

ROTARY DISTRICT 5470

International Service News



D-5470 INTERNATIONAL SERVICE NEWSLETTER #50



CONTENT:

- 1 District 5470 Int'l Coffee Bistro**
- 2 From District 5470 Int'l Chair**
- 3 Rotary Global Grant for Navajo Nation Literacy Project Update**
- 5 Rotary Egg Distribution – 2026**
- 6 Service Above Self: Shielding the Children of Jalisco**
- 8 Braille Bricks Build Brighter Futures**
- 9 Penny For Your Thoughts**
- 10 Rotary Receives \$160,000 for Science Education in West Africa**
- 12 District 5470 Continues the Fight Against Malaria on All Fronts**
- 13 Rainwater Tanks**
- 14 Useful Rotary Resources on Global Grants**
- 15 Rotary Friendship Exchange**
- 16 District 5470 Int'l Crossword #50**
- 17 Rotary Int'l Conference- Taipei**
- 18 District 5470 Int'l Info**

DISTRICT 5470 INTERNATIONAL COFFEE BISTRO

Join us for the District 5470 International Bistro, a monthly gathering where Rotary's international work comes to life in a welcoming, energetic space.

As part of Rotary, a global network of 1.4 million members, we are united by a shared commitment to service creating impact both locally and around the world.

The Bistro is a one-hour Zoom meeting open to all Rotarians and guests, focused on updates, collaboration, and real conversation. Share your international project updates, stories from the field, or ideas you're exploring. Looking for partners, guidance on starting or completing a project, or simply want to hear what others are doing globally? This is the place to connect and move ideas forward. Bring your coffee, tea, or favorite drink and join whenever you can stay for the full hour or drop in briefly if your schedule allows.

On the first Saturday of each month, we come together in the spirit of Service Above Self to connect, learn, and collaborate.

Here is our Zoom link for EVERYONE to join (CLICK HERE OR COPY/PASTE)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89220238904?pwd=kEtJsWc6hk0KYushEfugA5GTPoyuSO.1>

You're
INVITED

Join our MONTHLY scheduled Zoom gathering

District 5470 International Coffee Bistro
When: Every month on the First Saturday
Upcoming Scheduled Meetings:

June 6, 2026 09:00 AM MST
(8:30MST- social open to all)



Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) file into your calendar system. Once added, it will automatically update with any future changes, so you'll always stay up to date. **ICS Calender LINK**

MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT 5470 INTERNATIONAL CHAIR MICHAEL COPLAN



Rotary District 5470 International Project Leaders,

Our District 5470 International Committee is working to encourage all clubs in our District to become involved in the international work being done by many of our clubs, especially through the leadership of those participating in international projects. We are committed to providing tools and opportunities to help connect clubs throughout the District.

The monthly International Bistro Zoom meeting, beginning in June, will be held on the second Saturday of each month from 9:00–10:00 a.m. The Zoom room will open at 8:30 a.m. for fellowship and visiting attendees, and the scheduled agenda will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m.

We encourage each club to have a representative join the Zoom Bistro to participate in the conversation and learn what opportunities are available through the International Lane. Our Committee is here to support all clubs, and this is a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow Rotarians through an easy-to-attend Zoom call without leaving home.

Rotarians such as Becky Kiser, Dr. Daniel Perlman, Peter Jeschofnig, and Debbie Wilde have led very successful international projects and regularly participate in the Bistro to share ideas and strategies that have helped grow support for their projects.

The District 5470 International Newsletter, published by Maryam Eaton, President of the Tri-Lakes Dynamic Rotary Club, offers International Project Leaders an opportunity to share their projects with clubs throughout the District. The newsletter is distributed to clubs and Rotarians across District 5470. We also encourage clubs to print copies and place them on meeting tables, as we know not everyone reviews electronic communications regularly.

Anyone in the District, as well as international clubs wishing to share international projects, may submit articles to Maryam for publication in the newsletter. Every Rotarian involved in an international project is looking for ways to connect with other Rotary Clubs, and this newsletter is an excellent tool to help your project gain visibility.

Another new initiative our International Committee is developing is encouraging Project Leaders to create a short 3–5 minute video presentation that includes pictures, videos, and a personal testimony about their project. We are not looking for professional productions — simply something recorded on an iPhone is perfectly acceptable.

The District Committee will distribute your video to the leadership of every club in District 5470 and encourage clubs to share these videos during their meetings. We would love to feature one video each month, but if we receive more, we will work to share them with as many clubs and Rotarians as possible.

