



## Grants & World Service Bulletin Rotary District 6840 1st Quarter, 2014



### Editor's Note

This quarterly publication is designed to better inform Rotarians in District 6840 about world service activities that our clubs are supporting, typically through the use of The Rotary Foundation district and global grants. This Rotary year was the first for District 6840 to fall under the Future Vision grant model, so we have had a learning curve. Our allotment for district grants of \$28,500 was distributed to clubs under the new model (Page 4), and one Global Grant is currently in process. For information on Global Grants currently seeking partners, go to RI's website [ideas.rotary.org/Project](http://ideas.rotary.org/Project), or to [matchinggrants.org](http://matchinggrants.org), a website maintained by Rotary District 5340 for the use by all Rotarians.

We also showcase world projects that our clubs are actively promoting and supporting. The Rotary Club of Slidell and the Salmen H.S. Interact Club (Slidell) are supporting a school in Uganda (page 2). RC Slidell and District 6840 are also participants in a Global Grant that repairs a water distribution system destroyed by fire in Arizona (page 3). Page 5 documents a recent bus trip to Mexico to immunize children against polio.

We have provided information on two World Service meetings coming up. The annual meeting of the U.S - Russia Intercountry Committee (ICC) is described on Page 6. Details on the Water & Sanitation Rotarian Action Group (WASRAG), held in conjunction with the RI Convention, can be found on Pages 7 & 8.

Yours truly,  
Ken Thompson  
2014-2015 District 6840 International Service Chairman

### Upcoming Events

March 1, 2014  
U.S - Russia Intercountry Committee  
Annual U.S Conference  
Houston, Texas

May 30, 2014  
World Water Summit 6  
Water & Sanitation Rotarian Action  
Group (WASRAG)  
Sydney, Australia

June 1-4, 2014  
Rotary International Convention  
Sydney, Australia

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[www.rotary6840.org](http://www.rotary6840.org)  
Feb. is World Understanding Month

**2014-2015 District Grants** Applications for district grants for the 2014-2015 Rotary year must be submitted by May 1 in order to be considered for funding. District 6840 will have about \$31,000 available for distribution after July 1. Global grant applications may be submitted at any time. To qualify for any kind of Rotary Foundation grant, a club must have at least one member who has attended the grant session during Ole Man River PETS on March 8 in Jackson, Mississippi. The club president and president-elect must also have signed and submitted a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).





## Hope of the Generation Uganda



**Hope of the Generation Uganda (HOPU)** is seeking assistance from District 6840 Rotary Clubs. A Peace Corps volunteer Erin Lawless began the 501(c)3 non-profit in 2005 to educate orphans of HIV/AIDS in Uganda (estimated at 1.2 million children). The organization uses creative education techniques (like music, drama, dance and sports) to teach young and old about HIV/AIDS prevention. HOGU is made up of 30 local community volunteers that donate their time to make a difference in their own village of Buwagi and the surrounding villages.

In 2007 they came together to start a private community school. The goal was to provide children with a higher quality education than the government schools in the area. They are currently trying to add on classrooms to a school they began years ago. HOGU's school is a place where caring teachers welcome orphans and vulnerable children into the classroom despite their family's hardships, where HIV positive children are included and embraced by faculty and other students, where children get breakfast and lunch, and participate in extra curricular activities like school plays, soccer and volleyball and have access to a library and games at HOGU's resource center.



This is a unique educational experience but one thing has been lacking for years...secure walls, cement floors, and a sturdy roof! The physical structure to house 250 children a year is very very poor. The school is made out of scraps of wood and cardboard. Their goal is to complete two full classroom blocks that will include 8 classrooms in total. To learn more go to the district website under District Programs > International Service or to <http://www.hogu.org/> The Rotary Club of Slidell, and the Salmen High School Interact Club (Slidell) have already made contributions to HOGU.





## Yarnell AZ Water District Global Grant

Prescott AZ Sunup Rotarian Mark Anderson's (markande@cableone.net) commentary observing Yarnell Arizona Fire Devastation June 30, 2013 that killed 19 firefighters:

"I have been valuing homes in Yarnell for the past ten years. Today I took a tour of the effects from the devastating June 30th Yarnell Hill fire that took the lives of 19 courageous Prescott firefighters. The quaint little hamlet that I remember has been gutted by Mother Nature. The damage beyond the loss of life has run deep in this community. It is also threatening the life blood of any community: water.



The water system was decimated by the fire; through the attrition of gravity fed water, through empty water connections of 130 lost homes. The water could not be shut off during the blaze, it had to wait until the firefighters did their job. By that time the system had been drained dry twice and the pumps that had worked tirelessly to replenish the loss of water finally gave out. The empty water lines collapsed from the lack of pressure and were trampled by the rescuers heavy equipment running throughout the community for several days. The water system, in the end, sustained and estimated \$1.8 million dollars of damage that can be identified, there is potentially more damage anticipated below ground and will continue to surface for months to come.

