

ROTARY DISTRICT 5470

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The Rotary District 5470 International Service Committee educates and nurtures Rotarians and clubs working in the seven Areas of Focus.

- ◇ It connects clubs
- ◇ It builds relationships
- ◇ It educates, assists, and may

help finance clubs' international project development and fulfillment efforts.



“The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention.”

— Oscar Wilde

It also inspires Rotarians like you who chose to visit international projects and see first-hand how *Rotary Opens Opportunities*.

In this newsletter, we'll continue to show more of our many global grants as well as upcoming projects .

Share your club's international projects and interest with District International Service Chair [Peter Jeschofnig](#) who will share with District clubs.

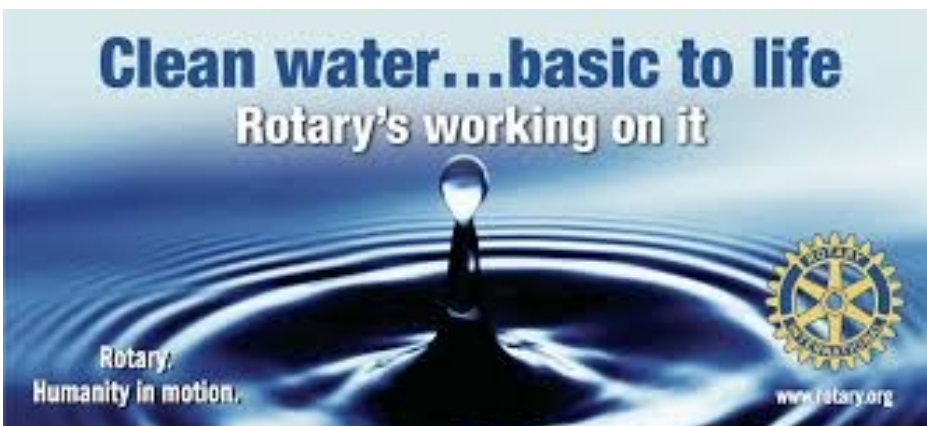
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Jared Russell - Global Grant Scholar for 2020-21

Oxford University - International Development

Jared was born and raised in Pueblo, Colorado. He attended Pueblo South High School, graduating as their valedictorian in 2014. Jared then received a Boettcher Scholarship and attended Colorado College, majoring in Political Science and Philosophy and completing a minor in Music. Over his time in college, Jared worked as a tutor in the Colorado College Writing Center, was a summer intern for the Pueblo District Attorney's Office, volunteered in the Domestic Violence Unit at the Colorado Springs District Attorney's Office, worked in the Development and Foundation Office at Penrose Hospital, served as an immigration specialist for Catholic Charities in Pueblo, supported the Colorado College Political Science Department as a research assistant, and was a policy research fellow to the Colorado State Medicaid Director. Jared was also named a Humanity in Action Fellow in 2017, where he completed the fellowship in Copenhagen and presented research on how climate change affects refugees to the European Parliament. As a student, Jared competed nationally on CC's mock trial team, served in executive positions for their Honor Council and President's Council, was a member of the Colorado College student government, and worked on human rights legislation in Colorado as the founder of their Public Policy Club. He was a finalist for the Rhodes Scholarship during his last year of undergrad.



Jared graduated from Colorado College in May 2018 with honors in Political and Social Sciences, distinction in Philosophy, and with an award in History. After his graduation, he returned to Catholic Charities in Pueblo to continue his work in supporting individuals file DACA, citizenship, and adjustment of status applications. He also coached the Pueblo West High School Mock Trial team.

Jared received a Fulbright Scholarship to undertake a Master's of Public Policy at the University of Melbourne, relocating to Australia in February 2019. In addition to his academic commitments, Jared founded and served as the Director of the Ormond Law and Policy Research Clinic, which has become the largest student-driven research clinic studying refugee rights in the world. He also served as the Chair of his graduate residential community. As a student, Jared was awarded for having the highest marks in both his degree program and the School of Social and Political Sciences, and his master's thesis has analyzed the need for creating a legal loss and damage mechanism for people displaced by climate change.

He will be travelling to Oxford University in September to continue his studies in their Department of International Development with the support of a Global Grant Scholarship. He hopes to one day work for the United Nations, assisting with the creation and implementation of climate-related policy – especially as it relates to people that are displaced by the effects of climate change. Jared will be hosted by the Rotary Club of Oxford North, and is excited to engage with Rotarians abroad

Congratulations to Jared and to our District for having the honor of Jared representing our District at Oxford.

School children in Belize Get Better Sanitation and a Garden with Help from Salida Sunrise Rotary

By Becki Rupp, Salida Sunrise RC

Nearly 250 children at the St. Benedict's school in Punta Gorda, Belize, will have a lush garden outside their building when they return to school this fall – and more sanitary conditions too. The newly installed “wastewater garden” now filters toilet wastewater that previously was untreated and flowed across paths, playgrounds and public areas before reaching the nearby Caribbean Sea.