I believe this is a tremendous opportunity to help international projects grow throughout our District. Many of you may be asking how you can present your project to every club without traveling across the District. We are offering you that opportunity through these videos, and we encourage you to take advantage of it.

As your District 5470 International Chairman, I am here to help in any way I can. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time.

Thank you,
Michael Coplan

District 5470 International Chairman





Rotary Global Grant for Navajo Nation Literacy Project Update

Debbie Wilde
Glenwood Springs Rotary Club

Project Overview: The main objective of this Rotary Global Grant project is to address fundamental barriers to basic education and literacy in the Chinle area of the Navajo Nation.

For several years Rotarians have been working with the nonprofit Chinle Planting Hope. Long-term collaboration with several other Rotary Clubs and a variety of organizations has resulted in significant progress toward creating community and supporting literacy. This new project, The Imagination Station Learning Center, will provide the physical space and resources to amplify current efforts and to attract and develop additional resources, supporting organizations, volunteers and community members with new energy and ideas. This Rotary Global Grant will furnish the interior of the building, procure essential literacy and STEAM resources (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) as well as employ necessary technical assistance, a project director, and both local and consulting educators. All of these "essential parts" will build a strong foundation so Chinle Planting Hope can continue developing and expanding this project.

STEAM classes/workshops

Chinle Planting Hope partnering with the school district for the "College and Career Academy for Parents and Students" STEAM based curriculum. Culturally adapted. Whole families attend. Kickoff with a gala event. Dinner and snacks at each. 6 weeks in duration. 50 families registered. 40 people at the first event.

The first phase was to get programs in place, staff and volunteers identified and trained. Connections with the schools increased. All this has been accomplished.

A system for initial data collection of numbers of people and events has been established and is improving. The next phase is to create pre-post testing, surveys and identification of data that will identify increased school readiness for the pre-K participants and competency improvements before and after STEAM classes. Improved collection will identify age and gender more clearly.

Continued on next page →

Impact measures

RESULTS TO DATE

Jan – March 2025

Preschool through middle school

3,500 library cards

4,597 visits to library

Children From 13 different schools

8,000 books checked out

Pre K Readiness Activities

3 events / hands on / full morning

March, April, May

80-100 children at each

Literacy Events

(Rotarians participated in a Kick off to Summer Reading in June 2025 as the Global Grant was just getting underway) 50 parents and children attended

Each Friday at Chinle Planting Hope from 2-5 PM

June Reading Kick Off scheduled during Rotary Service Project weekend. (17 different Rotary Clubs and 47 volunteers)

Jan-Mar 2026

Preschool through middle school Literacy Events

40 school visits 6 community events

12 Bookmobile events @Chinle Planting Hope

Additional Outcomes that have stemmed from this Global Grant project:

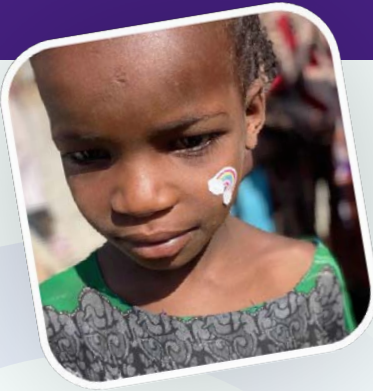
- Chinle Planting Hope reports a greatly enhanced relationship with the school district. The superintendent is seeing the investment of this project and the response by schools, students and parents; and as a result, has created multiple opportunities for collaborative work between Chinle Planting Hope and the schools.
- Chinle Planting Hope will have the ongoing support of the staff of the Tucson Children's Museum even after the museum's training and STEAM curriculum development that was a part of this project.
- The many Rotary Clubs that have now been introduced to the Navajo Nation and the literacy efforts at Chinle are finding additional ways to participate e.g. book drives and sponsoring back to school supplies.
- The Host Club Glenwood Springs Sunset Rotary introduced and sponsored the first 100 students to participate in the Dollywood Book Program which is being managed by Chinle Planting Hope. Enrolled children will receive a book a month for 3 years. Now, a private foundation has stepped in to sponsor another 200 children!
- The Imagination Station Learning Center at the focus of this Global Grant project allowed Chinle Planting Hope to demonstrate the need for community space and books. A private foundation has pledged to build an additional building for a library that will serve children and adults....and supply books for the new library!

