

Rotary 
"FOCUS 57"

District 7980 Newsletter
Southern Connecticut, USA

WELCOME **APRIL** RECAP!

Plus Calendar Items, thank
you notes and more!

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Welcome to the **FOCUS 57 Newsletter for D-7980, Southern Connecticut!**

April



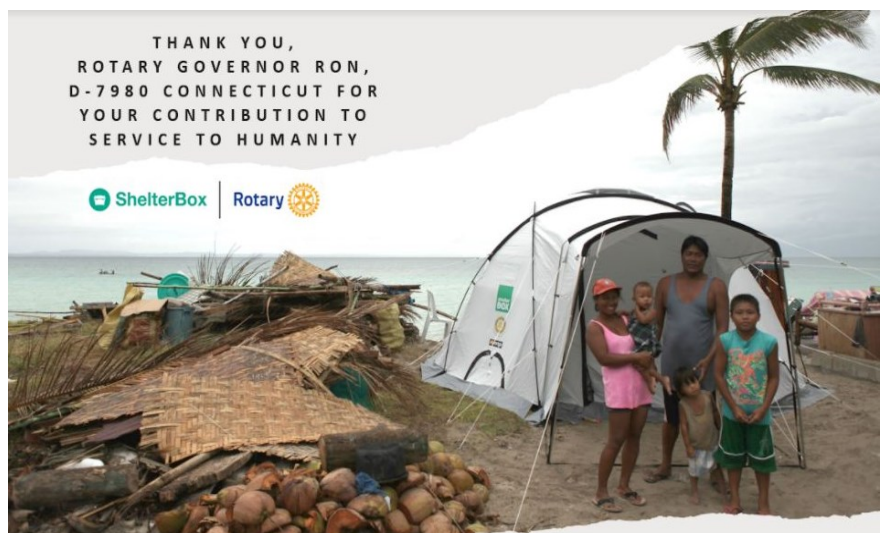
This edition is a recap of District Assembly, District Conference, Zone Connections, some Club Happenings and some great links to other places to spend some time with a nice cold beverage and Spring breeze.

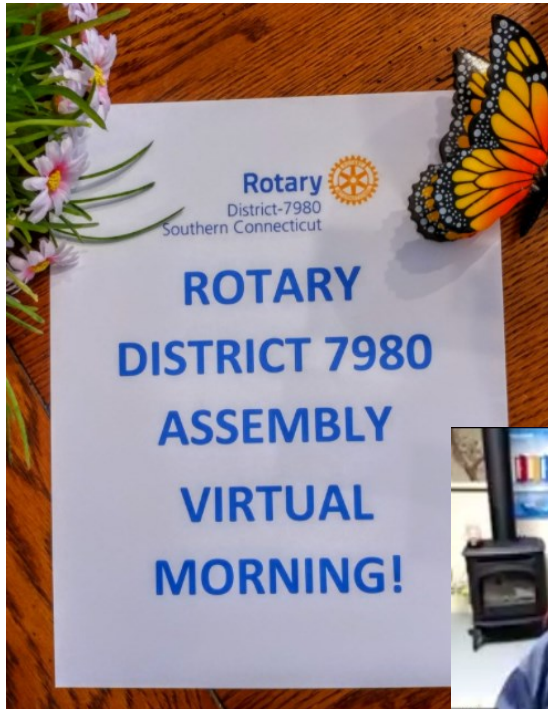
This edition is briefer than others and accompanies the 57 Slides that are now posted on the District Website for you to view Celebrating Each Club.