The Salida Sunrise Rotary and the Punta Gorda Rotary Club collaborated on the project, including design and funding. The Punta Gorda Rotary club, which is in the Toledo district in southern Belize, and local contractors completed the construction work in May.



Several Salida Sunrise Rotary club members had planned to help with planting the garden, but they were unable to travel due to COVID-19 restrictions in the US and Belize.

A wastewater garden is a common method used in Belize for filtering wastewater. The wastewater is discharged into septic tanks and then the tanks empty into the garden area, approximately 4 inches below a gravel surface. Flowers and other beneficial plants, such as ginger, banana and heliconia, planted in the gravel bed reuse the water and produce a beautiful garden.

The subsurface flow system means that the wastewater is never on the surface, which reduces the possibility of disease transmission. The septic tanks and gardens provide an ongoing, sustainable wastewater treatment system for the school, help to prevent the spread of disease among the school children, and can be maintained at minimal cost by community members.

The two Rotary clubs are collaborating on a similar project for St. Bethel school, also in Punta Gorda, in the coming months. About 175 children ages 5-12 attend St. Bethel.

Although this is Salida Sunrise Rotary's first international project, it's common for Rotary clubs from different countries to work together on projects that improve sanitation, health and the environment.

Salida Sunrise Rotary members are dedicated to service above self, and the club supports many local Chaffee County nonprofits with funding and hands-on work.

For more information or answers to questions, contact Becki Rupp of Salida Sunrise Rotary at 720-308-8000.

ASPEN RC AND KITWE RC SPONSOR GG PROJECT TO ELIMINATE MALARIA IN CHILILABOMBWE, ZAMBIA

By Dr. Robert Porter, Aspen RC

Aspen Rotary Club has teamed up with Rotarian Malaria Partners (RMP) and Rotary Club of Kitwe in Zambia to help end malaria in the Copperbelt Province of Zambia, Africa. Each year malaria effects 3.5 billion people worldwide, causes >400,000 deaths, risks 24 million pregnancies and kills a child every two minutes.

Through the partnership with RMP, RC Aspen & Kitwe applied for a malaria elimination global grant focusing on Chililabombwe, in the Copperbelt where malaria prevalence is high and deaths occur frequently. Aspen RC as the International Sponsor club and RC Kitwe as the Host club are part of RMP's largest Global Grant program to date - eliminating malaria for 2.5 million people in the Copperbelt by 2021.

The malaria elimination Global Grant project (GG2093386) will train 200 Community Health Workers in Chililabombwe, Zambia with a population of 130,000 people. The project is fully funded at \$203,450 through the combined support of Rotary Clubs, Districts, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Rotary Foundation. The training will begin August 10, 2020!

In order to help change the distressing malaria statistics, RC Aspen recruited partners to assist in eliminating malaria with the Rotary Global Grant project by:

- training 200 Community Health Workers
- providing rapid diagnostic screening for malaria
- treating infected individuals with anti-malaria medications

Rotary Clubs in District 9210, 5470, 5450 and 6560 responded to Aspen's request for help! The Rotary Clubs of Kitwe, Denver, Indianapolis, Parker, and Carbondale all joined RC Aspen to partner in funding the GG project. The Clubs agreed that they are working together to change lives by ending the cycle of poverty caused by the chronic illness of malaria and save lives of children and pregnant women who have the highest death rates from malaria.

And because they feel so strongly about malaria elimination and the quality of this project, GG2093386 has received incredible support from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation by matching Club and District funding.

The team effort of this project is essential since elimination of malaria isn't something that one or two clubs can handle alone. Rotary International wisely indicates "our clubs have a shared responsibility to take action on the world's most persistent issues."



Ambulance Boat for Mfangano Island, Lake Victoria, Kenya By Sandy Lowell - Glenwood Springs Sunset RC

Mfangano Island lies near the boundary waters of Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda in the heart of Lake Victoria. Mfangano is home to approximately 26,000 people of Suba and Luo descent. The small beach villages that line the shores are accessible from the mainland only by a 2-hour ride on wooden outboard canoes.

These remote communities face many serious challenges. Poverty and disease has forced these vulnerable communities to make dangerous changes to their local environment in order to survive. Fishing and subsistence farming are the primary occupations. However, deforestation on the mountain and over-fishing in the lake have taken a huge toll, threatening annual rainfall and draining the local economy. Few facilities exist for health care on Mfangano Island. Less than 50% of mothers receive adequate antenatal care and few deliver with skilled attendants. More than 30% of the population is infected with HIV. In fact, Mfangano and surrounding islands represent one of the most HIV prevalent populations on the planet. Families frequently face critical decisions about when and how ill patients can access healthcare on the mainland several hours away.