Coming in June – Rotary Service Project in partnership with Chinle Planting Hope
Over 45 Rotarians from 17 different rotary clubs in Colorado and Arizona will partner with Chinle Planting Hope for a weekend working on projects and events to promote literacy, install solar lighting, improve a community garden, improve the H.O.P.E. Thrift Store and a variety of other projects.

For more information or how to be involved:

Debbie Wilde, Glenwood Springs Rotary Club debbiewilde@debbiewilde.com / 970-618-0949
Nancy Bo Flood, Glenwood Springs Rotary Club. wflood@hotmail.com / 970-456-7746





Rotary Egg Distribution Spring 2026

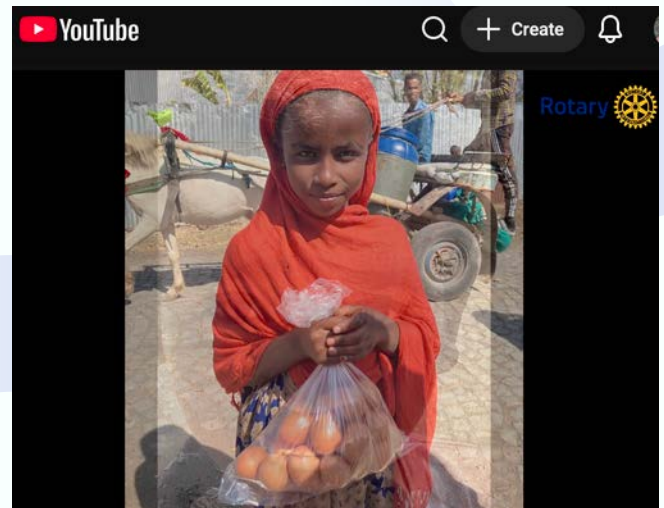
District 5470 Matching Grant
Rotary Club of East Colorado Springs
Rampart Range Rotary Club



What began as a small dream to provide eggs to some of the poorest families in Ethiopia during Fasika, the Ethiopian Easter celebration, has grown into a deeply meaningful humanitarian project impacting countless lives. Over the years, the Ethiopian Rotary Egg Distribution Project has expanded tremendously, helping provide nourishment and hope to families during one of their most important holidays.

The growing need each year has inspired us to continue this work, and it has been incredibly fulfilling to see the difference this project makes in the lives of so many families. We hope our journey encourages others to step forward with ideas and service projects of their own, knowing that even small acts of kindness can grow into something truly life-changing.

We invite anyone touched by this mission to support the project and help continue its impact for future years.



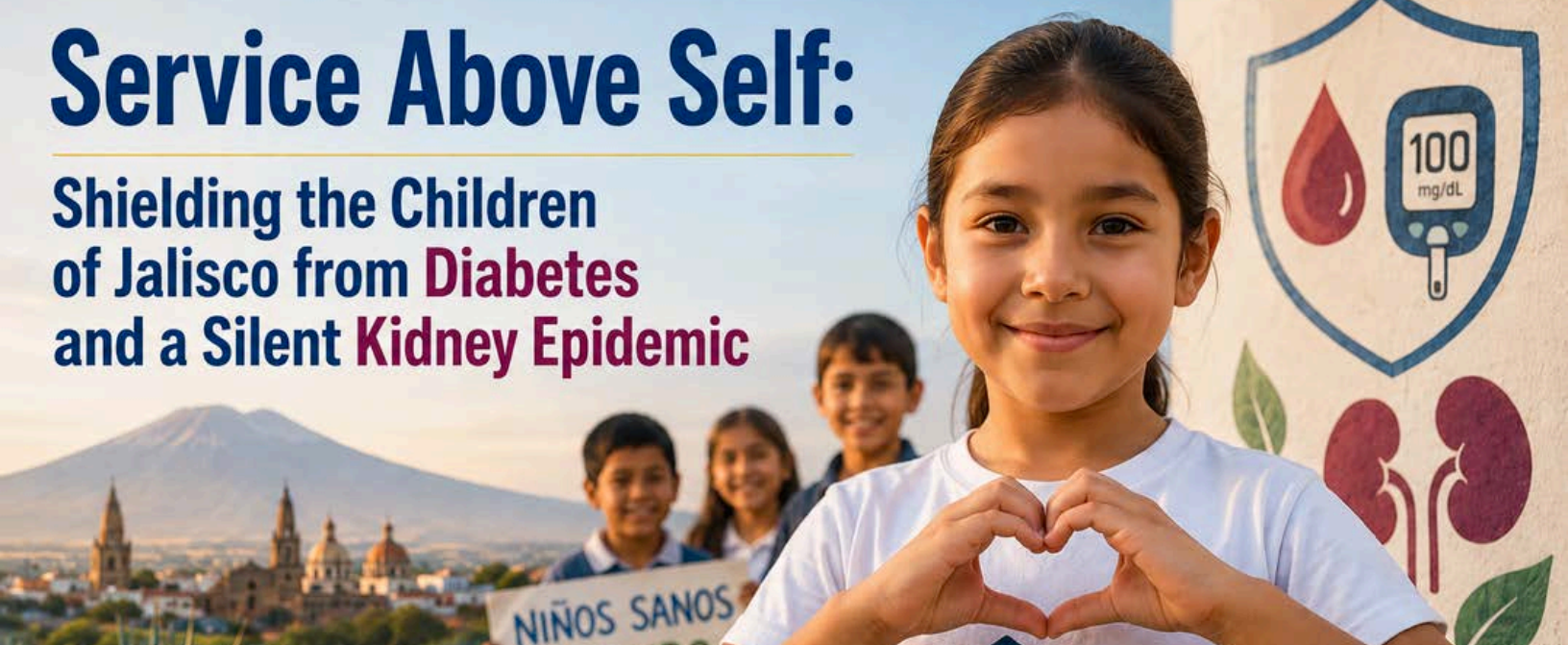
Watch the video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x9nkZLuWNBs>



