

# **ROTARY DISTRICT 5470** *International Service News*

#### D-5470 International Service Newsletter #18





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 fulfilment 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



"Generosity is giving more than you can, and pride is taking less than you need."

– Kahlil Gibran

Share your club's international projects and interest with District International Service Chair <u>Peter Jeschofnig</u> who will share with District clubs.



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## TeleDermatology Guatemala Project by Richard Dangler, Edwards RC

The Edwards Rotary Club is sponsoring a project for **TeleDermatology in the Trifinio region of Guatemala**. This will be funded with a Global Grant for an estimated \$32,000 having a commercial value of about \$70,000. To make this activity work we are seeking another Club partner that can donate \$4-5,000. Matching funds make this type of project doable.

The Host is the Rotary Club Coatepeque-Colomba, D-4250. The beneficiary of this project will be the Trifinio Center for Human Development (TCHD) who will in turn has an operational partnership with the University of Colorado, Center for Global Health (CGH) at the Colorado School of Public Health . This project has the **Area of Focus – Disease Prevention and Treatment** 

The original request for financial assistance came from TCHD with an endorsement from the University of Colorado (CU). The request was to help set up and operate a tele-dermatology system for the Trifinio region of Guatemala, an area in the southwest region just south of the Mexican border. That center, in turn, is financially assisted by *Agro*America, a private family-owned Guatemalan banana and vegetable oils agro-business enterprise. This combination brings together volunteers form the ColoradoSPH and Guatemalan clinical staff to promote population health and sustainable development in an extremely poor, rural region of Guatemala (Trifinio) as well as establishing private financial support for sustainability through a partnership with a private donor. The clinic will serve the families of the plantation's 5,000+ workers and over 28,000 residents in the surrounding villages.

The Clinic was established in 2012 and has proved its viability over the years. They now consider it time to expand their service to dermatology. Skin diseases ranked 5th on prevalence in Guatemala in 2017, and there is a need for both patient education, training and dermatology consultation that includes dermatitis, infections, skin cancer, and many other skin dieses. The partnership with the Colorado SPH, a non-profit organization, will provide consultation for the teledermatology through annual team training visits and real time assistance through a teleDermatology platform.

The Edwards Rotary Club will apply to TRF for a Global Grant of \$32,000 to finance the initial two years of startup training and operations. The budget will include two years of the teleDermatology platform cost of \$12,000/year and \$10,000 for vocational training team travel expenses. Sustainability will be maintained by the Clinic, ColoradoSPH and AgroAmerica as delineated in a Memorandum of Understanding.

The Host is the Club Rotario Coatepeque-Colomba Guatemala, D-4250. For more information you can contact Richard Dangler, <u>rdangler@hotmail.com</u>, home: 970-926-3072 and mobile: 970-376-6341



## **Potential GG Project for D-5470 clubs** 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.

If any of our clubs are interested in contributing to this Global Grant (any amount), the Global Grants Committee will probably be able to match club contributions with D-5470 DDF.

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: <u>https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000050015/en-ca/files/sitepage/other-districts-seeking-project-partners/medical-equipment-for-mercy-ship---deadline-d/ROTARY-INT\_new-sept--2-ther-one-to-use.pdf</u>





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## The Royal Adventure - Aliyu Amba, Ethiopia Becky Kiser - East Colorado Springs RC



"Rotary Club" Member Genet

In the rural area of Ethiopia, in a village named Aliyu Amba, there is a Rotary Club that is not properly registered with Rotary International. In this far away valley, where the main means of transportation is camels, most locals survive by gathering and selling honey or by raising enough produce to barely support their family, a Rotary Club, made up of sixty ninth and tenth grade girls and their school director, formed itself.

In 2015 a member of the Rotary Club of Colorado Springs (Donna Dell'Olio) and a member of the Rotary Club of East Colorado Springs (Laura Muir) taught the Rotary Four Way Test to a group of girls while they were on an adventure traveling through North Shoa Ethiopia, with Trampled Rose, showing thousands of girls that someone cares.

What did the girls and their school director do on their own with this training? They decided that the value of the Rotary four way test was so valuable that they would meet once a week to encourage each other to do their best to live in all they say and do by this code of ethics. They called themselves the obvious name, "The Rotary Club".

Fast forward to 2019 and the fruit of these seeds planted have become ripe. The results of these girls living with Rotary in their hearts is evident. The high school in Aliyu Amba has produced one of the highest promotion rates of girls graduating from tenth grade and qualifying for preparatory school in the area. In fact, they have done so well that the government built, last year, a preparatory school in Aliyu Amba. This is the only problem, there are few books. Because textbooks are considered expensive (around three to five dollars each) they are beyond the means of most families. Most students go to the library to read the textbooks. This can result in hours of waiting for each and every book.