A core of 30 trained volunteer Community Health Workers link every household to remote clinics. They serve as "*Health Navigators*," helping patients navigate emergencies by providing first aid, care coordination, urgent transport, and patient advocacy. The team of Health Navigators helps with urgent care coordination from communities to the nearest health facilities and for referrals to mainland health facilities using the Emergency Boat.

Truly a lifesaver, the region's first Emergency Boat is the result of a 2014 partnership between Organic Health Response, The Rotary Club of Glenwood Springs Sunrise, and other US-based Rotary Clubs. The Glenwood Springs Sunset RC has supported various projects to improve the conditions on the island, from helping to set up an HIV station to providing a motor for the Emergency Boat.

Since its launch, the Emergency Boat has transferred hundreds of patients off Mfangano Island including women experiencing obstetric emergencies and children suffering from severe disease. Since March 2020, the Health Navigation program has worked closely with Ministry of Health Mbita Sub-County on COVID-19 response by transferring suspected cases from the Island for screening and isolation on the mainland. A total of 30 COVID-19 suspected cases have been transferred from the Island for screening and quarantine.



*The Mfangano Emergency boat
April 22, 2020*

Ambulance Boat for Mfangano Island, Lake Victoria, Kenya (cont.) By Sandy Lowell - Glenwood Springs Sunset RC

Tragically, on the morning of July 18, 2020, the Emergency Boat captain, Walter Opiyo, and his assistant, Oliver Ogotu, woke to find the boat capsized and broken in a 10-hour string of heavy storms which left behind a trail of destruction.

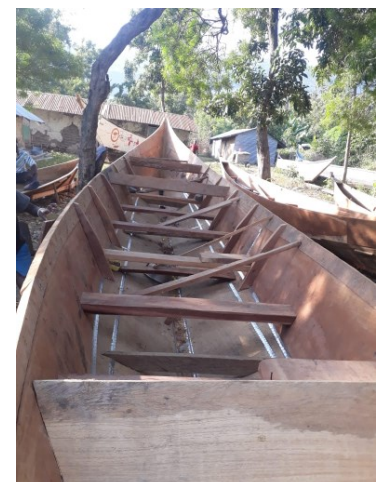
The loss of the Emergency Boat meant a temporary hold for this essential program. Over a short period, the Health Navigators were unable to help three expectant mothers who needed urgent transfer to mainland health facilities. Key partners sought an expedited solution. Upon receiving the news of the damaged Emergency Boat, the Rotary Club of Glenwood Springs Sunrise immediately offered to help. The club contributed \$2500 and two individuals from the club gave \$500 each. With that generous contribution of \$3500, a brand new Emergency Boat was built and is already responding to emergencies.

The boat was built by a team of expert Boat builders at Kitenyi beach. These craftsmen have a wealth of experience in local boat building and delivered a new boat in just 21 days! They used traditional Suba techniques and a boat design that has been tried and tested over generations on Lake Victoria. (Photos via Dr. Chas Salmen). Information on the boat construction was provided by Robinson Okeyo, Health Navigation Manager of the Ekialo Kiona Center: Organic Health Response

Organic Health Response and members of the Mfangano Island community thank the Rotarians Glenwood Springs Sunrise for their continued support.



A damaged section of the Emergency boat after storm.



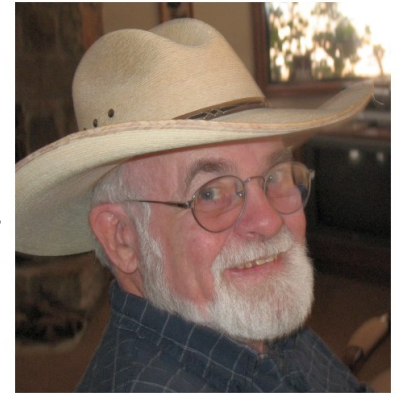
If you would like to find out more about this project, feel free to contact Sandy Lowell of the Glenwood Springs Sunset Rotary Club slowell3@gmail.com

El Salvador Biochar Project Needs Partners

By David Nuttle, Dolores RC

Sponsored by: Dolores, Colorado and Santa Ana, El Salvador Rotary Clubs

Technical Support by: Needful Provision, Inc. (a global agricultural development NGO)



As reported by the U.N., World Bank, and USAID, most of the world's food crops are produced by smallholder farmers. Since these farmers are generally poor, they can seldom afford to buy and transport large quantities of commercial fertilizers to help sustain fertility of their soils used for crop production. As a result, soil fertility and crop yields have long been on a decline and a reported two billion of the world's 7.8 billion people are now nutrient deficient with 820 million of these populations now living on the brink-of-starvation (World Health Org. data).

Agriculture research in seven nations has proven that farmers have a safe, efficient, and very economical means to add to the fertility of their soils, long-term, by making biochar that is then bioactivated with soil microbes and used as a soil additive. Less than 10 percent of the soil in the root-zone of crop rows needs to be bioactivated biochar to greatly improve soil fertility and more than double the present crop yields. This benefit is not theory, it is a proven fact.