Service Above Self:

Shielding the Children of Jalisco from Diabetes and a Silent Kidney Epidemic



BY PETER JESCHOFNIC
GLENWOOD SPRINGS SUNSET RC & AJIJIC RC (MEXICO)

Did you know that the state of Jalisco carries one of the highest documented rates of treated End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) in the world? In communities surrounding Lake Chapala, chronic kidney disease (CKD) has become a silent epidemic—often undetected until it reaches a terminal stage.

But behind much of this kidney disease lies a preventable driver: diabetes. Increasingly, children are developing early risk factors for diabetes—placing them on a dangerous path that can lead to kidney failure later in life. Alarming, children as young as five are already showing signs of metabolic risk at rates far exceeding those seen in Europe.

A Rotary Response: Preventing Diabetes to Protect Kidneys

In response, Rotarians around Lake Chapala—working alongside local clubs and dedicated community volunteers—are taking decisive action. In collaboration with the Jalisco Ministry of Education, we are launching a school-based prevention program that targets diabetes at its earliest stages—before it can progress to lifelong disease and kidney damage. Our approach is both practical and transformative.

Early Detection of Diabetes Risk

Students in participating classrooms undergo basic health screenings, including blood glucose checks and monitoring of height and weight. These simple measures help identify early warning signs of diabetes and metabolic syndrome. When detected early, lifestyle changes can dramatically reduce the risk of developing both diabetes and the kidney disease that so often follows.

Continued on next page →

(continued from previous page)

But the testing is only the beginning. The classroom then transforms into an active learning environment. Instead of sitting and looking at paper, the children stand up to play movement-based games that teach them the "5210" strategy. They learn to shout out the goals: 5 servings of fruits and vegetables, 2 hours or less of screen time, 1 hour or more of physical activity, and 0 sugary drinks. These are not abstract guidelines—they are proven tools for preventing diabetes.

Children also explore the "Healthy Plate" model, learning to fill half their meals with colorful plant-based foods. They discuss the risks of sugary drinks and ultra-processed "sometimes foods," which contribute directly to rising childhood diabetes rates.

Most importantly, they learn that water is the healthiest choice—critical in a region where both sugar consumption and environmental toxins increase the risk of diabetes and kidney damage.

From Classroom to Community: Changing the Trajectory

The impact extends beyond the school. Students carry these lessons home, influencing family habits and decisions. Parent committees and educational materials reinforce the message, helping families reduce diabetes risk together.

This initiative is more than a program—it is a protective shield. By preventing diabetes, we are interrupting the pathway that too often leads to kidney failure.

Aligned with National Priorities

Our work supports Mexico's national initiative, "Vive Saludable, Vive Feliz" (Live Healthy, Live Happy), which promotes healthier lifestyles and has recently restricted junk food in schools. These efforts recognize a critical reality: preventing diabetes today is essential to avoiding a future public health crisis.

