

March 2020



Rotary

MARCH IS WATER, SANITATION, & HYGIENE MONTH



HELLO FELLOW ROTARIANS!

Welcome March!



It is hard to believe another month has gone by in this Rotary year. So many activities and events still happening in our great district. March is the month our club President-elects attend All-Ohio PETS to receive their training for their Rotary year. I look forward to welcoming them on their journey!

The Rotary theme for March is Water and Sanitation. I am including some articles I found which explain why this is still a major concern in the world. I hope you will take the time to read these.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Carolyn

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WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

The benefits of having access to an improved drinking water source can only be fully realised when there is also access to improved sanitation and adherence to good hygiene practices. Beyond the immediate, obvious advantages of people being hydrated and healthier, access to water, sanitation and hygiene – known collectively as WASH – has profound wider socio-economic impacts, particularly for women and girls.

The fact that WASH is the subject of dedicated targets within the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 6) is testament to its fundamental role in public health and therefore in the future of sustainable development. Indeed, access to safe water and sanitation are human rights, as recognised in 2010 by the United Nations General Assembly. For universal fulfilment of these rights to become reality, we will need the right systems: well-resourced, capable institutions delivering services and changing behaviour in resilient and appropriate ways.

Current situation

Today, 2.1 billion people lack access to safely managed drinking water services and 4.5 billion people lack safely managed sanitation services. Unsafe hygiene practices are widespread, compounding the effects on people's health. The impact on child mortality rates is devastating with more than 340 000 children under five who die annually from diarrhoeal diseases due to poor sanitation, poor hygiene, or unsafe drinking water – that is almost 1000 per day.

Water

A person without access to improved drinking water – for example from a protected borehole well or municipal piped supply for instance – is forced to rely on sources such as surface water, unprotected and possibly contaminated wells, or vendors selling water of unverifiable provenance and quality. For many communities, water sources are usually far from their homes, and it typically falls to women and girls to spend much of their time and energy fetching water, a task which often exposes them to attack from men and even wild animals.

Sanitation

Without improved sanitation – a facility that safely separates human waste from human contact – people have no choice but to use inadequate communal latrines or to practise open defecation. For women and girls, finding a place to go to the toilet outside, often having to wait until the cover of darkness, can leave them vulnerable to abuse and sexual assault.

In the immediate environment, exposed faecal matter will be transferred back into people's food and water resources, helping to spread serious diseases such as cholera. Beyond the community, the lack of effective waste disposal or sewerage systems can contaminate ecosystems and contribute to disease pandemics.

Hygiene

In some parts of the world there is little or no awareness of good hygiene practices and their role in reducing the spread of disease. However, it is often the case that even when people do have knowledge of good hygiene behaviour, they lack the soap, safe water and washing facilities they need to make positive changes to protect themselves and their community.

WASH and livelihoods

The disease and time burden associated with lack of access to WASH prevents many adults from earning a living or fulfilling their potential in the professional arena. Not only could access to WASH free up adults, particularly women, to do more productive activities, the establishment and maintenance of WASH services would create associated employment.

Indeed, access to WASH will help drive progress towards the SDGs concerned with poverty, work and economic growth, not least because it will help achieve gender equity. It is women and girls who bear the burden of collecting water and caring for relatives made sick by lack of WASH, and who often miss out on education due to the domestic roles assigned to them. Lack of WASH exacerbates the marginalisation of females by locking them into a cycle of poverty and drudgery, with wider consequences for society and national economies.

WASH and education

School and childhood should go hand in hand, but many children in low-income communities with no access to WASH are unable to attend class because they are sick with a diarrhoeal disease or, particularly in the case of girls in rural areas, because they have to spend large parts of each day fetching water for their family.

For children who are in school, the situation may be no better than at home: globally, around a third of schools have no safe water supply or adequate sanitation, leaving children dehydrated and less able to concentrate, and forcing pupils to use inadequate latrines or go to the toilet outside in the school grounds.



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For adolescent girls, the presence of a safe water supply and clean, functioning, private toilet facilities can be the difference between dropping out and getting an education. Furthermore, hygiene education at school can begin a lifetime of better health for all children.

