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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 to *Be the Inspiration*

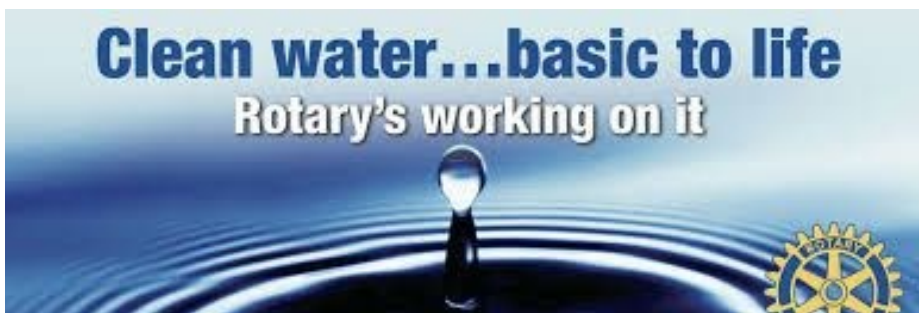
In the previous newsletter we primarily provided information about global grants involving clubs in our district. In this newsletter, we'll show some more of our many global grants as well as upcoming projects

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



"The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention."

— Oscar Wilde



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Water well in Kagadi, Uganda

Meg Foley - Durango High Noon RC

The Durango High Noon RC contributed \$5,000 to dig a well at a school in Kagadi, Uganda (western area of the country – incredibly remote). The well is now bringing drinking water to several hundred elementary school age children. The children were previously walking several miles a day to get water from an unprotected, open source. I would be happy to get you additional information if you would like.

Kagadi is the most economically depressed region in Uganda; the district is incredibly remote and sits close to the border with the Democratic Republic of Congo. The school, Maisha Holistic Africa Foundation, currently serves primary school age children and specifically targets orphans and children of limited means. Maisha does not turn anyone away, and of the school's 302 students, 100 have no means of contributing to their school fees. Other children contribute something, whether it is maize or other trade, and few families contribute financially. The school operates on approximately \$1200 per month, which includes teacher salaries and 2-3 meals per day for the students (children who live on the grounds receive 3 meals per day). Robert Kikomeko, who started the school, grew up in Kagadi and is a good friend of mine, and he is the connection between Durango High Noon Rotary and Maisha. I also sit on the board of a 501(c)(3), which was formed to support Maisha.



Prior to the well, Maisha got its water from a community source 3 km away. The water was piped from a river and was not treated or otherwise protected from contamination. Maisha staff members, often assisted by students, transported water in jerry cans and then used the jerry cans to fill 50 liter drums. The school uses approximately 150 liters of water per day, and prior to the well a significant amount of time and energy was spent getting water back and forth from the community source.

For additional information about this project contact Meg Foley - meg@swcolaw.com



Guatemala Literacy Project (GLP)

Aspen RC; Carbondale RC, Snowmass RC

The Guatemala Literacy Project (GLP) is one of the largest grass-roots, multi-club, multi-district projects in Rotary. More than 600 clubs and 80 districts have been working together since 1997 to improve education for underserved students in Guatemala. In that time, over 188,000 students have been served through four sustainable programs that are tested and proven to work. In 2017, RI President Ian Riseley called the GLP “the gold standard of Rotary projects” for its sustainability and impact.



Past RI Pres: Ian Riseley visiting GLP

Several D-5470 clubs have participated in the Guatemala Literacy project for years, and have been involved in site visits as well.

The D-5470 Global Grants committee has just approved \$ 13,000.00 matching DDF for the following 2018-19 club contributions: RC Aspen (\$8,000), RC Snowmass Village (\$3,000) and RC Carbondale (\$2,000).



Aspen Rotarian Tom Clark



Aspen Rotarians Mike Teats & John Keleher



Aspen Rotarian Heidi Hoffman

Rwanda Pedestrian Footbridge and Agriculture Project

In-country Host Club: Kigali-Gasabo RC

International Partner: Alamogordo RC

D-5470 Contributing Club: Aspen RC

The objective of this grant is three-fold: income generation for Rwanda's subsistence farmers through training in improved agricultural methods; construction of footbridges to enable farmers access to both sides of the river; and training in bridge construction for skilled and unskilled members of the community for the potential of future employment.

The beneficiaries of the grant are the communities of Cyuzu, in the Muhanga District and Rukarakara, in the Nyaruguru District in Rwanda. The communities of Cyuzu and Rukarakara will benefit from the construction of these bridges and training in improved agricultural methods. These training seminars will address advanced farming practices, and will provide the Rwandan farmer with the opportunity for improved agricultural production. The combinations of training and bridge construction will not only improve crop production, but will generate more income because farmers will now have year-round access to markets.

