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First Quarterly Meeting 25-26

District International Service & Foundation Committees

August 16, 2025



Increasing Our Impact

Expand Our Reach

Enhance Participant Engagement

Increase Our Ability to Adapt

Club Questions to Increase Impact

Consider these questions as you and your club discuss new or upcoming service projects:

1. What impact has your club made with your current projects?
2. When did you last evaluate your service projects?
3. How does your club determine what service projects to complete in your community?
4. What community organizations or leaders have you engaged with to determine local priorities?
5. Who in your club or district and what partners in the community (like your District Resource Network) can provide guidance on planning and implementing your service project?
6. What about a Companion Club dedicated to International Service?

Increasing Our Capacity by Learning More

Goals for our District International Service Committee

- Club ISC/Foundation Chairs
 - using *Service Project Center* 24-25 = 2 25-26 =
 - using *Myrotaryprojects.org* 24-25 = 3 25-26 =
 - joining Rotary Action Groups/Fellowships 24-25 = 3 25-26 =
 - completing more *Learning Center* courses 24-25 = 12 25-26 =
- Attendance at Project Fairs 24-25 = 3 25-26 =
- Club articles in District Newsletters with photos 24-25 = 1 25-26 =
- Develop capacity to understand **INCREASE OUR IMPACT & Building Blocks of a Project** 24-25 = 9 25-26 =

Increase Club Knowledge

- [Rotary's Areas of Focus | My Rotary](#)
- Rotary Moments: 30'' and 60''

Learning Center Updates

- Did you Download **Rotary Learning Center** from your App Store?



- *Essentials of a great service project*

Learn how to plan and implement effective projects with the 4 **Service Project Essentials courses** in the Learning Center. You'll discover ways to engage your community and increase your club's impact. The four courses include general advice on planning projects, a guide to creating a budget, and tips for evaluating your project. Each course can be completed in about 15 minutes.

Expanding Our Reach

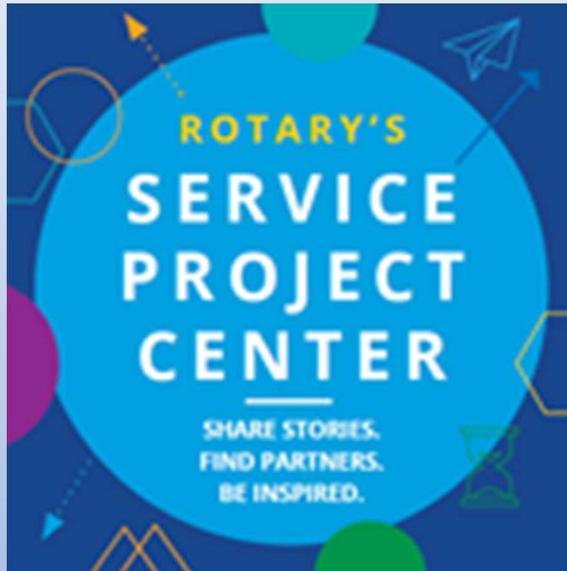


A Guide to Global Grants has a new look and improved content. If you're interested in applying for a global grant, review this guide first because it will answer many questions that you might have.

Enhance Participant Engagement



Increase Our Ability to Adapt



The Grant Center is moving to the Service Project Center!

Rotary grants can transform ideas into life-changing projects in local communities and around the world. Starting in September, this connection between projects and grants will be reflected in the Service Project Center, with members able to manage their service projects and grant-funded initiatives in the same place.

Visit spc.rotary.org to use the Grant Center to apply for a grant, track its progress, report on it, and search for other grants in our district.