WASH and health

The impact of universal access to WASH on global health would be profound. There is the potential to save the lives of the 840,000 people who currently die every year from diseases directly caused by unsafe water, inadequate sanitation and poor hygiene practices, and we could also drastically reduce child malnourishment, and help alleviate physical and mental under- development. Today, 50% of child malnutrition is associated with unsafe water, inadequate sanitation and poor hygiene. Women and girls would have the facilities and knowledge to be able to manage their menstrual cycles in safety and dignity. Similarly, during pregnancy, childbirth, and post-natal care, medical staff, expectant mothers and their families will be better equipped to ensure newborn children are given the safest and healthiest possible start in life.

FACTS AND FIGURES

- Today 71% of the global population (5.2 billion people) use a safely managed drinking water service; that is, one located on premises, available when needed and free from contamination. 1 out of 3 of these people (1.9 billion people) live in rural areas.(WHO/UNICEF 2017)
- 89% of the global population (6.5 billion people) used at least a basic service; that is, an improved source within 30 minutes' round trip to collect water. (WHO/ UNICEF 2017)
- 263 million people spent over 30 minutes per round trip to collect water from an improved source. (WHO/UNICEF 2017)
- 1.8 billion people use a source of drinking water contaminated with faeces, putting them at risk of contracting cholera, dysentery, typhoid and polio. (WHO/UNICEF 2015)
- More than 340 000 children under ve who die annually from diarrhoeal diseases due to poor sanitation, poor hygiene, or unsafe drinking water. (WHO/UNICEF 2015)
- 39% of the global population (2.9 billion people) use a safely managed sanitation service; that is, excreta

safely disposed of in situ or treated off-site. 2 out of 5 of these people (1.2 billion people) live in rural areas. (WHO/UNICEF 2017)

- 68% of the global population (5.0 billion people) use at least a basic sanitation service. (WHO/UNICEF 2017)
- 159 million people still use surface water, and two thirds live in sub-Saharan Africa (WHO/UNICEF 2015)
- 892 million people worldwide still practised open defecation.(WHO/UNICEF 2017)
- 842,000 people die every year from diseases caused by unsafe water, inadequate sanitation and hygiene. (WHO 2012)
- 50% of child malnutrition is associated with unsafe water, inadequate sanitation and poor hygiene. (WHO 2008)
- Loss of productivity to water- and sanitation-related diseases costs many countries up to 5% of GDP. (WHO 2012)
- Hygiene promotion is the most cost effective health intervention. (World Bank 2016)
- Universal access to safe drinking water and adequate sanitation and hygiene would reduce the global disease burden by 10%. (WHO 2012)
- For every \$1 invested in water and sanitation, an average of at least \$4 is returned in increased productivity. (Sanitation returns \$5.50 from \$1 and water returns \$2 from \$1). (WHO 2012)armony among your team!



THINK ABOUT GOING ON A POLIO IMMUNIZATION TRIP IT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE!

On January 19th and January 20th, Lee Peters, member of the Ashland, Ohio Rotary Club and the District Polio Chair and his wife Dawn administered Polio drops to children in Mewat, a Muslim community south of Dehli. Day one we worked a health station where children came to us. On day two, we traveled door to door to get children who had not come to the clinics.



Dawn Peters (Lee's wife on right) with Emily Osborn (president of Liberty Lake Washington Club) with a traditional hookah.



Jaipur Foot Factory – This man arrived at 11:00 am and walked out about 4:00 pm – 25,000 limbs are produced each year.



Lee Peters administering life saving drops to prevent Polio!

In addition, we visited the Jaipur Foot Factory where they make artificial legs and a post polio clinic in Dehli (pictures next month).



FOUR-WAY TEST ESSAY CONTEST

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Esther Baldrige

It is time to begin talking with your middle school English teachers about the Four-Way Test Essay Contest. This contest is for 7th and 8th graders. (The speech contest is for high school students) Your club winning essay(s) are due March 20, 2020. Your club will need to have time prior to that to judge your local essays in order to select a winner to move on to the District level. The District winner will present at the District Conference on May 2 at Maumee Bay State Park. The first place winner will receive \$300 from the District, 2nd Place \$200 and 3rd Place \$100. We hope all clubs will join into this opportunity to introduce your 7th and 8th graders to the importance of the Four-Way Test. For questions, email Esther Baldrige, esther.baldrige@gmail.com. Winning essays are also submitted to Esther.

