

ROTARY DISTRICT 5470

International Service News

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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 is Serving Humanity*.

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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The Peace Corps Community and Rotary: Partnering for Peace

By Helene Dudley (Colombia 1968-70, Slovakia 1997-99)

Peace Corps and Rotary have a longstanding history individually as well as together. The two communities have compatible values, compatible interests, and compatible approaches to society's problems. I am one of thousands of Americans with membership in both. I was introduced to Rotary through my work with The Colombia Project, a micro-loan program started by Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs). After receiving several grants and presenting to the Rotary Club of Coconut Grove, Florida it occurred to me that I should become a member. Soon two more RPCVs working with The Colombia Project joined, followed by a loan administrator in Colombia and then a former Peace Corps Korea language teacher – all because the Coconut Grove Rotary Club supported an RPCV micro-loan program. As an RPCV and Rotarian, I am amazed at the synergies that exist between these two groups.

In 2014, Peace Corps Director Carrie Hessler-Radelet, who comes from a family of Rotarians, signed two collaborative agreements with Rotary – for pilot projects in the Philippines, Thailand and Togo and to encourage Rotary Clubs to support the Peace Corps partnership program (PCPP).

Subsequent to those agreements, over 30 Rotary Clubs from hometowns of Peace Corps Volunteers (PCVs) serving in Costa Rica have partnered with Costa Rica Rotary Clubs in the Give-A-Book literacy project to provide libraries for schools and communities served by PCVs. Rotarians traveled to Costa Rica to personally present books. Upon returning home, PCVs made presentations to the sponsoring Rotary clubs. In addition to the books, the Peace Corps-Rotary alliance in Costa Rica organizes other humanitarian projects such as an eye clinic organized by two PCVs for March 2017 with Rotarian eye doctors participating from Rotary Clubs in Florida, Indiana, and California.

Collaboration with currently serving Volunteers is off to a good start but even better opportunities exist for Rotary-RPCV collaborations like those with the Denver Rotary Club's cook stove research in Vanuatu, girls' education in Senegal and the Coal Creek, Colorado Rotary Club's water projects in Panama. The full potential for collaborations between Rotary and RPCVs through the NPCA remains largely untapped but ultimately should be even more attractive to Rotarians in providing RPCV partners with proven track records.

Just as the Rotary-Peace Corps Partnership invites Rotary Clubs to support PCPP working with PCVs, an expansion of this collaboration into the Peace Corps community could provide financial support for current and future projects vetted through the National Peace Corps Association's Community Fund such as TCP Global micro-loans, Water Charity, The Village Link, and other projects that involve Rotary in some, but not all implementation sites.

The Peace Corps Community and the Rotarian Community each do a tremendous amount of good in the world. Since projects can have far greater impact when we collaborate with others, imagine what could be accomplished if the two organizations joined forces.



D-5470 Rotary-Peace Corps Alliance

Several Rotarians in our district have served in the Peace Corps.

If you are a D-5470 Rotarian and have served in the Peace Corps, please join our newly formed D-5470 Peace Corps Rotary Alliance.

As a former Peace Corps Volunteer (PCV) you have knowledge and experiences that would strengthen our district's international projects. We might also be able to do projects in your former host countries.

Former PCV Jane Hammoud of the Colorado Springs RC has agreed to chair the group. Please, identify yourself as a PVC to Jane and join the team.