In El Salvador, we have an in-country team of experts, supported by the Santa Ana Rotary Club, that will have innovative biochar kilns manufactured in-county and provide these to poor farmers with a documented urgent need to improve soil fertility on their farms. The local project director is Odette Varela Milla, Ph.D. Agriculture with a specialization in soil fertility achieved with bioactivated biochar soil additives. Dr. Milla is a native of El Salvador and is fluent in Spanish and English. She will instruct and coach project farmers in making and bioactivating biochar, then blending this soil additive into the root-zone of the project farmers' crop rows.

There are two supplemental aspects to this biochar project. 1) Dr. Milla will also arrange for the construction and testing of a clean cook stove that produces small quantities of biochar while conserving wood fuel by burning the biogas produced by pyrolysis means used to make biochar; and 2) Luis Molina, an El Salvadoran electrical engineer, will add small T-Gen (thermoelectric generator) units to kilns and cook stoves to use the heat produced to power the T-Gens to make electricity. This electricity provides for lights and bug-zappers. This aspect of the project is intended to greatly reduce mosquito populations on project farms, thus lowering the infection rate for mosquito-borne diseases.

This project is being undertaken as a Rotary Global grant funded by \$10,000 from Rotary Clubs, with a \$10,000 match from Rotary District 5470 (in Colorado). Rotary Foundation is adding another \$15,000 to make a \$35,000 project total. Santa Ana Rotary will have some extra dollar input for project support costs, but this addition is not considered as part of direct grant funding. A total of about 18 Rotary Clubs in District 5470 are needed to make donations to this project in amounts of \$500 or \$1,000 to reach the needed club total of \$10,000. Benefits to Rotary Clubs include plans for making their own bioactivated biochar for local garden clubs, and project photos on their websites as well as project information articles giving club credits.



For additional info, contact David Nuttle,
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Rotary International Outreach - Visiting Linda Carlson, Ph.D., Cañon City Rotary Club

During this unusual time with travel severely curtailed for the foreseeable future, it has been fun to reflect on the many visits that I have made over the years to other Rotary clubs, and with Rotarians both in the USA and overseas. It is always the stimulating and educational experience that I anticipate, and the valuable friendships and project contacts that I make, that are a highlight. An advantage of connecting with Rotarians in a foreign place is the strong common bond that creates instant recognition and friendship. Before embarking on any trip, I check the locations and times of Rotary meetings at our destinations, contact the clubs via email or Facebook, and make my reservation.

My goal with this report is to encourage any Rotarian who travels, whether on business, to visit family, or for vacation, to reach out to the Rotarians at your destinations and to be prepared for some surprises. This obviously means attending Rotary Club meetings, but also try attending or initiating 'Service Club' member meetings that are held informally once a week on cruise ships, for on-board connection and camaraderie – always a source of anecdotes and fresh ideas.

Filling out a Russian visa application a few years ago, I was required to list all the foreign countries I had visited in the past 10 years. Although I had been an international destination lecturer for Norwegian and Princess cruise lines for several years, as well as a frequent overseas Rotary project participant, I was surprised to list 41 countries!

Here are photographs and brief anecdotes from the overseas clubs I have most recently visited.



With President Nicholas Holm, RC Torshavn, the Faroes, where I learned (first hand) about the hazards that face pilots every day as they land on the very short runway, frequently with almost no visibility and battered by the howling gales of the North Sea. The 779 islands of the archipelago are in the warming air of the Gulf Stream, so that despite lying 200 miles north of Scotland, they experience a mild climate year round, and essentially no snow. With their almost entire dependence on fishing and fish farming, a great emphasis is placed on prevention of over-fishing of specific breeds, worry over mercury contamination particularly of pilot whales which are abundant and harvested in large numbers, and the prevention of parasitic diseases, for example, of farmed salmon by sea lice. The Faroes are one of the most beautiful, unspoiled places in Europe.

Rotary International Outreach - Visiting Linda Carlson, Ph.D., Cañon City Rotary Club



Visiting Dillibazaar RC , with my friends members Samden Sherpa, Education Development Management Specialist, Classroom in the Clouds, Tibet, and Samjhana Pakharel, School Education Management Specialist, Maitidevi, Kathmandu. We attended Samjhana's daughter's beautiful 3-day wedding the following week. When I first met Samden, several years ago, he was a Rotaractor and college student in Kathmandu. He has a driving interest for the education of women, since he grew up in a small Himalayan village where most parents can only afford to send the elder one or two sons of their family away to a large town to receive an education. Most village families have 6 or more children, and the girls are not educated. Samden is a catalyst for change in this and is a huge proponent for education, including

health education, for all children. He and his staff continue to actively distribute the Cañon City RC washable female sanitary kit projects and instructions to many remote villages in the Himalayas, where they are sewed by hand.



Under lockdown and with distancing, two Nepalese high school students sew sanitary kits at Classroom in the Clouds, Nepal.