International Service: QR Codes

Service & Engagement Programs and Activities	Project Planning Resources	Developing Effective Projects Webpage
		

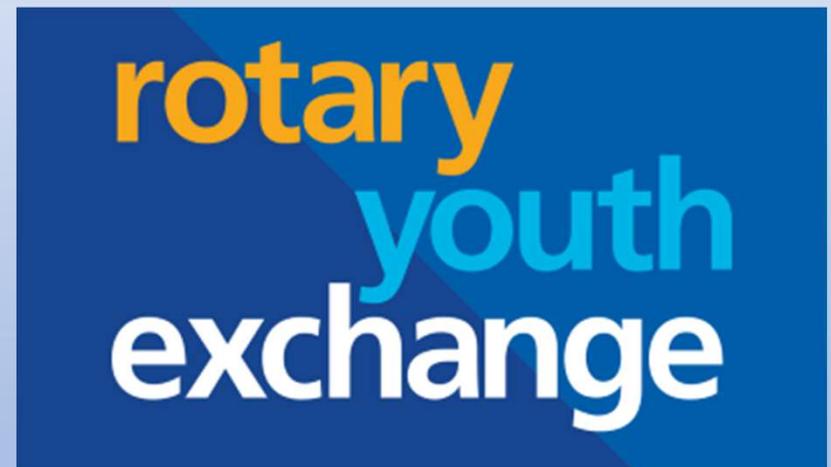
International Service: Rotary Friendship Exchanges

Updates for 25-26: Simmy



International Service: Youth Exchange

Updates for 25-26: Clubs involved?



International Service: 2025-2026 Project Fairs

In-Person

- West Africa project Fair (Lome, Togo)
- Dates: 5-12 November 2025



The poster features a dark green background with a central image of a large, stylized sculpture of a person holding a globe. The text is white and yellow. At the top left, it says 'Rotary' with the logo and 'WEST AFRICA PROJECT FAIR'. Below that, it lists district numbers: 'DISTRICT 9101, 9103, 9104, 9111, 9112, 9126, 9127, 9141, 9142'. The main title 'WEST AFRICA PROJECT FAIR 2025' is in large yellow letters. A QR code is in the top right with 'Register now' below it. The dates '05 - 12th November 2025' and location 'Sarakawa Hotel, Lome - Togo' are in a white box. Below that, 'GENERAL INFORMATION:' is followed by bullet points: '800+ Rotary Clubs in 15 countries;', 'an opportunity for clubs to present to international partners humanitarian projects to be financed;', and '3 categories of projects: \$1,000 to \$5,000, \$5,000 to \$30,000, + \$30,000.'. At the bottom left, 'Infoline: +228 90 04 16 17 gtomegah@yahoo.fr'. At the bottom right, 'Registration period: from June 15 to August 30, 2025'. The website 'ROTARYWAPF.ORG' is at the very bottom in white text on a dark green background. An orange arrow points to the website name.

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- District 4195 Project Fair (Merida, Mexico)
- Dates: 9-10 January 2026



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- Districts 4271 & 4281, Neiva, Colombia
- Dates: 29 to 31 January 2026



District Resource Networks



District Resource Network *for D7040*

- Intercountry committee members
- Project Fairs
- Cadre of Technical Advisors
 - Bette, Peter, Bonnie
- Rotary Action Groups
 - *Raise hands, if you are ENGAGED*
- Rotary discussion groups/forums on Action Group websites
- District Conferences
- RI Convention
- Zone Institutes
- Rotary Alumni, incl. YE
- District Rotary Foundation Chair, Pardeep
- District Grants Chair, Carol
- District Internat'l Svce Chair, Bonnie
- Regional Grants Officer, Renee Reiling, RI Evanston
- Area of Focus Managers at RI
- **Other District clubs/Rotarians having completed successful grants similar to what your club wants to do...**

