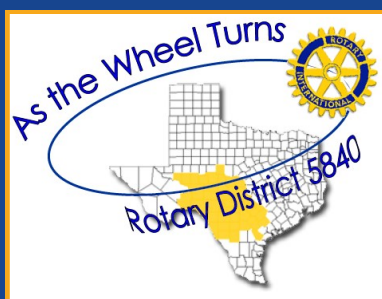




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December 2017

Rotary District 5840 Leaders

District Governor **Carol Holmes**
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Dear fellow Rotarians,

As we look ahead to 2018, it is time to look ahead as well to the next stage of our work to eradicate polio. When you look at the numbers we've seen over the last few years, it is clear what trajectory we are on. We had 416 cases of polio in 2013, 359 cases in 2014, 74 cases in 2015, 37 cases in 2016 and 17 cases so far in 2017. We are on our way to zero—and 2018 may well be the year we reach it.



It's important to understand that this won't mean our work is over. Rotary is committed to polio eradication until the world is certified polio free. For that to happen, we must be sure beyond any doubt that there is not a single virus left anywhere in the world. Poliovirus is very good at hiding and that is why we put so much effort into surveillance: looking not only for new cases of the disease, but for signs of the virus in waterways and sewage.

Once at least three years have passed from the last time poliovirus is found, an independent committee will certify the world polio-free. Then, and only then, will our work be done. Until then, it's vital that we keep on doing everything we're doing now: all the surveillance, all the immunizations, and all the advocacy work.

In 2016, Rotary helped vaccinate 450 million children, preventing an estimated 650,000 cases of paralysis. It could never have been done without a strong membership, ready and able to do the work. Looking ahead, all of us need to do our part to ensure that Rotary's membership stays strong and ready for any future challenge. Each January, Rotary sees a sharp increase in prospective members reaching out to express their interest in being connected with a Rotary club. These prospective members are screened by Rotary, then assigned to districts to be reviewed and sent to a club via the membership leads program. Yet less than half of the leads we received last year were followed up by districts and only a quarter were assigned to clubs in 2016-17. I ask all of you to ensure that any membership leads you receive are followed up appropriately. If you have any questions about the membership leads program, see Connect to Membership Leads.

In other news, our Rotary Peace Centers Committee, having considered over 550 candidates, has selected the finalists for our 100 Rotary Peace Fellowships. The selected finalists represent citizenship from over 50 countries, and we are delighted to welcome them.

Finally, as some of you start thinking about holiday shopping, I'd like to remind you that Rotary Global Rewards is a wonderful way to get the most for your money; you can find it right in the Rotary Club Locator app on your phone. And for those who need an idea for the Rotarian on their list, why not commemorate the Foundation's Centennial Year with a copy of its history? It's a beautiful way to look back on some of our Foundation's achievements, and be inspired by what is yet to come.

Juliet and I send all of you our warmest wishes for a healthy and happy 2018, full of friends, family, and Rotary service.

Sincerely,

Ian Riseley

Rotary International President, 2017-18

Carol Holmes, District 5840 Governor



Happy Holidays to all!

December 7-10, 2017, Rotary International Headquarters, Evanston, IL, was the meeting place of the Zone 21b-27 Best Practices Forum training for the DGN's, DGE's and DG's. This was supposed to be held in September in Houston but because of the hurricane the event was cancelled. Approximately 200 Rotarians attended in Evanston and we had the privilege of a grand tour of the 18-story building and all it had to offer. At a special dinner on Saturday night, our own DGE Kathy Hubbard and her husband, Ron, were presented as our incoming District Governor and spouse for 2018 --2019. Thanks to Greg Podd, this was a very special meeting for all of us. Again, I want to wish everyone in District 5840 a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

As we turn a page on the year 2017 and anticipate the upcoming year of 2018, let's look back on some of our accomplishments this year in our District.