Many of the original "Rotary Club" girls have proceeded on to scholarships to universities around Ethiopia by traveling to other villages to finish their preparatory school education. Imagine how many more could have the same chance, now that a preparatory school is near, if they only have the necessary tools? The Rotary Club of East Colorado Springs is holding our annual fundraiser (Bob Carlone Memorial Sporting Clay Shoot) to benefit Trampled Rose on September 21, 2019. Part of our proceeds will go to providing more basic textbooks in the library of Aliyu Amba Preparatory School to help our fellow "Rotarians". We are working in partnership with Trampled Rose, Inc to ensure the legality and accountability of all funds. Reports to follow.

If you'd like to jump in on the excitement of changing the world, just let us know hello@trampledrose.org

## Ecuador Drinking Water Projects Update - GG #1875083 Heather Drissel, P.E. & Scott Perry, North Colorado Springs RC

**Background:** The Rotary Club of North Colorado Springs has teamed with the Rotary Club of Riobamba, Ecuador District 4400 on a project to provide safe drinking water to two communities in Ecuador, Shilpala in the sierra highlands, and Pumayacu located in the jungle. Both indigenous communities are drinking untreated surface water that may contain pathogens and viruses. The global grant project includes upgrades to water sources and the addition of treatment plants to produce safe drinking water.





**Current Status:** The North Colorado Springs Rotary Club coordinated with the Riobamba Ecuador Rotary Club to provide information to Rotary International for the GG Application. The GG for \$78,250 was approved on April 30, 2019. Water testing equipment has been purchased and received by the North Colorado Springs Rotary Club. The equipment will be delivered by club members during the next community site visit.

**Next Steps:** The North Colorado Springs Rotary Club and the Riobamba Ecuador Rotary Club continue to coordinate on the project timeline and communication plan. The goal is to start construction in 2019 and provide safe drinking water to 1,125 people.



## Drinking Water Deep Well in Saé Saboua/Niger/Africa (GG1978458) By David Smith, GG Chair, Pagosa Springs RC

The Rotary Foundation has recently funded a new project in Niger that will provide a small community located in the Sub-Sahara with a supply of clean water. The new well, which will be about 150 m deep, will provide drinking water for this community of 7500 people, as well as irrigation water for 2.5 hectares of land. Approximately 180 women in the village will grow vegetables on this land.

The Rotary Club Wien-Stadpark (RC Vienna-City Park, Austria) is the International Partner. The Rotary Club Niamey-Gawaye, (Niamey, Niger) is the Host Club. The total budget for the project is \$69,584.

The network created by Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation make this project not only possible, but possible on a very low budget. The following scheme shows how this remarkable network made this project possible.

## Tri-Continental Global Grant Application for a Drinking Water Deep Well in Saé Saboua/Maradi/Niger/Africa

total project value:US\$ 70.000applied by:Rotary Club Wien-Stadtpark & Rotary Club Niamey-Gaweyedate:May 2019



The idea for this project started with the Austrian non-profit *Initiative Maradi*, which has been working for 10 years with *Fraternité des Servantes du Christ* to improve the lives of girls and young women in rural regions of the Sahel zone of Niger. The Rotary Club Wien-Stadpark was aware of *Initiative Maradi* and offered to obtain a Global Grant to provide a deep well in the village of Saé Sabou.

Identifying a project and finding good partners is the first major step in any global grant. Next challenge: Find approximately \$25,000 in club funding that will be used to leverage District and Foundation funds. The diagram shows that 4 additional clubs in Vienna pledged support. Since I had been in contact with the Vienna Club on other projects taking place in Niger, my club, RC Pagosa Springs became interested in the project and pledged support. Now we have a "Three Continent Project". Imagine that! Little Pagosa Springs is a partner with Rotary Clubs in Vienna, Austria.

## Drinking Water Deep Well in Saé Saboua/Niger/Africa (cont.) By David Smith, GG Chair, Pagosa Springs RC

Matching funds from three districts and The Rotary Foundation provided the additional funding required to complete the project. It is important to note that member contributions to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund make this funding possible. You can support this and thousands of similar projects by going to <u>www.rotary.org</u>, clicking on Donate, then Annual Fund.



A school supported by Fraternité des Servantes du Christ.