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RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ROTARY CLUB

1. Agree to sponsor the contest.
2. Identify and contact the lead English teacher for the seventh and eighth grade class(es).
3. Review the contest rules on the District website: www.rotarydistrict6600.org.
4. Appoint a committee to evaluate the best essays submitted by the teachers from each school. (Judges can include future Rotarians)
5. Select the Club winner(s) and submit the first-place essay(s) to the District office by March 20, 2020. If the local club chooses to award a first-place award to each participating school, all "first-place" essays may be submitted to the District level. If your club only awards one first-place award, then only one essay may be submitted to the District. The coversheet must be submitted as a PDF. The essay may be submitted as a PDF or Word document.
6. Recognize the Club winners, parents and teacher(s) and award certificates/prizes.
7. Host the local winner at the District Conference along with the family and teacher.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ROTARY DISTRICT

1. Display rules for the contest on the District website.
2. Provide cash awards for the District winners.
3. Appoint a committee to evaluate the winning essays submitted by the Clubs and select the District winners. (Blind contest)
4. Invite the winners, their parents, and teachers to the District Conference May 2, 2020 at Maumee Bay State Park in Oregon Ohio where prizes will be awarded to the top three students and the winner will present the winning essay.

SOME SPECIFICS

CONCERNING THE CONTEST

- Original & personal work of the student. (7th and 8th grade students only, signed pledge required)
- Approximately 1,000 words in length.
- No graphics or highlighted text.
- Must be available to be published in the press.
- Must be approved by the student's parents.
- Critical dates established and followed by all concerned for the conduct of the contest.
- Initial screening of nominated essays is performed by the local school English department faculty. The most competitive essays are then given to the sponsoring Rotary Club for final evaluation. (Local club determines the number they will receive from each school.)
- A committee of the sponsoring Rotary Club evaluates the essays in accordance with an established Evaluation Guide. (copy attached)
- Finalists, parents, and teachers are recognized at a sponsoring Rotary Club function and awards presented.
- Media release, with photo(s), submitted to local press.
- The winning essay from each Club is forwarded to the District Office by March 20, 2020.

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Upcoming District Events

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THESE AND OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS.

District 6600 President-Elect Training Seminar

Friday and Saturday – March 13-14, 2020,
Renaissance Columbus Downtown Hotel



2020 District Conference

Friday & Saturday, May 7-8, 2020

Friday 8AM - Saturday 10AM

Maumee Bay State Park

1400 State Park Rd, Oregon, OH 43616

District Assembly

Saturday May 30, 2020 08:00 AM

2:00 PM Penta-Center Center

9301 Buck Rd, Perrysburg, OH 43551

Rotary International Conference

June 6-10, 2020 <https://rotaryhonolulu2020.org/>

NEW DATE!