The proposed areas of training for farmers include: affordable/smart farming equipment and tools; alternate crops; double growing seasons; crop rotation; contour farming; farm top soil retention; new farm seed varieties; farming fertilization methods; increasing farming yields; crop nutrition retention; crop pest control; crop disease prevention; crop drought planning; sustainable farming practices; crop drying and storage; crop marketing; joining farmer coops; access to farming loans; transportation of crops to markets; and empowering women farmers.

At each of these proposed bridge site locations a seasonally flooding river separates farmers from their fields, leaving crops neglected for months and forcing farmers to rely on a single harvest per year. This same flooded river separates the community from its farms, major market areas, healthcare facilities, and schools. Without regular access to these fundamental services, there are limited opportunities for advancement.

Farmers and their families will benefit greatly from this grant because the income generating activity of growing and selling crops year round will enhance their ability to climb out of poverty. Children will benefit because they will be able to use the footbridge to safely cross-swollen rivers to attend school. The confidence this access provides will allow families to place a higher value on educational opportunities. The bridge projects will provide community members with construction technique training, an essential component for future projects implemented in the community, to include both development and commercial projects. Skilled and unskilled workers will benefit from training programs structured around bridge construction. Upon the completion of bridge construction, masons will have the skills necessary to provide bridge building services and be hired by their government, municipalities or private organizations to build future bridges nationally.

Finally Rotarians will benefit from this grant. The sponsor club will join with local host club Rotarians in traveling jointly to bridge sites and working side by side with villagers. There will also be an organized Rotary exchange between the Rotary Club of Alamogordo, New Mexico and the Rotary Club of Kigali-Gasabo, Rwanda to encourage future partnerships.

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Working with Habitat for Humanity

New “Rotary - Habitat for Humanity” Partnership

Rotary recently entered into a service partnership with Habitat for Humanity International to help enhance our service activities. Committed to the belief that every person deserves a decent place to live, Habitat for Humanity International began in 1976 as a grassroots effort on a community farm in Georgia, USA. Families and individuals in need of a helping hand partner

with Habitat to build or improve a place they can call home. Since 1976, Habitat and its 1.8 million yearly volunteers have served more than 9.8 million people in 70 countries around the world.



This new partnership aims to help enhance club and district-led service activities by providing access to resources and programming. Clubs can work with Habitat affiliates and local communities to design and provide long-term, affordable housing to families most in need of shelter. Habitat for Humanity has a long history of working with Rotarians and Rotaractors to build the types of low-cost shelters that now qualify for global grant funding. It's also a natural fit for Rotary's approach to vocational service, which encourages members to use their professional skills to help others.

Through hands-on volunteering, financial support, or adding a voice to support affordable housing, everyone can empower families to achieve the strength, stability and independence they need to build better lives for themselves. Explore opportunities for your club to partner with a Habitat affiliate by reaching out to your local Habitat: <https://www.habitat.org/where-we-build>

Clubs and districts that are interested in working with Habitat for Humanity to construct low-cost shelters using global grant funding should refer to these guidelines and planning appendix for more information: <http://rotary.msgfocus.com/c/1jgkSfNmdVv5zeruxDOpmzDsrZ>

A win-win for both organizations, the collaboration yields numerous benefits at the local level:

For Rotary clubs:

- Expanded opportunities for sustainable and impactful local service projects and meeting programs.
- Leveraged relevant service opportunities to grow membership, particularly in attracting younger prospective members.
- Gained networking opportunities with Habitat volunteers and supporters.

For Habitat affiliates:

- Increased resource development opportunities and volunteer pool for affordable home construction sites and ReStore e-commerce and retail operations.
- Increased skill sets for Blitz build, the complete construction of a new home in nine working days.
- Enhanced home repair programs, particularly Neighborhood Revitalization and Aging-in-Place programs for lower-income and senior homeowners.

For both:

- Enhanced outreach to the community for advocacy, recruitment, engagement and development.
- Leveraged partnership success to boost public relations and media presence.



To learn more about Habitat for Humanity, visit their website: <https://www.habitat.org/>

Download a factsheet: <http://rotary.msgfocus.com/c/1jgkHDxybMOS9BMMyY4CBxSk5yw>

VTT - Basic Healthcare Training; Senahu area - Guatemala

Durango RC & Rotario de la Ciudad de Guatemala

Background: In the Senahu area of Guatemala there is one nurse for every 6,000 people and there are communities where a doctor or nurse is often seen less than every 3 or 4 months. In 2017 the Ministry of Salude, (MS) had plans to start a school of nursing in Senahú, but for unknown reasons that never happened. Although about 500 people planned to take nursing classes, they never got that chance.