It turns out the Yarnell Water Improvement Association is a private nonprofit/non-government entity and because of that it is a "non-taxable" entity that is limited in government assistance /benefits it can qualify for. With the loss of a third of the customer base and a crushing debt to the USDA, this small water system is on the brink of extinction. Quite simply, without water this town will not survive. The SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) control system (boards /pumps / transmitters) needs to be replaced hence the funding of a Global Grant total of \$98,000 USD. Including Prescott Sunup's oversight committee, the Yarnell Water Improvement Association will be responsible for overseeing and maintaining project".

Funding has been secured for Global Grant 1416739, including international partners in South Korea, Mexico, and the Cayman Islands. Clubs in Arizona, California, and Louisiana are participating. Signatory sign-off by participating District Governors and Foundation Chairs is almost complete.





## District Grants Awarded for 2013-2014

District 6840 distributed a total of \$28,550 to district clubs on August 26, 2013, This is a list of the projects that were funded under the district grant program of The Rotary Foundation:

Lucedale Water/Sewer Project at Fairgrounds

Gulfport - Orange Grove Dictionary Project

New Orleans Riverbend Readers 2 Leaders - Lafayette Academy

Slidell Rachel's Challenge

Gautier Computer/Printer for Senior Citizen Center

New Orleans Dictionary/Atlas Project

Long Beach Dictionary Project

Gulfport Rachel's Challenge

St Charles Digital Books for St Charles Parish Schools

Columbia Soccer League Support

Slidell Northshore Dictionary Project

Northlake/Mandeville Josh the Otter

Edgewater Children's Health Fair

Kenner English Language Workbooks

Pass Christian Rachel's Challenge

Covington Scholarship Program

New Orleans Riverbed Readers 2 Leaders - Alice Harte Charter School

LaPlace American Flag Project

Long Beach Dictionary Project

Metairie Sunrise Exterior Lighting for Eden House

Hattiesburg Literacy Project

St Charles Lunched for Learning (Honduras)

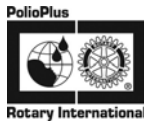
Petal Dictionary Project

Gulfport - Orange Grove Christmas for Kids

Slidell ShelterBox

New Orleans Riverbend Laptop Computer for Grace House

Central Hancock Dictionary Project



## Polio Immunization - Caborca, Mexico

**Polio Immunization** On Feb. 7-9, Rotarians from California and Arizona traveled by bus to Caborca, Sonora, Mexico, to immunize Mexican children against polio. Slidell Rotarian Ken Thompson and his daughter Kathryn, a resident of Scottsdale, Arizona, joined them. Caborca is an agricultural community of about 100,000 situated 150 miles south of Gila Bend, Arizona.

The 52 Rotarians, Rotaractors, and relatives broke into 15 groups and spread out into the nearby “ejidos” or rural farming communities to immunize about 300 children. Ken and Kathryn were assigned to a fishing village, El Desemboque, lying on the western coast of Mexico overlooking the Sea of Cortez. The American Rotarians were guests of Club Rotario de Caborca, and both evening meals were served in the Caborca clubhouse. A number of TRF Matching Grants have been written to support Caborca and the surrounding area, including fire trucks and water storage vessels.

A Global Grant for a 10,500 gallon water storage tank outside Caborca is currently under review.





## Rotary in Russia Conference March 1

**The United States - Russia Intercountry Committee (ICC)** will hold its Rotary in Russia Conference in Houston, Texas, on Saturday, March 1. This is an opportunity for interested clubs and Rotarians to learn more about RI International and New Generations Service. We are seeking additional representation from District 6840. Logistical details are provided on the district website under District Programs > International Service. For more information, please contact ICC President, PDG George Mahl III, [gmahl@aol.com](mailto:gmahl@aol.com).

### United States - Russia Intercountry Committee



#### **Houston Selected as Site for Meeting on Rotary in Russia**

By PDG Jon Eiche

District 5890 Representative to the US-Russia Intercountry Committee

Rotarians from around the United States will converge on Houston on March 1, 2014, for a meeting to hear updates on Rotary International's progress in strengthening Rotary in Russia. This meeting is sponsored by the United States section of the US-Russia Intercountry Committee.

The US-Russia ICC was chartered at Rotary Headquarters in 2007 with fourteen member districts from the United States and Russia. Goals of the organization include helping young Rotary clubs in Russia to strengthen and forge partnerships with Rotary clubs in the United States. These partnerships will promote Youth Exchanges between the two countries, professional and friendship exchanges, and work on joint Rotary projects.

An announcement of the meeting has been sent to all current Rotary District Governors and over one hundred past officers of Rotary International. Governors are invited to come or send a district representative to the meeting and hear about the progress Rotary has made since the first Rotary Clubs were chartered in Moscow and St. Petersburg in 1990.

Author Sharon Tennison, CEO of the Center for Citizen Initiatives will be the featured keynote speaker. Sharon has led this organization which has been responsible since 1983 for organizing hundreds of visiting teams of entrepreneurs from Russia to study business practices in the United States. Recently returning from an extensive visit to Russia, Ms. Tennison will report on her impressions of the dramatic changes that have taken place in Russia as a result of her organization's efforts over the last 30 years. A highlight of Sharon's presentation will be her assessment of the opportunities that Rotary has to improve the way of life in grass roots communities of Russia today.