A Call to Action

We are now finalizing in-person collaboration with Jalisco's educational authorities. With strong backing from Rotary clubs and volunteers, we are transforming schools into centers of prevention—fighting diabetes before it takes hold, and protecting children from its devastating consequences.

This is Rotary's motto—Service Above Self—in action. By preventing diabetes, we are not only protecting kidneys—we are protecting futures.

Join us in extending this effort across borders and generations, one classroom at a time.



BRaille BRICKS BUILD BRIGHTER FUTURES

BY TERRI HOUSE
ROTARY CLUB OF PAGOSA SPRINGS

Never underestimate the power of a determined Rotarian. When it comes to serving others, Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs member Donna Mosher is a true force for good. Her dedication and quiet persistence recently led to a remarkable gift for children halfway around the world.



Months ago, Donna reached out to the LEGO Foundation with a request: could they help provide Braille Bricks for blind students in Niger, where the Pagosa Springs club has a long-standing partnership with the Rotary Club of Niamey? For weeks, she heard nothing back and assumed the request had gone unanswered.

Then one day, two large boxes appeared on her doorstep. Inside were eight complete packs of LEGO Braille Bricks. The surprise didn't end there. Just a week later, a third box arrived, sent without fanfare from LEGO headquarters—a total donation worth \$1,200.

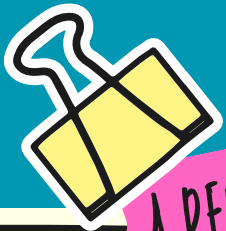
These innovative Braille Bricks are more than toys—they are powerful learning tools. Designed with raised Braille letters on each brick, they help young children with visual impairments learn to read through play. Our sister club in Niamey is eager to share them with visually impaired youth attending a school for the blind their community.

Niger is among the poorest countries in the world, with half its population surviving on less than two dollars a day. Last year, under Donna Mosher's leadership, members of the Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs personally contributed \$1,200 to their sister club in Niger. The funds provided uniforms and specialized supplies for students at the school for the blind, ensuring they had the tools and dignity they needed to learn.

The good news doesn't stop there. Donna also announced that our club has been awarded a District Matching Grant to provide even more educational support to visually impaired students in Niger. The \$3,000 grant, matched by \$3,000 members of the Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs contributed, will fund the purchase and shipment of Braille paper, Braille writing machines, and other vital school supplies. The grant has been sent to Rotary International headquarters in Evanston for final approval.

This effort is a shining example of how a single Rotarian's vision—and willingness to simply ask—can create ripples of hope and opportunity across the globe.

One Rotarian's persistence is making a world of difference—literally.



A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

PP PENNY KELLY
Rotary Club of
East Colorado Springs



The Rotary organization was founded on a dream of getting a few business leaders together, supporting one another and making a difference in their community. It has now grown into an international organization that has impacted millions world-wide. Dreamed it – *Did it*.

The Rotary Club of East Colorado Springs recognizes an outstanding Colorado Springs police officer and El Paso County Deputy each month. The recounting of their experiences of protecting, defending and putting their lives on the line daily is consistently sobering. The stories of their lives and why they unselfishly serve often began with a dream to serve and protect, a call on their lives that they couldn't ignore. They dreamed, said yes and now protect us 24/7. Certainly not for the immense compensation but because their hearts care for the communities where they live. Countless lives have been saved through many different avenues of serving. They didn't just dream it...they *DID IT*!

Our club also just finished our 8th year of giving eggs to the poorest of families in rural Ethiopia for Easter. Families who would not have a traditional Easter dinner for their families without us seeing the need and filling the egg gap. This project began as a dream. The first year we gave 4,000 eggs, we thought that was a big deal! Fast forward, this year the dream has evolved into giving 100,000, yes, 100,000 eggs to the poorest in remote villages in Ethiopia. The immense need, their starving bodies, the gratitude in their eyes, their words, their hugs and tears are satisfying and very sobering. We dreamed it...we *DID IT!!!*

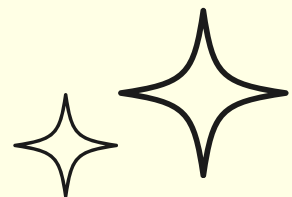
Look what 3 dreams, not just dreamed but dreamed and acted on have turned into. The lives that have been impacted from DREAMING and DOING.

What is your dream? Think you are too old, not smart enough, don't have the means, might fail, too much work...so many excuses to keep you stuck from making a major impact that only you can develop.