Project Summary: The VTT Basic Healthcare Project will ultimately improve the health and access to health care services for the residents of Senahu, Guatemala, an area with a population of about 40,000 , where approximately 35,000 live outside of the town. The closest major city, COBAN about 2 .5 hour drive , with a population of approximately of 300,000 . This Project will enhance the skills and expand the resources of nursing school instructors in the new nursing degree program in city, using a “Train the Trainer” approach to better prepare nursing students to address the preventive and restorative health care needs of their community.



There is a significant shortage of health care providers in Senahu, which currently has one primary care clinic located in Town of Senahu. This clinic with 6 Doctors and 23 nurses is open to all 7-day per week. There about 35 small communities, 15 of which have clinic buildings. One nurse serves 15 communities by visiting one community each month. In outlying areas of the Senahu, there is often no doctor or nurse available for 3-4 months at a time. Therefore, due to limited income, lack of transportation and poor roads, this shortage takes an even greater toll on the health of residents who live remotely.

An analysis of the health care needs has ascertained that having a local nursing program available in the Senahu region would both provide an opportunity for students to begin a successful career and improve the health and access to health care of local residents. However, the Ministry of Health's intent to start this school in 2017 was not realized, probably due to lack of government funding. Currently, there are plans to open the nursing school in Senahu, In Jan 2019 due to funding secured through Fundacion San Mateo (FSM) . We anticipate this VTT project will be of great benefit to the new school through an exchange of skills and experience between public health nursing instructors in Senahu and Colorado, as well as identifying and providing needed equipment and resources to the Senahu district.

VTT - Basic Health Care Training; Senahu area - Guatemala (cont.)

Durango RC & Rotario de la Ciudad de Guatemala

Project Description: Training the Trainer.

Phase 1: Identify 4-5 health care providers who are doctors or nurses from District 5470 with a background in nursing instruction, who speak fluent Spanish, and are able to commit to spending two weeks in Guatemala training Guatemala nurses. We will learn about the local health care and equipment needs, as well as enhancing their own understanding and experiences in poorly served rural areas of the country. The teams will be hosted by Rotario de la Ciudad de Guatemala. Also, the team will visit the Rotary club in Guatemala City. The team will also participate in a medical training conference in the local area.

Phase 2: Doctors or nurses who serve as nursing instructors in the nursing school in Guatemala will travel to Colorado to visit public health nursing programs located within Colorado District 5470, with District Rotarians serving as hosts. They will return with the resources and equipment needed to enhance the preparation and services of nursing students in the district. The team will also visit Rotary clubs in district 5470.

Team from District 5470:

4 or 5 person nursing team with nursing training background and Spanish fluency

One team leader from D-5470, with nursing training background or medical background

Team leader and team members need to complete VTT member forms for RI

Travel to Guatemala for 2-3 week training

District club will host nursing team in our district

Team from Guatemala District

Rotario de la Ciudad de Guatemala club & Fundacion San Mateo will host D-5470 training team & will provide training area for D-5470 training team

Team Leader for Guatemala training team

4 or 5 persons have nursing background or nursing student(s) travel to D-5470 for 2-3 week training, with our nursing team.

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Dreams Do Come True

By Penny Kelly, President - East Colorado Springs RC

As a girl, I naturally, had big dreams as I watched the world around me. I would have been described as a child with a big imagination. However, as I continued to grow so would my dreams. Why in the world was I thinking of such grandiose accomplishment? After all, I was raised on a farm that taught me a strong work ethic but I can't say there was anything particular that would cause lofty dreams.



Fast forward, Becky Kiser, past President of the Rotary Club of East Colorado Springs and founder of Trampled Rose, and I met in a leadership class. As I was closing the class I asked everyone to close their eyes and remember what they dreamed of as a little girl. At that moment, Becky remembered she dreamed of helping in Africa.

My dream? Building schools. Our worlds collided and Becky was off to Africa on a personal journey, not aware that this trip would change the course of her life and thousands of African girl's lives forever.

Trampled Rose is an organization helping orphans and the poorest of the poor girls, in remote rural areas, where few dare to travel. This mission of helping girls, who sometimes walked as far as nine hours one way to school, captured Becky's heart. As she shared about the lives of these girls and their incredible hardships, my heart was snagged and I partnered with Becky in helping providing with shelter, food, school uniforms, school supplies, menstrual care and love. These basics provide the girls a chance to stay in school.

