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Le Rotary ouvre des opportunités

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As we begin the new Rotary year that **Opens Opportunities** under the leadership of President Holger Knaack, the moment is ours. A few recent quotes from our leadership have inspired many of us to look at Rotary through a new lens.

Past President, Mark Maloney- "I have never been so proud to be a Rotarian as I am today" General Secretary, John Hewko, when speaking about change -"We were built for this". President, Holger Knaack – "Now is the time to put everything on the table, test new approaches, and prepare Rotary for the future"

As we look forward, through this new lens, we have the framework of our Strategic Plan and our specific Impact Goals for the next five years to guide us.

What we didn't envision is continued physical distancing and online meetings. Our impact on the world and our communities during COVID-19 is to be admired. With the support of over \$19 M in grants from the Rotary Foundation, Rotarian donations, redirected DDF and Global Grants, we have made a measurable impact. I am so proud of the community response initiatives that each of you have sprung into action with. **Challenge**: Have each club report to District leadership their impact on the community; volunteer hours and funds. The best public relations happen at the grassroots, in our communities by our clubs. This is our chance to celebrate and highlight our service.

COVID-19 has given many of us a time to pause, re-evaluate, and realize the precious relationships in our lives. It has also highlighted current world events that have created division. It is difficult to ignore the racism to the many under represented demographics as well as deeply rooted systemic racism in our institutions.

But where there is tragedy there also comes opportunity for change. We are seeing movement; we are seeing the next generation seeking and demanding change. We are seeing history.

I was very proud of Rotary International for their statement released on social media regarding racism.

The statement recognizes the issue and indicates we can all do better, that we stand for peace and justice. We will listen and contribute to positive change. But we can do more. The Board has agreed to schedule a special meeting this month to establish an action plan to support and assist clubs to improve diversity, equity and inclusion in their membership, participant experience and address social injustice within their communities.

Be a leader in your community, speak out against racism. Stay true to our core values.

In a racist society it is not enough to be non-racist, we must be anti-racist- Angela Y. Davis

I am excited for the journey ahead. I look forward to being a voice of change on the Rotary International Board and I look forward to working with each of you as we *Open Opportunities* for Rotary.

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A Passport to Service During the Pandemic

By Marty Peak Helman, Zone 32 Innovative Club Advocate

The newest Passport Club in our two Zones chartered via Zoom last month.

Earlier in the Rotary year, District 7430 Governor Herb Klotz had reached out to his long-time associate Carrington Smith and asked him to consider Rotary. Carrington was eager to join a club with Rotary's ideals of hands-on service – but less interested in weekly (or twice-monthly) meetings. So, Gov. Herb -- who is also an Assistant Rotary Coordinator in Zone 32 - shared with his friend the concept of a Passport club. Carrington was immediately attracted to a club that focused on service instead of meetings. And so the genesis for the Passport Club was born.

In late January, with the help of PDG/club advisor Cindy Hornaman, District Membership Chair Dave Czarnecki and the sponsoring Emmaus Rotary club, the District held a successful business mixer to introduce the Passport Club concept to about 40 interested prospects. Carrington began to talk up the idea of a club with his friends and neighbor, and in fact, 10 future club members and Emmaus Rotarians came together to work on their first local service project in February – they painted the interior of a new museum space. But then came COVID-19 and all that came to a crashing halt in March when the stay-at-home orders took effect.

The social events that Carrington had been hoping for may have stopped, but word-of-mouth about the club kept moving forward. In fact, Carrington took advantage of some of his enforced time at home to call friends and promote the club. "You know who the best candidates are before you make the call," he says. "You know who's interested in hands-on service – interested enough to join an organization that makes it easy to give back."

As word-of-mouth spread, so did opportunities to serve – even in these socially distant times. Gov. Herb knew that the local school district's food pantry needed extra hands, and Carrington quickly corralled five future members plus their family members to help out at the canned goods station. "It feels especially good to be able to do something positive during these tough times," he says.

The goal of the club is to work with the 10 traditional clubs in the Lehigh Valley of Pennsylvania, to provide extra arms and legs for service and fundraising projects. The Lehigh Valley Passport Club will also come up with its own projects. What it won't do is have many "terra" meetings - social gatherings may recommence when social distancing rules are relaxed, but for now, at least, the plan is to keep business meetings on Zoom.