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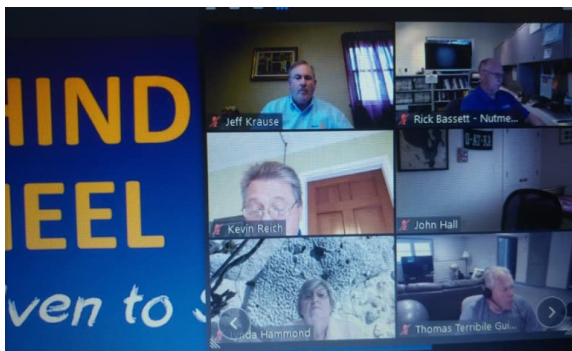
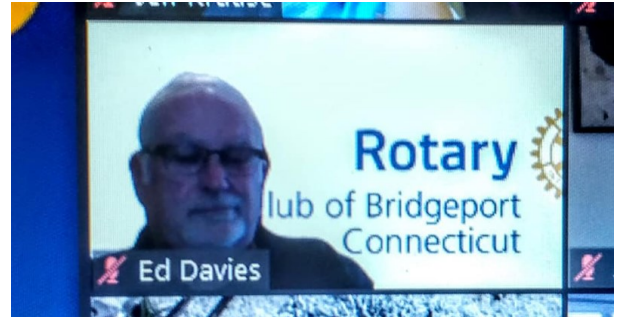
Thank You Governor Ron for your Dedication this Year. The District Online Conference was a fabulous recap. Highlights inside!





THE CREW IS ON THE SHIP!

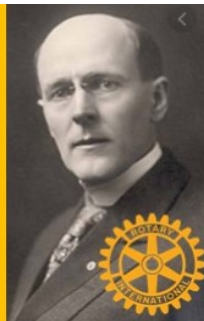
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Thank You to all who attended! The replay link will be posted on the District Website shortly for all to re-watch or watch for the first time if schedules did not permit on the actual day!

Stay tuned for special trainings and informative sessions for each of the Officer Positions in the Clubs!

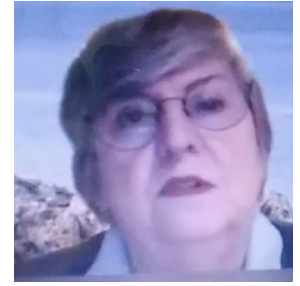
*Rotary changes us
and those we serve.
I believe we can change the
world one life at a time.*
Paul Harris



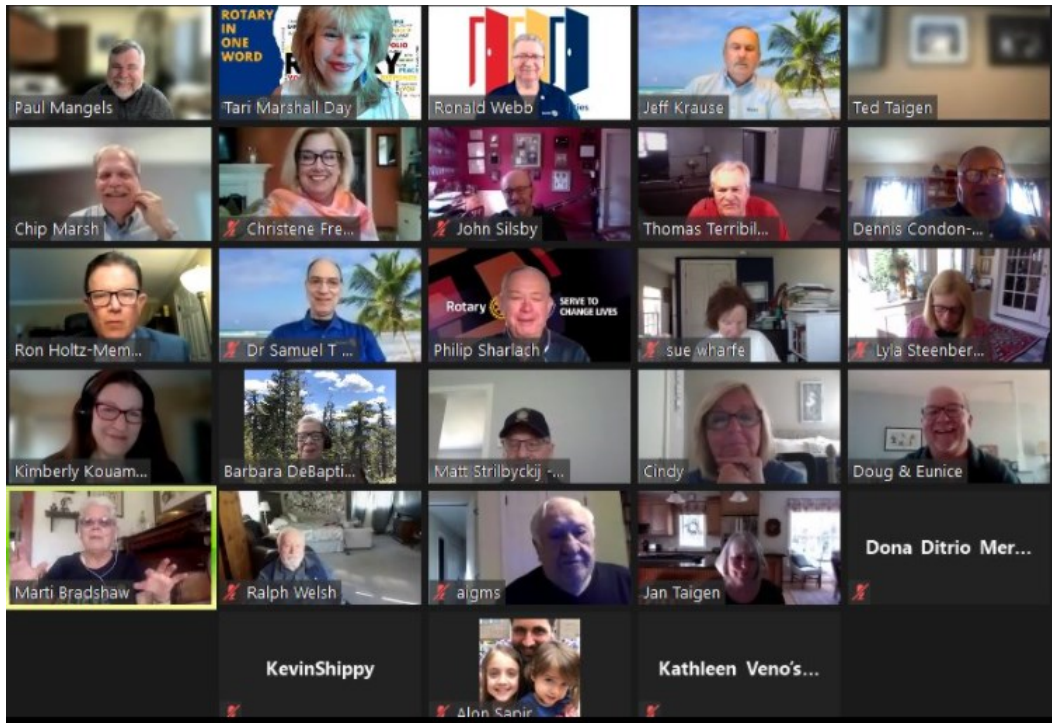
**Great leaders don't
set out to be a leader.
They set out to make
a difference.**

Have you started to fill in your goals for 2021-22? The Goal Center is now active to start loading your goals! Do it now and the year will be ready to go! Consider your Foundation Goals as you set your budgets for the next year. Need help with the Goal Center? Ask your AG's or DG Track for help. Our Role is to be here to help Clubs when you need us and share new information as it arrives to us.

