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## Rotaplast Mission to Africa

Rotarians from District 7450 returned from a fifteen-day Rotaplast mission to Monrovia, Liberia this month. The team of nine Rotarians and a medical staff of twelve provided corrective plastic surgery for children with cleft lip and cleft palate. The surgeons also treated people with burn scars and disfigurements including keloid scars and wounds incurred during Liberia's civil war. In addition to children they saw many adults who



had long standing deformities that could not be corrected in Liberia.

As in most developing nations the medical facilities are not always up to American standards. Rotaplast travels with twenty-six large cases of equipment for everything needed except operating tables and lights. Operations were performed in St. Joseph's Hospital, one of only five in Liberia. Because of limited space, Rotaplast surgeons set up two operating tables in one room.

The mission was aided by the Rotary Clubs of Monrovia and Simkor who made all ground arrangements, recruited patients and generated publicity with the public. Equally important were the Rotactors from the University of Liberia who were always with the team providing assistance in many ways. Although Liberia's official language is English, the Liberians speak a dialect that is not understandable to Americans, and they don't understand ours.

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The Rotaractors were excellent translators during registration, examinations, and daily communications with patients in the wards and operating theatre. Jim Bradley of the Broomall Rotary Club noted, "These young adults are helpful and resourceful in a hundred ways. We couldn't hope for a more obliging and competent group of people to work with."

Our Rotarians were very impressed with the kind and ever pleasant manner of the Liberians.

The team's photo-journalist, Mark Cunningham of Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn RC commented, "Everyone we meet is friendly, patient and understanding. There is never a lack of smiles as they wait to see a doctor or just passing in the hallway. Even when we must decline to provide surgery, they remain appreciative and cheerful."

The missions are funded by individuals, Rotary clubs, and the Gundaker Foundation. To arrange a Rotaplast speaker, contact Don Heebner, [heebnerathome@comcast.com](mailto:heebnerathome@comcast.com)

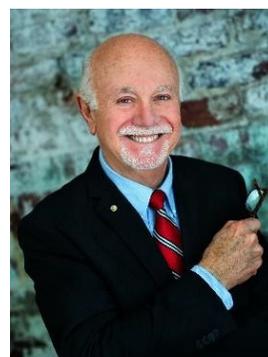


## Project Cure Delivers

Several years ago, Project Cure opened a warehouse in West Grove, PA that receives unused and gently used medical supplies that can be shared with developing nations. This warehouse is on target to ship 18 containers to pre-qualified countries in need this year. Rotarians are invited to join in the sorting and packing of these containers. Rotarian Kathy Hrenko of the Longwood Club manages the facility and can be reached at (610) 742-1523 to arrange for a club's participation.

## Message From District Governor Paul Quintavalla

There is a myth that District Grants are only for large projects and that the application process is very difficult. The truth is that about 85% of all applications are approved and that the Rotary Foundation Committee is glad to answer questions and assist members through the website.



To qualify for a District Grant, your club has to follow these three steps:

1. Read the application on the website: <http://rotarydistrict7450.org/trf/>
2. Send one member to training on Foundation Day, November 10, 2018, at Montgomery County Community College.
3. Submit a completed application by May 15, 2019. Grants will be awarded in September 2019 for that Rotary year.