The club chartered on June 16 with 22 members, including four or five couples. Other spouses plan to be involved, but not officially join – at least not yet. The group is a blend of young professionals, mid-careerists, and early retirees; what they have in common is a busy schedule, a love of the Lehigh Valley, and a passion to give back. Interestingly, all but one of the chartering members are new to Rotary; the club plans to spend 15 minutes on each of their Zoom meetings to share information about Rotary and ongoing Rotary projects such as Polio Plus.

Carrington – the charter club's president-elect – attended PETS before the pandemic shut down. While there he met the president-elect of the West Chester Passport Club, and he plans to get back in touch and model the new club, as appropriate, on what he learns.

His goal? To build a reputation of service so that when traditional clubs call and say they have a project and need additional Rotarians, they know that members of the new club will show up to pitch in.

The High Cost of Scrambled Eggs

(Please note, amounts quoted are in US dollars)

Rotary data show that the two biggest reasons club members leave Rotary – or never join – are time and money. These data are part of the reason that it's fashionable to complain about the high cost of membership. But how high is that cost, really?

RI membership dues are currently \$68 per annum. Add in District dues, and the costs to the Rotarian rise to anywhere from \$110 to \$130 per annum. Yet if you ask a Rotarian what it costs to be member, the answer is frequently \$1200 or \$1800 or even \$2400 per annum.

How can the cost of membership be ten times or as much as 20 times more than the cost of dues?

The biggest expense in Rotary are not dues, but rather, the meals that are the centerpiece of most meetings. Even a modestly-priced breakfast that costs \$15 per week comes to \$750 per annum.

So when the clubs in District 7780 came together recently (by Zoom, naturally), to talk about innovative fee structures, it's not surprising that the conversation quickly



turned to meals and how to continue to avoid that expense after social isolation and meal-free meetings are behind us.

In fact, even before COVID, many clubs in District 7780 were moving away from the tradition of catered meals. Some have found venues that don't charge for the space (community centers, town halls and fire stations, corporate meeting rooms) and developed new traditions in which members take turns providing simple pot-luck meals. And some clubs that continue to meet in restau-

By Marty Peak Helman, Zone 32 Innovative Club Advocate rants and catering establishments are planning to hold half of their meetings by Zoom after the pandemic has passed in order to cut in half the cost of pre-contracted food minimums that are expensive – and which can threaten their treasuries if minimums are not met

> The Westbrook-Gorham RC in Westbrook, ME, has long been an innovator in that its lunchtime meal is also a service project – the club meets at the local vocational high school and the culinary arts students provide a delicious lunch on a weekly basis at remarkably low cost. (In the summer, the club has traditionally grazed its way through local eateries that support the club.) This coming fall, unfortunately, it's unclear whether the club will be permitted into the vocational school or whether the students will be permitted to interact with them – and so all meeting plans are up in the air.

> Other clubs are arranging for those members who so desire to continue to connect via Zoom, even after in-person club meetings re-start. Interestingly, we often think that the last to adapt to new technology are our oldest members. But in 2020, it is the older members -- those whose health may be fragile or who don't enjoy driving to meetings anyway - who are leading the movement to continue to log into meetings electronically for the foreseeable future.

> Even though dues are not the most significant factor of the cost to be a Rotarian, dues continue to have symbolic value. As a result, some clubs have cut club dues for younger or newer members. The Portland RC, for example, in Portland, ME, takes 50 percent off its \$260 dues for those under the age of 40 who request the privilege. The Boothbay Harbor club, also in Maine, cuts dues in half for anyone under 35. Essentially, this means that younger members pay their International and District dues but the club absorbs meeting costs. Club president Rick Elder reports that several long-time members have stepped up and volunteered to pay the difference.

> It's worth noting that although other age groups - especially retired people who are on fixed incomes - might enjoy similar discounts - the point is to promote membership in demographic groups that are underrepresented in Rotary.



Calendar of Events

July 1—First day of the Rotary year 2020-21

June 12-16, 2021— RI Convention, Taipei, Taiwan

June 4-8, 2022 — RI Convention, Houston, Texas

2023 — RI Convention, Melbourne, Australia

2024 — RI Convention, Singapore (tentative)

2025 — RI Convention, Calgary (tentative)

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Bringing the "Fourth Object of Rotary" to Life

Every year, our Zones honor Rotarians, Rotary alumni or Rotary-based organizations whose lives and work exemplify Rotary's passion to strive toward international service and peace.

