

District 5790

International Service – Troy Secord

AREA GOAL: Encourage and engage Rotarians to develop International Service activities and initiatives that will provide tools, resources, and programs designed to elevate Clubs and communities.

Objectives for Committees

Friendship Exchange – Herman Oosterwijk

The Rotary Friendship Exchange program gives Rotarians and their families the opportunity to experience other cultures firsthand, by participating in reciprocal visits with Rotarians from other countries and their families. Introduced in 1984, this program aims to advance international understanding among Rotarians. It provides Rotarians with the opportunity to form personal contacts and make long-lasting friendships while exploring different areas of the world.

1. Have at least one, possible two, group friendship exchanges
2. Present at all major district events the goal and impact of friendship exchanges
3. Have at least one, possibly two individual friendship exchanges

Rotary Fellowships –Darrell Hobbs

Rotary Fellowships are international, independently organized groups of Rotarians, Rotarian spouses, and Rotaractors who share a common vocation or recreational interest. Rotary Fellowships give their members the opportunity to have fun, make new friends around the world, and enhance their experience in Rotary.

1. Identify all the fellowships in our District that have active areas.
2. Be available to the Speakers Bureau to spread the word about Rotary Fellowships.
3. Make every Rotarian in our District aware of Fellowships.

Shelter Box (SB) – Brian Glenn

We provide emergency shelter and vital supplies to support communities overwhelmed by disaster and humanitarian crisis around the world.

If there are families in need of emergency shelter, we will do everything we can to help them rebuild their lives in the aftermath of a disaster.

1. SB liaison in every club; SB Ambassador assigned to each Assistant Governor.
2. Every club jointly sponsors box with youth club (Interact / Rotaract)
3. Monthly column in district newsletter / website

Veterans' Initiatives – Pat Smith

To reach out to the Veterans in our District both Rotarian Veterans as well as Veterans that live in our District. This could be as simple as having them attend a meeting at your club and give them a small token of your appreciation, to a dinner in their honor. Let's us not forget those that sacrificed so we can meet as Rotarians and do good in the world by being Humanitarians.

1. Establish one Veterans Committee member in each club by December 31, 2016.
2. Host two "Welcome Home" events in 2016 in partnership with Texas Veterans Commission and Military Veteran Peer Network (MVPN).
3. Complete our Commitment to recognized Vietnam Veterans in our District.

Wheelchairs – Jeani Secord

With the help of Rotary Districts and Clubs from around the globe, the Wheelchair Foundation has been able to deliver more than 895,000 wheelchairs worldwide. As a district initiative, we participate in a wheelchair distribution as a hands-on Rotary project. Together, we've changed hundreds of thousands of lives with the gift of mobility.

1. Distribution of wheelchairs for Veterans in district.
2. At least one international distribution.
3. Have representation for all areas of our District attend/Support the Wheelchair Distribution.