

Welcome to our Innovative Rotary Club!

**Rotary**  
Rotary E-Club of Global Diversity  
and Environment of Southern  
Connecticut, CT, USA



**Some thoughts from  
President Lex**

**Over a year ago, 4  
Rotarians and 18 other  
folk got together to  
launch a new type of  
innovative Rotary Club.**

**Why? Because we have lives that do not fit  
the traditional model of Rotary but we  
absolutely did not want to fall into the  
absent but check writing only folk or give up  
Rotary altogether. We all have choices to be  
or not part of Rotary. The 117 year old  
organization, wanting us to be a part of "IT",  
seems to be adapting to flexible, fun,  
innovative and engaging models. We are,  
perhaps, part of the NEW Rotary—respecting  
traditional Rotary but on our terms.**

**With one mission—**

**Helping Humanity and Our Planet.**

**Enjoy some of our Year One successes!**

**On the ENVIRONMENT SIDE:**

Thank-you member and **Ocean Champion**  
Nancy who brought to our attention the  
plight of sea turtles. So we adopted a  
turtle and learn about the journeys of  
survival they take.

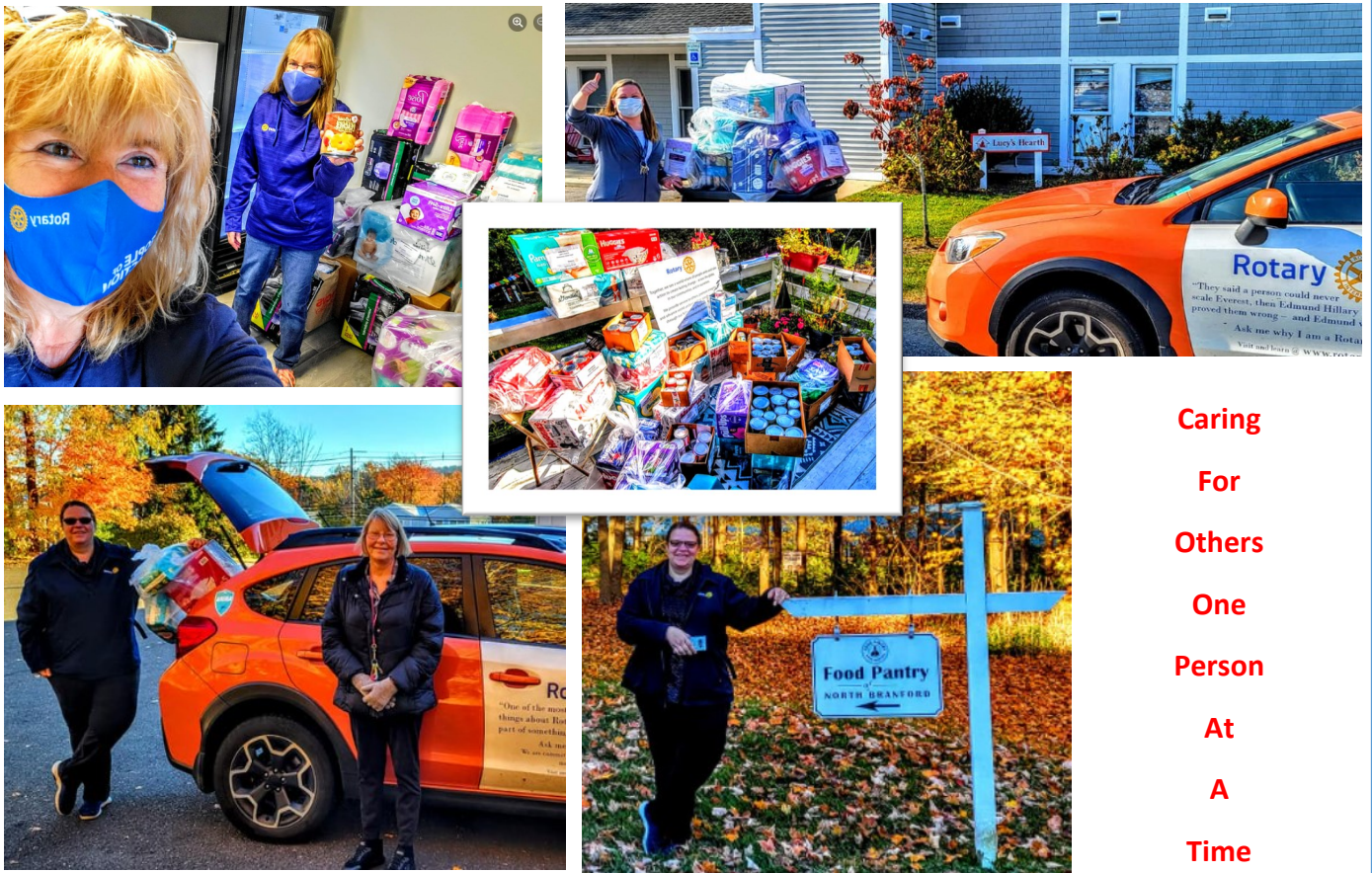


**The Rotary E-Club of Global Diversity and  
Environment welcomes members from across  
the Globe. While we are members of District  
7980, Southern Connecticut, current members  
are from across the USA, Canada and UK. We  
also embrace Friends of the Club offering a  
dynamic group of friendship &  
service opportunities.**

Diversity also speaks to Mental Health - we embrace the *Don't Bottle it Up Campaign* and encourage members and friends of Rotary to acknowledge the challenge so very many people have. Our doors and ears are open to anyone who simply "needs a friend" in the hardest of time. If you would like a Don't Bottle It Up poster of your own contact us at [tealtravel@gmail.com](mailto:tealtravel@gmail.com)