This tradition started in then-Zone 22 in 2004 to honor Donald MacRae, a Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Halifax, Nova Scotia. Back in 1921, MacRae pushed for Rotary to expand its community base and think in terms of global service. As a result, at the International Convention held that year in Edinburgh, Rotarians unanimously agreed to incorporate international peacemaking into Rotary's incorporating documents with these words, "The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world of fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service." Today, we know those words as the Fourth Object of Rotary, and they are the basis for all the international work – from club service trips to Polio Plus – we do today.

When our two Zones came together in 2011, it was decided that two Awards – one in each Zone – would be presented. Then, last year, senior Zone leaders once again reviewed and rethought the criteria to be more in keeping with a changing Rotary, and it was decided to create one expanded judging panel for the award. With this change, the judges are drawn from senior Rotarians across our two Zones who are themselves committed to international service and the ideals of peace, and they will serve three-year terms on a revolving basis.

The judging panel was led this year by Past RI President Wilf Wilkinson. Members of the panel were past RI Director Ken Grabeau; past Trustee Carolyn Jones; PDG and WASRAG chair Ron Denham, and Rotarian David Ives. The group includes three past Donald MacRae recipients and one Nobel Peace Prize finalist. Rounding out the Donald MacRae team are administrators Dan Doherty (Zone 28) and Marty Helman (Zone 32). She stayed on one final year to assist with transition. The Administrators will also serve revolving three-year terms in the future.

This year, during their deliberations, the judges decided to present awards for 2019 as well as 2020. As a result, the four winners recently selected are:

- **Dr. Benjamin Doz**, Rotary Club of Edmonton West, District 5370 ophthalmologist who has led service teams that provide eye care in Guatemala annually since 1998 - 2019 Zone 28 selectee.
- Emily Gould, Rotary Club of Lebanon, NH, District 7850 co-director of African Peace Partners, founding member of Mediators Beyond Borders - 2019 Zone 32 selectee.
- Nabil Oudeh, Rotary Club of Ottawa, District 7040 president and founder of Conflict Resolution International - 2020 Zone 28 selectee.

Lonnie Hackett, nominated by the Rotary Club of Brunswick, Maine, District 7780 – Global Grant Scholar, president and founder of Healthy Learners, Zambia -2020 Zone 32 selectee.

A profile of Dr. Ben Doz appears on the next page of this issue. And profiles of the other three selectees will appear in future months. Profiles of all past winners are available on the Zone website: <u>https://portal.clubrunner.ca/50077/SitePage/donald-macraeaward</u>.

Do you know a Rotarian, Rotary alumni or Rotary-based organization that should be honored in this fashion? Read about the Donald MacRae award on the Zone website and look for the call for nominations next spring.

Peace through Service – One Eye Exam at a Time

Edmonton Optometrist Dr. Ben Doz and his wife Marley were married in 1998 and had planned their honeymoon to Egypt, Greece and Turkey. Instead, they travelled to Huehuetenango Guatemala where they met Ophthalmologist Dr. Carlos Solorzano and his wife Katyna and worked with them providing eye care for people in remote Guatemalan villages. That was the beginning of a beautiful relationship between the members of the Rotary Club of Huehuetenango and the Rotary Club of Edmonton West. Many life-long friendships between members of the two clubs have sprung from this trip.

For 23 years, Dr. Doz has annually recruited and trained a team from Edmonton to travel to Guatemala to assist Dr. Solorzano, his family and members of the Huehuetenango club. The Huehuetenango club is the lead club for this project, and they do an enormous amount of preparatory work prior to the Canadians' arrival, as well as providing doctors and logistical support for the clinics.

Together the joint team provides eye clinics in remote towns and villages in North-West Guatemala that have helped to improve the lives of literally thousands of Guatemalan residents and families.

The majority of the patients treated at the clinics are Indigenous. They are extremely poor, and have neither the access to, nor the capacity to pay for health care, especially for specialized services such as eye care. The service provided is, as a result, highly sought after. Typically, there are long lineups of people waiting many hours to access the opportunity to be seen by one of these doctors.

