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D5240 CHANGING LIVES

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THE ROTARY FOUNDATION GUATEMALA FOOD PRODUCTION PROJECT

Wade Nomura traveled to Chiquimula, Guatemala to evaluate a \$200,000 project on vegetable and food production for personal consumption and commercial enterprise as a TRF Cadre for The Rotary Foundation. This project was located the communities of Oquen and Tunuco Abajo in the more arid area of Guatemala located in the Jocotan area.

The project focuses on teaching families how to grow vegetables and fruits for consumption and for commercial enterprise. The communities were selected because they are among the poorest of Guatemala, with 82% of the population living in poverty, with 18% living in extreme poverty. 50% of the children in these communities were suffering from chronic malnutrition, which makes it the 4th



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highest in the world. The majority of those living in these communities are of Mayan Chorti decent, with 72% being moderately or severely below height due, in a large part, to malnutrition. The children of these villages were also severely deficient on Vitamin "A", which leads to blindness and weakened immune systems.

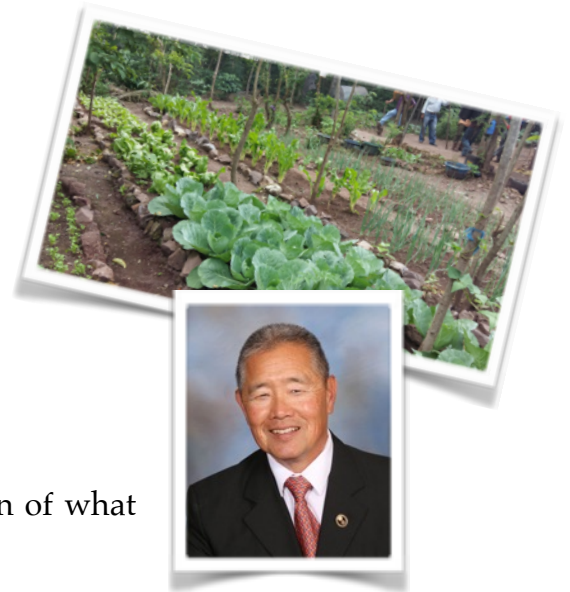


The region is very mountainous and rocky, with below average rainfall for Guatemala. The project started with educating families on how to set up growing plots, by terracing the land, giving them seeds, fertilizers, and building rain water catchment tanks for water in the drier season. The project included 66 families and 400 people and after one year, has already seen improvements in the

population.

What is unique about this project is that the project is being carried out by mostly the women of the villages. They said that they were able to stay at home and care for their children and still make money.

"This project started with the very poor, with very little hope in life, and transformed them into a hardworking, enthusiastic community with hope and a future. One of the most tragic things I have seen are children suffering from malnutrition. We don't see this very often here, and seeing 50% of the children suffering from malnutrition is overwhelming. It definitely gives you a better appreciation of what someone can do to change a life", says Wade.



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FUTURE VISION: THE ROTARY FOUNDATION GLOBAL GRANTS REPORT

Last year marked a Rotary milestone! We conducted our first triennial evaluation of the grant model to determine whether the Foundation's programs are meeting the goals set out in the Future Vision Plan. The evaluation was comprehensive and included:

- 109 project site visits by 63 Cadre members and outside consultants
- 6,000 responses to 6 surveys from 154 countries
- focus groups at 11 institutes
- feedback from the Future Vision Oversight Committee

We studied sustainability, the areas of focus, and vocational training teams in 24 countries around the world.

The Rotary Foundation Programs Committee closely supervised the evaluation efforts, and we presented the findings to the Programs Committee in March 2016 and to the Trustees in April. The evaluation found very high levels of satisfaction with the new grant model: 90 percent of survey respondents said they support it, and 86 percent see it as an improvement over the previous model. Grant activity and the average grant award continue to increase. Awards grew 24 percent between 2013-14 and 2014-15, as understanding of the model grew. Moreover, Rotarians' support of sustainability in projects has increased, and the grants that are approved now are far more sustainable than grants were during the Future Vision pilot. In response to these findings, the Trustees affirmed their support for the grant model.