Yesterday Becky and I with a small group of volunteers traveled to a village in a remote rural area of Ethiopia. This journey "retransforms" me each time I encourage, teach and love our Trampled Rose girls. Pouring into these girls life skills, practical education (learning to read English) and even business ideas is challenging. What basics can you pull from life that could help the girls have hope and success in the future? A future of extreme contrast from the life they have lived.

We have three areas of focus; you are valuable, your dreams matter and serving others is the key to happiness. This program was developed in partnership with the Rotary Club of East Colorado Springs. "The Royal Adventure" transports the girls into feeling like royalty as they receive hope and love.

In giving to these girls, I receive many intangible rewards. How can I describe the depth of love that is shared when you hug a girl who is not loved? A hug that is so genuine and deep that they don't want to let go? Multiply that by hundreds of girls. How can I possibly convey the number and depth of emotions that surface?

What joy there is in closing our time with the girls with the Rotary four way test! Talk about principles to guide these girls on their brand new path of hope. Could there be a better life pattern for them to embrace? One of the girls said that she has learned the ideas we bring to them are more important than the financial support. Another girl said that she understands that real poverty is having much without gratitude and they are the ones who are really rich. Tears stream as we receive their gratitude.

Dreams...yes, they do come true! Becky is serving by pouring her life and love into the girls in Africa. I am serving by keeping girls in school, along with many others whose hearts have also been snagged by this mission.

The world puzzle is so interesting and with each of us playing **our** puzzle piece we as Rotarians will continue to be the inspiration and change the world forever. How proud I am to be a Rotarian!

Health Education of School Students in India: Project Seeking Funds

Rahul Mehra, PhD - Rotary Club of Cañon City

Many children in India grow up with unhealthy lifestyle habits and maintain these habits into adulthood. One of the best opportunities for youth to learn and develop healthy lifestyle habits is during school. This will allow each child to reach its full potential. Our Vision is that Health Education should be mandatory in every school.

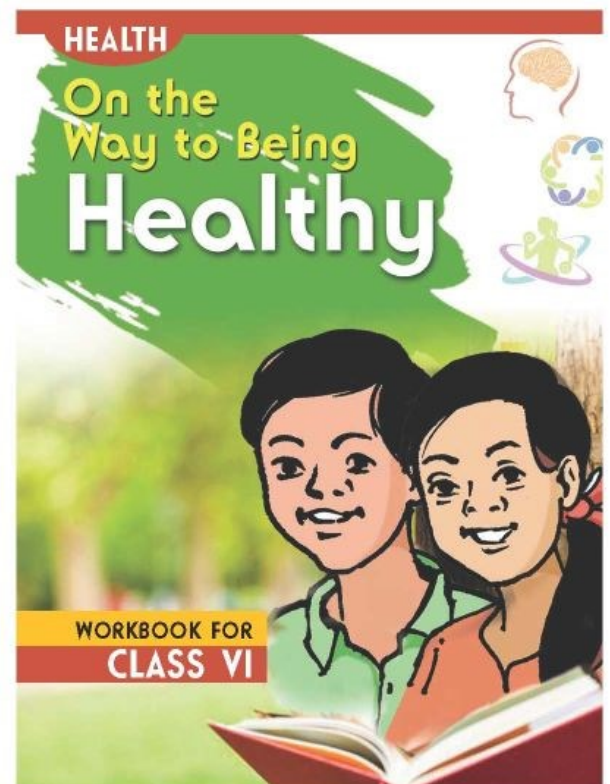
Presently, there is no comprehensive curriculum or books on Health Education. Through our previous District Grant with support from several Rotary Clubs, we have developed a comprehensive Health Education curriculum for Grades 6 & 7, written and printed Health Education books for students and the corresponding Teachers Manuals in English. These are one of the first set of books with a comprehensive Health Education curriculum in India. The cover for the Grade 6 book is illustrated.

Only about 20-50% of the students in India have the fluency to read such books in English and this varies with geographical location. Both Hindi and English are national languages. Most government schools are primarily Hindi medium and private schools tend to be English medium. Therefore, these four books need to be translated into Hindi and printed. *The funding being sought is for translation, design and printing of these books in Hindi.*

Following the printing of these books, we will conduct an evaluation of the Health Education curriculum in Chandigarh, India. We will enroll 1000 students in 20 schools; 10 government schools and 10 private schools. If we get the funds needed for printing of the books in Hindi, my Rotary partner in Chandigarh (Dr.J.S.Thakur) and I will conduct teacher training and plan to begin evaluation of the curriculum in June 2019. The evaluation will take two years.