Each patient receives a full eye exam and individual treatment. The team treats simple and complex issues with many cases of problems such cases of cataracts, glaucoma, and a multitude of issues not common in Canada. The team also provides glasses to many of the patients ranging from simple readers to prescription glasses. Dr. Doz's office prepares an average of 250 pairs of prescription glasses each year and sends them back to Guatemala to be delivered to the patients. By Dan Doherty, Zone 28 Donald MacRae Peace Award Coordinator

All of these services are provided to the Guatemalan people free of charge. Dr. Doz and his clinic shoulder a large amount of the total mission costs. While the Edmonton West club provides significant financial support for the project, the Canadian Rotarians pay their own travel expenses.

Dr. Doz is a long time and distinguished member of the Rotary Club of Edmonton West. He has served on the Board in a variety of capacities, including Club President in 2009-2010.

In addition to his organizational skills and humanitarian effort, Dr. Doz and Marley create an amazingly positive atmosphere of good humour and teamwork that makes people want to join them and provides the patients with a very positive experience. He is a shining example of Rotary's Fourth Objective "The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world of fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service," and has clearly strengthened the bond of peace and goodwill between Canada and Guatemala.



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The Women Who Brought me to Rotary and the Global Grant Scholarship

By Kassia Wegner Fardoe

My origins in Rotary were rather accidental. At 15, I had heard of the Rotary Exchange, but anything beyond that was unknown. And as a shy, insecure teenager the idea of becoming deliberately involved with something so social was far beyond my comfort zone.

I became unwillingly trapped into attending RYLA in the tenth grade, however, by my Spanish teacher, aunt, and mother. While two of the three were not Rotarians, each of these women had somehow convinced themselves that the experience would be to my benefit. Of course, they ended up being right, and I quickly found myself becoming increasingly involved. I joined the RYLA planning committee (2012 - 2017), and eventually ended up on the RYPEN committee as well (2014 - 2019). These years were championed by incredible women (Interactors, Rotaractors, and Rotarians alike), each of whom has undeniably shaped my life.

Perhaps most notably, through RYLA I met the very tenacious, compassionate, and ever-learning women in Rotary - their love and passion inspired me to stay involved, to open up, and to continuously pursue new experiences. While my insecurities prevailed, their constant faith in me is what eventually brought me to the Global Grant Scholarship and convinced me to apply to a school I thought unreachable.





Through the support of District 5370, 11 sponsoring clubs, the Rotary Foundation, and the Global Grant Scholarship, this past year I have attended the London School of Economics to complete an MSc in International Development and Humanitarian Emergencies. This program involved an intense series of courses, a consulting project with the Overseas Development Institute (examining the impact of drones and UAVs on the humanitarian space), and a dissertation project focusing on the neo-colonial impact of conservation. My academic life

was complimented by my Rotary one, as the scholarship created connections with local Rotarians, scholars, and allowed me to attend Rotary events all around London. While undeniably shaped by COVID-19, this experience has been the best time of my life allowing me to learn, live, create connections and travel internationally.



My experience is only a small testament to the extraordinary impact that investing in and supporting, youth in Rotary can have. I can credit the singular club who sponsored me to attend RYLA all those years ago, with shaping my academic, personal, and Rotary life today. Rotary has become my home, and I know it will continue to be for many years to come. I can't imagine a world for me that doesn't't have Rotary in it.

My story also makes me reflect on the undeniable influence of women in Rotary over these past 30 years, without whom I wouldn't't be the woman I am today. I am so thankful for the Global Grant Scholarship, for the Rotary Foundation, and for each of the women who have paved the way. Rotarians sharing their passion and encouragement to follow dreams, I can't wait to see where I end up.

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Rotary and Rotaract Canada to lead a nation-wide volunteer campaign in partnership with the Federal Government

By Hope Tuff-Berg, Rotaract Canada Secretary of Community and International Service

As the Rotary family continues to innovate and support their members and communities in these challenging times, a unique partnership between Rotaract Canada, the zone, and the Federal Government creates a new opportunity to drive up service and support youth.

The Canada Student Service Grant program (CSSG), as a part of the Federal Government's COVID-19 relief program will enable approximately 100,000 students across Canada to count their summer volunteer hours for up to \$5,000 in education bursaries for the fall. The government called on Rotary, alongside a number of high-profile Canadian non-profits to assist in launching the program that empowers students to make a positive difference on a local and a national scale. In this partnership, Rotaract Canada is facilitating volunteer positions across the country, with the guidance of a team of leading Rotarians in our region.