Rotary District-7980 Conference 2021 Highlights



DISTRICT CONFERENCE



Visit the whole Conference or re-visit your favourite parts by fast forwarding to them!

The link is below, click or paste in browser!

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/J84vXbNpoUcNKoxNKSDnNt5Jh2Ex7rEJy29pVg_LlfcIMN3INtSFc4YVfE_STRen.5y5kzA6BqptRZrly

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From the Foundation Team's Desk!

Save the date!

<https://www.dacdb.com/index.cfm?EventID=77529791>



Rotary District 7980 Grant Training Webinar

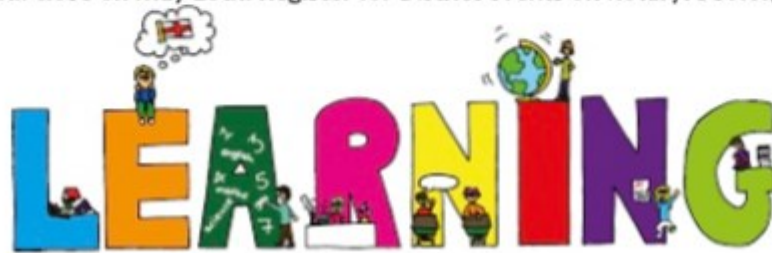
When: Saturday May 22, 2021

Time: 9:30 - 11:00 am

Cost: Free

Introduction of the Grants team members, brief overview of global grants and scholarships. The primary focus of this training webinar will be on District Managed Grants and qualification requirements.

Registration will close on May 20th. Register for District events on Rotary7980.org website



The AG and 2020-21 Presidents After Hours Online Cocktails was a success with a lot of heartfelt sharing, celebrating and thoughts of Rotary being successful no matter what the challenge! Cheers to Governor Ron!



And thank you Gov Ron
for these lovely glasses!



SAVE THE DATE June 3-4, 2021 Virtual World Water Summit 13



The 2019 WHO/UNICEF report on water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) in healthcare facilities (HCFs) outlined the stark inadequacy of WASH services in HCFs around the world, especially in least developed countries. Access to

safe WASH is required to prevent and control infections, and ensure safe treatment of patients, staff and families. Learn about WASH in HCFs and what your club can do to help address this critical issue.

WASH Rotary Action Group wishes to thank our sponsors for their support in the 2020-2021 Rotary year.



For registration information see:
wash-rag.org



"A Rotary club gives us an opportunity that no social, political, or specialized business club can do. It is strong on the human side; it stands for the individual, unfetters him, appeals to his originality, brings out his latent powers, and puts him at his best by extending him the full measure of his confidence and appealing to the best that is in him — 'service not self.'"

~Glenn C. Mead
1912-13 RI President



While no question that in today's Rotary World this quote needs the "him AND her AND they" aspect to the sentiment, it goes without saying that this still— in essence— holds true.

Governor Ron Webb's April message

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU to all who planned, attended and enjoyed the Presidents and AG Conference Reception on the 23rd and the Conference on the 24th. Thank you to the Leadership Team for the wonderful **Shelter Box** surprise. It was perfect.

Stay Safe and Thank You for all YOU DO!

HAPPY SPRING! — Ron and Pam Webb

Below are a list of the individual recognitions for this year as of April 2021.

Thank you all. Reminder, you can still add to these recognitions, Presidential Citations, Membership Growth and more right up to the end of June.