- (1) Membership: we have added 27 new members and 3 Satellite Clubs.
- (2) Service: Morgan's Wonderland Halloween Party in San Antonio.
- (3) Foundation: We had 34 District grants funded -- \$64,982 with 16 clubs involved. We had 18 global grants, some still in the approval process. Our Pints for Polio events raised nearly \$35,000 sent to RI for Polio Plus.
- (4) Youth Services: 3 Interact Clubs added; 1 Rotaract Club
- (5) Speakers Bureau established on website.
- (6) Training: 2 Club Leadership Seminars; PETS, Multi-District.

This has been an outstanding year for me so far as District Governor visiting 57 clubs throughout Texas. I have had many wonderful experiences, met so many wonderful Rotarians. We still have a few more months to go in 2018. We are "Making a Difference" in our District and will continue to do so. Let's watch those numbers increase over the next few months.



Facebook posts from around Rotary District 5840

Bill Phillpotts is with Michael D Thomas and Aleck Gwen Newby.

December 7 at 3:59 PM · 🌐

San Saba Rotary steps up to the plate and recognizes six brand new Paul Harris Fellows. Our commitment to The Rotary Foundation is strong and getting stronger all the time.

#1districtallheart

Monica Gutierrez posted a photo on Instagram.

5 hrs · Instagram · 🌐

Delivering 120 thanksgiving meals.

#northcentralrotary #turkeyrun2017

Rotary Club of Uvalde added 4 new photos — at The Laurel Tree.

Yesterday at 4:57 PM · 🌐

What better way to kick off the Christmas season than fellowship with your fellow Rotarians and friends!

Rotary Club of San Antonio, TX added 3 new photos.

Saturday at 3:11 PM · 🌐

It's official- world's largest blanket fort has been built. 5,600 square feet. Thank you Rotary Club members for donating blankets to use for the fort, coming out to sew the blankets together, and for helping assembling the fort.

#rotarianatwork

Dominion Rotary of San Antonio is with Stephanie Livsey and David Wiechmann.

3 hrs · 🌐

4 Rotarians, 2 hours, 2 trucks, 13 bags and several large pieces of a car later our 2 mile stretch of FM 3351 is cleaner than when we arrived this morning.

#serviceaboveself

Lisa Herring added 8 new photos — with Stephanie Macchia and 4 others at San Angelo Country Club.

Saturday at 10:13 PM · 🌐

A Fabulous night with the San Angelo Rotary Clubs as they celebrate the Rotary Foundation with Past R I President Ray Klingingsmith!!!

Rotary Club of Kerrville

Saturday at 5:07 PM · 🌐

Rotary Interact helped ring the bell for the Salvation Army today!! Also promoted the "purple pinkie" program to raise funds for polio eradication.

Rotary Club Gonzales, TX added 3 new photos.

December 14 at 12:34 PM · 🌐

Mrs. Owens and our Interact Club help organize, collect and deliver over 500 pairs of socks for our Military Veterans.

#apAchepride1718

Rotary Club of San Antonio West

November 28 at 6:11 PM · 🌐

We want to thank the wonderful dining services staff at Blue Skies of Texas who have helped us during our monthly meetings and dinner parties over the last year. We are truly blessed by their service and dedication!

Mr. Nute named Rotary Club of Wimberley’s Teacher of the Month

Congratulations to Mr. Brinton Nute. Mr. Nute, who teaches History at Danforth Jr. High school, was recognized as the Rotary Club of Wimberley’s Teacher of the Month. Mr. Nute was selected for this honor for the following reasons:

- (1) He strives to connect with each of his students;
- (2) He creates an engaging learning environment; and
- (3) His use of class time to expand the students’ knowledge beyond Texas and historical events to provide an understanding of his students' role in a broader, contemporary world.



On November 30th, local Rotarians presented Mr. Nute with his "just desserts" which included a fudge pie, a framed certificate of appreciation, a balloon and a Rotary Loves Readers t-shirt. "Just Desserts" is a teacher appreciation activity organized by The Rotary Club of Wimberley. "Just Desserts" is the most recent addition to the Club’s series of programs under the theme of "Rotary Loves Readers."