All of the "what If's" are possibilities BUT what if you stepped out into your dream with a small step? Small steps taken can become giant accomplishments, impacting individuals, families, communities, cities, states, countries, the world!
Stop thinking about it. *DREAM IT – DO IT!*

Penny Kelly, PP

Rotary Club of East Colorado Springs





Rotary receives \$160,000 for science education in West Africa

By David Smith
Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs

The Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs has just received grants from The Rotary Foundation totaling \$160,000 to support science education at the high school level in Niger and Togo.

The long-term goal of these projects is to prepare students for careers that require a solid foundation in science. These projects will improve the critical thinking skills of all students and contribute to national wealth by increasing the scientific skills of the workforce.



The Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs has just received grants from The Rotary Foundation totaling \$160,000 to support science education at the high school level in Niger and Togo.

The long-term goal of these projects is to prepare students for careers that require a solid foundation in science. These projects will improve the critical thinking skills of all students and contribute to national wealth by increasing the scientific skills of the workforce.

Niger and Togo are among the poorest countries in Africa. Nearly 50 percent of the population in Niger lives on about two dollars a day. The northern area of Togo, where this project will take place, has a similar poverty rate.

Economic development in these countries requires a workforce trained in medicine, engineering, agriculture and other science-based disciplines. Although biology, chemistry and physics are currently taught in the high schools, they focus on theory. Laboratory experiments as we know them are not available. Without lab experiments, students do not connect the theory with the application of science. Continued on next page →

(continued from previous page)

Although these countries have a rigorous science curriculum, they have no lab manuals. They have no equipment or materials to perform experiments. The science teachers understand theory, but they have no experience with the application of science.

These grants will provide lab manuals, supplies and teacher training in 15 schools in Niger and 23 schools in Togo. Approximately 140 science teachers will be trained to perform the experiments. The lab manuals are written in French, the primary language of both countries, and align with the science curriculum used in both countries.

Projects funded by The Rotary Foundation have two lead partners. The Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs, the International Partner for these projects, is responsible for funding the project, for developing the lab manuals, buying many of the supplies and leading the teacher training workshops. The Host Club Partners in Niger and Togo will manage the projects in their countries. They know the needs of their countries. They know the cultures. They know how to align our efforts with the goals of the Ministries of Education.

Most of the funding for these projects is available because many of the 1.2 million Rotarians around the world have donated to The Rotary Foundation. Additional funding comes from the Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs and Rotary clubs in California, Taiwan, Belgium, Canada and Austria. Support from these highly developed countries will help to reduce the gap between underdeveloped and highly developed countries.

The Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs is proud to support education and community initiatives both locally and internationally. To learn more about our projects, programs, and how to get involved, visit our website at www.pagosaspringsrotary.org. Together, we can make a lasting impact in our community and around the world.



D.5470 CONTINUES THE FIGHT AGAINST MALARIA FROM ALL FRONTS

DAN PERLMAN- ASPEN ROTARY



Carbondale Rotary is the International Sponsor Club for a large Malaria Project called WAKAM2 Global Grant. This project is a scale up of WAKAM, where Aspen Rotary began the work towards malaria elimination several years ago. WAKAM stands for Western Alliance of Kenya Against Malaria. Currently WAKAM aims to reduce malaria morbidity and mortality across 5 high-burden sub-counties through an integrated, community-driven approach. The grant will significantly strengthen Community Health Promoter capacity:

- Training, supervision, and provision of diagnostic tools and essential medicines
- Implement targeted vector control and environmental management for mosquitos
- Improve early diagnosis and prompt treatment at community level, thus increasing healthcare access in remote areas
- Promote sustained behavioral change and use of preventive measures such as insecticide-treated bed nets
- Deepen partnerships with County Governments to ensure sustainability, accountability, and measurable reductions—particularly among children under five, pregnant women, and in flood-prone, hard-to-reach communities

The original WAKAM grant was supported by most of the clubs in our district. I am happy to come to your club or zoom to familiarize your club with this important proposal.

WE ARE HOPING TO GET ALL 54 CLUBS TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THIS DEVELOPING GLOBAL GRANT. Please email dperlman1@mac.com to confirm your contribution.

Taipei Here We Come

Dan Perlman from Carbondale is the Chair of Rotarians Against Malaria-Global Rotary Action Group (RAM-Global). Along with his wife Bryna, they will be hosting a booth at the House of Friendship in TAIPEI, TAIWAN; please stop by booth #358 (or volunteer at our booth; info at RAM-Global.org : May newsletter has the sign up link too).