Jane Hammoud <Jane.Hammoud@gmail.com>



Former Rotary Club president joins Peace Corps

Amy McBride will spend two years in Botswana

By Andrew Kiser - Montrose Daily Press



After almost 30 years, Montrose's Amy McBride will return to Africa. McBride, who spent a semester in Nigeria during her junior year of college, will travel to Botswana in Southern Africa for a two-year commitment with the Peace Corps. The former Montrose Rotary Club president said after spending time in the continent, she always wanted to go back. "I fell in love with Africa and I have wanted to return," McBride said. "The opportunity presented itself, so I said, 'I'm going back to Africa.'" She also said she decided to go because her two sons are both now in college. McBride noted she plans to have her boys fly out to Botswana next year after she has been in the country for six months. She has to wait half a year to host guests, per Peace Corps policy. McBride said during her time as a volunteer she will work with non-governmental organizations to serve the high number of HIV and AIDS patients in Botswana. She noted one in four adults in the country are HIV positive. "All of the Peace Corps volunteers in Botswana are focused on eliminating HIV and AIDS in the country," McBride said. As the health and HIV capacity building specialist: civil society for the peace corps, McBride said her goal is to develop plans and fundraising to help prevent the epidemic from spreading. She added she has experience working for numerous nonprofits and organizations. McBride helped with fundraisers at the Montrose Regional Library for 10 years. "I'm really excited to see what it's like working for a nonprofit in Botswana," McBride said. "I'm eager to see what's the same and what's the difference."

Former Rotary Club president joins Peace Corps - continued



People who know McBride said they were not shocked she joined the Peace Corps, a volunteer program run by the United States government. Fellow Montrose resident and friend Linda Gann noted McBride is a good candidate to help people in Botswana. "When I heard about it, I wasn't the least bit surprised," Gann said. "She's committed to public service and they are lucky to have her. I'm sure she will receive a rich reward out of her experience there." That award will happen soon for McBride. She said her travel begins this morning and she'll make multiple stops before arriving to the capital of Botswana, Gaborone. After landing, McBride added, she and the other 84 Peace Corps volunteers will travel to the City of Molepolole. During this time she and the others will have a family to educate them on the language, Setswana, and the country. "It's the host family's job to feed us, help us with the language and then teach us about the Botswana culture," McBride said. After she becomes familiar with the county, she will depart from Molepolole to an as-yet-undetermined location in Botswana. "I don't know where I'm going to be, but I'm excited to find out," McBride said. Gann said she believes McBride will succeed anywhere she goes. "She'll embrace the culture and she will be a good ambassador for the United States in that part of the world," Gann said. Although McBride said she is thrilled to be living and volunteering abroad, she noted she will miss her two boys. "I'm not nervous, I'm excited," McBride said. "I think the biggest thing is I'm going to miss my sons and family. That's what's most on my mind right now." During her time in Africa, McBride said she will have a blog detailing her experiences, as well as a column in the Montrose Daily Press.

Vail Rotary Project - Cane, La Paz, Honduras

By Reggie O'Brien - Vail RC & RPCV Honduras 2009-11

The Vail Rotary Club has completed a number of water and other humanitarian and educational projects in Honduras. We were partners in a well project that dug 5 wells in and around San Pedro Sula. The pila project was a partnership with Marcala, La Paz, Honduras club and a number of US Rotary Clubs which included the Edwards and Grand Junction clubs as well two clubs from North Carolina. This project was valued at over \$32K and was made possible with matching grants from Districts and RI.



I have been a member in the Vail Rotary Club for over 10 years. During the years 2009 through 2011, I served in the Peace Corps in Honduras and with the help of Rotary I was able to facilitate a number of projects in Honduras. My counterpart in my community was the mayor. I asked him what his community needs were and obviously there were many. A small discrete project was to provide water storage (pila) and to enclose the toilet. Attached are pictures of the community homes, a recipient family with examples of water storage and toilet enclosures before the project was enacted.

The town of Cane had received a grant from Taiwan to build 50 cinderblock homes for their inhabitants. The homes are essentially one room square buildings with outside kitchens and bathroom facilities. The project was able to construct 46 combined units for the remaining inhabitants of the community. 4 families had previously constructed their own storage and enclosed bathrooms. Families were to provide their own labor for the project as well as to house and feed the Honduran coordinator that came to help construct the pilas. This fostered ownership of the construction.