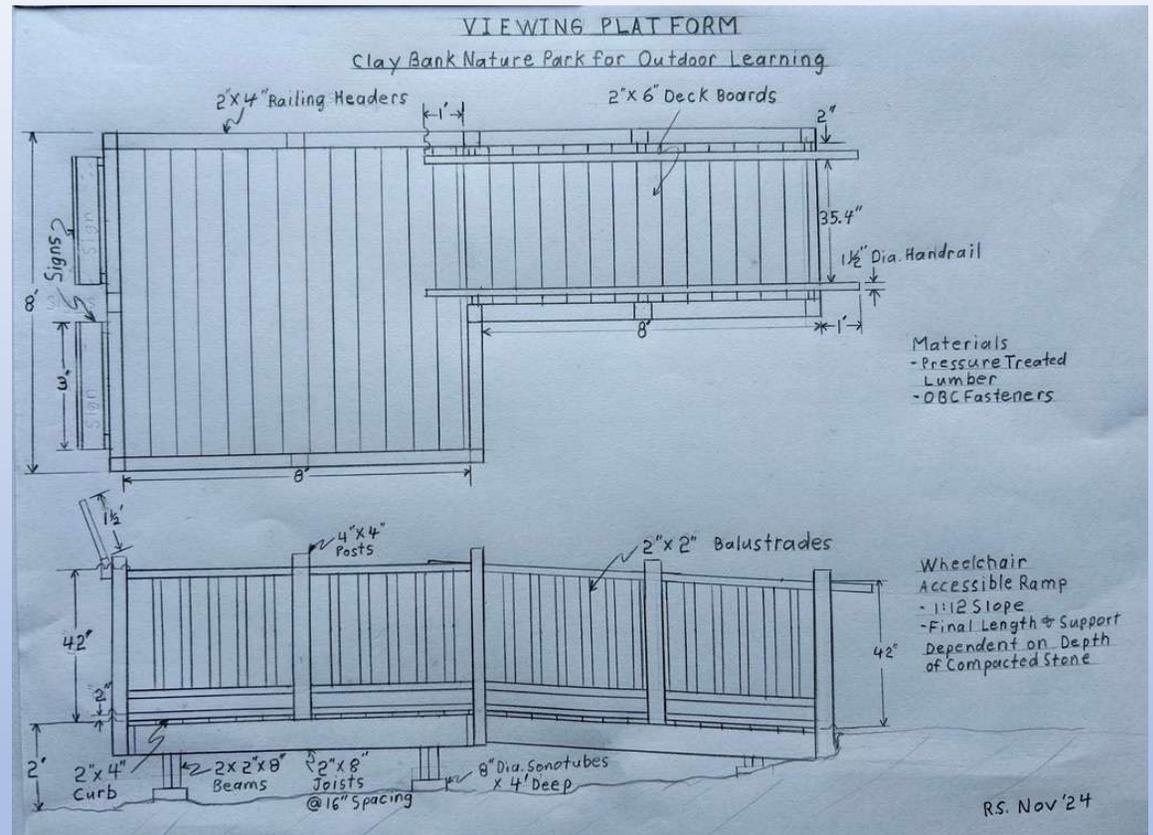
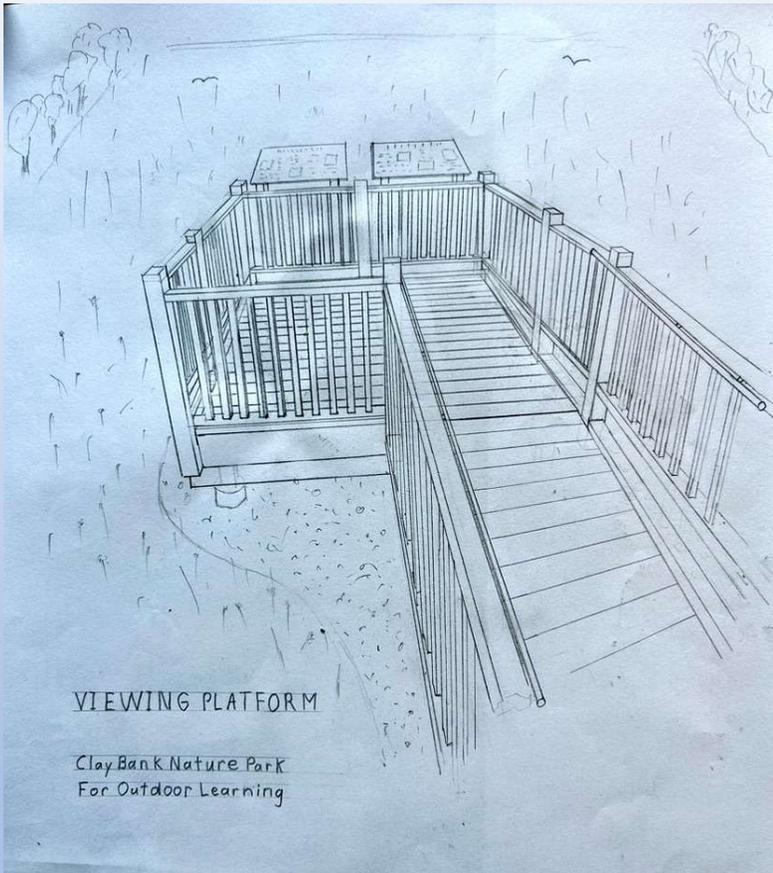
Learning by Query

Arnprior's 24-25 District Grant Experience

- Easily replicable
- Based on Community Desire
- Measurable Impact

Seeing is Learning: The Importance of Grasslands - Viewing Platform

\$4479US (Rotary Club of Arnprior \$2239 + DSG \$2239
+ Sweat Equity ?!)





