-5470 clubs. So, if you are interested in a new international project feel free to contact Crutches for Africa:

<c4a@crutches4africa.org>



Easy Rider Marcelo Méndez

Rotary Club of Reynosa 76 in Reynosa, Mexico

By Annemarie Mannion, Jan 2020 issue of *The Rotarian* magazine

In 2019, before taking on the presidency of the Rotary Club of Reynosa 76 in Reynosa, Mexico, Marcelo Méndez set aside some time for a road trip. "I knew when I got elected president that I wouldn't have time, so I decided to do it before my term," he says.

The trip he had in mind was on a grand scale. Over 34 days, he racked up more than 13,000 miles on his Triumph Tiger 800 XRx motorcycle, riding to Alaska and back.

He often traveled back roads rather than major highways. "For a motorcycle rider, the back roads are the best," he says. "They don't have a lot of traffic, like all the 18-wheelers. And the views are amazing." He camped half the time and stayed in hotels the other half. And to help prepare for his term as president, he visited Rotary clubs along the way.

Before leaving home on 21 April, he researched clubs on his route to figure out which meetings he could make. "I wanted to see how their meetings are run," he says. "I wanted to see how clubs do different things." Méndez visited the Rotary clubs of Greater Southwest Lubbock, Texas; Santa Fe Centro, New Mexico; Salida Sunrise and Kremmling, Colorado; Anaconda and Missoula, Montana; and College in Fairbanks, Alaska. He showed up unannounced, but he always got a warm welcome. "As soon as I walked in the door at any meeting, they'd say, 'Hey. You are welcome here. Have some lunch or breakfast and tell us about your club.' It was amazing," he recalls.

Gary Olson, who is now president of the **Salida Sunrise club**, says he was happy to have Méndez at his club's meeting. "We always welcome visitors," he says. "But it's a rare day that we have an unexpected international guest. We were all impressed that he was taking the ride to Alaska, and I think more than a few of us were a little envious."

At one club meeting, Méndez saw members placing donations in a glass jar and talking about their recent blessings. He has adopted that practice for his 22-member club: "I have a blessings donation jar now at our meetings. We're going to fill that jar with moments of happiness." The cash will be used to help someone in need.

Méndez also brought back the idea of partnering with another club to purchase chairs that convert to cots, which will be donated to two local hospitals. "When people are in the hospital, a lot of times their family members don't have any place to rest," he says. The planned project also includes buying two surgical delivery tables.



Easy Rider Marcelo Méndez (cont.)

Rotary Club of Reynosa 76 in Reynosa, Mexico

By Annemarie Mannion, Jan 2020 issue of *The Rotarian* magazine

Olson says the Salida Sunrise club will consider working with the Reynosa club when it reviews its grant projects for 2020. “The fact that we can put a friendly Rotary face — someone we have personally met — to a suggested project is a huge plus every time,” he says.

Méndez’s biggest challenge was getting through a snowstorm in Wyoming, he recalls: “Roads were blocked, and I got lost.” He visited Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks and saw a lot of wildlife: bison, bears, moose, elk, bighorn sheep. He crossed the Arctic Circle but didn’t stay long: “I took a few selfies and came back.”

With all that he learned and experienced, Méndez has started thinking about another road trip, this time to Argentina. “Then I will have traveled all through the Americas,” he says.



Marcelo Méndez rode through British Columbia on his way to Alaska, passing scenic spots such as McLeese Lake (above). For his trip, he packed plenty of his club’s flags to exchange at clubs along the way. His visit to the Arctic Circle (below) was short but memorable.

Rotary establishes Peace Center at Makerere University, Uganda

From human rights violations to the impacts of climate change, Rotary and Makerere University are offering a postgraduate certificate program to peace and development leaders who are from or who have worked in Africa to address the underlying challenges to peace in the region.

The year-long program in Peacebuilding, Conflict Transformation and Development will emphasize issues and solutions that are of particular relevance throughout the African continent and beyond. Hands-on experience will complement coursework that addresses topics including human rights, governance, and the role of the media in conflict. Other studies will focus on refugees and migration, as well as resource and identity-based conflicts.

The program will incorporate the Positive Peace framework pioneered by the [Institute for Economics and Peace \(IEP\)](#) as well as apply concepts grounded in mediation and negotiation, African philosophy, and indigenous mechanisms for conflict resolution. “For centuries, we have looked at peace as the absence of violence, without fully considering the other drivers in play,” said Olayinka Babalola, vice president, Rotary International Board of Directors. “Instead of merely examining the causes of war, Rotary Peace Fellows at Makerere University will explore the underpinnings of peace to achieve tangible measures of human wellbeing and progress.” The program is designed to accommodate working professionals with at least five years of proven experience in the areas of peace and development. There will be two cohorts a year each with 20 fellows, and the first class will begin in February 2021. The online application will be available in February 2020.



“Makerere University is situated at the heart of the Great Lakes region, which has experienced the most strife and the most conflicts in Africa,” said Barnabas Nawangwe, University vice chancellor. “We’ve had frequent experience with conflict, so we established our peace program more than 15 years ago to expand our expertise and augment our engagement in the area of conflict and peace. Partnering with an international organization like Rotary allows us to demonstrate on a global scale what we’ve been doing in our local environment. Based on our past rich experience, we can confront strife in populations all over the world.”