Funding requirement: \$15,800

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2019 Guatemala Literacy Project Tour

Want to see for yourself the impact District 5470 is making in Guatemala? Join the [2019 Guatemala Literacy Project Tour](https://coeduc.org/tours/glp/) (<https://coeduc.org/tours/glp/>) and represent our district alongside other Rotarians from around the world! You'll travel through gorgeous scenery as you deliver textbooks, inaugurate computer centers, and interact with children and families served by the GLP from **February 2-10, 2019**.



D5470 Rotarians from Aspen, Mount Sopris, Snowmass Village, and Glenwood Springs Sunset have traveled with the GLP in the past, and we'd love to see more district representatives experience this opportunity to serve!

If February doesn't work for you, consider traveling with the GLP's partner organization, Cooperative for Education (CoEd), on one of the following 2019 tours:



-Snapshot Tour February 19-24 or July 30-August 4: This trip gives a glimpse into CoEd's projects and Guatemala in general, with visits to schools in CoEd's programs as well as tourism (boat ride on Lake Atitlan, shopping in markets, optional visit to a coffee farm, etc.). This is a great intro trip to Guatemala.

-Helping Hands Tour July 21-27: This trip spends all week in Antigua volunteering at a school in one of CoEd's programs. You'll get to work alongside the kids as well as enjoy the beautiful city of Antigua. This is a great trip for families.



Farmers of the Future, Niger - Update

John Craig, formerly of Carbondale RC

D-5470 Contributing Clubs: Aspen, Carbondale, Snowmass & Mt. Sopris

With funding from USAID, Farmers of the Future successfully expanded to 5 new villages and 12 new associations. The gardens are so impressive that local officials and members of the World Bank have asked us to submit a proposal for a new project which could double again the Farmers of the Future footprint in Niger.



We are creating the pre-eminent horticultural training center in West Africa, named in honor of Dov Pasternak, father of Farmers of the Future. The conference room opened in January and land has been acquired for the training gardens. Additional classrooms are under construction and a detailed curriculum is in development. When completed, the Center will greatly expand the number of horticultural field technicians essential for sustainable development.



We are turning the FOF showcase site at the Leadership Academy into a complete Education Center where visitors will learn first-hand the transformative power of the FOF model. The site will include a video screening room and self-guided tour of the Leadership Academy garden.

For Eliminate Poverty NOW, secondary education is the gateway to good jobs and high income. We are tracking the progress of our scholars after graduation as they continue on to higher education and into the workplace.

Thanks to our newest program providing en-

trance fees to university, 13 of our graduates are now enrolled in programs studying business, engineering, economics, physics, sociology, eco-tourism, aviation and more. Without your help, these same young women and men would be out on the streets struggling to survive.

We presented Farmers of the Future at Niger's 5 Year Planning Conference in Paris. The conference was hosted by Niger's President and attended by all senior government officials and major players in international development.

Medical Mission to Guatemala

By Linda Carlson, Cañon City RC

Cleft lip, with or without cleft palate affects one in 700 babies, world-wide. The cause of these facial malformations is unknown, but may be environmental and/or genetic. Complications that result include inability to nurse, ear infections and later speech impediments and dental abnormalities. In the USA, corrective surgery is typically performed in the first few months of life, with additional surgeries as required. In developing nations, for many infants this surgical intervention is simply not available, and many afflicted infants die before their first birthday from malnutrition, or pneumonia following aspiration of milk into the lungs. Other facial deformities if untreated may cause profound psychological damage to the child's personality.

Victoria King, M.D. is a former member of Cañon City Rotary Club with 39 years of experience in Otolaryngology and Plastic Surgery, and is one of the most respected surgeons in her field. She has undertaken numerous missions to developing countries, largely at her own expense, and is experienced in performing intricate surgeries under primitive surgical conditions compared to the USA. Dr. King recently traveled to Solola, Guatemala as the surgeon with a team of eight, including surgical technicians, surgical circulating nurse, recovery room nurse, pre-op technician and anesthetist. They performed over 20 surgeries for congenital malformations; the beneficiaries were babies and children who had no access to medical correction in their communities. These were truly life-changing surgeries for the babies and their parents. No patient had complications.

Cañon City Rotary Club donated \$2,000 to the team which was matched by a District Grant for a total of \$4,000, towards the cost of anesthesia, surgical and post operative supplies. In-kind donations of sutures, syringes and needles were given to the team. Medications, travel expenses and other costs amounting to over \$8,000 were paid by personal funds from the team members.

