

DISASTER AID USA AND ROTARY CLUBS CONTINUE TO FIGHT COVID-19

By Bob Grill, President of Disaster Aid USA; and Paul Mahata, Chair, District Disaster Relief Committee

Disaster Aid USA, in coordination with District Disaster Relief Committee, is actively fighting COVID-19 since March 2020. In a very short time, thirteen Rotary clubs of District 7620 have joined forces to support three DDF projects (valued

at \$30K) and one global grant project (valued at \$59K, also known as COPING project, or COVID-19 PPE for Nursing Homes). Out of these, two DDF projects are led by Mt. Airy and Bonds Meadow clubs, supported by Sykesville-South Carroll and Westminster. These two DDF grants have already provided 5,000 surgical masks to Carroll Hospital. Howard West club added extra 37

face shields to the

delivery. The photo on the left shows Paul Mahata (representing DAUSA and Carroll-4 clubs) and DGN Geetha Jayaram (Howard West) making second delivery of PPE to Carroll Hospital. As part of the third DDF project, PG County Club provided surgical masks to Doctors Hospital and other clinics in PG County. The most ambitious COPING global grant project is now in the approval process. This would ultimately supply PPE (face masks, face shields, gowns, gloves, etc.) to most needy nursing homes in the MD and DC area. This global grant project is being led by Southern Frederick County Club and supported by: Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Montgomery Village, Potomac, Fredericktowne, Howard West, Columbia Town Center, and BWI club. DAUSA and

these thirteen Rotary clubs are fighting COVID-19 in a vigorous way.

Although the DDF grants and COPING global grant project amount to a total of \$89K; the need for PPE is much more locally and nationwide. For this reason, Disaster Aid USA is seeking donations now. Disaster Aid USA is a Rotary Club project providing aid and assistance when disaster strikes within and outside the United States. Past support from Rotary clubs and individual Rotarians is really appreciated. Please earmark your donation "COVID-19" and mail to: Disaster Aid USA, 9817 Lanham Severn Road, Lanham, MD 20706, or donate online using the website www.disasteraidusa.org via PayPal or going to link disasteraidusa.networkforgood.com/

A complimentary DAUSA mask for personal use (shown in the photo on the left) will be mailed out for each \$25 donation. For any questions, feel free to contact Bob Grill, President & Co-founder, Disaster Aid USA bob.grill@disasteraidusa.org Tel: 410-956-7344; or Paul Mahata, Chair, District Disaster Relief Committee, Pmahata@verizon.net

C.O.L. REP. & ELECTORS

By Jennifer Coppit

Every three years, we come together as a District to determine who will represent us at Rotary International's Council On Legislation. The time is upon us to select a new representative with the help of our clubs. In a nutshell, clubs may nominate a past District Governor that is still in good standing. Clubs will also need to identify "electors" to serve in the voting process once all nominees have had the opportunity to make a few remarks about their ability to service the District well in this capacity. Please submit the names of any nominee and your electors no later than June 12th to Jennifer Coppit at rotariancoppit@gmail.com.



[Above] Paul Mahata (representing DAUSA and Carroll-4 clubs) and DGN Geetha Jayaram (Howard West) making second delivery of PPE to Carroll Hospital.