Clean drinking water is scarce in Niger

# Global Grants Scholar Kailee Ross in Scotland Submitted by Dennis Shoemaker, Colorado Springs RC

The Colorado Springs RC's Global Grant Scholar, Kailee Ross, has arrived in Dundee, Scotland, and will commence studies at the University of Dundee. She was awarded the \$40,000 scholarship early this year by the Rotary Foundation and District 5470.

Her host club is Dundee Claverhouse and they have welcomed Kailee with open arms. Here's a portion of a WhatsApp message she received in July --

#### Hi Kailee,

Welcome to Dundee when the time comes! We are all looking forward to meeting you and helping you to settle in to your new home. I am Ivor Morton, a fellow Rotarian in the Rotary Club of Claverhouse and friend of Iain Ross. I will be



picking you up from Edinburgh Airport at 9.35am on Saturday, 17th August and driving you over to Dundee, a journey of just over one and a quarter hours.

What a wonderful welcome for Kailee and it gets even better. Here's a message she sent to Dennis --

Dennis. I have been in Scotland for three days now and I absolutely LOVE it. The rotary foundation is so welcoming, they've helped me get settled in and showed me around the city. I feel so welcome. I'm excited to attend my first rotary meeting tomorrow! I can't thank you enough for helping me along with this process. It's the opportunity of a lifetime.

The Claverhouse Rotary Club meets in the Queen's Hotel which is just a ten minute walk from campus. She's been to two meetings now -- here are some pictures from the meeting on Tuesday the 27th. All three in the last photo have the Ross surname -- good Scots.





# Rotary Global Grant Scholarship 2020 Opportunity Application Deadline Oct. 10, 2019 Via Kate Carnahan Davis, D-5470 Scholarship Chair

The Rotary Foundation and clubs invest in our future leaders and philanthropists by funding scholarships for undergraduate and graduate study.

### **Rotary Global Grant Scholarship 2020 Opportunity:**

D5470 is looking for two qualified individuals to apply the Rotary global grant scholarship, a *full-time graduate degree program*. *Participating students will focus on one of Rotary International's six humanitarian areas*, which include peace and conflict resolution/prevention and basic education and literacy.

The recipient of the scholarship receives \$40,000 to cover tuition, fees, educational supplies, room and board, and transportation to and from the study site. The scholarship covers one year, so if the student wishes to continue his or her education, funding must be personally covered.

All 5470 Rotary Clubs are encouraged to find academically sound individuals who also possess attributes that mirror the values of Rotary. The deadline for clubs to submit applications is October 10, 2019.

For additional information, please visit the District 5470 web page and click under the heading Scholarships. There will also be a link to the application. Any additional questions can be directed to Kate Carnahan Davis, District 5470 Scholarship Director, 2019-20, at katerotary1@gmail.com.



## International Rotary Fellowship: the 'Group of 1929' Rotary Clubs Meeting in Chennai, India By Linda Carlson, Cañon City RC

In the year 1929, 184 Rotary Clubs were founded world-wide. RC of Madras past president S. Gunashekhar and his Rtn.colleagues reached out in 2013 to 'Group of 1929' Clubs across the world, inviting members for the inaugural 1929 Rotary conference in Chennai, for fellowship, project sharing and touring. Rotarians from S. Korea, Malaysia, Canada, Brazil, Sri Lanka, from Maryland and Colorado in the USA, and from several states in India have participated to date.

Cañon City Rtn. Linda Carlson and spouse, Eric have attended all three 'Group of 1929' meetings in India, and in February this year, Rtn. Becky Kelly came, too. Celebration of our clubs' 90 years of international service

was the theme of the conference. A major event was the celebration of a huge water and



Unveiling of the dedication site.

sanitation project, where the first stage has been completed. Day-long celebrations took place in Kannankottai and in Pandur, two villages where every household now has a Rotary-donated and constructed WC. This project amounts to serving several hundred homes. Activities included ribbon cutting at each WC, and a festival with speeches by local dignitaries, traditional music and dancing, and a feast - all attended by the visiting Group of 1929 Rtns. The ultimate goal is for the southerly Indian state of Tamil Nadu to become open-defecation free, a lofty aspiration. The availability of WCs is of particular benefit to women of the villages, who were previously only allowed to relieve themselves in the woods under cover of darkness, and who thus ran the risk being assaulted.

THE "GROUP OF 1929" CONFERENCES HAVE ALL INCLUDED VISITS TO PREVIOUS, ONGOING AND FUTURE ROTARY PROJECT SITES, GUIDED SIGHT-SEEING TOURS OF CULTURAL SITES, FELLOWSHIP AND FRIENDSHIP LUNCHES AND DINNERS, AN INTERNATIONAL NIGHT AND A FINAL FULL CLUB BANQUET AND FELLOWSHIP: THIS YEAR, IT WAS HOSTED AT PRES. RANJIT PRATAP'S NEWLY DEVELOPED FARM.