Peace Corps Honduras closed in 2012 due to the high crime and homicide rate. Currently, the Vail Club is trying to create a relationship with Peace Corps Volunteers in Guatemala. A Rochester, MN rotary Club has a funded Global Grant in Guatemala and are eager to work with a PCV in that region. We are working with Peace Corps in Washington, DC as well as using social media to reach out to PCVs.



The pila project had all the necessary components for success. There was community based need, ownership through labor and success through local tenacity. The ability to have local assessment via a Peace Corps Volunteer and the support of Rotary International is a formula for sound development.

Crutches4Africa

Rotary Club of Homer-Kachemak Bay and Pam Pine - Glenwood Springs RC

One of the great things about Rotary is the way things seemingly just accidentally come together to help people all over the world!. It seems as though the local Hospice of Homer had a surplus of crutches, and a lack of storage space. Rather than throw them away, the Director of Hospice searched for an organization that could make use of them, and found Crutches4Africa, based in Colorado, who would love to have them! Glenwood Springs, CO Rotarian Pam Pine and her husband, Rick, were planning a trip to Alaska in their pickup truck, and volunteered to pick them up in Homer, AK and transport them to Tacoma, WA for consolidation prior to being shipped to Africa. Pam and Rick are members of the Rotary International Travel and Hosting Foundation, so they contacted local Rotarians Vivian Finlay and Clyde Boyer (also members of the ITHF) about possible hosting and, perhaps, some assistance. The WORD went out.

Monday July 31 at 0800 16 Rotarians met with the Hospice staff to sort, pack, and load 85 pairs of crutches, 10 walkers, and 6 mobility boots into Pam and Rick's pickup truck. Before 0930 we were done, proof positive that many hands make for light work!



“Health Education” of school children in India

By Rahul Mehra PhD, Rotary Club of Canon City



India has the highest disease burden of any country in the world. The biggest opportunity to reduce this disease burden is to improve the health habits of youth while they are in their formative years. A majority of Indian children grow up with unhealthy lifestyle habits including poor hygiene, diet, high use of tobacco, lack of exercise, high risk of injuries, and mental/ emotional health issues. Schools are an ideal setting for health education. When I researched this landscape, I was amazed to learn that presently, there is no curriculum or books on comprehensive health education for Indian school children.

I was born in Delhi, India and went to school there. I received my graduate education in the US and have worked as a medical research scientist for more than 30 years. Last year, I received a District Grant to develop a health education curriculum, student textbooks and teacher manuals for Grade 6 & 7 students in India. The long-term vision of this project is to develop a comprehensive curriculum, books for each grade level and improve the health of all students by making health education mandatory in every Indian School. The project is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Canon City, Colorado USA (District 5470) in partnership with the Rotary club of Chandigarh, India (Dr.J.S. Thakur, District 3080). Chandigarh is a city with a population of about 1.2 million.

I just returned from my trip to Chandigarh India. My objective was to conduct pilot teaching in a school to appreciate the challenges of teaching health and help develop high quality books.

I taught Health Education (Hygiene and Sanitation) to 6th Grade students at the Government Model Senior Secondary School (Sector 15C) in Chandigarh from July 17, 2017 for 5 days. There are about 1200 students in this school. Most of these children are from very low socioeconomic families. The agenda for this teaching pilot was facilitated by my partner in this project, Rotarian Dr.J.S.Thakur (Prof of Community Medicine at Post Graduate Institute, Chandigarh).

“Health Education” of school children in India - continued

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The curriculum addressed the importance of why we need good hygiene and sanitation, how poor hygiene and sanitation can cause diseases as well as understanding and practicing daily habits for good hygiene and sanitation. I conducted several demonstrations in the class. Special attention was given to hand washing where I used the Glogerm to evaluate how well the some of the students were washing their hands. The teaching was very interactive.