Every year, Rotary awards up to 130 fully funded scholarships for dedicated peace and development leaders from around the world to study at any of its seven peace centers programs. In just over 15 years, Rotary Peace Centers have trained over 1,300 individuals for careers in peacebuilding in more than 115 countries, and program alumni serve as leaders in both governmental and nongovernmental agencies, international organizations, and more. About Rotary: Rotary brings together a global network of volunteer leaders dedicated to tackling the world’s most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary connects 1.2 million members of more than 35,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. Their work improves lives at both the local and international levels, from those in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world. To learn more about Rotary Peace Centers programs and fellowships and to start an application, visit www.rotary.org/peace-fellowships. About Makerere University: Established in 1922 as a technical school, Makerere University is one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in Africa. It is composed of nine colleges offering programs for 35,000 undergraduates and 3,000 postgraduates. Its Department of Religion and Peace Studies, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, will host the Rotary Peace Centers program. To learn more, visit <https://rpc.mak.ac.ug>.

Rotary - Toastmasters Partnership

Members of Toastmasters and Rotary will enhance their skills, broaden their networks and increase their positive impact in communities through a new collaboration.

The ongoing relationship between the two organizations will begin at the grassroots level with local club members learning and working together. Additionally, Toastmasters will create a set of eight structured communication and leadership development courses for Rotary with a phased rollout that will be available in English in 2020, and in more languages in 2021.

“The strategic alliance with Rotary is exciting and allows both organizations to leverage our unique and similar strengths,” says Deepak Menon, Toastmasters’ 2019-20 International President. “We look forward to providing our current and prospective members with ongoing additional offerings that meet their evolving needs.”

With its first unofficial meeting held in Bloomington, Ill., in March 1905, Toastmasters is a global nonprofit organization with more than 16,800 clubs in 143 countries. Its members attend club meetings where they learn how to be more confident speakers, communicators and leaders. Toastmasters’ vision for the ongoing collaboration with Rotary is to change more lives for the better, and positively impact communities around the world.

“Collaborating with Toastmasters will provide our members with even more opportunities to develop and improve their leadership and communication skills,” said John Hewko, general secretary and CEO of Rotary International. “In turn, members of Toastmasters can connect with more people, take advantage of new speaking and learning opportunities, and make a difference in their communities through Rotary.”

Rotary provides its members opportunities to develop professionally, gain world understanding, and make lifelong friendships – all while volunteering to improve lives and bring lasting, positive change to communities.

Founded in 1905 in Chicago, Ill., Rotary is a global network of people committed to improving lives and bringing positive, lasting change. Each year, Rotary members contribute millions of dollars and volunteer hours to promote health, peace and prosperity in communities across the globe. Through volunteering, they make lifelong friendships that transcend political, cultural and generational boundaries and foster global understanding and respect.

For FAQ and to learn more about this partnership, please visit www.toastmasters.org/Rotary.

For further information or interviews from Toastmasters International, please contact dolson@toastmasters.org or call +1720 619 5344.

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Invitation to participate in the International Fair of Rotary Projects, Feb. 14-15, 2020 - Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

It is a great pleasure for me to contact you, after meeting you at the Project Fair Stand in Hamburg, and I hope it would be the beginning of a good relationship that empowers our projects.

The reason for this note is to remind you that you can participate in the International Fair of Projects of Rotary Clubs of Zones 23 – 24, which will be held on dates 14th – 15th in February 2020, in the city of Santa Cruz de la Sierra – Bolivia.

If you visit us, you can help our communities have contact with their realities, spend moments of joy, Rotary companionship, and sightseeing in the most beautiful places in Bolivia.

For more information about the Project Fair, we invite you to visit the website:
<https://www.rotaryprojectsfire.org>

The event will feature the exhibition of approximately 80 projects, corresponding to Rotary clubs in Zones 23 – 24, which are focused within the 6 areas of interest proposed by Rotary International.

It should be mentioned, that in case of coming a few days before and/or staying a few days after the International Project Fair, our team has the organization of a trip in Bolivia, where you will have the possibility to know and to stay in emblematic places of our country, which are below mentioned:

11 – 12 February 2020: Samaipata Fort <https://www.rotaryprojectsfire.org/en/turismo/>

16 – 19 February 2020: Salar de Uyuni <https://www.rotaryprojectsfire.org/en/turismo/>

The organizing committee is considering offering 1 free place for one of the tourist packages mentioned for those people who are interested in participating as a "Project Sponsor" in some of the presented projects.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Greetings.

Livio Cesar Zozzoli
Chairman International Fair of Rotary Club Projects
14-15 February, Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia
Phone (+591) 76640035 (WhatsApp)
<https://www.rotaryprojectsfire.org>



Global Grants Projects Involving Our clubs

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

Our clubs also contribute to projects conducted by other districts.

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

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

Contact Us

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



Water & Sanitation Projects Around the World

Global Grants Basics:

- Large, long-term projects
- Sustainable, measureable 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 TRF match \$ 15,000
- Minimum budget of US\$35,000

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

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