While the results of the evaluation were positive overall, they also reveal some areas that call for improvement. Most notably, Rotary should offer more training to Rotarians who use grants and communicate with them better. The majority of the decisions the Trustees made in response to the evaluation focused on this. Many Rotarians expressed confusion about and frustration with the basic education and literacy and economic and community development area of focus policy statements. The Trustees approved modifications to these statements, which will become available in the coming months. Finally, in both survey and focus group feedback, many Rotarians expressed frustration with the online grant application tool. These will be addressed through an upgrade that Rotary is working on now.

Over the next several months, the Trustees and staff will communicate the results of the evaluation to Rotary members through My Rotary and email. The staff will continue work

on fulfilling the requests of the Trustees and on increasing and targeting training and communication efforts in support of Rotary grants.

Thank you for your commitment to The Rotary Foundation.

Evolution of Foundation Programs

- 1947: The Foundation established its first program, Fellowships for Advance Study, later known as Ambassadorial Scholarships.
- 1965-66: Three programs were launched: Group Study Exchange, Awards for Technical Training, and Grants for Activities in Keeping with the Objective of The Rotary Foundation, which was later called Matching Grants.
- 1978: Rotary introduced the Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants. The first 3-H Grant funded a project to 6 million Philippine children against polio.
- 1985: The PolioPlus program was launched to eradicate polio worldwide.
- 1987-88: The first peace forums were held, leading to Rotary Peace Fellowships.
- 2013: New district, global, and packaged grants enable Rotarians around the world to respond to the world's greatest needs. Since the first donation of \$26.50 in 1917, the Foundation

ANNOUNCING THE DISTRICT 5240 ROTARY FOUNDATION GALA \$26.50 CHALLENGE

The District 5240 Rotary Foundation Gala will be held on October 15, 2016 in conjunction with this year's District Conference. The Foundation Gala has three goals: to honor Rotarians for their contributions to the Rotary Foundation since our last gala event, to recognize clubs for their support of the Rotary Foundation in RY 2015-16 and to serve as the kickoff for our fundraising efforts in honor of the 100th Anniversary of The Rotary Foundation.

At the suggestion of several clubs in our district, I am inviting your club to participate in the District 5240 Foundation Gala \$26.50 Challenge. There will be special recognition at the Foundation Gala for any club that has had every one of its members donate a minimum of \$26.50 to The Rotary Foundation by October 15. We will use the records available from The Rotary Foundation as confirmation. The donation can be to the Annual Fund, Polio Plus, other restricted giving such as a contribution to a Global Grant, or a gift to the Endowment. Please note that this is *not* average per capita giving. It is a contribution recorded at The Rotary Foundation for every member of your club based on the membership information at Rotary International as of September 1, 2016. Send an email to DG Nick Frankle (nickdg1617@earthlink.net) if you want to join the challenge and help us start our Foundation Year with a bang!

A LESSON IN SUSTAINABILITY

DANTE HONORICO



In 2003 during my presidency of the Rotary Club of Ventura South, we had the opportunity to initiate an International Service project in my native country, the Philippines. I had chosen a "clean water" project to a village of approximately 400 families, in the town of Ibaan, Province of Batangas. I had specifically picked the location because I know the language, the people and the needs of the village.

We applied for a grant totaling \$52,000 with half of the amount to be provided by the Rotary Foundation. Our grant application was approved and the project was completed the following year marking



the first time in more than 100 years that the residents of the village of Santo Niño had running water in their homes. The water system came complete with a deep well, electric pumps and a 20,000 gal. water tank. The land where the system infrastructure was located was donated the village chief.



The problem of project sustainability was solved by the local Rotarians who organized a Water Consumer Cooperative composed of the residents of the village. The cooperative was able to finance the distribution of water meters to each resident who want to connect into the system. Metering served two important purposes, accuracy of measuring water consumption for billing and deterring wasteful consumption.

THE PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY

The Paul Harris Society is the lifeblood of the Rotary Foundation. In fact, 3% of the annual contributors to the Rotary Foundation are Paul Harris Society members. Those 3% contribute over 30% of the total contributions to the Annual Fund.