The students were very alert, well behaved and respectful. They answered questions to the best of their ability. Their prior knowledge of hygiene and sanitation was relatively weak except for hand washing. Mrs.Kaur had taught them the technique of hand washing previously. Demonstrations regarding evaluation of handwashing (see attached photo), bacteria growth in a Petri dish, dirt, use of facemasks and clean water were very well received. The handwashing evaluation uses Glogerm cream and UV light to determine how well the children wash their hands. I asked a few children to wash their hands and evaluated their performance using the UV light. If they did not do a good job, asked them to go back to the handwashing station and do a better job. They found this instant feedback very interesting and engaging.

This was a very productive and educative experience for me. At the same time, the children learnt about Hygiene and Sanitation. Mrs. Kaur and Dr.Rachna sat in the class and provided me with feedback daily.

Constructing Simple Schools Global Grant

By Kim Blackford, Edwards RC

Clubs and districts can now use global grants to build low-cost shelters and simple schools, under a recent policy change that will be in effect through 2019. The construction must be part of a comprehensive project related to an area of focus. (Projects that involve construction alone are still not eligible for global grants.)

Please note that these structures are limited. Low-cost shelters are intended to provide housing for the destitute or homeless. Simple schools provide very modest schools in areas that previously had none; they aren't intended to enhance existing schools.

I had the opportunity to meet with Mary Jo Jean-Francois who is the RI Manager, Basic Education & Literacy Programs and Grants. She has oversight of this new 3-year global grants pilot program for the construction of low-cost shelters and simple schools - like one-room schools, and she is happy to help us navigate it. No one has yet applied for this new grant, and she would really like to see it utilized. I would love for our District to be the first. Mary Jo agrees that it is a strong fit for either Schools for the Children of the World or our affiliate nonprofit in Honduras to be the cooperating organization, and any club or clubs to be partners. I met with the San Pedro Sula, Honduras club while I was in Atlanta and again 2 weeks ago in Honduras. They are anxious to serve as the host organization and have some funds they could contribute as well. We already know of communities in Honduras requesting schools, and they have both land and municipalities with funding to contribute.

If you are interested in a simple school project in Honduras, please contact Kim Blackford <kblackford@schoolsforchildren.org>



D-5470 Rotary Youth Exchange

From RYE Student to Global Volunteer and Dress Designer

By Arsha Wipoovanich (Pluem) - Thailand



My name is Arsha Wipoovanich, but my English-speaking friends call me Pluem. I am a freelance dress designer from Thailand and I live in Bangkok.

A few months ago, after a long day in my studio drafting dress patterns and fitting garment piece on a mannequin, I received an email from a friend made 17 years ago when I was a Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) student in Glenwood Springs, Colorado. It was PDG Peter Jeschofnig, asking if I would write an article about my experiences as RYE exchange student. I was dead tired and am not good at writing, especially in English. Yet, I said yes right away because Rotary International and RYE are dear to my heart!

In 2000, as a young high school girl, I traveled across half the globe from Thailand to Colorado to be a RYE student at Glenwood Springs High School. I was a typical shy Thai teenager, and it was my first time to travel alone. I did not speak much English then and mostly smiled or nodded in response to conversations.

I was lucky there were two Rotary Clubs in town with lots of nice people helping to care for me. I also had four different host families during my RYE year and got to meet all kinds of Americans from different backgrounds. When my RYE year was finished, I was sad to leave Colorado and wished it could last much longer.

During that year I learned and experienced so many things that I would never have had the chance to do back home. One of my favorites was participating in the Christmas season. It was a time

From RYE student to global volunteer and dress designer (continued)

By Arsha Wipoovanich (Pluem) - Thailand

when everyone was happy and the people were all positive, caring and sharing kindness with everyone. I had never before been in any place with this type of atmosphere. If I have a chance to come back to the US during Christmas, I'll definitely come!