Preschool through 10th grade school in Dillibazar, Kathmandu. Two of the three schools in Dillibazar were completely destroyed. The remaining building is under reconstruction, using brick-making machines donated in part by international Rotary Clubs.

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These three students are part of a group of 15 orphaned 'untouchable' caste children who received a year's scholarship for education from Cañon City RC after the devastating series of earthquakes, back in 2015. After one year of education separated from their peers in this semi-private school, the children are no longer considered untouchable and are able to learn and eat along with their classmates. This represents a life-changing step for them, as otherwise they would receive no education, and would face a life of squalid poverty and the most degrading work. As with all Nepalese schoolchildren, they have learned English fluently since pre-school and were happy to perform songs (including, appropriately, '3 little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed') for us.



Hygiene class

Outdoor learning due to COVID-19, for students who have recovered. Classroom in the Clouds (CIC) on the border of Tibet and Nepal.

An Educational Beacon for Africa

Dr. Martin Cook - Colorado Springs RC

Project Partners Needed

Dr. Martin L. Cook is a Rotarian from the downtown Colorado Springs Club. Three years ago, he and his wife volunteered to teach at Ashesi University in Ghana (www.ashesi.edu.gh). Ashesi is a young university, a little over 20 years in existence. It was founded by Patrick Awuah, an American-educated Ghanaian engineer who, when he went home to Ghana, intended to form a high tech start-up. He quickly discovered that was impossible because of the very poor quality of higher education in Ghana. Instead, he created the kind of university needed to produce “ethical, entrepreneurial leaders” for Africa. Ashesi is now rated the best university in Ghana, and one of the best in all of sub-Saharan Africa. The student body is 50% women, 50% on scholarship, and drawn from twenty-five African countries. 90% of Ashesi graduates live and work in Africa. The university’s mission is to stop “brain drain” and keep the best and brightest in Africa.



Martin is a member of the International Committee in his Rotary Club, and the committee has been in dialogue with the Ashesi Foundation in Seattle (www.ashesi.org) to see how Rotary might assist the University. The Foundation recommended “bridge scholarships.” This refers to students who are not from extremely impoverished backgrounds (those are supported through the Mastercard Foundation), but who need some supplementation to the resources they have to pay for college. Our committee thought that perhaps other clubs might be interested in adding support to Ashesi to their International service work. Martin would be happy to speak to other Rotary Clubs in the region about Ashesi and its amazing work in improving Africa. He gave a talk at the Colorado Springs Rotary, which can be accessed here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8tXLq4_leul

The founder, Patrick Awuah, was awarded the prestigious WISE Prize (World Innovation Summit in Education) in 2017, and his acceptance speech for the award eloquently expresses his vision for higher education in Africa. It can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qohml3s1C9g>

Martin would welcome inquiries from fellow Rotarians and would be happy to speak at any clubs that might be interested in considering adding Ashesi University to their service portfolio. He can be reached by phone at (719) 244-8749 or by email at martinleocook@gmail.com. In addition, the Ashesi Foundation is crafting a short introduction to Ashesi specifically for Rotarians, to be available sometime this Winter. If you are interested in participating in that event, please let Martin know.

ShelterBox's Fourteeners Project - Update

By Sharee Sheet & Brittney Woodrum

Graduate Student Brittney "Bert" Woodrum has volunteered to climb all 58 of Colorado's 14,000 ft. peaks to promote the global disaster relief organization ShelterBox's *Fourteeners* Project. On Friday, July 10, Bert's journey began at Culebra Peak followed by the summit of Pikes Peak on Saturday, July 18. Her expedition will end on Saturday, September 26 when she ascends Pikes Peak once more.

Bert's Update: Nearly two months into the 14ers Project, Bert has summited over 45 mountains, raising over \$60,000 all for ShelterBox's current COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund. She says, "This project has been one of the most incredible experiences of my entire life. When I began this project, I never expected how many unique developments it would take on. One of the greatest twists has to be the community that has rallied behind the project. Not only have I been repeatedly floored by the kindness and support I have received from complete strangers (all impassioned by ShelterBox's inspiring mission!), I also have been amazed at how many individuals from distinct chapters of my own life have come out both physically and virtually to support me in this quest. I feel so humbled to be able to carry this Box up the mountain each day and cannot even begin to express how fortunate I feel to have this opportunity."



ShelterBox's Fourteeners Project - Update (cont.)

By Brittney Woodrum & Sharee Sheet



Bert's quest has certainly taken on some unique mountains of its own, including her having to alter her climbing schedule almost daily to adapt to Colorado's unpredictable weather to dodging aggressive mountain goats to even spending the night on a peak (in a trash bag!) to keep her and her team safe. If you haven't heard her story already, this is one ShelterBox presentation you will not want to miss.