These programs include reading initiatives within our schools, library seminars, a nursing home book club, book giveaways, and scholarships. Rotarians are also “Reading Buddies” for 25 current Jacobs Well Elementary 2nd graders who need a little extra practice reading.

Rotary Club of Boerne Noon participates in planting of 20 trees

Texas A&M Forest Service, Burkett Arbor Care, the City of Boerne, County of Kendall and Rotarians' to plant 20 Trees in Honor of Texas Arbor Day



ROTARY MEMORIAL BENCH DEDICATED

Submitted by Shane Taiclet, Sunrise Rotary Club of San Angelo

On October 22, 2017, the Sunrise Rotary Club of San Angelo dedicated a bench in memory of two San Angelo Rotarians: Roy A. Harrell, Jr. and John C. Parsons.

Roy Harrell was a member of the Sunrise Rotary Club of San Angelo and was a long-time Rotarian. He earned a recognition pin for 50 years of perfect attendance and attended several Rotary International Conventions over the years. Roy worked for the Central Intelligence Agency and was also a Foreign Service diplomat. He earned a degree at the University of Texas, a master's degree from The American University in Washington, DC and a doctorate from Johns Hopkins School for International Studies. After he retired he settled on a family ranch in Ozona, Texas with his wife Charlotte.



John Parsons was a member of the San Angelo West Rotary Club where he held several positions including Club President in 2009-2010. After serving as Club President he served as Assistant District Governor. He attended Angelo State University where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism, and received a Master of Science in Human Resource Development from Indiana State University. John worked as the District Chief Facilities Operations Officer for Howard College for 17 years. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church of San Angelo where he served as a youth leader, Sunday school teacher, a deacon and an elder. He married his high school sweetheart, Gwen, and together they have two children.

There were many in attendance: family, friends and Rotarians from both San Angelo Rotary Clubs. We were especially blessed to have their spouses Charlotte Harrell and Gwen Parsons in attendance. The bench is located on the southwest side of the loop that goes around the dog park at 3215 Millbrook Drive in San Angelo, across the street from Unidad Park. There are several small plants around the bench that will eventually grow to provide shading for the bench and those who will enjoy it.



**Rotary International District 5840
Celebr8 Success Registration
May 4-6, 2018 – Horseshoe Bay Resort**

Friday All Clubs Luncheon only:

\$40.00 per person (pre-registered)

\$50.00 per person (walk-in)

Full conference registration: Includes the following list of events.

Friday All Clubs Lunch

Friday night dinner buffet with Rotarian engagement

“Drumming Up Rotary” event featuring Drum Café

Saturday breakfast

Saturday morning activities with Youth Services and box lunch

Saturday afternoon Spouse/Partner program

Saturday Gala Dinner at Yacht Club

Sunday morning farewell

\$250.00 per person if registered by Feb 1, 2018

\$300.00 per person if registered by Apr 15, 2018

Hotel room price per night: *Cut off date for hotel reservations is April 3, 2018;*

**hotel rate is good for any night between Wednesday May 2 to Monday May 7.*

\$179.00 plus tax

Celebr8 Success with us at this world-class golf and lake resort

destination, *Horseshoe Bay Resort*

**Hotel reservations can be made online or call 1-877-611-0112 and
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THIS SAVINGS**



**For more information and to register for the District Conference, please go to:
<http://www.rotary5840.org/Stories/2018-district-conference>**

DGN John Hutcherson rides for Polio Eradication



District Governor Nominee John Hutcherson participated in the El Tour de Tucson 2017 Ride to End Polio in November. Approximately 120 cyclists from 18 United States, Canada, Australia, Brazil, Germany and France raised a total of \$11.7 million dollars for polio eradication after the match by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. John finished the 106 mile ride in 7 hours and 49 minutes.



Dear fellow Rotarian,

We are seeking a partner for a global grant opportunity.