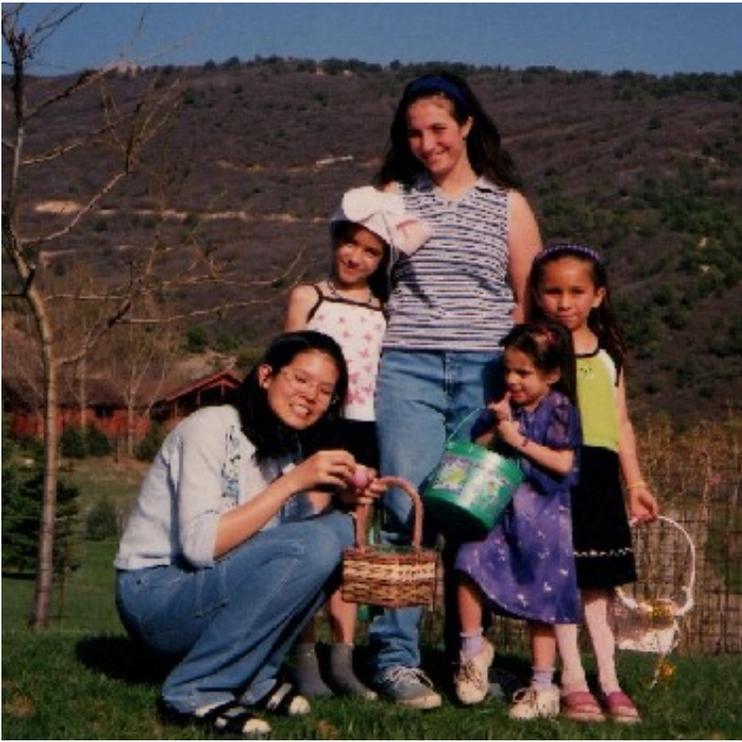
After I came home from Colorado. I looked like the same teenager from Bangkok, but my way of thinking had changed. Where I had been very quiet and shy and never shared my opinions before my RYE year, when I came home, I was different! I started speaking up, asking more questions, and sharing my thoughts. These were not the normal habits of Thai teens at that time, and most Thai teenagers are still that way today. However, those who have the chance to study in international schools are much better at expressing themselves.

My year as a RYE student taught me to not be afraid to speak up. It helped me build self-esteem and gain self-confidence which continues to positively impact my life and open opportunities to me. This has been especially true in my work and career development and also in fostering my active participation in global volunteerism. Increased self-confidence was not the only change in me. My English language skills had definitely improved and I could easily understand plus read, speak, and even write in English.

Because I volunteer for an international children's organization which requires English for communication, I have never stopped speaking English and continuously have the chance to practice using it. Although, far from perfection, I am proud of where my English skills are today.

No doubt, my experiences as a Rotary exchange student in Colorado greatly contributed to my happiness and success in college and in my career as a freelance dress designer. After I graduated from high school in both Glenwood Springs and Bangkok, I went to university, completed a bachelor's and then a master's degree in fashion merchandising. Today, fond memories of my RYE year often bring a smile to my face, and they will often be the subject of stories shared with my future grandchildren!





**Pluem's Exchange Year in Glenwood Springs, Colorado
Glenwood Springs Sunrise Rotary Club - 2000-2001**

Project fairs can build a foundation for global grant partnerships

Project Fairs are regional events hosted by Rotary districts to encourage international friendship and collaboration. Fairs not only give Rotary clubs a chance to showcase their service efforts to potential partners, but they also allow international visitors the chance to find a project that meets their club's goals. Fairs are the perfect way for visitors to learn about the local community and build lasting relationships with the events' hosts. Consider attending [one of these fairs](#) to develop a project and as a way to find global grant partners.



EUROPE

London, England

Multi-Club Workshop -

6-10 September 2017

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

AFRICA

West Africa: Accra, Ghana

4-11 October 2017

Email Winfred Mensah at: mensahwa@yahoo.com

www.rotarywestafricaprojectfair.org

East Africa: Uganda

8-10 February 2018

Email Stephen Mwanje at: mwanjes@gmail.com

Central and South America

Guayaquil, Ecuador - District 4400

17-19 November 2017

Email Amparo Albuja at: a.albuja.comunicacion@hotmail.com

www.rotaryecuador.org



Uniendo America - Belize City, Belize

25-27 January 2018

Email Rene Villanueva at: renevillanueva1516@gmail.com

www.uniendoamericaprojectfair.org

Colombia - Armenia, Colombia

2-4 February 2018 -

Facebook: Feria de Proyectos Colombia

Rotary Service Opportunity - Accra, Ghana, West Africa: Polio Immunization & Community Service Program

Upcoming trip to **Accra, Ghana, West Africa** in **October 2017** to participate in **polio immunization**, **attend the 12th Annual West Africa Project Fair**, and engage in a **hands-on work project**.