Early in the Year we took on a first Service Project. Members put the name of Food Pantries or Shelters in a hat and we pulled from it to decide where our collection of food and diapers would go. Three pantries won—The Cheshire, CT, Food Pantry, The North Branford Pantry and Lucy's Hearth in Middletown, Rhode Island. **Over \$3,000 of food and diapers were delivered to the locations.**



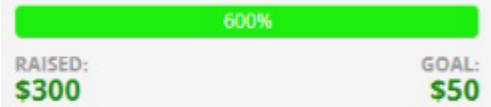
Caring  
For  
Others  
One  
Person  
At  
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Time

**Chartered, Sealed and Delivered. 14 months in the making to today—  
People of Action!**



# 2021 WALK for Vista

**In the Fall we supported the Vista Rotaract Club—a brand new Rotaract of member of Different Abilities**



**We support Diversity and Education on all aspects of Diversity for a greater Global Understanding.**

**We are please to support this great group of folk who, in turn, support the Our Companions Animal Rescue**



**in Connecticut. Our Club members and Friends of Rotary raised over \$1000 for the cause this fall.**



**Also supporting BARRIO DOGS in Houston Texas with over \$500 given this year. Thank you to member Jeffrey, in Houston, for connecting us to this great organization.**

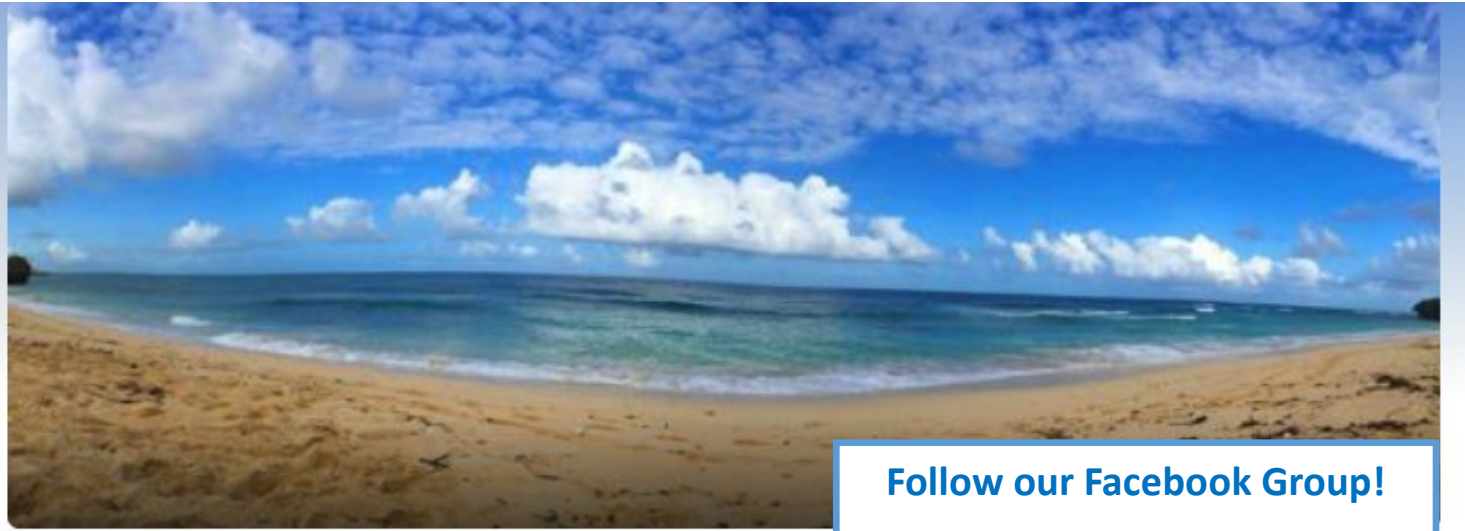


We believe in the work the Rotary Global Partner, **ShelterBox** does around the World. We appreciate the donations received to date on our campaign. Our GOAL for this year is \$2,500.