"The innovative leadership demonstrated by Rotaract Canada and their Rotarian partners on this collaboration with the Canadian federal government is an inspiration to all of Rotary. They have truly elevated Rotaract by using their experience serving their communities and taking ownership of this exceptional program," Said Barry Rassin, 2018-19 Rotary International president about the innovative partnership between Rotary, Rotaract and the public sector.

Starting in June, qualifying students will be able to sign up through the Rotaract Canada website and have access to a full online portal of volunteer activities, which includes free LinkedIn learning access with volunteer training resources. From there, they may engage in new initiatives facilitated by Rotaract Canada or use the work they are already doing with their local clubs to count volunteer hours towards the bursary. Eligible students who are not yet a part of the Rotary family can still benefit from the CSSG program through volunteering with Rotary via the Rotaract Canada Community Service Corps program.

Participants may also volunteer for the creation of an intergenerational capsule of community stories. This initiative seeks to preserve the stories, lessons and laughter of Rotarians and seniors by having Rotaract interviewers record their narratives to be displayed online for all to gain inspiration, insight, and comfort from a good tale. This is a great opportunity for Rotary and Rotaract to foster and strengthen their relationships and create intergenerational understanding.

The team of innovators behind this initiative is made up of high profile Rotarians and Rotaractors from across our zone, under the leadership of Valarie Wafer, Rotary International Director, Dean Rohrs, Rotary International Past Vice President and Reid William Eyre, general secretary of our newly chartered Rotaract Canada Multidistrict Information Organization. *"This is not only an exciting time for Rotaract to participate in a program with the Federal Government, but to be able to do so with the support and mentorship of this outstanding all-female team of Rotarians. This initiative is the face of the new Rotary," said Gus Lopes, deputy general secretary of Rotaract Canada and member of the CSSG team.*

To learn more about the CSSG program and the senior's capsule initiative, visit <u>rotaractcanada.org/cssg</u> or reach out to <u>cssg@rotaractcanada.org</u>

We are all in this together.

Encourage a Rotaractor to apply to the CSSG program today and help create a stronger tomorrow.

Learn more at rotaractcanada.org/cssg



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Connecticut Rotarians Respond

By ARRFC Eileen Rau, PDG District 7890

We have not faced this kind of health crisis in over 100 years. Around the world Rotarians have jumped into action. As Trish Pearson, PDG District 7980, said, "We rec-

ognize a need; we react, respond and repeat. That is what Rotarians do. Throughout the state of Connecticut, Rotary Clubs mobilized to provide masks, gowns and face shields, as well as donating food to stock shelves at food pantries, soup kitchens and children's food programs." The two districts of Connecticut, 7890 (northern Connecticut and Western Massachusetts) and District 7980 (southern Connecticut) came together at a press event recently to thank first responders and those who have been on the front-



lines during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Lt. Governor of Connecticut publicly acknowledged and praised Rotarians for all their help in combating the pandemic.

Connecticut has been hard hit by the crisis and southern Connecticut especially so because of its proximity to New York City – many people commute to the city every day for work. The Connecticut Districts and Clubs got to work – Rotarians *are* People of Action. What did they do?



First, remaining District Grant Funds, were used for COVID-19 relief. District 7890 supported a feeding program with Food Share of Connecticut and the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts. Hundreds of families were helped through food donations to local food pantries and drive through food distributions. The local nightly news showed hundreds of cars lined up with their trunks open in order to safely get food supplies.

Secondly, District Designated Funds were donated by both districts to the Disaster Response Fund. District 7980 was awarded a \$25,000 Disaster Response Grant to purchase Personal Protective Equipment and to help individual clubs with their COVID-19 projects. Some clubs repurposed their District Grant projects to pandemic relief activities. The Torrington–Winsted Club changed its project from vocational training at a local homeless veterans' center that helps veterans get back on their feet, to providing PPE for the veterans and staff.

Both districts were involved in the production of face masks and shields. Stratford Rotary donated \$5,000 to Access Independent Inc. a group dedicated to helping handicapped people. With that money, Access Independent Inc. purchased several 3D printers. The group used those printers to make 5,000 face shields. They were able to supply several hospitals with the shields, including the VA Medical Center in West Haven, Bridgeport Hospital and Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City.

In response to a critical shortage PPE for health workers in Connecticut, Rotary of Avon-Canton and Makerspace CT launched a community project to manufacture face shields and other PPE. Local fire and police departments, elder care facilities, homeless shelters and hospitals were recipients of the PPE. District 7890 also distributed \$700 to each club to help support COVID-19 relief projects.