## District & Global Grants Detail 2018-2019

Primary Sponsor	Project Title	Project Description	Area of Focus	Location	Funds
Ardmore	*Story Walk® for Lower Merion	Individual laminated pages from a children’s picture book are installed along an outdoor path. children and their caregivers walk the path and read a book together, encouraging both literacy and exercise.	Basic Education and Literacy	USA	\$750.00
Ardmore	Educational Funding for Oaxaca, Mexico, children	Each child receives his or her school fees, school uniform, 2 pair shoes, backpack, school supplies, daily nutritious breakfast and noon meal.	Basic Education and Literacy	Mexico	\$1,000.00
Cheltenham Rockledge	Backpack/Resource Project	Partner with Cora Services to supply 30 backpacks with school supplies and 500-1000 Resource Math/Reading Resource Folders.	Basic Education and Literacy	USA	\$250.00
Chester	Strengthening Urban Education	Provide Chester Community Charter School with 7 sets of two high-interest, culturally relevant, leveled books for their English Language Arts classrooms that will serve 460 sixth-grade students in the 2018-2019 school year.	Basic Education and Literacy	USA	\$1,000.00
Concordville Chadds Ford	Desks for Haiti	Replace the unsuitable desks currently in use at the Community School of Bellevue in Gressier, Haiti and to build new ones for the new 9th grade class as well as build desks for the teachers who don’t have them.	Basic Education and Literacy	Haiti	\$1,000.00
Glenside	Thanksgiving baskets	Provides turkeys, potatoes, and roasting pans to add to Thanksgiving baskets filled with canned goods and stuffing by elementary school food drives for 75 needy families in Cheltenham Township.	Maternal & Child Health	USA	\$650.00
Haverford Township	Pope John Paul II High School Sanitation System	Build two stand-alone toilet facilities with 12+15 toilets in each including the building construction, water piping and waste disposal facilities.	Water & Sanitation	Uganda	\$2,500.00
King of Prussia	AWE Early Learning Stations	Purchase one new AWE Early Learning Station bilingual in Spanish with touch technology, color-coded keyboards, small mice and over 4,000 developmentally appropriate learning activities for ages 2-8.	Basic Education and Literacy	USA	\$1,350.00
Langhorne	“Girls Unlimited” at Maple Point Middle School	Support of Girls Unlimited™, a program of The Peace Center, is an evidence-based anti-bullying, empathybuilding, empowerment program for middle school girls.	Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution	USA	\$2,300.00
Longwood	Literacy Project on St. Lucia	Provides 2 schools (Clendon Mason Memorial Secondary and Des Barras Primary Schools) with a “wish list” of library books (selected by the teachers) as well as remedial reading kits provided by “Hands Across the Sea, Inc.”, a 502-c3 headquartered in Boston, MA.	Basic Education and Literacy	St. Lucia	\$1,897.00

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<b>Paoli Malvern Berwyn</b>	Gambia Goat Dairy - Model System for Livestock Development in West Africa.	This proposal is for the purchase of a truck by the Gambia Goat Dairy to be used in The Gambia Africa.	Maternal and Child Health, Economic & Community Development	Gambia	\$6,500.00
<b>Shady Brook</b>	William Dick School Student Supplies	Provide socks, coats, book bags, reading material, and copy paper.	Economic & Community Development	USA	\$2,500.00
<b>Swarthmore</b>	Haiti Clinic Dental Program	Purchase portable dental equipment to be used in remote mountain location.	Disease Prevention and Treatment, Maternal & Child Health	Haiti	\$3,045.00
<b>Upper Darby/Lansdowne</b>	Those That Dream	Purchase iPads and related equipment for "Those That Dream," a non-profit youth outreach organization which teaches students the fundamentals of video production, self-defense, self-worth, and physical fitness.	Basic Education and Literacy, Economic & Community Development	USA ?	\$1,073.90
<b>West Chester</b>	Hands Across the Sea	Provide age-appropriate books requested by the teachers of the Dame Pearlette Louisy Primary School and the Vide Bouteille Primary School.	Basic Education and Literacy	St. Lucia	\$2,000.00
<b>Westtown Goshen</b>	Invest in their future	Purchase and distribute age appropriate books to low-income families in West Chester.	Basic Education and Literacy, Economic & Community Development	USA	\$3000.00
<b>Rotary Club of Sirsi and the Rotary Club of Central Chester County (Lionville)</b>	Modern Education Society	Provide a rainwater harvesting system and water conversation training	Water & Sanitation	Sirsi, India	\$72496.00
<b>Total Requested</b>					\$103311.90

## SAVE THE DATE! 2019 District Conference

This year's District Conference will be held at the Springfield Country Club in Springfield, March 15th & 16th, 2019. Located in the center of District 7450, the Country Club is adjacent to the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel. Just like the Million Dollar Journey and Women in Rotary celebration that were held at the venue this year's Conference will be a truly memorable Rotary event.