In October 2017, North American Rotarians will travel to **Accra, Ghana** for a life changing experience. Have you ever heard a Rotarian speak about their personal experience participating in a **polio eradication exercise**, a cleft lip/cleft palate mission, or work on a **humanitarian grant**? These trips have a profound effect upon the individual. For those of you who have gone on one of these trips you know, and for those of you who have yet to enjoy this experience, you should.

The experiences you have stay with you forever. You get up early in the morning, travel with local Rotarians to a village, health clinic or impoverished neighborhood, and for the next few hours, you change. Small children come up to you to say thank you. Mothers and fathers smile at you knowing that you are giving their child a chance for a better life. You meet with the leaders in the village to learn of their needs and their hopes. It is hot; it is dusty; it makes you uncomfortable; it is exquisite. The West Africa Project Fair is endorsed by the Rotary in Africa Committee (ROTA), who is trying to generate greater connectivity between the African and North American Rotarians to generate greater support of the projects of Africa. Your involvement, or your club's involvement, in this Fair would not only provide an opportunity for project support, it would also help your members to grow and to understand the benefits of being a Rotarian. Involvement in Rotary gives the ordinary Rotarian extraordinary opportunities to do things that they could never do anywhere else. This trip is just such an experience.

Trip Dates: **October 03 – 12, 2017**
Travel to: **Accra, Ghana, West Africa**
Per Person Price: **\$1,689, double occupancy**

Program includes: Hotel accommodations, transfers, most meals, polio immunization exercise, hands-on community service field work, West Africa Project Fair registration, special Rotary and fellowship events, sightseeing, etc.

For travel information contact: Jolene R. Bortz, Manager, Howard Tours - JBortz@HowardTours.net

For questions about the trip experience contact Peter Jeschofnig. Peter and Linda have participated in two African Project Fairs in the past: pjeschofnig@gmail.com



Rotary Service Project Visitation Opportunities

Guatemala Literacy Project



Several clubs in our district are actively participating in Guatemala Literacy Project global grants, including the Aspen RC and the Snowmass RC

Every year, the Guatemala Literacy Project provides the opportunity to visit schools in rural Guatemala and participate in various project-related activities.

The next project visitation opportunities will be February 3-11, 2018 and February 20-25, 2018 (<http://www.guatemalaliteracy.org/volunteer/glp-tour/>)

In the past, Rotarians from the Aspen RC, Snowmass RC, Glenwood Springs Sunset RC, Pagosa Springs RC, and Mt. Sopris RC have participated



Guatemala Literacy Project—Update



The GLP's 2013-14 Global Grant was recognized at the Atlanta Convention by The Rotary Foundation as an exemplary example of a Global Grant.

The President of Rotary (Ian Riseley) just visited Guatemala and the GLP project in August (8/20/17). Spending the day with the local Guatemala Rotarian Supporters of the GLP.

GLP installed its first computer lab with **laptops** this year. It is a more flexible and cheaper alternative to the traditional desktop computer lab set up.