District Governor

Keith Hodkinson Installation

Friday, August 14, 2020 • 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

<https://www.hancockhotel.com/>



Youth Exchange Program

Outbound Orientation

Otterbein Ohio-Erie Multidistrict

July 10-11-12, 2020

Friday July 10, 2020 4PM –

Sunday July 12, 2020 11:30AM

Otterbein University

1 South Grove Street • Westerville, OH 43081



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3RD ANNUAL
WAUSEON ROTARY CLUB
FEATURING COOL2DUEL

DUELING PIANOS & REVERSE RAFFLE

MARCH 28, 2020

DOORS 4:30PM • DINNER 5:00PM • DRAWING 6:00PM

St. Caspar Church - 1205 N. Shoop Ave., Wauseon, OH

Tickets \$60 dinner and all beverages included

1st Place \$3000 2nd Place \$1500 3rd Place \$500

For Tickets and more information contact 419-583-9589

All proceeds benefit projects of the Wauseon Rotary Club

Must be 21 or older to enter

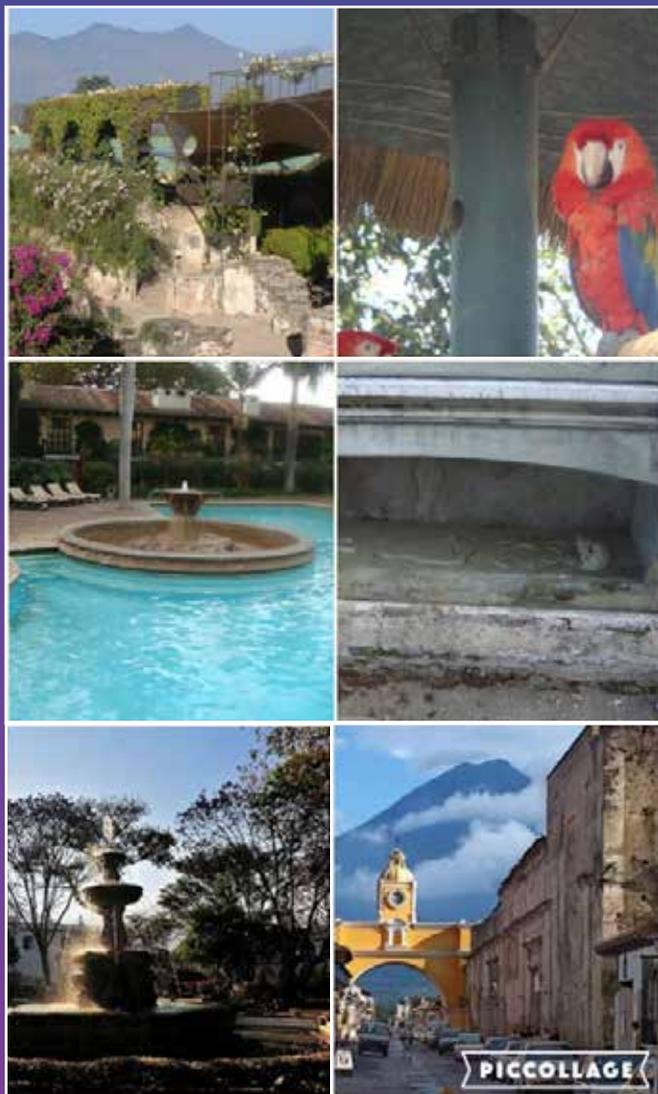
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International Service • Uniendo 2020 Antigua, Guatemala

The recently concluded project fair in Antigua was a great success for those attending to meet old friends and new ones. Over 275 different clubs from the US and Canada were represented. From Central America there were 53 different clubs represented. District 6600 had 9 people attend.



The primary focus was on the current WASH program from TRF, as well as helping children. More information on the WASH Program can be found at: <https://my.rotary.org/en/search/all/WASH>

We were privileged to have presentations from D4250 on GG development, TRF on Community Assessment and from D6600 on a Completed GG 1524842 from Lima Rotary. The recently completed project of Sanitation in the Merendon Mountains GG1524842 was feted as an example of excellent communication and use of funds to eliminate outside defecation, improve hygiene, as well as improving the environment. The process used was the result of research from TRF, sanitary engineering, cooperation from the local schoolteachers, and "promoters" from among the local people, as well as training assistance from PWW. The sustainability factor was greatly improved because of the promoter's being local. This project was not accepted at first but as clubs in San Pedro Sula saw the results, they became inspired to take on the whole city of San Pedro Sula, all 54 school districts. Usula and Lima Rotary's success with this project has been written up in several of the Latin versions of The Rotarian and presented at different forums.

