

# Rotary



**CREATE HOPE  
in the WORLD**

DISTRICT 6940 GOVERNOR,

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Rotary International President Gordon, calls upon us members to capture the world's attention and lead the way toward possibilities far beyond our current expectations. We are urged to promote peace in troubled nations, help those affected by conflict and maintain the momentum of initiatives begun by past leaders. He said "The goal is to restore hope—to help the world heal from destructive conflicts and, in turn, help us to achieve lasting change for ourselves.

***The act of being a human being depends on HOPE. HOPE is a match in a dark place.***

President Gordon's focus is the ideal balance of continuity and innovation---"Rotary helps create the conditions for peace, opportunity and a future worth living. By continuing to do what we do best, by remaining open and willing to change, and by keeping our focus on building peace in the world and within ourselves, Rotary helps create a more peaceful world—a more hopeful world."

### **Promoting Peace**

A significant way to bring hope to the world is to put a greater emphasis on peace. According to President Gordon, "Peace is the soil where hope takes root."

***"ONLY HE CAN BE A LEADER WHO NEVER LOSES HOPE." Gandhi***

Gandhi's ideas and actions continue to influence individuals globally. He believed that HOPE was essential for bringing about positive change and for inspiring people to take action. He believed that HOPE was a force that could help people overcome adversity and work toward creating a better world. His philosophy has influenced numerous social justice movements, and his message of compassion and HOPE continues to motivate people to strive for a better and more hopeful future for everyone.

The power of HOPE is that it is powerful source of motivation and inspiration. Hope can be a unifying force. Hope brings people together to help work towards a common goal. Martin Luther King, Jr. said “We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope.” Like Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr., Rotarians illustrate through service the transformative power of hope and how it can inspire and motivate people to work toward creating a better world.

### **Focus on Mental Health**

Rotary brings lasting change to the World—one newly created hope at a time. Create a similar change within ourselves. All of us face challenges that affect our wellbeing.

During the Covid pandemic, opportunities for connection were lost. We need to restore those connections in our Clubs and in our communities. Rotary is committed to improve the mental health system.

Rotary is big enough and brave enough to start talking about where we can make a difference with mental health initiatives. At the most basic level, it's just opening up the conversation about mental health and helping people get access to any professional help that they might need, and then supporting them through that journey. As a global network of 1.4 million people, we do have an opportunity to make a difference in making it less of a taboo and less of a stigma.

In the coming year, I ask each Club to participate in the **6940 Triple Crown Challenge** by:

1. Contributing to our global grants to improve healthcare in **Kenya** (and come there with me if you can);
2. Support the 30th Anniversary Campaign for the **Rotary Youth Camp** with financial contributions and volunteers; and
3. Meet RI President Gordon's goal to have each Rotarian contribute \$25.00 to **PolioPlus**.