Objectives (1)

- Construct raised, wheelchair accessible viewing platform at Clay Bank Nature Park for Outdoor Learning







Objectives (2)

- Provide visual access to grassland field and enhance viewing of threatened bird species including Bobolinks and Eastern Meadowlarks while discouraging damaging human access



Objectives (3)

- Create interpretive signage to promote reasons for the project, inform the public on management techniques and elaborate on target bird species
- Also create signs for tree planting project



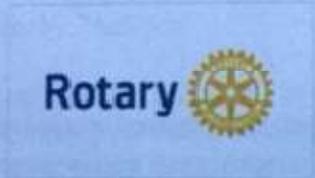
Project Beginnings/Background

- Evolved from RCA Environment Committee's desire to undertake meaningful work under the newly minted Rotary *Environment Area of Focus*
- Charted a path in area of tree planting
- To be impactful, needed to work on a reasonably large scale
- Needed willing partners, access to land and \$\$\$money!



Partnership development

- Prepared and presented to Council a report on “Status of Tree Planting in McNab-Braeside Township”
- Established a common goal of offsetting the loss of forest cover by planting trees
- The Township provided



A Case for Planting Trees in the Township of McNab-Braeside

R. Smith, BScF
Retired Forester
Chair, Environment Committee
Rotary Club of Arnprior
Mar 31, 2021

Rotary and the Environment

<https://www.rotary.org/en>
<https://arnpriorrotary.ca>

Rotary shares an interest in protecting our common legacy: the environment.

Former Rotary International President Ian Riseley challenged Rotarians around the world to plant 1.2 million trees between July 2017 and Earth Day in April 2018. Rotarians responded by easily meeting this challenge. This was an expression of the interest of Rotarians in having a meaningfully positive impact on the environment. In fact, supporting the environment locally and internationally has recently become





- Partnership broadened to include Forests Ontario (now Forests Canada) who provided the bulk of the funding (est'd \$70kCdn), trees and manpower to plant trees
- Rotary DSG provided \$400US and the RCA \$800US for additional purchase of trees



- In 2022 and 2023, planted 27,000 trees
- Can provide numbers on the amount of carbon sequestered; e.g. equivalent number of cars taken off the road



Project Impact expands....



- Forests Ontario advised on potential to enhance habitat for threatened grassland bird species on adjacent fields at Clay Bank Park
- Applied for and received a Forests Ontario Grassland Stewardship Initiative grant of \$15,675Cdn
- In 2022 and 2023, this mostly involved a professional plant inventory, mowing and seeding with native grasses and forbs
- Partnership expanded to include Macnamara Field Naturalists



...Leads to the “Seeing Is Learning” Project

- From the outset of both the tree planting and grasslands projects, public education to promote the expansion of environmental benefits was a goal
- This is a primary *raison d’être* of Clay Bank Nature Park for *Outdoor Learning* and hence enhancements to the natural environment and added infrastructure are expected to add value to and grow the Township’s Park



- Clay Bank Park visionary and former Township Councilor and Rotarian Heather Lang



- Viewing platform was a Rotary “hands on” construction project. Per much of Rotary’s efforts, sweat equity was the primary ingredient
- Signage was written by Macnamara Field Naturalist Michael Runtz and Rotary members; edited by former Rotarian Heather Lang; and designed voluntarily by professional designer Tanya Sprowl
- A complementary DSG project by Gerhard Peters installed a bicycle repair station of Township property
- Many thanks to the Township of McNab-Braeside for their continued interest and support



Impacts?

- Too early to tell
- Anecdotally, only positive responses to date

Q & A

- Can you see a project like this in your community?

Next Meeting - November 8th