The Role Played by TRF in Alleviating Worldwide Poverty

By David Smith, Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs

- Total number of people that live on less than \$2.50 a day 3 Billion
- Total Number of children who die annually from lack of access to safe drinking water and adequate sanitation 1.4 Million
- Young people lacking basic reading and writing skills 114 Million
- Global population suffering from hunger 11%

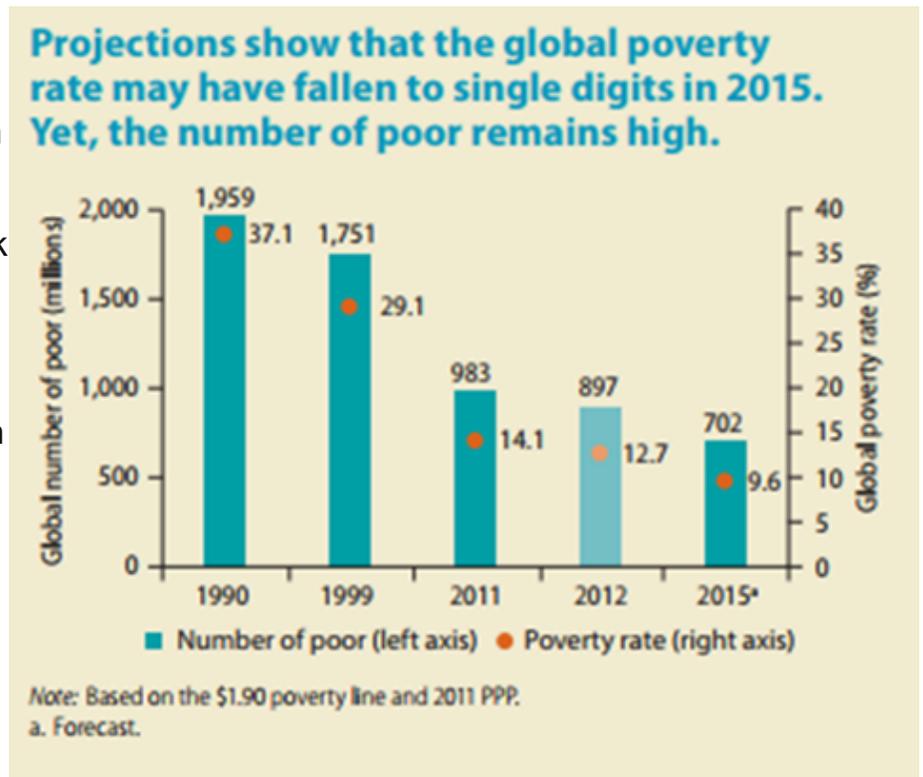
These and many other facts show that global poverty is widespread and deep. Poverty is defined in different ways. The World Bank says people are living in poverty when they live on less than \$1.90 per day. The US government defines poverty as a family of 4 earning less than \$24,600 per year. That is, a person living on less than \$16.85 per day in the US is living in poverty. Although many Americans live in poverty, it is not the deep poverty that is so prevalent in many other countries.

Economically developed countries spend lots of money combating global poverty. The United States government alone spends 30 billion dollars annually on humanitarian foreign aid. Will widespread, deep poverty persist forever? World Bank data show that the global poverty rate has decreased from 29.1% in 1999 to 9.6% in 2015. Although many factors likely contribute to reducing global poverty, humanitarian aid is certainly a major factor.

We know that 30 billion dollars is a lot of money. But, is it? Within the United States there is wide-spread belief that a large part of the US government budget is spent on humanitarian foreign aid. A Kaiser Family Foundation poll asked individuals "What percent of the US

government budget is spent on humanitarian foreign aid?" The average response was 26%. In fact, the US government spends less than 1% of its budget on humanitarian foreign aid.

How does the 30 billion dollars spent by the US government compare to other major donors when adjusted for our population and our ability to pay (Gross National Income, GNI)? The chart below lists the 11 most generous countries and the percent of GNI they give to international humanitarian aid. The 30 billion dollars the US government spends on international humanitarian aid is only 0.17% of our GNI.