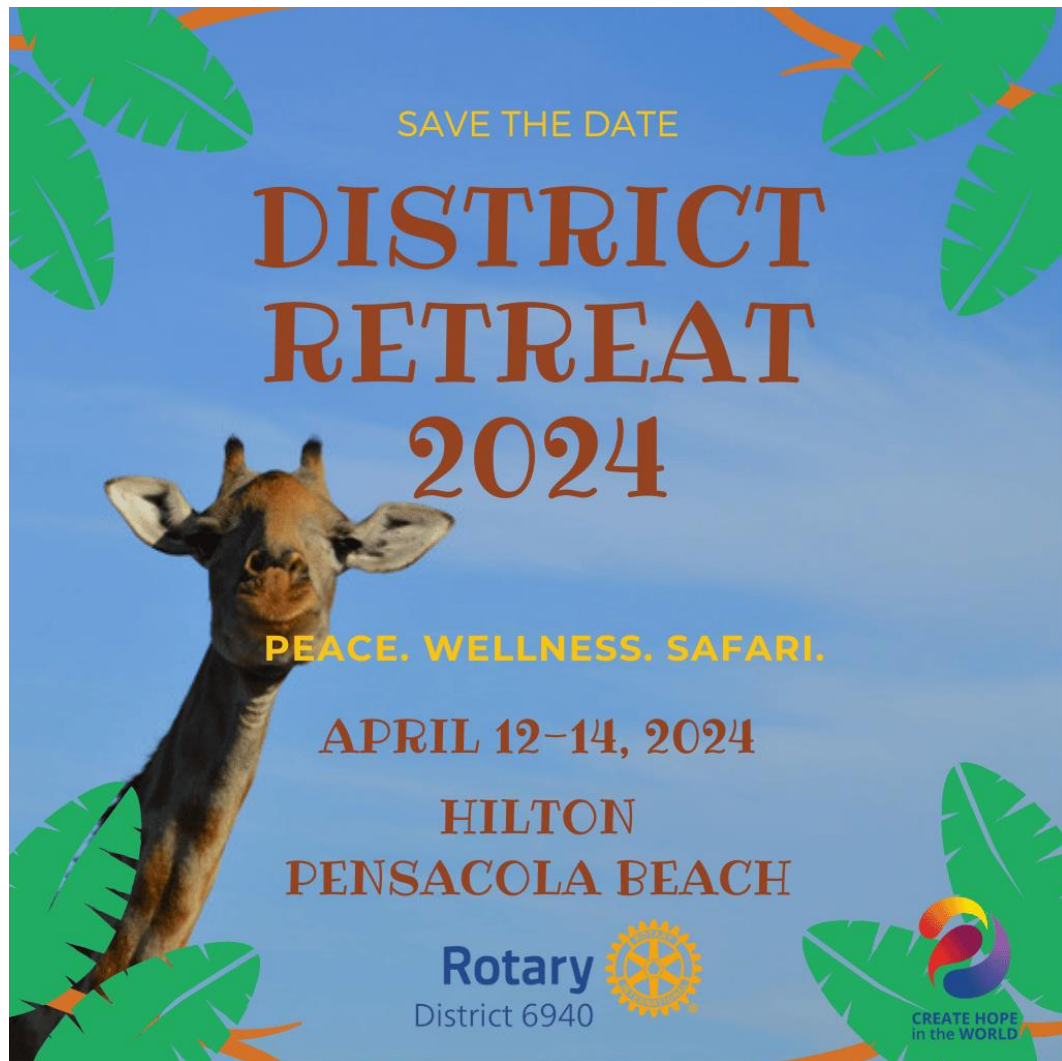
If we accomplish these ambitious goals, we will set records for District 6940 service and contributions, and demonstrate that we can **Create Hope in the World!** TOGETHER, we will create a more peaceful and hopeful world.

I am excited to serve with you this year! Thank you for your service!

# District Events

Rotary Youth Camp	July 2023
Youth Exchange Orientation	August 2023
911 Remembrance	September 2023
World Polio Day	October 24, 2023
Rotarians Against Hunger	February 2024
RYLA	March 2024
MLK Service Event	January 2024

## District Conference



# 30<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration of the Rotary Youth Camp

## District Fundraising Goal

### \$300,000

Rotary Youth Camp is a nonprofit (501(c)(3) organization, which is managed by a Board of Directors, and sponsored through fundraising efforts of Rotary clubs in [Rotary District 6940](#). Together these clubs contribute more than one third [\$65,000] of what it costs to operate camp. Local government, corporate and individual donors also donate an average of \$150,000 annually.

Campers attend for one week overnight, by age and grade level. Camp is free because of the generous assistance and scholarships from our community. Counselors are matched one-to-one with campers and we have nurses on staff 24/7.