To learn more, please visit this site: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QfWfAopjwiA&feature=share>

Pre and post surgery photographs:

Two year old with orbital hemangioma (benign) tumor, refused treatment by the National Hospital for Surgery.



Before



During surgery



Three weeks later



Before surgery



With Dr. King



Immediately after



Surgical team from Cañon City

“Bridges to Prosperity” seeks Project Partners

Previous D-5470 partners: Aspen RC, Vail RC

Bridges to Prosperity has had a long-standing partnership with Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation, from funding B2P's first project to participating on multiple projects to date.

B2P was founded in 2001 by Ken Frantz, a Rotarian who believed that everyone should have safe access to the opportunities that would enable them to thrive. Today several board members and staff are active Rotarians.



B2P's mission - to connect isolated rural communities with healthcare, education and economic opportunities by building footbridges over impassable rivers - directly aligns with The Rotary Foundation's Areas of Focus, specifically Economic and Community Development. The lack of basic infrastructure is a significant hindrance to people who live in a rural walking world. Along with B2P, Rotarians believe that, through the building of footbridges, they can have a tremendous impact on income generation and development of local communities. Global Grants for footbridges through The Rotary Foundation allow Rotarians to help reduce the cycle of poverty.

The following Colorado Rotary clubs have participated in B2P projects in the past: Aspen RC, Vail RC; Boulder Valley RC.

B2P is again looking for project partners in D-5470 for the following projects:

Kawuswo Pedestrian Footbridge - over Siit River in Bukwa Municipality, Uganda

Moyok Pedestrian Footbridge - over Chekwir River in Kween Municipality, Uganda

Cyuzu Pedestrian Footbridge - over Nyabarongo River in Nyaruguru Municipality, Rwanda

Rukarakara Pedestrian Footbridge— over Mudasomwa River in Nyaruguru Municipality, Rwanda

A sample project description is on the next page.

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Clean Water & Sanitation Project, Tororo District, Uganda

In-country Host Club: Kampala RC

International Partner: D-7570 (W. Virginia & NE Tennessee)

D-5470 Contributing Club: Mt. Sopris (Carbondale) RC

This project provides the communities of Merikit sub county in Tororo District in eastern Uganda with clean water and improves sanitation and health by providing a deep well, a solar powered water pump, a 100,000 liter water reservoir, piped water to six schools, water stands in the communities, toilets in four schools which have the most acute need, and a public toilet in the marketplace. Merikit township has a population of 3,341 people in the village center. It has four primary schools, two secondary schools, a Health Centre (Public Medical Clinic), a trading center, and the sub county headquarters. The surrounding areas served by the village center, schools, and health clinic number have a population of roughly 16,000. The residents of this area mainly speak two local languages; the Japhadhola who speak a Luo dialect and the Ateso who speak Iteso. Some people are able to speak Swahili because of the proximity to the Kenyan border. The village population swells to 5,000 to 6,000 during the two market days each week. The main economic activities are small scale trading and farming.

Merikit has two secondary schools and four primary schools which have a total student population of 3,754, some of whom come from neighboring villages. The Merikit Health Clinic serves a catchment area of 15,255 people. The outpatient department had 8,352 patients, there were 323 deliveries in the maternity department, and there were 601 cases of diarrhea and other waterborne disease in the last six months of 2017.

Merikit is a water scarce area. People fetch water from the swamps during the wet season which dry up shortly after the rains have stopped. This swamp water is shared with animals rendering it unsafe for human use. There are a handful of shallow well boreholes which frequently break down and produce water only intermittently during the dry season.

The project has been designed to have a deep well borehole, a solar powered water pump, a 100,000 liter distribution reservoir, a 5 km pipe network, and twelve public water stands, each with four taps. The sanitation facilities will include 4 drainable toilets in each of four schools with separate access for the male and female students and another toilet with separate access for males and females in the market area. All toilet and shelter floors will be tiled, and walls will be partially tiled and partially painted. A stainless steel sink with swivel tap and a glazed hand washing basin with mirror above will be installed in each station. There will also be a waste outlet grating and plastic plug and chain.

The maternity department at the health center shall be renovated and provided solar heated warm water. The toilet building will be outfitted as described above. The floor of the maternity ward will be tiled and the walls partially tiled. Terrazzo flooring will be installed on the veranda around the maternity ward block. Training in Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WaSH) skills needed such as hand washing and general and menstrual hygiene will support new mothers and newborn children at the health facilities as well as teenage girls so that they may continue their studies. During the needs assessment in this area which was performed in 2017 and included surveys of government, political and religious leaders as well as the director of the health clinic and school administrators, the affected communities indicated that a lack of clean water and access to basic sanitation is a major problem leading to the rampant ill health and absenteeism from school. In addition, members of the assessment team met with and spoke to numerous local citizens to discuss local needs. Access to clean water was the number one resource requested with sanitation and hygiene a close second, in particular for their school age children.