Australia has "First Nation people" (Aboriginals) who comprise 3% of our population. This group is severely disadvantaged in Australia. Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is a significant life changing disorder that affects these First Nation people (and some Non-Indigenous people). It is a 100% preventable condition that is caused by alcohol exposure during pregnancy. The condition causes permanent physical, cognitive, behavioural and neuro-developmental disabilities. A reliable Australian study of another remote Western Australian community shows that 19% of Aboriginal Children are permanently disabled for life. The disorder places enormous pressure on families, careers and support services.

Western Australian Rotary Clubs are partnering with Dr James Fitzpatrick (PATCHES Pediatrics), a world leader in FASD, to 'Make FASD History' in the Kalgoorlie-Goldfields region of Western Australia. The proposed wrap-around program will have a strong preventive, diagnostic and treatment focus.

We aim to reduce the incidence of the disorder and help support over 160 children with FASD and their families by developing local resources (potentially 300 children). Our fundraising target is US 372,000. 'Making FASD History' is as important as Making Polio History was 50 years ago.

Would your District and/or Clubs be interested in supporting us by being a global grant partner? We are seeking a DDF contribution of US \$4,000-\$5,000 or the equivalent in cash to enable us to apply for a Global Grant. To date, we have raised US \$140,000 and have received pledges for a further \$US 33,000. We hope our project is of interest to you because of its relevance to First Nations peoples and disadvantaged populations. *(Attached is a more detailed summary of our project).*

We look forward to an early response.

Yours sincerely

Bruce J Dufty, Project Management Team
For
Louise Hancock
Past President
Rotary Club of Osborne Park
Louise.hancock@bigpond.com
12 December 2017

A ROTARY IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA PROJECT





ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 9455

Past President Rotary Club of Osborne Park, Louise Hancock
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GLOBAL GRANT PROJECT PROPOSAL

PROJECT TITLE: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Kalgoorlie-Goldfields Pilot Project

FASD is a 100% preventable condition that is caused by alcohol exposure in pregnancy. FASD is an umbrella term for the lifelong physical, cognitive, behavioural and neuro-developmental disabilities that result from exposure of the fetus to alcohol. Early detection of FASD-related conditions in infants and young children is crucial to:

1. allow for early intervention
2. improve long-term outcomes
3. improve local community acceptance of this problem
4. undertake preventative actions.

This requires *wrap-around-services* and a *whole-of-community* approach.

LOCATION: This project will commence in the remote Kalgoorlie-Goldfields Regional town of Leonora, (population 1,412). It is in this town that Aboriginal and Non-indigenous women of child-bearing age are high consumers of alcohol. Local and visiting service providers and the community have identified significant numbers of newborns, pre-school and school age children who exhibit physical, cognitive, behavioural and neuro-developmental disabilities consistent with FASD. A successful project in this town will be a stepping-stone toward extending the service model to other communities in the northern Kalgoorlie-Goldfields Region of Western Australia (45,400 population).

COST

The pilot project will be run over two years at a **total cost** of \$Au 502,648 (\$US 371,945).
'Funding succession planning' is an integral part of this first stage to ensure that the project continues until the remote community and local service providers can sustain prevention, diagnostic and treatment measures on an ongoing basis.

FUNDING

Host Partner	DDF	- \$US 2,500, District Clubs CASH \$US 43,660, and OTHER CASH \$ US 112,400
6 International Partners	DDF	- \$US 59,000 and CASH \$US 10,000
World Fund Match	CASH	- \$US 144,530

TIME FOR COMPLETION: Two years after commencement in 2018 (depending on funds being available).

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (involving parents and their communities)

Former Young Australian of the Year 2001 and West Australian of the Year 2017 (Professional Services), Dr James Fitzpatrick has set up PATCHES Paediatrics to translate research findings into the practice, including prevention, diagnosis and treatment of FASD. PATCHES Paediatrics takes an 'enterprise/fee for service' approach that taps into sustainable funding sources.