Linda has recently visited 1929 clubs in the UK and France, and hopes that some of their members will attend the 2022 Group of 1929 conference, which is tentatively proposed to be held in Malaysia.



The first of many wonderful meals.

### Linda Carlson <linnycarlson@hotmail.com >

International Rotary Fellowship: the 'Group of 1929' Rotary Clubs Meeting in Chennai, India (continued) By Linda Carlson, Cañon City RC



Banquet with banana leaf plates, first of many delicious courses,





Honored members of 'Group of 1929' clubs from around the world

Temple in Mylapore, Chennai

## Enjoy your International Travels more with Rotary ! By Linda Jeschofnig

Rotarians who don't make the effort to visit Rotary clubs during their international travels are missing a fabulous opportunity to enrich their personal lives plus further the objectives of Rotary International!

Peter and I have had such wonderful past experiences that we now try to visit Rotary Clubs whenever and wherever we travel abroad. First, Peter checks Rotary's International Directory to see which clubs might be meeting on our travel dates. Then, because some clubs are remiss about updating their information with RI, (is your club's info up-to-date?) he emails the President and/or club secretary to confirm if they will actually be meeting on the listed date and at the listed time and location.

We've had delightful visits with Rotary Clubs throughout India, Africa, and Asia for over twenty years. Each visit has enriched our lives with new awareness, fun fellowship, solid friendships, and renewed appreciation for the important roles RI plays around the world. We not only make new friends, have excellent adventures, and enjoy rollicking good fun, we learn of potential projects, perspectives, and approaches that may be of interest to and benefit our own clubs at home.



We recently had the opportunity to visit the Rotary Club of Taomasina, Madagascar (a.k.a Tamatave) during their annual change-over dinner. Since they knew we were coming, they asked if Peter, as a visiting PDG, would participate in their ceremonies, pin the incoming president with his first Paul Harris Fellow pin, and present the club with its "100% Paul Harris Fellows Club" banner. Yes, ALL of the ~40 members of this small Rotary club in Madagascar, one of the poorest countries in the world, are Paul Harris Fellows! That's dedication!

The evening's ceremonies were initially very formal. The incoming President was officially installed with a chained medallion placed around his neck by the outgoing President who then relinquished the club's bell and gavel. A similarly solemn induction of the other officers followed, interspersed with lots of congratulatory speeches full of good-natured ribbing and humorous advice for the incoming officers. Meanwhile we guests leisurely enjoyed a sumptuous four-course French feast and excellent Malagasy wines which flowed freely. The evening ended with lots of warm socializing and lively dancing, including a conga line!

The Assistant Governor and his wife invited us to their home for dinner the following day and overwhelmed us with their warm and generous hospitality. It was fabulous and fascinating to see their exquisite garden, lovely home, and prized possessions, plus to sample traditional Malagasy cuisine and homemade liquors, and get to know them on a more personal basis. We now look forward to them visiting us in Colorado when they come through the US in a few years.

This is just one of dozens of similarly happy stories I can tell about our travels and Rotary. If interested in more, just ask, I'm always happy to answer questions, but better yet, create your own stories by visiting local Rotary clubs during your next international travels!

# Enjoy your International Travels more with Rotary (cont.) By Linda Jeschofnig















## Proposal: Rotary's next major global initiative Rahul Mehra PhD - Cañon City RC

Rotary has done an excellent job of reducing Polio cases across the world. However, many other diseases are still rampant; not only in the developing countries but in the developed countries as well. Examples are many infectious diseases, heart disease, cancer etc. Rather than tackling one disease at a time, we should attempt a comprehensive solution for reducing global diseases. The only cost-effective method is to prevent diseases, not treat them. Most diseases can be prevented by following good lifestyle health habits of diet, hygiene, exercise and promoting mental and social health. If we do not develop these healthy lifestyles when we are young, it becomes very difficult once we become adults. The biggest opportunity is to provide health education to children across the



world on how to improve physical, mental and social health. This will help them lead a healthy lifestyle as they grow and prevent diseases. Rotary's global initiative should be to ensure that every school child in the world gets Health Education; very similar to reading, writing and arithmetic. Health Education should be mandatory. Only then will every child be healthy and realize their full potential.