Donald A. Adams Award – Michael Barker – Rotary Meriden

Abraham I Gordon Award – Tari Marshall-Day – Rotary Cheshire

Million Mask Challenge with an engraved Brick at the Little Red School House in Vermont –

Ted and Ruth Rossi—Rotary East Hampton

Jack Solomon— Rotary East Hampton

Robert Friend— Rotary Madison

Jeff Krause— Rotary Stratford

A Paul Harris Fellow Awarded to each of the 12 Assistant Governors – with thanks

Valerie H. Connolly – Rotary New Canaan

Christene Freedman – Rotary Wilton

Christopher Hoeffel – Rotary Newtown

Stephanie Philips – Rotary Stratford

Jennifer Luise Champagne -Rotary Derby-Shelton

Lori A. Veillette – Rotary Ansonia

Dianne Milano – Rotary West Haven

Michael Perry – Rotary Madison

Mary Minotti – Rotary Southern Connecticut

Tari Marshall-Day – Rotary Cheshire

Kevin M. Reich – Rotary East Hampton

CONGRATULATIONS—CONTINUED

A Paul Harris Fellow Awarded Grants Team – with thanks

John D. Merkel – Rotary Mystic

Ted Taigen – Rotary Chester

A Paul Harris Fellow Awarded to Affiliated with Governor's Home Club

Irene Hanley – Rotary Woodbury – Southbury – Middlebury

Anastasia V. Persico – Rotary Woodbury – Southbury – Middlebury

Recognition to Clubs having achieved Presidential Citation as of April 24th, 2021

Rotary Cheshire

Rotary Westport

Rotary Norwich Sunrise

Rotary Woodbury – Southbury – Middlebury

Membership Growth Citation of +2 Members as of April 24th, 2021 per data loaded in the RI System from Clubs

Rotary New London, Rotary Ledyard, Rotary Monroe, Rotary Mystic, Rotary Clinton, Rotary Newtown, Rotary Southern Connecticut, Rotary of the Stoningtons, Rotary Trumbull

My Rotary engagement of 65%

Rotary Woodbury-Southbury-Middlebury, Rotary Norwich Sunrise, Rotary of the Stoningtons, Rotary Chester, Rotary North Branford, Rotary Southern Connecticut, Rotary Colchester, Rotary Naugatuck, Rotary Wilton, Rotary Ridgefield, Rotary Clinton, Rotary Groton, Rotary Cheshire, Rotary New Haven.

Learning Center Leader Board on Engagement Courses Completed

Ronald Webb, Tari Marshall-Day, Irene Hanley, Anastasia Persico, James O'Brien, Ernestine Luise, Virginia Page, John Merkel, Joan Adamczyk, Cheryl Panzo

Learning Center Overall Courses Completed by Club Leaderboard

Rotary Woodbury-Southbury-Middlebury, Rotary Cheshire, Rotary West Haven, Rotary Derby-Shelton, Rotary East Hampton, Rotary East Haven, Rotary Branford, Rotary Stratford, Rotary Orange, Rotary Madison, Rotary Mystic

Go to the District Website and to the District Newsletter Dropdown and you will find the past Newsletters as well as the **DECKS** of slides from the **District Conference** with the highlights from each of the Clubs—enjoy! Go to <http://www.rotary7980.org/>

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Home	Calendar	District Public Image & Communications Toolkit	Rotary Membership Video Links	The Rotary Foundation & Grants	Upcoming Events	Youth Services	Current Meetings
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District Links

A Celebration of Opportunities!
Our Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors,
Our Clubs, Our District.
Highlights! All Unique Clubs!

Rotary Year 2020-2021

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Rotary Opens Opportunities

Rotary Club of Colchester



Rotary Club of Fairfield

33rd Annual Golf Tournament

- Shred Fest Fundraiser
- Gift Card Fundraiser
- \$8,000 in Scholarships
- Have a Heart Socks Collection

SHRED FEST

May 1st 9 am - 1 pm
First Church Congregational
148 Beach Road, Fairfield, CT

Protect your identity... Protect the Earth

FLASH BACK—looking forward to these times again!

Rotary Club of Meriden

100 Year Anniversary Raffle

RAFFLE DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON:
FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 7:00 PM

Prizes include: \$1000 cash, \$500 cash, \$250 cash, \$100 cash, \$50 cash, \$25 cash, \$10 cash, \$5 cash, \$2 cash, \$1 cash, \$0.50 cash, \$0.25 cash, \$0.10 cash, \$0.05 cash, \$0.01 cash.

Some "FLASHBACK" Moments from the past 10 years!

Rotary Club of Guilford

LOBSTER FEST!