Bert plans to end her journey on Saturday, September 26th and invites everyone to go "Vert with Bert" by taking a hike wherever you may find yourself. She also asks that you share a photo of your adventure on her project's Facebook page to help celebrate the culmination of this great effort.

As of last week, the **Rotary Clubs of Durango High Noon and Glenwood Springs Sunset** have donated towards the project. Additionally a handful of Rotarians in the District have donated as well. Without sharing individual donor information, I can share that these members were from the Rotary Clubs of Glenwood Springs Sunset, and Glenwood Springs Noon. A total of 11 gifts have been received from the district, totaling \$11,550.



Outside of donations received, the following Clubs have pledged to sponsor peaks and we are awaiting their gifts (pledge balance total of \$9,400).

Pine River Valley Centennial RC
Carbondale RC
Broadmoor District RC

Website: www.shelterboxusa.org/fourteeners
Blog: www.facebook.com/The14ersProject

Funding Global Grants Becomes More Affordable

By David Smith, D-5470 Global Grants Chair

Global Grants provide the biggest “Bang for the Buck” because The Foundation provides matching funds. The Foundation approved 1403 Global Grants worth \$86.6 million last year. New rules reduce the amount of money clubs need to initiate a Global Grant.

In the past, there were two rules that determined the minimum budget for a Global Grant. Our district matched club funds 1:1. The Foundation matched our district funds (DDF) 1:1, AND it matched club funds 0.5:1. In addition, Global Grants had to have a minimum of \$15,000 from the Foundation. The end result was that clubs had to contribute at least \$10,000 to have a Global Grant.

As of July 1 this year, The Foundation no longer requires a minimum contribution of \$15,000 to global grants. The Foundation also eliminated its 0.5:1 match to club funds. To compensate for this loss, our district Global Grants Committee has increased its match to 1.25:1, which effectively cancels the loss of funding from the Foundation.

The Foundation now requires only that a Global Grant have a minimum budget of \$30,000. Under the current rules, a Global Grant can be initiated with as little as \$8,571. As in the past, several clubs can join together to reach this minimum club contribution.

The Foundation eliminated the match to club funds because world-wide contributions to the Annual Fund have decreased. Reduced giving to the Annual Fund affects us in two ways. It reduces the ability of the Foundation to match club donations and DDF, and it reduces the amount of DDF returned to the district as DDF each year.

To help The Foundation carry out its mission to combat deep poverty, we must encourage clubs to increase their support for The Foundation’s Annual Fund.

Although we probably have enough DDF to match club funds 1.25:1 for this year, we may not be able to do so in following years.

The Different Meanings of Poverty

0.038 billion Americans live on less than \$20/d

1.2 billion people in the world live on less than \$1/d

Global Grants are The Foundation’s response to this disparity

GLOBAL GRANTS



David Smith <dsmith7@unl.edu>

Looking for GG partners?

By Peter Jeschofnig, D-5470 Internat. Service Chair

One of your club members has a long-term relationship with a Rotary club in another country and your club has decided to be the “International partner” of that club (the “Host club”) and jointly apply for a global grant. The host club does not have much money to contribute, and your club has only \$ 2,000 to commit to the future global grant. Now the questions is “How do we promote our project and get other clubs to participate or contribute to our project?”

Here are some suggestions:

1. Give presentations about your project to clubs near you.
2. Contact David Smith, Global Grants Chair (dsmith7@unl.edu), and Peter Jeschofnig, International Service Chair (pjeschofnig@gmail.com). They are constantly interacting with clubs in the district and may have suggestions about potential partner clubs.
3. Request that your project be posted on the “D-5470 Clubs Seeking Project Partners” section of the district website (rotary5470.org).
4. Have a summary of the grant information included in the next D-5470 International Service Newsletter
5. You may want to consider posting your project on the “Matching Grants website of D-5340 (San Diego) - <http://www.matchinggrants.org/global/> - This site is listing Global Grant projects from all over the world in need of partners/contributions.

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Welcome to the Rotary Global Grants Website

Look below for a list of project. Use the search feature to find a specific project.
Click on My Account to login and see your own projects.

G- Rotary Year
2020-21 ▾

#	Title	Country	Location	District	Club	Amount	Status
G-2569	Hospital waste disposal	Nigeria	Aba	9142	Umungasi-Aba	\$85,000	Need \$51,400
G-2566	Pollution free transportation	Guatemala	Livingston	6930	Palm Beach	\$99,000	Need \$13,500
G-2565	Ventilator For Covid-19	Nepal	Dhulikhel Hospital	3292	Dhulikhel	\$95,000	Need \$86,000
G-2564	Implementation of a cornea don	Perú	Lima	4455	La Molina	\$40,050	Need \$33,350
G-2563	Smart Village, Dadhikar, Alwar	India	Alwar, Rajasthan	3011	Delhi Connaught Place Raisina Hills	\$30,500	Need \$23,000
G-2562	Costa Rican Culinary for Kids	Costa Rica	Turrialba	4240	Cartago	\$30,000	Need \$6,228
G-2561	Personal Equipment for Covid-19	Mexico	Monterrey	4130	Monterrey Cumbres	\$34,730	Need \$5,738
G-2560	Rain Water Harvesting Project	Uganda	Kiziranfumbi	9211	Port-Bell	\$75,250	Need \$13,425
G-2559	Meycauayan Anti Covid 19 Suppo	Philippines	Meycauayan	3770	Meycauayan East	\$30,000	Need \$24,000