Connecticut Rotarians are not done yet. There is much more to do. As people who get things done, Rotarians will be there planning, working and striving to get our state back up and running while keeping everyone safe. Watch for a future update...



By Elizabeth Davis, Annual Giving Officer, Zone 24 East & Zone 32, <u>Elizabeth.Davis@rotary.org</u>

Changes to Global Grants Match

You may have heard about a recent change being implemented to global grant funding for 2020-21.



The global grant program has been very successful and has grown at an incredible pace since its launch in 2013. In fact, it has been so successful in the current Rotary year, that demand for funds outpaced availability.

Because of this rapid growth, the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation have decided that World Fund resources will be used to match only District Designated Fund (DDF) contributions to grants. This match will remain at 100%. The match on cash contributions to grants will be eliminated, effective 1 July 2020.

These changes show the importance of Rotarians continuing support of the Annual Fund as the primary way to fund Rotary projects. To read more about Global Grants, visit the <u>Global Grants page</u> on rotary.org.



Read how Rotary is responding to the impact of the global COVID-19 crisis.



https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-monitors-coronavirus-outbreak

Annual Fund Report - District Progress—Interim (to June 20)

	Current Fiscal	Members Last Fiscal Year	# of Clubs	# of Clubs w/goal	% of Clubs w/ goal	District Goal Current Year	Annual Fund YTD	Annual Fund LYTD	YTD % Change	Annual Fund Per Capita YTD	Annual Fund Per Capita LYTD	Rotary Direct Jun-20	Non Giving Clubs YTD	Non Giving Clubs LYTD	Total Giving YTD
5010	1,653	1,707	38	26	68.4%	\$232,525	\$267,283	\$352,723	-24.2%	\$161.70	\$206.63	63	3	6	\$449,640
5040	1,384	1,461	50	49	98.0%	\$177,203	\$223,803	\$248,077	-9.8%	\$161.71	\$169.80	136	1	2	\$365,585
5050	2,477	2,502	57	57	100.0%	\$320,874	\$333,589	\$342,417	-2.6%	\$134.67	\$136.86	203	2	5	\$498,852
5060	2,575	2,602	57	57	100.0%	\$316,174	\$317,293	\$317,216	0.0%	\$123.22	\$121.91	164	3	5	\$456,086
5360	1,749	1,714	47	15	31.9%	\$738,652	\$250,817	\$935,824	-73.2%	\$143.41	\$545.99	223	6	4	\$510,241
5370	2,059	2,020	60	53	88.3%	\$251,706	\$251,988	\$291,927	-13.7%	\$122.38	\$144.52	245	4	0	\$576,847
5550	1,307	1,343	46	11	23.9%	\$34,160	\$124,754	\$127,207	-1.9%	\$95.45	\$94.72	65	0	3	\$177,461
6290	2,698	2,682	59	25	42.4%	\$135,500	\$240,836	\$290,462	-17.1%	\$89.26	\$108.30	155	8	2	\$303,854
6310	1,355	1,357	32	25	78.1%	\$147,800	\$126,768	\$153,453	-17.4%	\$93.56	\$113.08	50	2	1	\$311,490
6330	1,664	1,635	57	30	52.6%	\$96,112	\$183,685	\$190,163	-3.4%	\$110.39	\$116.31	96	7	8	\$292,530
6360	2,351	2,453	54	50	92.6%	\$143,900	\$159,899	\$149,454	7.0%	\$68.01	\$60.93	58	8	8	\$274,982
6380	1,600	1,651	50	17	34.0%	\$66,553	\$123,963	\$174,477	-29.0%	\$77.48	\$105.68	72	11	10	\$375,207
6400	1,591	1,606	52	52	100.0%	\$306,550	\$251,277	\$310,033	-19.0%	\$157.94	\$193.05	145	4	3	\$495,943
7010	1,462	1,505	40	28	70.0%	\$144,059	\$179,435	\$243,452	-26.3%	\$122.73	\$161.76	131	5	6	\$375,993
7040	1,701	1,741	66	21	31.8%	\$47,513	\$126,642	\$149,305	-15.2%	\$74.45	\$85.76	86	17	12	\$388,733
7070	1,926	1,962	55	49	89.1%	\$195,433	\$275,320	\$245,636	12.1%	\$142.95	\$125.20	101	3	1	\$948,286
7080	1,521	1,570	48	19	39.6%	\$92,398	\$177,746	\$218,623	-18.7%	\$116.86	\$139.25	102	8	4	\$288,789
7090	2,083	2,155	66	31	47.0%	\$133,186	\$211,346	\$237,297	-10.9%	\$101.46	\$110.11	123	9	7	\$482,712
7790	1,641	1,645	49	22	44.9%	\$75,110	\$113,391	\$131,777	-14.0%	\$69.10	\$80.11	69	11	8	\$204,522
7810	1,012	1,079	40	27	67.5%	\$63,731	\$70,909	\$122,999	-42.3%	\$70.07	\$113.99	88	7	6	\$367,291
7820	1,469	1,518	46	43	93.5%	\$84,106	\$99,554	\$118,102	-15.7%	\$67.77	\$77.80	261	5	3	\$321,585
21	37,278	37,908	1069	707	66.1%	\$3,803,244	\$4,110,298	\$5,350,623	-23.2%	\$110.26	\$141.15	2636	124	104	\$8,466,627