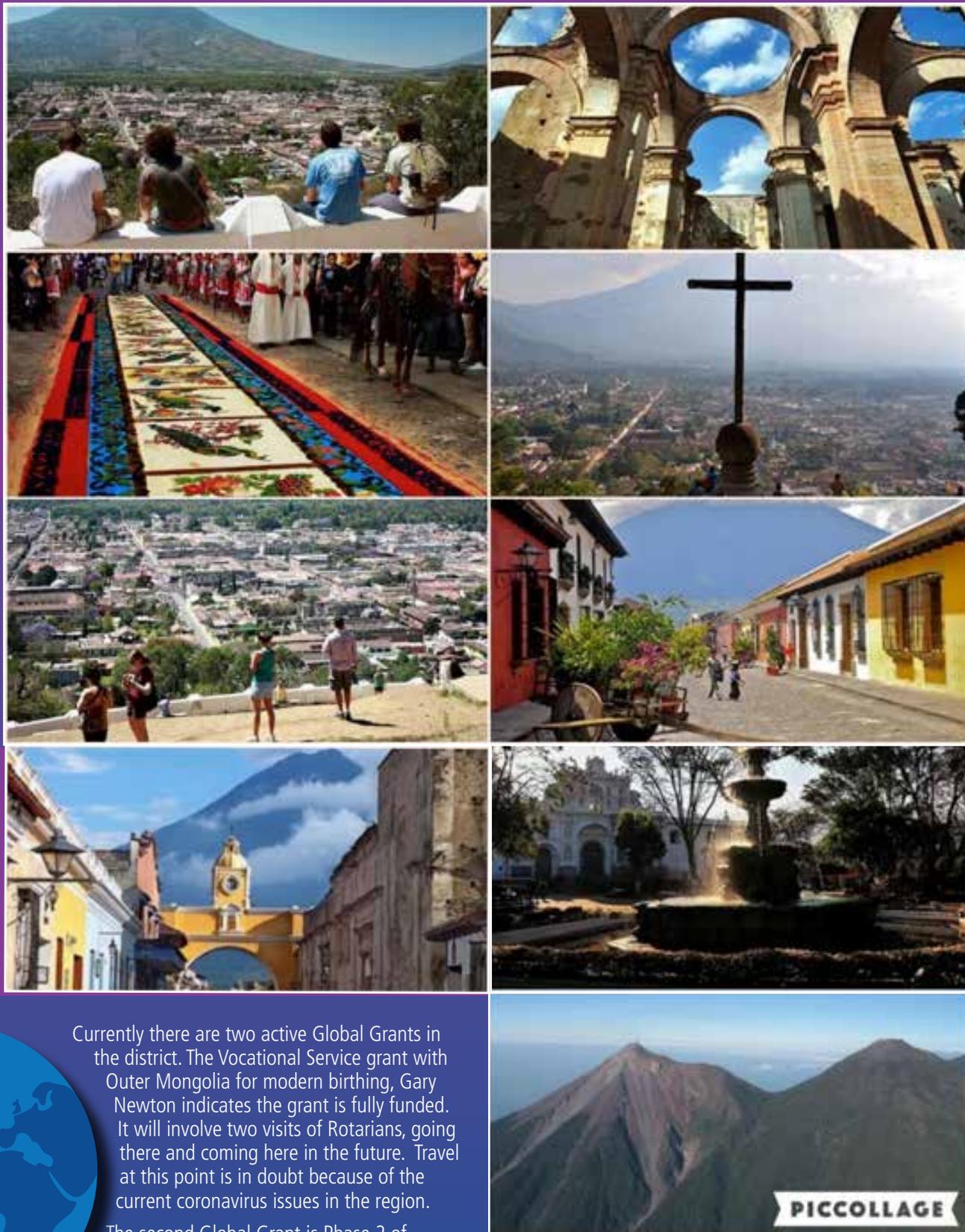
Uniendo took place in a group of buildings which were first constructed in the 1500's AD by Monks. Today it is a modern Hotel called the Santo Domingo. The pictures show inside Uniendo, and a surprise during lunch of a volcano erupting. Other photos will give you an idea of what the city of Antigua looks like and the interior of the Santo Domingo Hotel.



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International Service • Uniendo 2020 Antigua, Guatemala (continued)



Currently there are two active Global Grants in the district. The Vocational Service grant with Outer Mongolia for modern birthing, Gary Newton indicates the grant is fully funded. It will involve two visits of Rotarians, going there and coming here in the future. Travel at this point is in doubt because of the current coronavirus issues in the region.

The second Global Grant is Phase 2 of Sanitation Improvement in the Merendon Mountains of Honduras. GG2098718 is for \$300,000. Currently this grant is funded at \$81,000. Clubs who would like to partner on this grant should call Bob at 419 233 3343 for more information or to pledge funding.




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TOASTMASTERS ALLIANCE

As Rotarians and Rotaractors, you joined Rotary to make a difference and connect with others in your communities.

To help you achieve your personal and professional goals, Rotary International is working with Toastmasters International to provide opportunities to grow your networks, your leadership and communication skills, and your impact within the community.

This alliance with Toastmasters is different from Rotary International's relationships with other organizations: It enhances your membership experience through professional development opportunities and making connections beyond your club.

What is Toastmasters?

Toastmasters International is a nonprofit, educational organization with more than 16,800 clubs in 143 countries. Since 1924, it has helped its members become more effective speakers, communicators, and leaders through a worldwide network of clubs, much like Rotary.