Of course, raising additional funds is only a very small component of getting started with a Global Grant. For the complete story about Global Grants, visit: <https://www.rotary5470.org/SitePage/global-grants>

Rotary Action Groups

By Peter Jeschofnig, D-5470 Internat. Service Chair

Rotary Action Groups are independent, Rotary-affiliated groups made up of people from around the world who are experts in a particular field, such as economic development, peace, addiction prevention, the environment, or water.

Action groups offer their technical expertise and support to help clubs plan and implement projects to increase our impact, one of Rotary's strategic priorities. This support includes helping clubs find partners, funding, and other resources. Action groups can also help clubs and districts prepare grant applications, conduct community assessments, and develop plans to monitor and evaluate their projects. Read more about these activities in the Rotary Action Groups annual report. (<https://my-cms.rotary.org/en/document/rotarian-action-groups-rag-annual-report>)

Anyone who wants to share their expertise to make a positive difference can join an action group. Only Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Rotary Peace Fellows can serve in leadership roles.

Contact or join a Rotary Action Group

Contact a Rotary Action Group to:

- Get expert advice on planning and implementing service projects, including those funded by Rotary Foundation district and global grants
- Connect with potential project partners, both within and outside of Rotary
- Get help fundraising and obtaining resources for projects

Rotary Action Groups by area of focus

Promoting peace

[Domestic Violence Prevention](#)

[Peace](#)

[Slavery Prevention](#)

Fighting disease

[Addiction Prevention](#)

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By Peter Jeschofnig, D-5470 Internat. Service Chair



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How to start a Rotary Action Group

Read this [Guide for Prospective Action Groups](https://my-cms.rotary.org/en/document/guide-prospective-rotarian-action-groups?). (<https://my-cms.rotary.org/en/document/guide-prospective-rotarian-action-groups?>)

International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians (IFFR)

<http://iffr.org/>

The International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians (IFFR) is a group of Rotarians dedicated to promoting Rotary and aviation as an opportunity for fellowship and service. This fellowship operates in accordance with Rotary International policy, but is not an agency of nor controlled by Rotary International.



Many IFFR members fly their own personal airplane in support of international activities. Members donate their time, funds, and aircraft to supply needy outlying areas with medical, dental, optical and surgical aid in the form of material, equipment, tools, machinery, medicines time-critical fluids and transplant organs and tissue.

The IFFR originated in 1965 in Seattle, Washington. The efforts of one dedicated Rotarian, the late E. Edison Kennell, encompassed thousands of public-spirited citizens, Rotarians all, who have supported the precepts of Flying Rotarians and those of Rotary International.

Hundreds of events have been held over the years in nearly all of the sixty countries of the world in which Flying Rotarians reside. These "Fly-Ins" or conventions consist of programs presented to a member's home Rotary club or other similar audience.

With widespread geographical locations, the goal of IFFR helps to achieve the furtherance of the ideals and objectives of Rotary International throughout the world. International understanding has and continues to benefit through this Fellowship of Flying Rotarians.



YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A PILOT TO JOIN THE INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF FLYING ROTARIANS

Membership is open to all Rotarians, Rotaractors and their families actively interested or engaged in aviation. Our Objectives are to promote the objects of Rotary through our shared interests in Aviation by:

1. Using our interest in aviation to develop FELLOWSHIP among all Rotarians.
2. Fostering high ethical and safety standards in all aspects of aviation.
2. Promoting Rotary Service through all types of air transport.
4. Advancing international understanding by personal contact between Rotarians.



Potential Friendship Exchange with Botswana via Amy McBride, Montrose RC

[Note: Amy McBride is a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer who served in Botswana. She is a member of the Rotary Club of Montrose, but has been quite active with the Rotary Club of Gaborone (Botswana).]

The Rotary Club of Gaborone invites you to Botswana as part of a Friendship Exchange planned for 2021. The Club proposes May as the month for Coloradans to visit Botswana, since the weather is neither too hot nor too cold, wildlife viewing is at its best, and Victoria Falls is at its peak. You'll need two weeks (four days of travel and ten days in Botswana) for the trip.

The Club proposes August 2021 to come to District 5470, since they want to partake in hiking, jeeping, camping, flyfishing, mushroom foraging, and all the other great things to do in Colorado in August (and people from Botswana aren't keen on cold temperatures).