We know that a many children across the world grow up with unhealthy lifestyle habits including poor diet, high use of tobacco & drugs, high risk of injuries, lack of exercise as well as mental and social health issues. Prevalence of obesity; tobacco use is growing rapidly, especially in developing countries. Schools are an ideal setting for health education. Presently, there is no comprehensive curriculum of health education in most developing countries and spotty in developed countries. Improving children's health has also been shown to improve children's academic performance.

The goal of this initiative would be to develop a health education curriculum and implement it across every school in the world and at every grade level. The curriculum and its implementation would be culturally sensitive. Specifically, this will be done by (a) Developing a comprehensive health education curriculum that focuses on physical, mental and social health (b) Developing culturally sensitive books, teacher manuals and engaging materials on health education for students of Grades 1-12. (c) Training teachers on the health education curriculum. (d) Evaluating the effectiveness of the curriculum (e) Partnering with governmental and non-governmental agencies to have health education of school children be adopted as a mandatory policy in every country. Then it will become sustainable. This initiative is ideally suited for Rotarians as they are motivated to be change agents and excellent foot soldiers.

Rahul Mehra, Ph.D. E-mail: rahulmehra35@gmail.com ; Cell:719-371-8789

# ROTARY FOUNDATION AREAS OF FOCUS CHANGES Via The Rotary Foundation



The existing six areas remain, but names have been adjusted for three areas (marked with asterisks) to better reflect the types of projects that Rotary members are carrying out. The areas of focus are now:

- Peacebuilding and conflict prevention\*
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water, sanitation, and hygiene\*
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Community economic development\*

Some of the goals of the areas have changed, and Rotary has included activities that relate to the environment for most areas. The Areas of Focus Policy Statements reflect these updates and can be downloaded from this site: <u>https://my.rotary.org/en/take-action/apply-grants/global-grants</u>

## **Areas of Focus resources**

<u>Areas of Focus Policy Statements</u> (PDF) - https://my.rotary.org/en/document/areas-focus-policy-statements

Basic Education and Literacy Guidelines for Global Grant Funding (PDF) - https://my.rotary.org/en/document/basiceducation-and-literacy-guidelines-global-grant-funding

<u>Disease Prevention and Treatment Guidelines for Global Grant Funding</u> (PDF) - https://my.rotary.org/en/document/ disease-prevention-and-treatment-guidelines-global-grant-funding

<u>Economic and Community Development Guidelines for Global Grant Funding</u> (PDF) - https://my.rotary.org/en/document/economic-and-community-development-guidelines-global-grant-funding

<u>Maternal and Child Health Guidelines for Global Grant Funding</u> (PDF) - https://my.rotary.org/en/document/maternaland-child-health-guidelines-global-grant-funding

<u>Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Guidelines for Global Grant Funding</u> (PDF) - https://my.rotary.org/en/ document/peace-and-conflict-prevention-resolution-guidelines-global-grant-funding

<u>Water and Sanitation Guidelines for Global Grant Funding</u> (PDF) - https://my.rotary.org/en/document/water-and-sanitation-guidelines-global-grant-funding

Clubs in Rotary District 5470 with questions about Global Grants should contact David Smith, Global Grants Chair for Rotary District 5470 <dsmith7@unl.edu>

# **Upcoming International Project Fairs 2019-20**

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### Africa

## West Africa

Liberia 9-16 Fall, 2019

> Email Milton A. Weeks at: maweeks maweeks@devincorp.net www.rotarywapf.org

### East Africa

Mombasa, Kenya 2-4 May, 2019

> Email Eric Kimani at: eric@palmhousedairies.com http://www.rotaryeapf.org

## **Central and South America**

### District 4400 (Ecuador)

Ecuador Fall, 2019

> Contact Information [TBD] www.rotaryecuador.org

### Colombia

Cali, Colombia February, 2020

> Email Sonia Uribe at: sonuribe@gmail.com https://tinyurl.com/colombiafair

### Europe

### Multi-Club Workshop

Moscow, Russia 3-8 September, 2019

> Email Leonardo De Angelis at: deangelisleonardo08@alice.it www.rotary-mcw.com

### Middle East

### North Africa and Middle East

Egypt December, 2019

> Email Sherif Waly at: sherifwalygiza@gmail.com www.rotaryd2451.org/projectfair/index.html

### Uniendo America

Antigua, Guatemala 23-25 January, 2020

> Email: ProjectFair2020@distrito4250.org Phone: +502-5019-0888

### > Brazil

### Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia 14-15 February, 2020

Email Víctor Manuel Báez N at: baezvic@itacom.com.py www.fiprt.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