The 'wrap-around' PATCHES service model includes a high quality FASD diagnosis and therapy team (Paediatrician, Psychologist, and Speech Pathologist) travelling to remote communities to train local professionals around diagnosing FASD, run diagnostic clinics, and train local families, Aboriginal support workers, carers, teachers, local co-ordinators and child protection workers on awareness of FASD and effective therapy. Currently the PATCHES Paediatrics service model has been trialled in an Aboriginal community in the Fitzroy Valley in the Kimberley Region of Western Australia. Diagnosis confirmed that the incidence of FASD amongst Aboriginal children in this community was close to 20% of births. Diagnosis galvanized the community to put in place preventative measures and to commence the implementation of early intervention treatment services. Subsequent outcome research indicates that the incidence of pregnant women consuming alcohol has fallen from 65% before services commenced to a current sustained low of 15%. Research is currently being conducted to confirm that the behavioural changes by identified in Aboriginal women are reflected in reduced incidences of FASD amongst new borns.

Discussions with Aboriginal people, Rotary members and stakeholders in the Kalgoorlie-Goldfields Region have confirmed marked concern around the prevalence of infants born with FASD and the long-term effect it is having on children and adults, as well as local communities. Leonora senior Aboriginals and elders are very concerned because *"They do not want their grandchildren to grow up with the same FASD problems as their parents"*.

American research confirms that diagnosis of FASD within a population increases community awareness, and is a powerful driver of FASD prevention. Cost estimate data from the USA indicates that the lifetime cost of care for a person with FASD in 2016 to be US\$3 million.

Hence, the PATCHES Paediatrics service model needs to be adapted and extended to **different Aboriginal and non-indigenous communities** in the Kalgoorlie-Goldfields region.

PATCHES Paediatrics has developed a reliable Australian diagnostic instrument for FASD and it is has been developed and it also developed the evidence-based community-based FASD prevention, diagnosis and therapy program.

PATCHES Paediatrics will implement the program invoicing Rotary monthly. PATCHES Paediatrics understand that it is required to undertake sustainability planning to run the program on a continuing basis after the initial two-year establishment phase.

PATCHES Paediatrics has agreed to provide a short six-monthly report on progress and a comprehensive annual report on the project for each year. In addition to these reports they will provide five website news update reports per annum.

METHOD

Rotary Clubs in Western Australia are raising the funds needed to allow the implementation of community-based pilot PATCHES Paediatrics program in Leonora. The project will confirm whether the model is effective in a different remote community and with different personnel and whether it can be extended to other communities in the northern Kalgoorlie-Goldfields Region.

PROJECT BUDGET (in Australian Dollars with \$Au 1 = \$US 0.74)

Role	Hourly rate	Hours each week	Monthly cost	Annual cost	Two-year cost	Sustainability beyond 2018
Key Worker	\$40	16	\$2,560	\$25,600	\$51,968	Medicare and NDIS funding
Aboriginal Therapist	\$30	16	\$1,920	\$19,200	\$38,976	NDIS funding
Clinical Services Manager	\$50	8	\$1,600	\$19,200	\$38,976	PATCHES core funding
2-3 day FASD clinics: 5 x 2017, 5 X 2018				\$115,000	\$233,000	Rural Health West and MBS funding
Vehicle lease/running			\$1,800	\$21,600	\$43,848	PATCHES to pay out residual value
Office space lease				\$10,000	\$20,300	PATCHES core funding
Telehealth & Communications Equipment					\$10,000	One off costs
Contingencies (15.00%)					\$65,560	
					\$502,628	

OUTCOME

- **Increased awareness** that focuses community and service provider attention on preventing FASD;
- **Diagnosis** that generates community and service provider “wrap-around” and “whole-of-community” initiatives to **prevent FASD**; and
- Development of early **intervention treatment and management strategies** to minimize the impact of FASD on children with this condition, and parents/careers, unaffected siblings and communities.