Our Team delivered flat screen TV's, a brand new projection screen and projector, and the collections from a clothes drive to the Free Center in Middletown, CT. Rotarians and Friends of the Club contributed to make this happen. Rotarian, Kerry Kincy, founder of [Free Center](#), situated at the intersection of art, culture and community organizing. While we are an E-Club, that means we also meet online, those in a similar geography can certainly get together, when time permits, and do hands on projects or simply meet, chat and plan.





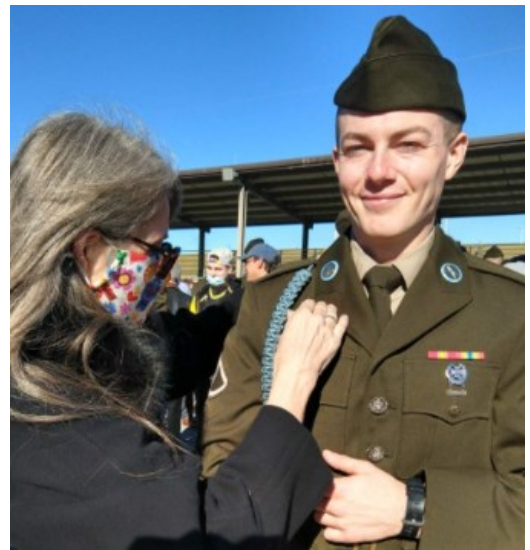
## Rotary E-Club of Global Diversity and Environment, Southern CT, USA

Public group · 300 members

Follow our Facebook Group!



Member and Rotarian (Joined Rotary at 18 after helping various Clubs with projects through grade and high school) is on his own version of Service having joined the Army shortly after the Club was Chartered. **Thank you Jack for your ongoing service in more ways than one.** Invite your youth to participate in Rotary at an early age and then invite them to join Rotary.



Rotary Global Diversity and Environment sponsored the shipping of 2,000 masks to Member Jeffrey in Houston for the **AIDS FOUNDATION HOUSTON.**

Thank you Jeffrey for YOUR support of the Foundation and all the work done for the clients there. Specially during CoVid, many causes have received less donations and assistance. Every bit helps. **Thank you.**



## WHAT ELSE Have we been doing?

Our Club model tracks both service hours, donations in cash and in kind, and individual's work for humanity towards a TEAM total. To date we have collectively given over \$3,000 to the **Rotary Annual Fund**, \$1000 for **Polio**, to the **Ukraine Disaster Relief** and to the **Rotary Environment Area of Focus**. Additionally, our members are also involved in **Special Olympics**, **Blood and Platelet Donation**, **Movember** (cause for awareness of Men's diseases), **Diversity Education**, **Environmental Awareness** to include the **dangers of balloons in the ocean and environment**, **recycling awareness and promotion**, **assistance to the elderly in technology**, **Leadership in Rotary with three District Positions** (Youth Services Chair incoming, DGE to DG 22-23, and one AG). **Support to Hats not Hate by collecting wool (anti bullying project)**, **adopted an elephant from the Sheldrick Foundation in Kenya**, **Donated books to a school in Sacramento**, **Donated to a battered women's shelter in Christchurch, New Zealand**, **Adopted a family for clothing and gift card donation and working with two Clubs for the Day of Service in two Districts and a Graphics Design program offered to many Clubs from our member in British Columbia**. **Chef Kashia has also been helping youth learn skills for future jobs and careers**. **And in the UK, Caroline is an advocate for disabilities education and sepsis awareness across the country**. **Donations to the Red Cross in Lithuania from one of our members for Ukraine relief just took place**. The volunteer hours are impressive—with an end of year goal of many thousands of hours. Our June Newsletter will recap the success there.

That list is simply **WOW!** Stay tuned for more to come in next issue!



Welcoming our member from British Columbia, Canada , Debbie Vance, who is instrumental in sharing her graphic design work throughout the Rotary World! Her graphics are FREE for the Rotary World to use.

**Thank you for your service!**

Follow us on Facebook and message us for information to join the Team! We welcome new members and Friends of E-Rotary of Global Diversity and Environment!

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