The 25th Annual
June 26, 2021

SHREDDING FUNDRAISER
Saturday, September 12, 2020
9am to 12pm

Rotary Club of Middletown

Some highlights!

Cleanups, Masks, Community Meetings
And so much more!

Rotary PEOPLE OF ACTION

We honored the service and memory of Pat Tucker, 20 year Rotarian and a model for Service Above Self with the planting of a Red Maple along the entrance road at the Mansion.

Rotary Club of New London

Some highlights!

- Face masks & a \$500 check for the Salvation Army from a Facebook donation Gerry O'Shannon ran
- Presented a few little libraries to the Community
- Presented coats for needy kids for children of New London
- Funded a bus stop shelter just outside a New London elderly housing complex
- \$5,000. Check to Gemma Moran food center
- Donated \$2,000 to outfit a school in Norwall, Pakistan for training young girls and single mothers how to sew
- Holding a golf tournament in June to donate \$50,000 for The Lawrence & Memorial Hospitals emergency room expansion
- Working together with Rotary Waterford raising funds to build a ramp for a child in Waterford
- Raised \$1,500 for the Turkey Drive

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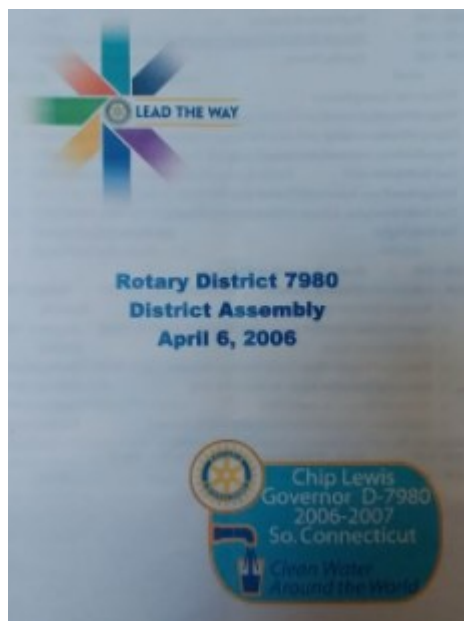
Have YOU logged on to My Rotary lately and do YOU have a My Rotary Account? If not and unsure how to do it, please reach out to your Presidents, AG's or ANY of us at District—we can help immediately! <https://my.rotary.org/en/>

The easiest way to donate to the Annual Fund, Polio Plus, World Fund and Areas of Focus is to go to My Rotary, LOG IN and go to DONATE! This will credit YOUR giving, the Clubs and Districts all in one donation! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! Help us reach goals to do the outstanding work through grants that we do, give scholarships and more.

Stay tuned to celebrate the lives of those we have lost this year. **Thank you** Kevin Reich for hosting the event in June on the 3rd. Watch for emails from Kevin Reich and Ron Webb.

Save the date

FLASH BACK!



1:00 - 1:45	Registration & Displays	Foyer
1:45 - 1:55	PLEASE BE IN YOUR SEATS BY 1:55pm - we will start promptly!	Charter Oak Ballroom
2:00 - 3:00	Opening Plenary	
	Welcome and Opening Remarks	Ernie Laine, DGN
	Pledge of Allegiance	Lois Schone, PE
	Singing - Welcome to Rotary	Phoebe Leask
	Sergent-at-Arms Announcements and Instructions	Terry Congdon
	Lead the Way 2006-2007	Chip Lewis, DGE
	Message from Rotary International President-Elect Bill Boyd	
	Your Rotary Foundation: A Source of Funding for Your Projects	Mac Leask, PDG
	The Dean Project	Introduction by Kathy Owens Presented by Dick Young
3:00 - 3:05	Break - Go Directly to Workshops	
3:05 - 3:55	Workshop Session #1	Room
1.	Presidents 2006-2007 (Chip Lewis, DGE)	Brunswick
2.	Future Presidents 2007-2008 (Ernie Laine, DGN)	Ivoryton
3.	Club Service (Ed Davies)	Gulford
4.	International Projects - Water (Lynda Hammond, Moderator)	Danbury
5.	Community Service (Bob Rando - Includes Arthur Allet)	Hanover
6.	Vocational Service (John Amick, PDG)	Jericho
7.	Club Secretary Responsibilities (Len Garrison, District Secretary)	Fairfield
Rotary 101: The ABC's of Rotary (Rick Bassett, AG)	Arlington	
3:55 - 4:05	Break - Refreshments available - Get to Workshop #2	
4:05 - 4:55	Workshop Session #2	Room
1.	Interact & Rotaract - (Oliver Paskley & Barbara DeLongue)	Brunswick
2.	Literacy (Debra Schmidt)	Ivoryton
3.	Foundation Programs: GSE & Scholarships (Alan Howe, DG; Vince Ganci)	Gulford
4.	Rotary's Public Image (Jessica Hark, Wampan)	Danbury
5.	World Community Service - Water in Swaziland (Darryl Manning)	Hanover
6.	Rotary Foundation Grants - Workshop on How to Apply (Dan Long, PDG)	Jericho
7.	Rotary 101: Club Leadership Plan, Succession Planning, etc. (Don Cipriani)	Fairfield
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Looking Back in District History!