EDUCATION ON MALARIA- 12 speakers will teach Rotarians about Malaria over the week in Taipei. The SCHEDULE and TOPICS will be at the speaker hub next to our booth, and can also be found on our website (RAM-Global.org).

Please consider helping to RAISE FUNDS for the Community Health Workers (CHWs) to obtain bicycles. Bikes4Bikes is a District wide event, and gives bikes to CHWs who otherwise would walk from village to village, to deliver critical healthcare. The efforts required, including biking event specifics, can be accessed through Tim Whitsitt: tim@whitsittlawoffice.com.

This “save our souls” grassroots effort raises funds sent to Rotary Clubs in Africa, directed through the account of RAM-Global. Thank you.

RAINWATER HARVESTING Tank Project

KENYA

*Clean Water. Bright Futures.
Stronger Communities.*

With your support, we're turning
rainfall into opportunity for children
and communities across Kenya.



THIS PROJECT ALIGNS WITH
ROTARY'S **AREAS OF FOCUS:**



WATER, SANITATION
AND HYGIENE (WASH)



BASIC EDUCATION
AND LITERACY



COMMUNITY ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT

THIS INITIATIVE ADDRESSES **SEASONAL
RAINFALL PATTERNS** WHERE WATER IS
AVAILABLE BUT UNDERUTILIZED DUE TO
LIMITED STORAGE INFRASTRUCTURE.
**BY INSTALLING LOCALLY MAINTAINABLE
TANK SYSTEMS, THE PROJECT SUPPORTS:**



IMPROVED
HYGIENE
PRACTICES



REDUCED TIME
SPENT COLLECTING
WATER



INCREASED
SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE

A PROVEN SUCCESS!

- On February 12, the Angayu School in Chekalini, Kenya celebrated the installation of the rainwater tank.
- This first \$700 tank serves 517 children—just \$1.35 per child and family.
- The success of this first installation inspires us to bring this life-changing solution to more schools and communities in Chekalini, Nairobi, and Mombasa.



Be Part of the Impact!

Your club or individual contribution can help
provide clean water, better health, and brighter
futures for children and families.



**SPONSOR A FULL TANK
OR CONTRIBUTE TOWARD
A PARTIAL TANK.**

Every drop you help capture creates ripples
of hope for generations to come.



How to Partner With Us

Tri-Lakes Dynamic Rotary Club



ATTN: International Committee
PO Box 545, 3rd Street #13
Monument, CO 80132

International Committee:



Robert Andzik | randzik@gmail.com



Russell Chun | russell.chun2@gmail.com

(682) 215-3397



SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS. LASTING IMPACT.

Thank you for making a difference!

Tri-Lakes Dynamic
Rotary
Club



Donate/Sponsor HERE

OUR GIVING LINK QR CODE OR
[HTTPS://TLROTARY.COM/DONATE/TLDRC-KENYA-
RAIN-WATER-HARVESTING-TANK-PROJECT-2026/](https://tlrotary.com/donate/tldrc-kenya-rain-water-harvesting-tank-project-2026/)



USEFUL ROTARY RESOURCES ON GLOBAL GRANTS

Compiled by PDG Chehab Elawar, Rotary Club of Las Vegas WON

"Kindness is not an act, but a lifestyle."

How To Find Partners And Funds

<https://www.matchinggrants.org/>

Regional grant coordinators

<http://msgfocus.rotary.org/c/12kRRsDf7Me8FlnzWrvyKUCNvimO>

Cadre – Technical Advisers

<https://my.rotary.org/en/take-action/apply-grants/cadre-technical-advisers>

Give to the foundation Donate | Rotary International

<https://www.rotary.org/en/donate>

Charitable Remaining Trust

<https://rotary.planmygift.org/charitable-remainder-trusts>

Disaster fund application

<http://msgfocus.rotary.org/c/1pteO9SscGf8IbuIMYMvR3I7Wh>

Google sheet for global grant partners

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1UP2yBWmNAHglSrzd6dO_dypaq5YVgJhACsjJ2Rewo49E/edit#gid=0

To join WhatsApp Global Grant Partners (only if you are serious about global grants)

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Cwqvm79MleB59aI7WEHoQU>

Raise funds with Rotary

<https://raise.rotary.org/>

Rotary Showcase

https://map.rotary.org/en/project/pages/project_showcase.aspx

Rotary Public Relations

<https://my.rotary.org/en/learning-reference/learn-topic/public-relations>

Action Groups projects WhatsApp

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/J9MeDruh0IkBoaBo7Vo7p>

ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE

NEW FRIENDS AWAIT IN EVERY CORNER OF THE WORLD.