32	Current			# of Clubs w/goal	% of Clubs w/ goal		Annual Fund YTD	Annual Fund LYTD	YTD % Change	Annual Fund Per Capita YTD	Annual Fund Per Capita LYTD	Rotary Direct Jun-20		Non Giving Clubs LYTD	Total Giving YTD
7120	2,265	2,314	66	36	54.5%	\$106,755	\$224,913	\$265,562	-15.3%	\$99.30	\$114.76	129	7	4	\$511,652
7150	1,084	1,109	42	24	57.1%	\$48,400	\$77,158	\$89,393	-13.7%	\$71.18	\$80.61	85	6	5	\$174,409
7170	1,300	1,316	44	44	100.0%	\$93,795	\$86,021	\$121,571	-29.2%	\$66.17	\$92.38	72	7	5	\$361,799
7190	1,072	1,134	40	31	77.5%	\$89,121	\$88,575	\$101,891	-13.1%	\$82.63	\$89.85	69	6	0	\$115,987
7210	1,548	1,594	55	39	70.9%	\$104,641	\$116,338	\$174,299	-33.3%	\$75.15	\$109.35	67	5	7	\$421,669
7230	1,140	1,120	44	18	40.9%	\$43,000	\$123,764	\$128,394	-3.6%	\$108.56	\$114.64	32	8	8	\$284,178
7255	1,605	1,724	68	14	20.6%	\$29,200	\$156,888	\$189,907	-17.4%	\$97.75	\$110.15	79	15	13	\$353,826
7390	2,278	2,311	42	19	45.2%	\$206,500	\$288,994	\$322,442	-10.4%	\$126.86	\$139.53	82	2	1	\$443,475
7410	1,078	1,101	42	12	28.6%	\$46,700	\$69,286	\$101,870	-32.0%	\$64.27	\$92.52	46	8	5	\$100,085
7430	1,784	1,744	46	44	95.7%	\$181,275	\$229,316	\$207,372	10.6%	\$128.54	\$118.91	153	0	0	\$350,461
7450	1,310	1,382	51	19	37.3%	\$89,200	\$171,874	\$154,068	11.6%	\$131.20	\$111.48	157	1	0	\$295,353
7475	2,002	2,062	82	85	103.7%	\$154,156	\$208,047	\$241,235	-13.8%	\$103.92	\$116.99	50	0	5	\$849,300
7490	1,185	1,175	49	16	32.7%	\$27,440	\$58,503	\$69,501	-15.8%	\$49.37	\$59.15	41	19	16	\$142,072
7505	2,076	2,154	75	48	64.0%	\$95,000	\$153,450	\$198,067	-22.5%	\$73.92	\$91.95	56	13	11	\$213,346
7780	1,611	1,618	41	41	100.0%	\$184,414	\$206,746	\$222,379	-7.0%	\$128.33	\$137.44	105	3	0	\$415,634
7850	1,272	1,365	41	11	26.8%	\$39,516	\$106,822	\$119,782	-10.8%	\$83.98	\$87.75	40	7	6	\$145,730
7870	1,933	2,018	59	3	5.1%	\$15,500	\$92,077	\$138,931	-33.7%	\$47.63	\$68.85	38	12	11	\$228,606
7890	1,902	1,970	57	48	84.2%	\$144,185	\$152,112	\$189,250	-19.6%	\$79.97	\$96.07	74	6	0	\$492,431
7910	1,270	1,306	49	33	67.3%	\$105,082	\$71,335	\$135,304	-47.3%	\$56.17	\$103.60	24	12	5	\$121,083
7930	1,753	1,776	47	29	61.7%	\$90,350	\$238,809	\$191,192	24.9%	\$136.23	\$107.65	43	3	2	\$425,318
7950	2,034	2,084	65	36	55.4%	\$93,050	\$129,031	\$171,496	-24.8%	\$63.44	\$82.29	72	11	11	\$187,007
7980	2,022	2,071	57	57	100.0%	\$274,433	\$278,643	\$372,670	-25.2%	\$137.81	\$179.95	120	6	0	\$434,333
22	35,524	36,448	1162	707	60.8%	\$2,261,713	\$3,328,704	\$3,906,577	-14.8%	\$93.70	\$107.18	1634	157	115	\$7,067,752