By joining the Paul Harris Society, you are pledging to contribute \$1,000 or more to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant each year. You can join the Paul Harris Society without having any history of contributing \$1,000 or more to the approved funds. In fact, an immediate \$1,000 contribution is not even required at the time of enrollment. You can fulfill your Paul Harris Society commitment gradually over the Rotary year through any combination of giving to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant. For example, annual contributions of \$500 to PolioPlus and \$500 to the Annual Fund would fulfill your PHS commitment.

In District 5240, we have 110 Paul Harris Society members from 38 Clubs around our District. I'll bet there are members in your club who would like to join this PHS membership. The story of why we do this goes on and on. If you would like more information, you can access PHS materials at: <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/paul-harris-society>.

If you would like a short program at your club meeting or board meeting, please contact me at frankortizdg1213@yahoo.com. Either I, or one of our Rotarian volunteers will be happy to assist you.

I trust that you will consider this worthwhile commitment to Rotary service.

FRANK ORTIZ
PDG 2012-2013

District PHS Coordinator

FOR A BETTER TOMORROW: THE ROTARY FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT FUND

You can continue to support the great work of The Rotary Foundation beyond your lifetime with a gift through your estate plan. There are many ways to make this happen – most commonly by making a gift in a will or living trust. The principal of the gift is never spent, so a portion of the earnings will always be available for future Foundation programs.

The Rotary Foundation's mission is to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. *Charity Watch* rates TRF an A and confirms that 89% of the funds raised are distributed to beneficiaries in the form of programs.

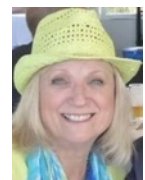
You are invited to join many of your friends in Rotary who have already made a lasting commitment to improve and enrich the lives of people around the world through a gift to the Endowment Fund.

If you would like to know more about the options for giving to TRF Endowment Fund, please contact District chair, Mike Weaver, amweaver@pacbell.net, email TRF at planned.giving@rotary.org or call (847) 866-3100.



D5240 PEACE NEWS

DG Nick Frankle has created a new position of Peace Chair in the district and has appointed Catherine Bonifant (Rotary E-Club of One World) to that position for 2016-2017. The role will include assisting D5240 clubs to involve members in peace education and peace projects. Catherine looks forward to finding peace advocates in each of the clubs. Please email her for further information: catherine.r.bonifant@gmail.com



Eight Peace Fellowship candidates have been endorsed by PDG Jim Bell are now waiting for the results from the selection committee, which will meet in Evanston during September. The candidates are:



Alex Murasira
(Rwanda)



Jane Wanjiru
(Kenya)



Jenny Anne Apias
(Philippines)



Maria Mutautamahia
(Kenya)



Mesfin Abadi
(Eritrea)



Ndenyele Omalenge
(Kenya)



Wondwossen A Misrak
(Ethiopia)



Rocky Ambago
(South Sudan)

One World Rotary Peace Committee News

The committee (community) now has 55 members with 19 of those Rotary Peace Fellow alumni and all earnest peacebuilders seeking ways to support peace in Rotary. The steering committee has issued the following invitation to all to join the event planned for Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada later this year. Many of the OWR Peace Committee will be participating virtually and you are welcome to join them. The event is sponsored by The Rotarian Action Group for Peace; The E-club of One World; Rotary D5550 and the Rotary Club of Winnipeg.

Bridges for Peace 2016

"Co-creating a shared vision for peacebuilding actions in our communities."

When: September 25th– 27th, 2016

Where: Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

September 25-26: Canadian Museum for Human Rights

September 27(1/2 day): Circle of Life "Thunderbird House", **Registration and additional**

information: <https://www.rotarianactiongroupforpeace.org/winnipeg2016>

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DISTRICT GRANTS UPDATE 2016-2017

Status report as of July 29, 2016:

Total District DDF for District Grants:	\$144,658
Less administrative reserve:	<u>- \$3,000</u>
Total DDF allocation to clubs:	\$141,658

