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The Future of Food

In the movie *Back to the Future 2*, the McFly family of the future pulled a kiosk out of their kitchen ceiling where fruits and vegetables were being grown. Essentially they had a little farm right in their kitchen. At the time *Back to the Future* was released in the mid 1980's, this was exactly the sort of thing futurists believed would be coming. The actual scientific term for it is *hydroponic farming*. While it has yet to materialize in your home, it may be closer than you think. In fact, kids in Moore Public School's SEARCH program are learning how to farm inside their classroom through a state-of-the-art *Hydroponics Edible Learning Lab*.

The project was spearheaded by the Moore Rotary Club through a Rotary District Grant, providing \$6,000 for a facility & ongoing curriculum to be utilized by students throughout Moore. Moore Rotarians helped conceive the project; assisting with resources, suppliers & partners. Moore Rotarians and Boy Scouts from Troop 201 installed the lab at Broadmoore Elementary on November 4.

SEARCH students are now using the lab daily, growing a bounty of fruits and vegetables that will be harvested and given to local food banks. Curriculum allocated & funded through the Rotary grant leads students through numerous STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) related study topics tied to hydroponic farming. They will also speak to students about how hydroponic farming systems can help impoverished and drought stricken countries with food supply; showing the connection between what they're learning in the classroom and Rotary projects around the world.

Rotarians interested in learning more about the Moore Public Schools Hydroponics Edible Learning Lab can attend the official ribbon cutting, taking place at noon on January 10 at Broadmoore Elementary (3401 S. Broadway.)

Written By: Brent Wheelbarger



I hope all of you have a great holiday season and are ready for the new year. As Rotary clubs in District 5770, we have some things we need to do before the end of June

1. Increase our membership as I pointed out on my club visits. We have not gotten close to gaining the number of new members we need, according to the latest report from RI.
2. We need to send all of our Presidents-Elect to PETS. Registration is open now and the district will pay the fee, just use the code: 5770. This is one of the most important aspects of keeping our Rotary solid in our clubs and in District 5770, and around the world.
3. We will celebrate Paul Harris' 150th birthday on April 28. I am hoping to get 150 people in attendance, and maybe Paul will show up also. We will be meeting at the USAO campus in Chickasha on that Saturday evening. Also, on that evening we will be presenting some awards from RI for clubs that earned recognition for the 2016-17 year.

The All Club Celebration or District Conference will be held May 18-19 at East Central University in Ada. We will have all kinds of celebrating to do since you have all promised me that you will make a difference in your local communities. Get your ideas to me soon so we can create a schedule.

The 50th Anniversary of Rotaract is March 13. Rotaract started on that date in 1968 in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Our District will be doing its celebration at OU with the Rocky Mountain Summit on March 10-11. Get our Rotaractors signed up for that event also.

Plant a Tree! Don't forget to plant a tree before June 30. Clubs can get trees for free by contacting:

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RI Convention We can all join the world Rotarians at the RI Convention in Toronto June 23 - 27. If you haven't been to an International Convention, this might be a good year to go. It is an experience you will never forget. I took a couple of Rotaractors to Atlanta last year who tell me that it really changed their lives.

End of Year While you all may not be involved in all events, it is going to be a great ending for the 2017-18 Rotary year. We just all need to be working together to get memberships increased and attend important events when we can. It is an important part of our Rotary year as we celebrate the differences we have made in our local communities and around the world.



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We're close to ending the second human disease in history.

**Rotary's World Polio Day
Livestream event
24 October 2017
2:30 p.m. PDT | 21:30 GMT**

endpolio.org

Historic Progress Toward a Polio Free World

On October 24 the Norman Cross Timbers and Norman Legacy Rotary Clubs are joining with Rotarians from all over the world to mark historic progress toward a polio-free world, and urge community support to end the paralyzing disease.

The Mayor of the City of Norman will recognize the four Rotary Clubs in Norman and the historic progress toward a polio-free world by Proclamation during the regular meeting of the City Council proclaiming Tuesday, October 24, 2017 as World Polio Day in the City of Norman.

Polio is a highly contagious disease caused by a virus that attacks the nervous system typically resulting in severe paralysis to the limbs. Since Rotary and its partners launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative nearly 30 years ago, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent, from about 350,000 cases a year to just 37 cases in 2016. To date in 2017 only 11 cases of the wild polio virus have been reported.

Due to geographical isolation, poor public infrastructure, armed conflict and cultural barriers, these polio cases are the most difficult to prevent. To sustain this progress, and protect all children from polio, Rotary has committed to raising US\$50 million per year over the next three years in support of global polio eradication efforts. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will match Rotary's commitment 2:1. Without full funding and political commitment, this paralyzing disease could return to previously polio-free countries, putting children everywhere at risk.

In 1985, Rotary launched its PolioPlus program, the first initiative to tackle global polio eradication through the mass vaccination of children. Since then, Rotary has contributed more than \$1.7 billion to ending polio, including \$1,374,000 contributed by the Rotarians of the Rotary Clubs in Norman. More than one million Rotary members have donated time and resources to end polio.

Rotary members work side-by-side with health workers to vaccinate children in polio-affected countries. The entire world looks forward to the day when polio has been finally and completely eradicated from the world. We are close and we encourage all citizens to join Rotary and its partners in the fight for a polio free world. Join us and more than 50,000 other viewers on October 24 for the World Polio Day live streamed event from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to share our progress on polio eradication.

**For more information, visit:
endpolio.org/world-polio-day
or contact any member of the
Norman Sooner Crosstimbers
or Legacy Rotary Club.**

Making a Difference in Bushenyi

Bushenyi Integrated Rural Development-BIRD

Written by: Sister Ephrance - Coordinator

Warm Greetings from Bushenyi Integrated Rural Development (BIRD), Greater Bushenyi and beyond. It is an exciting time even as we come closer to Christmas. Towards the end of October 2017, BIRD received a gift of \$4400 from individual Rotarians and Clubs of Rotary District 5770 to start building a health center (Health Clinic), in Kiyanga Sub county, Mitooma District, Uganda.

Thanks to Rev Rotarian Buddy and Emilie Dugan for managing and wiring the funds. Construction work began on November 15th, and December 9th marked the end of Phase one of the construction. The funds facilitated us to construct the foundation, up to the wall plate level.

The Health Clinic will provide birthing, basic medical services, child and community wellness clinics (adults as well as children will be coming for medical checkups and screening).It will also be a facility, where community members will not only come for treatment, antenatal, childbirth and family planning services, but will also get the opportunity to learn more about personal and home hygiene, acquire skills and be able to improve their general wellbeing. They will also be able to share positive and life transforming experiences with fellow members of the community to enhance community development.

The Mitooma District has a population of 196,300 people. Kiyanga Sub County (where the health clinic is under construction) is located in the most remote of the 5 sub counties of the District. It borders with Queen Elizabeth National Park (on the South and Western end of the District). As a result, families are rendered more vulnerable to diseases like malaria and other fevers, eye infections, have poor accessibility to quality basic health services and women travel long distances to seek for care. The health center will serve an estimated population of 25000 people living in the sub county and parishes of the neighboring sub counties.