This project is in the memory of the Rotary International President Elect Samuel Otori (deceased).



Vocational Training Team (VTT) for Botswana- Update

by Amy McBride - Montrose RC

Amy is a member and Past President of the Rotary Club of Montrose. As a Peace Corps Volunteer in Botswana, she is working with two non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that serve people infected and affected by HIV. She also is working with the Rotary Club of Gaborone and District 5470 to bring a Vocational Training Team (VTT) of four to six professionals to Botswana in 2019 to build NGO capacity to end AIDS by 2030. She is providing us with regular updates.

Dumelang banni ba District 5470! (Setswana for *Greetings residents of District 5470!*)

Summer is coming to Botswana, and we're in the middle of a heat wave, with highs around 37°C (99°F). Alas, I'm not using my trusty umbrella (mokgêlê) for rain (which is late in coming), but rather for shade from the incessant letsatsi (sun).

Since my last update, we have made good progress on the **Vocational Training Team to Strengthen Botswana's Civil Society Organizations and the Community-Based Response to HIV**. The biggest development is that we decided to move the Team's time in Botswana from February to May 2019 to give us more time to plan, and to meet The Rotary Foundation's requirement for three months' advance notice for airplane ticket purchases.

The Advisory Committee in Botswana (composed of representatives from Peace Corps, Rotary Club of Gaborone, Botswana Network of HIV/AIDS Support Organisations, Project Concern International, Stepping Stones International, and Bakgatla Bolokang Matshelo) met several times to review the results from our community assessment

and has confirmed that the VTT will address resource mobilization, with a secondary focus on information technology. This is keeping with the latest version of the Government of Botswana's guiding document for HIV, the *Third National Multisectoral HIV and AIDS Response Strategic Framework 2018-2023* (NSF III), which calls on civil society organizations (CSOs) to "play a key role in increasing coverage, efficiency, and sustainability of HIV service delivery in the next five years." The NSF III acknowledges that CSOs have seen declining international donor funding and that the Government must build their capacity to "mobilize human, financial, and material resources to support community interventions to reduce the causes and effects of HIV/AIDS."

We are working to select the six Team Members, and as I write this, we have not chosen a Team Leader. We will make that decision next week. We have picked a Training Leader, and he is Rich Male of Denver.



Visiting Representative Elizabeth Esty (D-CT & two founders of our cookie company, which is an income-generating activity

VTT for Botswana- Update (continued)

by Amy McBride - Montrose RC

Since 1971, Rich has taught undergraduate and graduate level courses in grant writing, fundraising and resource development, governance and leadership, and community organizing/public policy at many universities, including State University of New York, Washington University, Regis University, and UC Denver. He founded the Community Resource Center and helped organize the Colorado Association of Non-Profit Organizations, Community Shares of Colorado, and publish the Colorado Grants Guide. In the last decade, Rich has been active in Kenya, providing training on resource mobilization issues to civil society organizations, and he sits on the board of the directors of the Africa Network for Animal Welfare. In addition, he has done extensive fundraising training in Ethiopia and worked with nongovernmental organizations in South Africa.

The four other Team Members are in various states of confirmation. All are from Colorado (two from western Colorado and two from the Front Range) and have extensive fundraising and CSO experience. All of the Team Members will be assigned to several CSOs in Botswana and required to contact them prior to their arrival in country to develop objectives and workplans. They also will need to maintain relationships after their return to the US to assist in implementation.

The Advisory Committee has set a tentative agenda, which includes time in Gaborone (the capital city in southern Botswana) and Francistown (in northern Botswana). There will be several days of large group trainings at both locations, followed by site visits and one-on-one mentoring/small group sessions with selected CSOs. Training will focus on grassroots resource mobilization techniques to “ensure sustainable and adequate funding for [HIV-related] CSOs,” as requested in the NSF III. There is a growing culture of philanthropy in Botswana, and the time is ripe for equipping CSOs with the skills to form partnerships with Batswana (the people of Botswana) for the pursuit of collective goals. This assumption is supported by conversations with CSO leaders, community assessment results, and direct observation. I had the opportunity to lead a two-hour workshop for 20 CSO representatives in Molepolole last month that focused on choosing resource mobilization strategies, and participants were very enthusiastic. Many said that they *knew* they should be increasing support from Batswana, but they don’t know how to do it. Enter the VTT!