# Welcome Youth Exchange Students!



We're off to another great year with Youth Exchange! This weekend ADG Francy Cross hosted our eight Inbound Students and the Committee at her shore house for their America Orientation. We have students hailing from Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, Czech Republic, Germany, Italy and South Korea. The students are hosted by Ardmore, Abington, Great Valley, West Chester Sunrise, Media, Swarthmore and Longwood Rotary Clubs. They're all great kids with a strong desire to know America and tell about their country. Please invite one of them to your Club's next meeting and get to know them!



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## Question: How Many Rotarians Does it Take to Change a Light Bulb?



**Answer: 96!** If the light bulb is running our district, it really takes that many people for the day to day jobs. That's one out of every 15 Rotarians in the District. Some of them multi-task and a dozen, or so, are on one-time projects. If you had no idea that there were so many fellow Rotarians working for you, it proves that they're doing their jobs seamlessly well. They don't receive publicity or benefits except the satisfaction of doing good work for all of us. After all, isn't that why we all joined Rotary? Please click on this link <https://goo.gl/MCR7C7> to the District 7450 Organization Chart to see who they are and what they do. You may see someone you know.

## In Memoriam



We'd like to honor the following Rotarians for their dedicated service:

### Raymond Cline

The Rotary Club of Abington  
August 15th, 2018

### Donna Mancuso-Scalzo

The Rotary Club of Levittown-Fairless Hills  
July 25th, 2018

## District 7450 Trivia



Q: Which two clubs, in District 7450, are older than 100 years?

A: Rotary Club of Philadelphia (107 years) and Rotary Club of Chester (101 years)

Please provide the names and club of recently deceased Rotarians to honor them in the Newsletter.

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## New Members

### Britany Almquist

Rotary Club of Philadelphia  
Sponsored by Joan Batory  
Physical Rehabilitation

### Theresa Cullen

Rotary Club of Philadelphia  
(Happy Hour)

### Dawn Doherty Kohl

Rotary Club of Longwood  
Nonprofit Director

### Matthew Guldin

Rotary Club of Westtown Go-  
shen  
Sponsored by Alyssa Harnmish  
Health Care IT

### Krysta Halye

Rotary Club of Philadelphia  
(Happy Hour)  
Sponsored by Joan Batory  
Business Administration

### Bruce Hartshorne

Rotary Club Twin Valley  
Sponsored by Ron Moyer  
Retirement Management

### Sherry Hess

Rotary Club of Great Valley  
Sponsored by Susan Mojaverian  
Data Analyst

### Roger Reynolds

Rotary Club of Upper Darby-  
Lansdowne  
Sponsored by Dave Hennessy

### Joseph Stralo

Rotary Club of Philadelphia  
Sponsored by Joan Batory  
Sales Management

### Chris Watson

Rotary Club of Twin Valley  
Sponsored by Bob Pleis  
School Administration

*We will list new Rotarians taking information from DAC/db. Should anyone be overlooked, please write to us at :*

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*Be sure to provide: New Member Name, Designation, Club and Sponsor.*

# Rotarian Spotlight

Dr. Bronwyn Martin chairs the Rotary Foundation Committee for our district, overseeing the committees that provide grants, raise fund, and stages training events. Like many Rotarians, her life has been an adventure both professionally and personally. She is a true renaissance woman.

Born in Perth, Australia, Bronwyn emigrated to America and settled in Boston, MA. After earning her bachelor's and master's degrees at Boston University, she completed a one year stint at MIT before earning a PhD in biochemistry at Boston University School of Medicine. After two years, post-doctoral fellowship, at Harvard Medical School Bronwyn moved from Boston to DC, where she spent three years in a post doctoral fellowship at the National Institutes of Health.

Bronwyn moved to Media, PA and earned her MBA at West Chester University, where she discovered a love for business management. Her good business

sense gave her the wherewithal to establish her own financial consulting company. Today, Martin Financial Consulting Group has offices in Kennett Square, PA and Havre de Grace, MD.

Bronwyn became a Rotarian in 2002 and is now a member of the new West Chester Passport Club. She held several positions in District 7450 and is the International Vice Chair of the Rotarian Action Group of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness. Bronwyn also serves as an executive board member of two non-profit organizations.