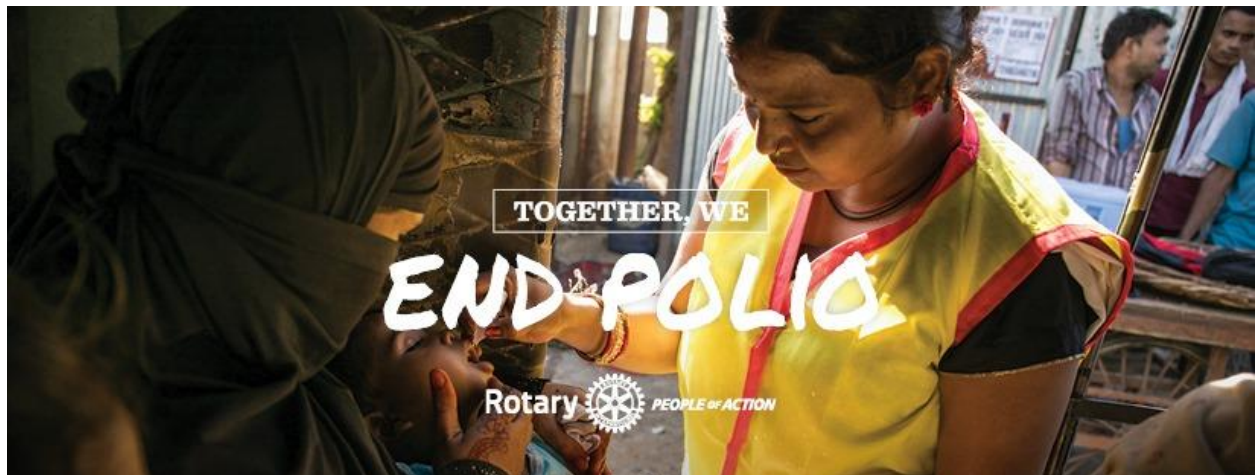
Rotary Youth Camp is intended for any child with disability, age 6, or completion of kindergarten, through young adulthood. Our camp enables its participants to grow in self-confidence and to experience success in physical activities and social relationships.

## End Polio

### District Fundraising Goal

#### \$51,500 (\$25.00 per Member)

#### Match from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation



# Multi-District Global Grant

## Rotary Global Grants to Improve Access to Medical Care in Rural Kenya

Rotarians in District 6940 (NW Florida) and District 5630 (Central Nebraska) are collaborating with the Rotary Club of Kakamega (Kenya) on two global grants to provide essential equipment and medical supplies for the region's hospital and a new medical clinic. The grants are separate, but they share mutual goals to improve access to basic and specialized healthcare for residents of western Kenya who are poor, uninsured, and in need of quality medical treatment.

### Global Grant for Kakamega County Hospital (KCGH)

GG-2351593

Kakamega County General Hospital (KCGH) is a Level V regional facility operated by the government, serving patients in a remote and underserved area of western Kenya. The hospital was established in 1926 as a military camp, and currently serves 66,000 residents in the counties of Kakamega, Vihiga, Bungoma, and Busia. The hospital has 350 beds and treats 1500 inpatients on monthly basis, with services that include emergency/trauma care, general surgery, obstetrics and gynecology, orthopedics, renal services, oncology, psychiatry, and blood bank. While the hospital's physical plant is in reasonable condition, much of the equipment is inadequate or non-functional, particularly in the surgical suites.

This grant will provide new equipment and medical supplies to establish a dedicated operating room for ophthalmic surgery, enabling treatment of cataracts, glaucoma, retina disease, and other vision conditions. KCGH has a qualified ophthalmic surgeon on staff, but he currently uses equipment from the Emergency Department to create an ad hoc vision surgery suite. The hospital lacks modern diagnostic and surgical tools that will improve patient outcomes and allow more efficient procedures.

The grant plan includes essential surgical equipment, including stainless operating tables, hydraulic surgeon chairs, dedicated instrument trolleys, specialized microscopes and measurement devices, basic surgical supplies, and a portable ultrasound or Xray unit. The grant will also provide some equipment to modernize the existing operating room at KCGH, which will increase overall productivity. The Rotary partners are seeking donations of functional equipment from American hospitals, and requesting waivers from Kenyan import taxes, to provide additional resources for the hospital.

This project will expand opportunity for specialized training and continuing education for the KCGH staff, with some training done during the grant period and continuing afterwards via telehealth. On-site training will be done by a Rotary Vocational Training Team (VTT) of American physicians/surgeons specializing in vision care. To keep the VTT expenses low, we will recruit volunteer physicians who can cover their travel costs to Kenya and local Rotary hosts will arrange lodging for them.

The Rotary partners are finalizing equipment vendors and prices, but we expect this grant budget to be around US \$110,000. Collaborative fundraising is underway in Florida and Nebraska, and we have commitments for more than half of the grant budget. But, we need more contributions to fulfill the budget and qualify for maximum TRF match. Rotary Foundation matches DDF contributions at 80%, making these donations very valuable, but cash contributions from Rotary clubs, individual Rotarians, and non-Rotary donors are also needed. Rotarians can make a designated contribution to this grant and earn Annual Fund and Paul Harris Fellow credits.

For more information about Healthcare Access in Kakamega, Kenya and GG-2351593, contact:

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