How can you and your club get involved?

It's easy for Rotarians and Rotaractors to engage:

- [Find a Toastmasters club](#) near you and arrange a visit.
- Welcome Toastmasters members to your club so they can learn more about Rotary and Rotaract.
- Invite a Toastmasters member to be a guest speaker at your meeting or to participate in an upcoming service project.
- Explore ways to work with your local Toastmasters club.

- Raise awareness about this alliance by sharing the news with your club and Toastmaster clubs that may not be aware that we are working together.
- Take the Toastmasters-developed communication and leadership courses in the Learning Center (coming soon!):
 - Speech development
 - Speech delivery
 - Inspirational speech
 - Interpersonal communication
 - Leadership basics
 - Leading a team
 - Leadership: Collaboration
 - Inclusive leadership

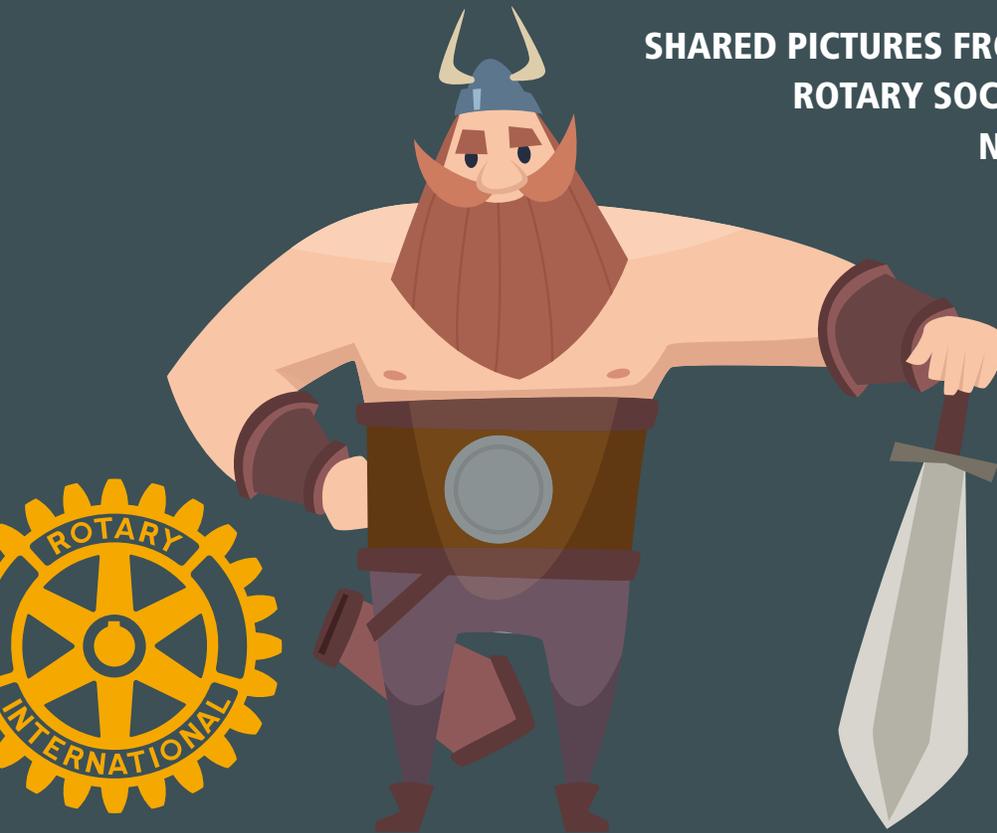
Resources

- Visit toastmasters.org
- Find answers to [frequently asked questions](#) about the alliance.
- Learn [what happens at a Toastmasters meeting](#).
- Find a Toastmasters club near you.
- [Send us](#) your questions.
- [Send us](#) your stories about how you're working with your local Toastmasters club. These could be featured in upcoming Rotary communications.
- Visit the Learning Center's professional development catalog to find other courses to help you develop new skills.



VERMILION ROTARY CLUB

SHARED PICTURES FROM OUR ROTARY SOCIAL TOURNT0 NOBLE AXES IN SANDUSKY



There were 8 people who joined us, some Rotarians, some non who joined in the fun.