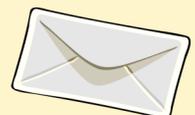
Her hobbies include scuba diving, biking, running, boating, and fishing. She is an avid soccer fan and drives a red corvette with the license plate YIPPEE, her dad's favorite expression of joy.



## Tell Us Your Stories!

We would love to hear about what is happening in your club and how members are helping in our communities and around the world. Share your projects and moments and help us grow and learn together in the District. We can't wait to hear from you. Send ideas to

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# Local Rotarian Visits Gambia Goat Dairy

Dr. Carla Chieffo, President of Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn (PMB) Rotary Club and Penn Vet alumnus, visited The Gambia Goat Dairy (GGD) project in The Gambia, Africa this summer.

GGD is an ambitious project aiming to create a commercial-scale, sustainable herd of milking goats. The dairy will model best practices while supplying local residents with affordable and safe dairy products that will help provide adequate nutrition.

Now three years into the project, construction was completed on a solar-powered borehole, which will provide the future dairy with 30,000 liters of water each day. With water now available, GGD can begin construction of a perimeter wall. GGD has also hired a local Gambian that lives on the property as a watchman.

After getting the facility up and running with at least 50 milking goats, the next two phases will involve educational outreach and shifting from producer to processor, creating a dairy market from the ground up for domestic farmers. The end goals are for the dairy to be financially self-sustaining and to reduce malnourishment in the local communities.

Dr. Chieffo also met with the Fajara Rotary Club

in The Gambia, which is interested in supporting the project and working with PMB Rotary to obtain a global grant.

This project was supported through Penn Vet, Penn's Global Internship Program, and Rotary District Grants and The Gundaker Foundation.

For more information about The Gambia Goat Dairy, visit [www.gambiagoatdairy.com](http://www.gambiagoatdairy.com).



## Sushil Kumar Gupta Selected to be 2020-2021 Rotary President

Sushil Kumar Gupta, of the Rotary Club of Delhi Midwest, Delhi, India, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2020-21.

Gupta wants to increase Rotary's humanitarian impact as well as the diversity of its membership. "As individuals, we can only do so much,"

Gupta said in a statement. "But when 1.2 million Rotarians work together, there is no limit to what we can achieve, and in the process, we can truly change the world."

Gupta has been a Rotarian since 1977 and has served Rotary as district governor, training leader, and resource group adviser; and as a member, vice chair, and chair of several committees. He has also received the coveted Padma Shri Award, the fourth-highest civilian award in India, conferred by the president of India for distinguished service to tourism and social work.

# Bentley In Gear

## England's First Corporate Rotary Club



In May, Cheshire England celebrated the charter of its first corporate Rotary Club, the Rotary Club of Bentley Cheshire. Since many companies already have a Corporate Social Responsibility Program to support their communities, an in-house Rotary Club was the perfect way to engage employees in offering community service.

The employees have also recruited friends from outside Bentley to join the club and the idea is spreading to other companies.

The meetings are very efficient and focused, alternating between a meeting room at Bentley and local pubs and restaurants. "We do not charge for meals or drinks as we don't always have meals and drinks," explains club Secretary Sarah Newcombe. "We have our meeting first, then the ones who wish to stay for food do and the others can either stay and just have a drink or can go home."



## 2017-18 ROTARY FOUNDATION GIVING RESULTS

Russ deFuria, Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator

Congratulations are in order for D-7450 after the district achieved five year highs in all of the following areas and every club in the district participated at some level!

Annual Fund Total Giving - \$181,311  
Annual Fund Per Capita Giving - \$128.59  
Polio Plus Total Giving - \$40,565  
Endowment Fund Total Giving - \$52,144  
**Overall Total Giving - \$294,204**

Thanks to everyone who contributed to "Our Foundation" this year. Thanks as well for the leadership of Annual Giving Chair Bonnie Korengel, Polio Chair Maureen Ingelsby, District Rotary Foundation Chair Bronwyn Martin and District Governor 2017-18 Dawn deFuria. You all truly were "Making a Difference". I hope that your generosity will continue during this Rotary year and you will

"Be the Inspiration".