FIRST ROUND

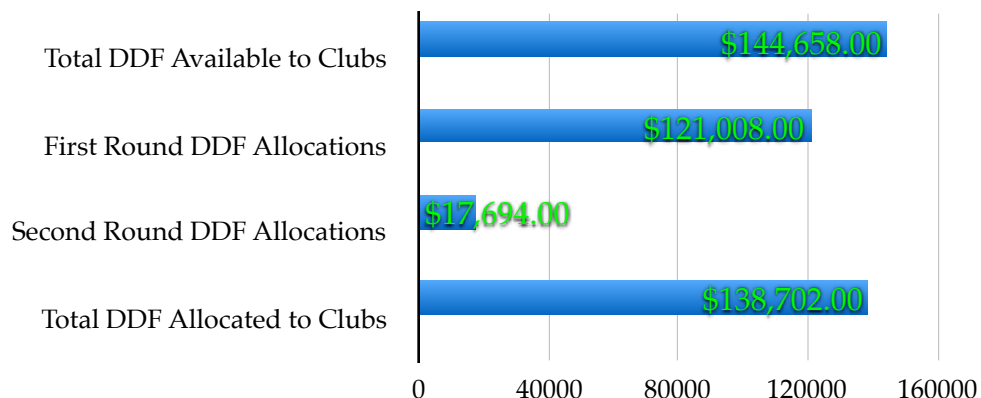
Total DDF allocation used for approved grants, first round:	\$121,008.00
Total non-DDF contributions for approved grants, first round:	\$168,657.75
Total District Grants, DDF plus non-DDF contributions, first round	\$289,715.75
Total District Grants approved, first round:	56
Total sponsoring Rotary clubs using DDF allocations for District Grants, first round:	47

SECOND ROUND

Total DDF used for approved grants, second round:	\$17,694.00
Total non-DDF contributions for approved grants, second round:	\$28,709.20
Total District Grants, DDF plus non-DDF contributions, second round	\$46,403.20
Total District Grants approved, second round:	14
Total sponsoring Rotary clubs using DDF allocations for District Grants, second round:	14 (all were participants in 1st round, too)

BOTH ROUNDS COMBINED

Total DDF allocation used for approved grants, both rounds:	\$138,702.00
(96% of original DDF allocation of \$141,658)	
Total non-DDF contributions for approved grants, both rounds:	\$197,416.95
Total District Grants, DDF plus non-DDF contributions, both rounds	\$336,118.95
Total District Grants approved, both rounds:	70
Total sponsoring Rotary clubs using DDF allocations for District Grants, both rounds:	47



World Health Organization Wild Polio Virus Update Week ending 3 August, 2016

Total cases	Year-to-date 2016		Year-to-date 2015		Total in 2015	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Globally	19	3	34	12	74	32
- in endemic countries	19	0	34	3	74	3
- in non-endemic countries	0	3	0	9	0	29

Headlines:

On 24 July Nigeria marked two years since the last case of wild poliovirus. On the 11 August, it will have been two years since the last case of polio had onset of paralysis on the African continent. This highlights strong progress made towards eradication. However, much still remains to be done to keep the Nigeria and the entire region polio-free.

In Pakistan, both the oral polio vaccine and the inactivated poliovirus vaccine are being used hand in hand to boost immunity; and committed healthcare workers are going to great lengths to build trust and ensure every child is vaccinated.

The third meeting of the Islamic Advisory Group has taken place at the Islamic Development Bank's headquarters in Jeddah and has reaffirmed their commitment to the global eradication of polio and the lifesaving role of vaccines in line with Islamic rulings.

Afghanistan: No new case of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) was reported in the past week. The most recent case had onset of paralysis in Shigal Wa Sheltan district of Kunar province on 29 May. The total number of WPV1 cases for 2016 remains six, the same as the number reported at this time last year.

Pakistan: No new cases of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) were reported in the past week. The most recent case was reported in South Waziristan district of Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA), with onset of paralysis on 18 June. The total number of WPV1 cases for 2016 remains 13 compared to 28 at this time in 2015.

Countries	Year-to-date 2016		Year-to-date 2015		Total in 2015		Onset of paralysis of most recent case	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Afghanistan	6	0	6	0	20	0	29-May-16	NA
Pakistan	13	0	28	2	54	2	18-Jun-16	09-Feb-15