



# Rotary Foundation News From District 7630

## Local Rotarians Provide Help To Village In Cameroon



Thanks to the leadership of the Christiana Rotary Club, many in a small African village will drink potable water, achieve improved hygiene and will experience overall improved health conditions for many years to come. This initiative was launched in a small village called Binshua, which is located in a very remote, northwest portion of the Republic of Cameroon.

The Rotary Foundation, in conjunction with Christiana Rotary Club and host Kumbo Rotary Club was awarded a \$37,000 Global Grant for the purpose of doubling the capacity of local water

tanks. Also installed were a network of pipelines and a diesel generator to force the water to standpipes stationed throughout the village for consumer access.

The Global Grant also funded education of the Binshua residents in this new operating system. Instructors are teaching the residents the importance of consuming daily water in addition to cleaning the hands and bodies. Also, they are being taught how to properly maintain the systems for sustainability.

Issues with the existing water system included not only quality but capacity. Binshua's existing system could not provide adequate water during the rainy season (6 months in duration), and no water was available during the equivalent of four of the six months of the dry season.

In November, a delegation from Delaware traveled to Binshua led by Christiana Rotary Club President Mary Jane Boyle, her daughter Katelyn, Kevin Thomas and Samba Tata of the Newark Rotary Club and President of Empowering Solutions, a cooperating organization in this project. They had the opportunity to observe first-hand the building of the new system, interface with and learn from residents and local dignitaries, and meet with members of the host Kumbo Rotary Club.

The Delaware delegation landed in Douala, Cameroon, a city located on the Atlantic Ocean. Then the real journey began as the 450 kilometer trip to Binshua lasted almost ten hours by vehicle. It is an area where much poverty exists. In addition to water problems, the roads are very poor, electricity is spotty and there is no internet available. Binshua is only 40 kilometers from the Nigerian border, yet a traveler would need to take a network of jungle pathways to get there.

Christiana Rotary Club is making a difference in the world through the use of a Rotary Foundation Global Grant!



## Work commences at Rotary Centennial Park In Downtown Wilmington

With the dawn of spring weather, the installation of Education Stations has begun at Rotary Centennial Park in conjunction with a Global Grant awarded by the Rotary Foundation. The first station has been completed, and it is a "Reading Circle" for young people, their teachers and parents to enjoy! Rotarians Pam Sapko and Nikki Castle have spearheaded this initiative.

Work is already underway on two additional Educational Stations, with six more on the drawing boards, according to Rotary Club of Wilmington President Kai Lassen.

The International Partner for this project is the Rotary Club of Nagpur North, District #3030 in India. The Community Partner is Freire Charter School of Wilmington.



## THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



YEARS OF DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD

### Rotary Foundation To Celebrate 100th Anniversary in Atlanta

At the 1917 Rotary Convention in Atlanta, Rotary President Arch Klumph proposed creating an endowment "for the purpose of doing good in the world." From the first contribution of \$26.50, the Foundation has grown significantly and has spent more than \$3 billion on programs and projects.

In Atlanta at this year's Rotary International Convention, one of the main events on the convention calendar is the Foundation's birthday party. Please join President John F. Germ and fellow Rotarians to commemorate this milestone.

We hope you will join Rotarians from around the world as they converge on Atlanta from June 10-14.

Please take a moment and visit <https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary/rotary-foundation> to learn more about both the history and the vision for the Rotary Foundation as we embark on a new century of service!



## Rehoboth Beach Sunrise Rotary Club Needs Additional Funding for Global Grant Project



Rehoboth Beach Sunrise Rotary Club has been officially awarded a Rotary Foundation Global Grant!

Thanks to the tireless efforts of Rotarian Susie Keefer, funds are being raised to purchase land on which a nutritional feeding program, Miriam's Table, is housed. Additionally, two adjacent parcels are being purchased so a much needed water well will be drilled. The International Partners are the Rotary Club Kinshasa-Kingabwa and Rotary Club Kinshasa-Etoile in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Rehoboth Beach Sunrise Rotary Club is actively seeking other clubs willing to participate in helping fund this initiative. If your club would like to help a great project succeed, please contact Pat Campbell-White at 302.542.1488 or via e-mail at [patcampbellwhite@gmail.com](mailto:patcampbellwhite@gmail.com).

## John Nanni visits Capitol Hill; Encourages Congressional Supporters In Polio Eradication Efforts



District 7630 Polio Plus Chair John Nanni attended an April reception in Washington at the Capitol Building. The event was held to honor key Congressional polio eradication supporters and to keep the Rotary Polio Plus effort prioritized on Capitol Hill. John joined Rotary International President John F. Germ and a host of Rotary dignitaries for this important event.

It is not too late to make your Polio Plus contribution for this year. Please take a moment and consider a gift...we are "this close" to eradicating polio!

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