We harnessed our inner Viking and had a blast throwing axes while embracing the 5th question on the 4-way test...is it fun?

Our club is embracing this last aspect of having fun to engage the community, connect in casual settings, and hopefully attract new people as well. In fact, one of the guests last indicated that she would like to start attending our Tuesday evening version of Rotary.



MESA MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES ABROAD

These photos of the clinics represent typical issues found at San Carlos Clinic, in the first one a 15-year-old girl has just given birth, the second and third photos show you the dated equipment. The last photo is the nurse who runs the clinic. She maintains an herb garden because of the shortage of medicine.



Recently Bob Ruehl and Carolyn Huston returned from Quetzaltenango, Guatemala where we vetted 3 different clinics in the highlands, outside the city. These very rural clinics in San Carlos Sija, Cabrican, and Cajola, are all run by nurses. These clinics represent opportunities for MESA to help communities in delivering medical care. We were accompanied by Rotary members from the local club. In vetting the clinics MESA has two objectives which are delivering much needed equipment and getting the local Rotarians involved with the needs of clinics in their geographic area. Most of the equipment which we viewed was dated and or broken. These clinics have no heating or cooling, at 8500" it can get quite cold as we learned. We found that there are about 17 different ethnicities throughout Guatemala, the primary language spoken is Mayan of many different dialects, with Spanish being the minority language.

Andy Bone recently returned from St Vincent Trinidad where he vetted the clinic there. The government has indicated that they will ship MESA goods from Miami, Florida to St Vincent.

THE MESA BIKE RIDE WILL TAKE PLACE IN SEPTEMBER 2020.

A change has been made to Bike ride to accommodate scheduling issues throughout the district. Kickoff will be in Ottawa. The tour will begin on

September 12th through the 17th.



MESA MINUTE FROM ANDY BONE

*Spring is in the air!
And MESA
is blooming!*

— GO TO OUR NEW WEBSITE www.rotarymesa.org (Not quite ready yet)

- One stop shop for clubs, bike rides, events and more.
- WE NEED CLUBS HELP to volunteer to sort small donations at the warehouse. GO TO WEBSITE AND CLICK THE CALENDAR TO SCHEDULE THE TIME AND DATE. How easy is that! We need 4-10 people for 4 hours...to work like a herd of turtles. Bring your banner and take pics.
- Want to participate in or donate to a MESA bike ride. GO TO THE WEBSITE AND CLICK ON IT...there a theme here.
- Coming soon to a club near you...a fresh new MESA presentation for clubs.
- Follow us on Facebook....at Rotary MESA District 6600 or GO TO THE WEBSITE AND CLICK ON FACEBOOK TAB



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ROTARY CONNECTS
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WHO WE ARE

Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Solving real problems takes real commitment and vision. For more than 110 years, Rotary's people of action have used their passion, energy, and intelligence to take action on sustainable projects. From literacy and peace to water and health, we are always working to better our world, and we stay committed to the end.

WHAT WE DO

Rotary members believe that we have a shared responsibility to take action on our world's most persistent issues. Our 35,000+ clubs work together to:

- **Promote peace**
- **Fight disease**
- **Provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene**
- **Save mothers and children**
- **Support education**
- **Grow local economies**

OUR MISSION

We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.



HOW OUR MEMBERSHIP WORKS

Membership in a Rotary club is by invitation only. We want to make sure you join a club that best fits your passion and perspective. We can connect you with a club that's right for you and make it easy to get involved and on your way to membership immediately.

1 You express interest

Let us know a little about yourself and what you're looking for in a club. We'll find the local clubs in your area and let them know you're interested.

2 Rotary matches you with a club

Based on your preferences and interests, Rotary leaders in your community will match you with the local club that fits you best.

3 A local club contacts you

A Rotary club member will contact you by email or phone to discuss your interest in Rotary. You'll be invited to get to know the club better by attending a club meeting, a social event, or even to join in on a service project as a volunteer.

4 The club invites you to join

Now that you and a local club have spent some time together and determined that you're a good fit for each other, you will be invited to join. Each club has its own ways of welcoming new members; they may hold a ceremony for you.

5 You're a member!

Enjoy getting involved in your new club as a Rotary member. Join a committee. Lead a service project. Organize a social event. Lead and contribute to your new club.

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