Here are ten reasons why you should visit Botswana:

- It has the world's largest population of elephants.
- *Over 500 species of birds have been recorded in Botswana.*
- *You can easily see the "Big Five"—Cape buffalo, lions, leopards, rhinos, and elephants.*
- It's the newly-declared "evolutionary birthplace of humankind."
- Animals roam freely in the nearly half of Botswana that is protected through national parks, reserves, and management areas.
- Victoria Falls, the world's largest waterfall (by surface area), is next door!
- *The climate is mild...with highs in the 70s and lows around 50 in May.*
- There are no vaccination requirements, and Botswana is one of the safest countries for travel in Africa. [Do note that malaria prophylaxis is recommended.]
- The people! Extremely friendly! And fun!



Photo by Aidan McBride

The proposed itinerary has you flying to Gaborone (the capital city) and recovering for a day (with dinner, drinks, and a bird's eye view of the city atop Botswana's tallest building). Then it's off to Khama Rhino Sanctuary where you'll sleep under a baobab tree and go on a game drive to see wildebeest, zebras, kudu, and rhinos (of course).

Then you'll head to the Makgadikgadi Pans, one of the world's largest salt flats, to enjoy its incredible tranquility and flamingoes. You'll have two nights in Kasane, on the edge of Chobe National Park which is home to the highest concentration of elephants in Botswana. You will enjoy a morning game drive and, hopefully, see leopards and lions and amazing birds like the Kori bustard (Botswana's national bird and Africa's largest flying bird). In the afternoon, you'll cruise down the Chobe River and see bathing hippos and elephants, crocodiles, and Cape buffalo.

Potential Friendship Exchange with Botswana (continued) via Amy McBride, Montrose RC

Victoria Falls is next. You'll take a ferry across the Zambezi River and then stay in Livingstone, Zambia (named for the famed explorer and there's an excellent museum about him). You'll spend a day at the Mosi-o-a-Tunya National Parks (there's one in Zimbabwe and one in Zambia), taking in the glory of the Falls. If you'd like, you can bungee jump off the Victoria Falls Bridge, take a helicopter flight, or raft the Zambezi.



Then it's back to Gaborone with a stop in Francistown, Botswana's second largest city and a 19th-century gold rush town. From Gaborone, you can either fly home, or book a side trip to Cape Town, South Africa to partake in its amazing beauty, wine, food, and penguins!

At this point, the Rotary Club of Gaborone is gauging interest to see if there are twelve people from District 5470 who want to join the Exchange. If you are interested, please let me know by sending an email to amylopermcbride@gmail.com or a WhatsApp message to 970-433-8779 (phone calls, SMS, or WhatsApp)

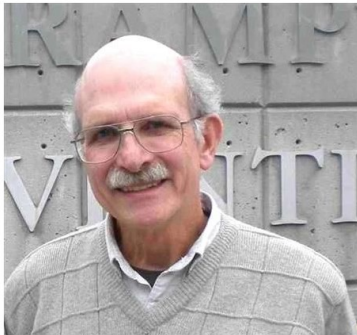
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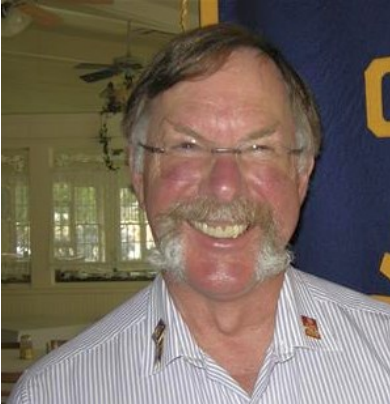
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Global Grants Projects Involving Our clubs

Many of our clubs are the International Partners of Global Grants (GG) Projects around the world.

Our clubs also contribute to projects conducted by other districts.

Whether your club is the international partner in a project or is simply contributing to a project, remember that D-5470 is usually prepared to match your club's contributions from District Designated Funds (DDF).

To request D-5470 DDF, you need to complete a simple request form and send it to the D-5470 Global Grants Chair, David Smith < dsmith7@unl.edu >

Contact Us

Do you want to have your International Service project displayed in a future newsletter? Send the story and a few photos to pjeschofnig@gmail.com



Water & Sanitation Projects Around the World

Global Grants Basics:

- Large, long-term projects
- Sustainable, measurable outcomes
- Alignment with Areas of Focus
- Real community needs (via needs assessment)
- International partnerships (frequent communication)
- Implementation plan
- Proper Stewardship of funds
- Involve Rotary clubs in two districts
- Minimum budget of US\$30,000

For detailed instructions on Global Grants applications, check out David Smith's **GUIDE TO GLOBAL GRANTS:**
<http://www.rotary5470.org/SitePage/global-grants>

If you would like to be the international partner of a Global Grant or simply contribute to an existing D-5470 Global Grant, contact the Global Grants Committee chair, David Smith, dsmith7@unl.edu or Peter Jeschofnig, pjeschofnig@gmail.com