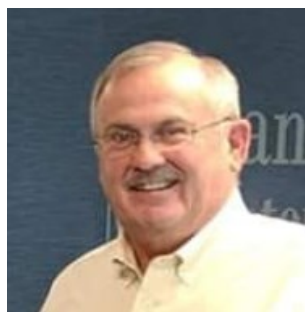
2006 District Assembly and DG Jim Lang doing his magic!

"Celebrating our History!"

5:05 - 5:55	Workshop Session #3
1.	Youth: RYLA-New Generations-Youth Exchange (Kathy Owens, Moderator)
2.	How to promote The Rotary Foundation in your club (Pam Akins, PDG)
3.	A Dominican Republic Project: - Good Samaritan Hospital (John Powers)
4.	International Projects - Water (Lynda Hammond, Moderator)
5.	Open Mike! 40 Rotary Ideas in 40 Minutes! (Paul Burns, PDG)
6.	Websites/Bulletins/Beacon (Rick Bassett & Bob Mingrone)
7.	Membership (Julie Reppenhagen)
8.	Fun and Fundraising (Phoebe Leask)



District Governor Elect Jeff Krause (DGE) checks in...



I want to thank all of the members who attended the District Assembly on April 10th. Many thanks to the District Training team led by PDG Trish Pearson and all of the presenters who participated in the making this a special program for the District.

Shortly, we will be sending out information on workshops for club officers: Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chair, Foundation Chair and Youth Programs. These workshops will take place in May and early June. This is a great opportunity to learn from other Rotarians as well as ask questions that you may need an answered. The workshops will be 60-90 minutes in length and scheduled on Saturdays and during weekday evenings. In addition, I strongly encourage all club officers to take the appropriate courses in the Learning Center found in the My Rotary section of the RI website. This will give all club leaders a basic foundation upon which they can plan their year.

I thank all of the Rotarians who stepped up to be President of their club for this upcoming year and I look forward to working with you for an exciting and fun-filled year as we "Serve to Change Lives".

REMEMBER to UPDATE YOUR ZOOM to VERSION 5.5.2 for optimal functionality! Thank you!

Thank you! Jeff



Who was the first president of a Rotary Club? Paul Harris nominated Silvester Schiele because **Paul preferred to work behind the scenes to attract new members.**

Send your Club News for the Future Newsletters to Tari at tealtravel@gmail.com by the 12th of each month. Thank you!

"Get the Vaccine, Give the Vaccine"



Today, 2.4 Million People have died from the Coronavirus.
Today, 19 million people who would otherwise be paralyzed by polio are walking, and 1.5 million people who would otherwise have died are alive.

WHY WE MUST ERADICATE POLIO

1 in 5 children worldwide lacks access to lifesaving vaccines.
Every 20 seconds a child dies from a vaccine-preventable disease.
Every donation you give to is a gift that will help improve child health.

YOUR GIFT WILL INVEST IN THE FUTURE

If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyze as many as 200,000 children each year.
\$2.60 provides one child the polio vaccine.
A polio-free world will be a healthier world for children everywhere.