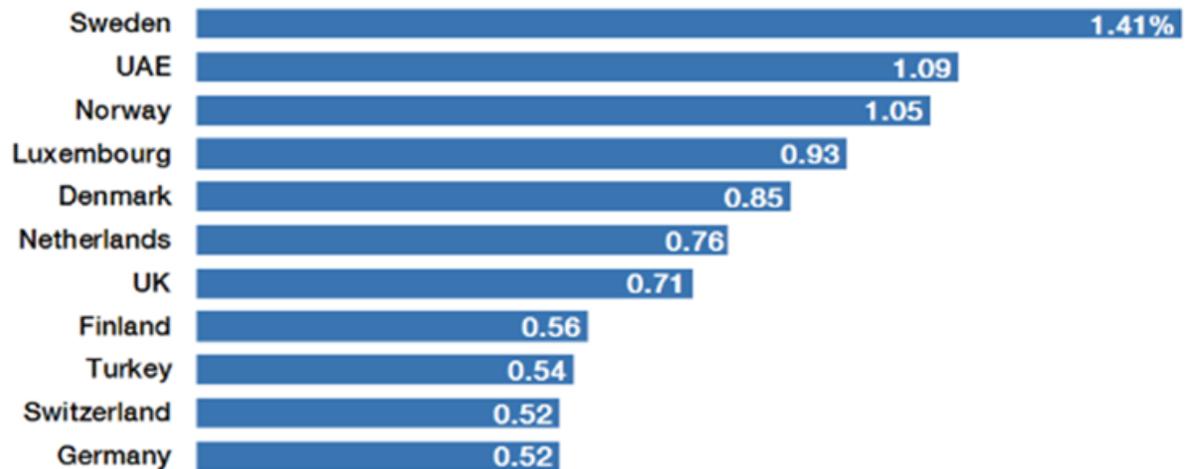


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Foreign aid: These countries are most generous

Net overseas development assistance, percentage of gross national income, 2015



Source: OECD

With 1.2 million members in 200 countries, Rotary is a significant player in the fight to eliminate global poverty. The Rotary Foundation and its members spend approximately \$180 million annually fighting deep poverty. That is, the amount The Rotary Foundation spends on international programs is equivalent to about 0.6% of the amount that the US government spends on humanitarian foreign aid. Given our worldwide network and the countless hours that Rotarians volunteer, our real contribution may be closer to 5-10% of the US government's contribution. If you would like to join The Rotary Foundation's effort to reduce global poverty, you can contribute to The Rotary Foundations Annual Fund, you can contribute to your club's international program, or you can initiate a new global grant project for your club.

Making new Rotary friends aboard a cruise ship

by Rhonda Whitton, Founder and member of the Fellowship of Cruising Rotarians



The Fellowship of Cruising Rotarians is a social media based fellowship for Rotarians who have a shared interest in leisure cruising. We know that many Rotary members enjoy traveling and visiting exciting new places from the comfort of a cruise ship so we encourage fellowship members to contact with one another prior to a cruise and coordinate a Rotary meeting or service initiative on board.

We maintain a list of all cruises our members have booked and we connect members with one another. For example, we recently connected three fellowship members all on the same cruise. We aim to help members make lasting friendships with people from around the world while cruising.

Members can purchase a fellowship lanyard and lapel pin to wear on-board to identify themselves as Rotarians. Most ships provide make-up certificates for those attending on-board meetings. By meeting members on-board, you have the opportunity to exchange ideas and information about cruising as well as plan possible service activities during a cruise.

Fellowship members do not have to have cruised – just have an interest in cruising. Our members enjoy uploading cruise photos to our Facebook page and sharing their experiences and knowledge.

While the fellowship is social media based, members do not have to be Facebook users to join as all members receive ShipShape, our monthly fellowship newsletter. We take online privacy/security very seriously and members have access to our [Facebook group page](#) and are advised not to post information that may reveal their identity or specific travel plans.

Being Facebook-based means all communications are either via Facebook or email. The benefit of this is that we have no financial overheads and there is no cost or annual fee to join our fellowship. Interested in joining? [Contact us!](mailto:cruisingrotarians@gmail.com) - cruisingrotarians@gmail.com



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

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