BENEFITS OF AN EXCHANGE:

Rotary



[rotary.org/en/our-programs/
friendship-exchange](https://rotary.org/en/our-programs/friendship-exchange)

BENEFITS OF AN EXCHANGE

- Broaden international understanding
- Explore a profession or job in a different context
- Build enduring friendships
- Establish a foundation for peace and service
- Gain opportunities for active project involvement and support
- Learn about a region's people, food, languages, customs, and history
- Find partners for grants

From: <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/friendship-exchange>



Friends + Exchange

Friendship Exchange is an international exchange program for Rotarians to exchange being hosts with each other. You can participate as a family, individual, or group whether you're a Rotary member or not.

Types of exchanges:

Vocational: Participate in help with fixing, repairing, building, medical, and various aspects of helping out.

Culture: Meet with the locals and leaders.

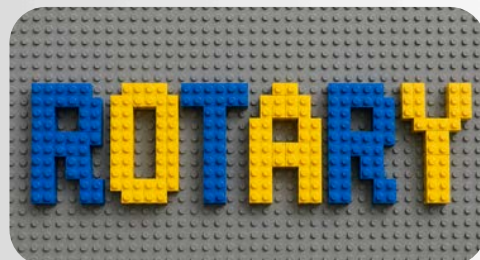
Fellowship: Enjoy music, food, dance, culture, etc

For more info:

<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/friendship-exchange>

District 5470 Int'l Newsletter #50 Crossword

[OR USE DIGITAL VERSION LINK HERE](#)



Across

2. The powerful trait behind surprise LEGO donation
4. The colorful guide to smarter eating habits
5. The volunteers creating impact across the globe
6. Where Rotary's global ideas come alive over coffee
7. The wheels helping health workers save lives
8. The international city welcoming malaria advocates
14. Ethiopia's joyful Easter celebration
16. The learning center bringing hope to Navajo youth
18. The African city partnering with Pagosa Springs Rotary
19. Penny Kelly's inspiring call to action

Down

1. The Rotary adventure connecting cultures and people
3. The Mexican state fighting a silent health crisis
9. The rolling library delivering stories and smiles
10. The country receiving 100,000 Easter eggs
11. The reading system opening doors for blind students
12. The malaria alliance protecting Kenyan communities
13. The West African country boosting science education
15. The deadly disease Rotary is determined to defeat
17. The curriculum mixing science creativity and innovation

Word Bank

Bicycles • Bistro • Bookmobile • Braille • Dreamit • Ethiopia • Fasika • FriendshipExchange • HealthyPlate • ImaginationStation • Jalisco • Malaria • Niamey • Persistence • Rotarians • STEAM • Taipei • Togo • WAKAM

What happens when thousands of Rotarians gather in a vibrant city filled with culture and innovation? Answer: #Rotary26 in Taipei.

<https://convention.rotary.org/>

**ROTARY
INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION**

TAIPEI, TAIWAN | 13-17 JUNE 2026

Rotary   **TAIPEI
2026** **#Rotary26**

What the Rotary District 5470 International Service Committee does:

- Encourages us to expand our definition of community
- Educates and nurtures Rotarians and clubs working in the Seven Areas of Focus
- Connects clubs
- Builds relationships
- Educates, assists and may help finance clubs' international project development and fulfillment efforts

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

Write an international project article submission for the International Service Newsletter? What do you need to Include?

Share your club's international projects , recipes, Rotarian travels, and interests with us.

We want to know what YOUR club is doing. **You can start adding them today.**

1. Club Name and website
2. Name of who wrote the article
3. Name of your project or Item you're submitting
4. Your Article in PDF/Word format (PDF preferred)
5. Photos/images (Person who took photos if possible). Photos within the article are good or attached to the email.
6. Video website address/URLs if you want to include those.
7. Submit via Google Forms (Preferable please) with this link:
<https://forms.gle/5qsuZQBxPdFEDvb39> OR if you can't, then
Email: maryameatond5470rotary@gmail.com with subject: Int'l Newsletter #51



*Next
Due Date:*
August 20, 2026