BENEFITS FOR INTERNATIONAL PARTNER

1. Opportunity to benefit from research into FASD prevention, diagnosis and treatment. This can include training which enables the International Partner to tailor the model for their own nation.
 2. For nations that have disadvantaged populations (especially those having disadvantaged First Nations people) the project offers shared learning opportunities for the prevention of conditions that frequently fall between the boundaries of established services. Many formal services stringently define their service area and have a “silo mentality”. They are very effective in their defined area of operation but when precursor issues cross service boundaries they are not effective in preventing conditions that have serious impacts on populations. For example, health authorities usually focus on matters that cause acute health issues but have limited interest in precursor issues that may be spread across welfare, justice, disability, policing services. This has a huge personal and financial cost to communities and ultimately to their own services.
 3. Partner organization may wish to consider the option of a vocational visit.
 4. Rotary Clubs in Western Australia will consider contributing to Global Grant applications from the International Partners in their area of need at the conclusion of this project.
1. The American spelling is utilised because this is the universally accepted spelling in the International Research literature.
 2. Co-ordinated private and public Health, Welfare, Police, Justice, Disability services and First Nation services.

Rotary District 9455 is the biggest Rotary district in Australia, encompassing most of Western Australia

The official boundary of Rotary International District 9455 is defined as:
District 9455 – Australia – Western Australia, that portion bounded on the west by the Indian Ocean; on the north by that ocean and the Timor Sea; on the south by the Swan River from its mouth at Fremantle, thence following the centre of the river easterly until it intersects with the Windan Bridge, thence south along the Graham Farmer Freeway, continuing along Orrong Road until its intersection with the Roe Highway, thence following Welshpool Road East until its intersection with Canning Road, thence south-easterly and then south along Canning Road to its intersection with the Brookton Highway. Follow the Brookton Highway south-easterly to Brookton, thence following the Brookton-Corrigin Road to Corrigin, thence following the Bruce Rock-Corrigin Road to Bruce Rock. From Bruce Rock following the Bruce Rock-Merredin Road to Merredin. From Merredin following the line of the Trans Australian Rail Line easterly to the eastern boundary of Western Australia, and on the east by that boundary to the Timor Sea.



SEEKING COMMUNICATION MINDED ROTARIANS

HELP WANTED

Become a part of
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media team.

We are seeking Rotarians with special
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**Communications: Writers/bloggers,
Photographers/Graphics designers,
Videographers, Reporters, Social Media.**

If you would like to work with the District 5840 Digital Team, please contact Jan King,
District 5840 Public Image Chair, at jan.king@outlook.com

ATTENTION CLUB NEWSLETTER WRITERS

If you are in charge of your Rotary Club's newsletter, there is now an easy to use club newsletter creator that works seamlessly with your club's membership list. This story is great news for you "would be publishers" that have been struggling all these years trying to manage your club's weekly newsletters.



ClubRunner has a new bulletin creator tool that makes it very easy to stay in touch with all of your club's members and keep them up to date on the good things going on with your club. The great part is the bulletin tool is part of the Rotary District 5840 Website.

To see this great new tool, go to www.Rotary5840.org Go to the top right corner of the page and use member login to gain access to the District's 5840 member area. Look for the tab or hyperlink marked eBulletin 3.0 and you should see a page similar to the one below.

If you do not have access to this website please contact your CLUB PRESIDENT or CLUB TECHNOLOGY CHAIR and they will help you with the website login procedures.

In response to the request of many Rotarians, your Rotary District 5840 Leadership Team has created a Speakers' Bureau, to give your club a selection of dynamic, inspiring speakers, who are willing to speak at no charge.

Ideally, our Speakers' Bureau list will allow your club to conveniently contact, invite and coordinate all logistics, well in advance of your weekly meetings, special events or service projects. Uplifting speakers may keep you, your members, prospects and guests, meaningfully engaged with Rotary's ideals.

To become a member of our Speakers' Bureau please email the speaker's name, contact information and their topics to: alice.white@ttu.edu Topics that are engaging will help attract a larger audience for your club's programs.

Information regarding the Speakers' Bureau is now available on the District website: www.rotary5840.org Thank you for your help, as your sharing of Rotary and the many things it is doing around the world enriches all of our lives.

At your service,

Carol Holmes, 2017-2018 Rotary District 5840 Governor