**JOIN ROTARIANS AROUND THE GLOBE IN MAKING HISTORY
BY DONATING \$50.00 TO END POLIO NOW!**

Get your COVID Vaccine shot today and help provide a Polio Vaccine to a child in need by donating to PolioPlus!

Donate now at www.endpolio.org

#GETTHEVACCINE,GIVETHEVACCINE

**AS you Receive the Vaccine,
consider a donation to both
Polio Plus and The Annual
Fund. Together we can do
SO VERY MUCH!**

**Promoting this for a
second month—**

Thank You!

Rotary Club of Cheshire



It has been a year of uncertainty in Cheshire with the completion of Grant in Peru on indefinite hold due to the location of the grant—a Hospital—being in lock-down for all but essential—critical services during CoVid. But that did not hold the group back to plan and obtain approval for a sustainable irrigation project in Nicaragua. As the grant nears its conclusion, check out the awesome Rotary logo on one of the many tanks being installed for farmers. Public image and publicity is part of the Grant process—this one

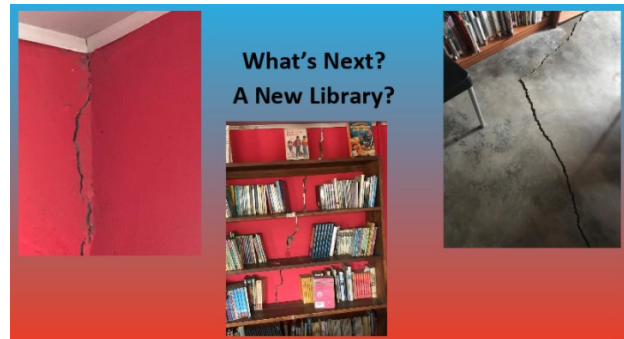
stands out LOUD AND CLEAR! This grant was able to go forward due to no need to travel from the US and a reliable team on the ground in Nicaragua already.

PROJECT FAIR

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FINDING PARTNERS FOR ACTION!

**LOOKING FOR District Grant Partners? Here is the place
to showcase your ideas. URGENT NEED in ZAMBIA!**



I writing with hopes to find a rotary club that would be able to head a DMG to help rebuild the library at Chikumbuso.

Trish spoke to our club, Rotary of the Stoningtons last week and shared that \$44k was still available.

Our club headed a grant last month so we're not eligible.

Chikumbuso brought me to Rotary speaking to many clubs since 2007.

Linda Wilkinson is currently in Zambia and shared with us the need to rebuild the library due to damaging cracks throughout the building. She can provide the material list, I can provide the presentation and a means for the club to raise the needed funds. Two weeks ago we had a successful disc golf tournament to raise the funds for our DMG for Simply Smiles.

My intention was to have my club lead this grant once we become eligible again but with the district funding available and the immediate need to rebuild I'm reaching out to all of you to help with finding a club that can help.

Contact Sabrina at Rotary of the Stoningtons. sabrinabuehler@gmail.com





DGN Note from Tari's Desk

Demystifying the DG TRACK, what we actually do to prepare to be DG.

This month was a lot of behind the scenes helping, as needed, the DG and DGE with Assembly and Conference. Assisting Clubs with online needs. Visiting Clubs virtually. GREAT meetings with the PDGs of Area 4. And one new project—**Starting a NEW CLUB!**

We will be welcoming the **FIRST E-CLUB** in District in June. Holger Knaak's words ring loud and clear. Our Crew can be **ANY-WHERE** on the Planet. Stay tuned for full details—right here—in the May edition!

This crisis offers us new possibilities to deepen friendships. Now the person who lives across the ocean can be just as much a part of your team as someone who lives down the street.

Holger Knaack

Be Safe, Be Well, Kia Ora (that is Kiwi for “until the next one”) — Tari

Kia Ora (Maori / Kiwi for Hello and See You Later!) Cheers and ¡Salud!



During the Great Depression the Rotary Club of Muncie, Indiana, helped launch The Muncie Plan. What was it? The Muncie Rotary Club promoted home improvement to boost sales at struggling hardware stores and reduce the 80 percent unemployment rate among construction workers and tradesmen.

The plan was very successful



TRIVIA

DO YOU Know ...

The first Rotary youth exchange was when the Rotary Club of Copenhagen (Denmark) arranged to host several American boys in 1921.



Thank you!