Interested Rotarians in District 5890 are invited to participate in this one day conference and learn of the opportunities to develop relationships with one or more of the 80 Rotary Clubs in Russia. Governor Bob Gebhard has expressed an interest in organizing a friendship exchange with a Russian Club before the end of his year. For registration information about the conference, contact PDG Jon Eiche at [eichej1@comcast.net](mailto:eichej1@comcast.net) or by phone 713-702-2292.





## World Water Summit 2014



**World Water Summit 2014  
Sydney, Australia**

**Friday, May 30, 2014**

Immediately before the  
Rotary International Convention

Access to safe water, improved sanitation, and hygiene education are essential for human development. Although access to water has increased dramatically (globally we met the Millennium Development Goal for water in 2010) progress on sanitation lags far behind. Annually millions of children still die from preventable water-borne illness that could be eliminated through improved water, sanitation, and regular practice of basic hygiene such as hand washing with soap.

This year, Wasrag World Water Summit is focusing on the benefits of effective collaboration. In Rotary, we know working together is better. Effective WASH programs start with the community in need, and include input from government, local implementers, and technical experts, to name a few. How best to bring the right people to the table? What makes a great program team? What are NGO implementers looking for from Rotary Clubs?

Register early for the sixth annual international WASH Summit. Sessions will range from in-depth discussions to key note addresses by leading international experts. Meet old friends, and make new ones!

For early bird rates, register by **March 31, 2014**.  
Special rate available for Rotaract/students.

### ***Register Now!***

For information or to register go to:  
[www.wasrag.org](http://www.wasrag.org) | [www.startwithwater.org](http://www.startwithwater.org)



**wasrag**  
Water & Sanitation  
Rotarian Action Group



After bringing biosand water filters to a village near La Romana in the Dominican Republic, Rotarians from Maine, USA and New Brunswick, Canada, help to provide residents with a latrine.

Registration fees:*		
Wasrag Members	\$125	\$150
Non-Members	\$150**	\$175
Rotaractors/students	\$75	\$75

\* Early Bird Pricing on or before March 31

\*\* Includes annual Wasrag membership



# World Water Summit 2014 - Agenda

## Draft Outline of Program – World Water Summit 6 – May 30, 2014 – SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

7.30 a.m.	Registration	Logistics Team
8.00 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions	Bill Boyd, Wasrag Chair
8.10 a.m.	Welcome by an RI or TRF Leader	To be confirmed
8.20 a.m.	Welcome by a local dignitary or Summit Co Chair	Sandra Forster
8.30 a.m.	<b>First Major Speaker:</b> Dr. Bob Scott, chair of Rotary International's Polio Eradication Committee, is confirmed to talk about lessons learned from working collaboratively with other organizations around a common goal.	Dr. Bob Scott
9.00 a.m.	Breakout Sessions (Four breakouts focused on external collaboration across the WASH programming area – safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene education) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaboration with the private sector</li> <li>• Collaboration with the NGO sector</li> <li>• Collaboration with governments</li> <li>• Collaboration with other organizations</li> </ul>	To be confirmed
9.55 a.m.	Break	
10.20 a.m.	Breakouts resume	
11.20 a.m.	Return to Plenary Room	
11.25 a.m.	<b>Second Major Speaker :</b> Ms. Vanessa Tobin, formerly head of Water, Sanitation and Environment Program and Vice President for Programs for UNICEF and currently the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Program Manager for Catholic Relief Services will talk about how to work with multi-lateral organizations.	Vanessa Tobin
12.00 noon	Lunch – table top discussions broken out by geography, program areas, and/or sponsors	
13.15 p.m.	<b>Third Major Speaker:</b> Former President of Timor-Leste, the Honorable Jose Ramos-Horta, has been invited to speak on how Rotary can work closely with governments to identify and address WASH needs in their communities. Pres	The Hon. Jose Ramos-Horta
13.55 p.m.	Breakouts Sessions: (Focus on Future Visions Areas of Focus and their relationship to WASH– Peace and conflict prevention; disease prevention and treatment; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; economic and community development)	
14.55 p.m.	Break	

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15.20 p.m.	Breakouts continued	
16.20 p.m.	<b>Fourth Major Speaker:</b> Mr. Braimah Apambire is Director of the Water Institute at the Desert Research Institute in Reno, Nevada, and formerly WASH Program Manager for the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation. Previously he was head of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene for World Vision. Braimah will talk about how to partner with non-governmental organizations and donors.	Braimah Apambire
16.50 p.m.	Challenge by a Rotary Leader	To be confirmed
17.00 p.m.	Final Thoughts	Bill Boyd
17.10 p.m.	Adjourn to Reception	

Note: This agenda will be adjusted as we confirm schedules. Other WASH leaders from the private sector, government, non-governmental organizations, and multi-lateral organizations will be involved in the breakout sessions. We will also learn from Rotary colleagues, who have learned ways to do assessment, monitoring and evaluation, project management and fund-raising, on the most effective ways to build effective and sustainable programs.