We’re considering several side projects for the VTT. One is helping the Botswana Business Coalition on AIDS develop a “pooled fund” for corporate donors to maximize their contribution to CSOs’ HIV/AIDS response. Another is working with universities to add coursework and/or programs to train a new wave of development directors in Botswana. Finally, we hope to incorporate opportunities for CSOs to build alliances and work together better.

I’m grateful for the assistance of District 5470 Rotarians, especially members of the VTT “International Partner” committee (Mary Oswald, Roger Ptolemy, and Dick Dangler), Claudine Bogart (outgoing VTT Committee Chair) Dick (incoming Chair), and Peter Jeschofnig (who gives great advice as well as preparing this newsletter). And thanks to you, my fellow Rotarians, for your support of The Rotary Foundation, which is making this possible. Please don’t hesitate to contact me at amy-lopermcbride@gmail.com or by WhatsApp at +19704338779.



Announcing new Chair of D-5470 VTT Committee

Richard (Dick) Dangler- Edwards RC

Dick Dangler has accepted the position of D-5470 Vocational Training Team (VTT) Committee Chair. Richard has organized and led our district's VTT to Kosovo and has first-hand experience organizing VTTs. Richard's email is rdangler@hotmail.com.

The Vocational Training Team (VTT) committee is responsible for promoting Club and District participation in the VTT program, preparing the outbound VTT team for its exchange and for planning and implementing the visiting VTT host itinerary. This committee or a separate VTT subcommittee is charged with the responsibility of selecting the team leader and team members

The D-5470 VTT committee has the following members:

Dick Dangler - chair

Roger Ptolemy

Eddie Cheung

Jack Thomas

Clyde Church

..and is trying to expand. Dick is hoping that other Rotarians are interested in joining the team.



Currently, our district is working on three potential VTTs:

A joint Rotary - Peace Corps project with Amy McBride in Botswana;

A sister National Park project between Serbia and Black Canyon of the Gunnison

Basic Healthcare Training in Guatemala— a project Eddie Cheung is working on.

If you are interested in joining the D-5470 Vocational Training Team Committee, please contact Dick Dangler - rdangler@hotmail.com

WHAT IS A VOCATIONAL TRAINING TEAM (VTT)?



A VTT is a group of professional who travel to another country either to learn more about their profession or to teach local professionals about a particular field

Visit to ShelterBox International Headquarters

By Pam Pine, Glenwood Springs RC

On a visit to the UK this Fall, I planned our journey to visit ShelterBox international headquarters in Truro, Cornwall, England. Having been an Ambassador for ShelterBox for about 10 years, I wanted to see the source of the good work that makes up this Rotary Global Project Partner for Disaster Relief. The growth and interest in ShelterBox has made the program find larger property from which to operate and the impressive Visitors Center and staff are now housed in a three story building in the center of Truro.

The first floor features many experiential displays that allows groups and individuals to come and hear and see the ShelterBox story of disaster response and to "practice" packing the iconic green boxes that supply such vital needs to areas worldwide. The displays show all the tents and equipment setup that are sent and many moving photos of the places where ShelterBox Response Teams have been deployed. What a dramatic difference ShelterBox makes to those in such dire circumstances!

Upstairs is Operations headquarters and I was privileged to see and hear of the internal workings of how it all happens and met many people who all are dedicated to their jobs of helping those in such a desperate time. The coordination efforts between political governments, Non-Government entities, and our able and trained Response Teams, the logistics of moving supplies, and the ongoing accountability to truly be meeting the immediate need for shelter for those experiencing the worst day of their lives is truly impressive.

IF YOUR CLUB OR SCHOOL OR COMMUNITY GROUP WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A PRESENTATION ON SHELTERBOX OR A DISPLAY SET UP AT A COMMUNITY EVENT, PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL PAM PINE 970-948-0606 ppine500@hotmail.com. I'd be honored to give a program to tell more of the fabulous and effective work of SHELTERBOX.



World Polio Day in Cañon City

Submitted by Linda Carlson

World Polio Day was celebrated by the Rotary Club of Cañon City with a discussion on KRLN 1400 radio's Morning Line. Polio eradication is not complete, with 20 cases in 2018 being reported in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Thanks to Rotarians, Dr. Rahul Mehra, PDG George Small, and Dr. Linda Carlson for their club service, and to J.R. Brown and KRLN for hosting the group.



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 budget of US\$30,000
- Minimum TRF match \$ 15,000

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