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A New Area of Focus



The Rotary Foundation Trustees and Rotary International Board of Directors have both unanimously approved adding a new area of focus: supporting the environment.

More than \$18 million in Foundation global grant funding has been allocated to environment-related projects over the past five years. Creating a distinct area of focus to support the environment will give Rotary members even more ways to bring about positive change in the world and increase our impact.

Supporting the environment becomes Rotary's seventh area of focus, which are categories of service activities supported by global grants. It joins peacebuilding and conflict prevention; disease prevention and treatment; water, sanitation, and hygiene; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; and community economic development.

Grant applications for projects will be accepted beginning on 1 July 2021. Gifts and commitments from Rotarians and others will be sought to provide global grant support for the new area of focus.

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Congratulations to Cameroon, Central African Republic, Nigeria & South Sudan whose documentation confirming their status as #wildpolio free has been accepted by the independent African Regional Certification Commission for polio eradication (ARCC)! bit.ly/37J103V

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One Person Can Make a Difference

By Stella Roy, EPNC 28 East

Past AG Rotarian Bruce Templeton from St John's Rotary Club, Newfoundland has made a tremendous difference for the Children of the world. He is an advocate for eradicating Polio and has dedicated the funds from his 4 books to polio. His second book "The Man with the White Beard" is dedicated to the Rotary Polio Program and the many dedicated volunteers who work to eradicate this disease. The 6-page preface has 4 of its 6 pages describing the polio program. The first polio campaign that he initiated was to raise a million doses of polio in D7820 in 2014 2015 which his team accomplished. Bruce has a TED talk called *'The ultimate Gift '* (https:// www.youtube.com/watch?v=ab0jur8RouM) where he says: "Its your Presence, not your Presents that make the difference"

Thank you, Bruce, for all you do for Polio.

Are you present in the fight against polio?

Bruce writes ... What? Santa in July? Read on...

By Santa Bruce Templeton, Rotary Club of St John's, Newfoundland, Canada



I am Rotarian (and Santa) Bruce Templeton in Newfoundland Canada! Santa and I have been close friends for 42 years with about 50 visits a year. That is a lot milk and cookies and a lot of stories, so I have told some of them in four published books. The proceeds have gone through Rotary and with many levels of matching; we have now providing the funding for 350,000 doses of polio vaccine. If you search "The Man in the Red Suit" you can read about it. Over the years, there have been many awards including being the only Canadian inductee in the International Santa Claus Hall of Fame. But the real reward is in the eyes of the children on Christmas Eve in the children's hospital just like the one in the photo. The next day, this little elf had a portion of her leg amputated.



LIVE on Facebook



So, what does this mean for you? This Christmas may be quite different for Santa and for children. WE must keep the dream alive and so the North Pole is gearing up for Zoom Virtual Santa visits and my Santa colleagues all over the world are preparing. Yes, green screens and backdrops with snowmen, flickering fireplaces, and reindeer. Many families who know me in my community have said that if they could arrange a visit for their grandchildren one-on-one with Santa, they would happily write a cheque to Rotary.

So, what are you waiting for? You know one of my Santa colleagues somewhere. Contact him or her and ask about a virtual Santa visit. It is not difficult to do and would raise needed money through Rotary to save more children from polio. It is your presence, not your presents that really matters so go and give the magic of Santa to children through a virtual Santa visit this Christmas.





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