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Message from

District Governor Fred Heismeyer

THRIVE!

During a recent Zoom meeting hosted by KLC, I heard an interesting quote, **"We get caught fighting to survive, while the opportunity to thrive awaits us."** This seems to be where many of us are as individuals and clubs after two years of the pandemic fallout. We are asking ourselves what can I do (or what can our club do) to bring back members/projects/programs to where they were before the winter of 2020? Perhaps this is the wrong question. The question must be, **what can we do today to thrive in the current environment we are in?**

It is not hard to realize that individuals and organizations thrive in an environment of success, engagement, purpose and of course, fun.

1. We should look for ways for our club to be successful; serving others, giving back to the community, and letting the community know that Rotary cares about the future of that community.
2. We should encourage and expect engagement from every Rotarian, giving opportunities for Rotarians to find the right fit in the club and recognizing that engagement will look different for each Rotarian.
3. We should focus on purpose – creat-



ing lasting change for our world, community, and self – and celebrating the positive impact of Rotarians.

4. Finally, we should have fun in what we do and bring non-Rotarians into that circle of fun.

Rotary gives each of us the chance to bring our passion, our skills, and our connections together to make our piece of the world a better place. As one of my favorite singer/songwriters, Harry Chapin, says in his song *Greyhound*, "it's the going, not the getting there that's good."

So fellow Rotarians, let us travel this journey of service together, adding another piece of the Rotary puzzle, inviting others to join us, and thriving on the opportunities that are ahead of us.

Fred Heismeyer

District Governor
2021-22
District 5680



- One new member
- One new fundraising idea
- One local service project
- One friend



Rotary



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Satellite Club??



Satellite Club

Have you considered exploring the idea of a Satellite Club? It only takes a couple of interested people to get the ball rolling. If having a Rotary meeting at a different time or different day would bring more Rotarians to your community, this is something to consider!

Once you get a group of 8 together, Rotary recognizes you as a Satellite Club. This is what Rotary International has to say:

Want to start a club but don't have 20 members? You can start a satellite club with just eight people with the sponsorship of an established club. Satellite clubs meet at different times, have their own bylaws and club culture, and their own club leaders. They function as a short-term transitional step on the way to becoming a full, independent Rotary club. Tell us what club are you in to win. Find more information in the resources below.

[Satellite club FAQ \(PDF\)](#)

[Satellite club application \(PDF\)](#)

[Satellite club member information form \(PDF\)](#)

PDG Andrea Krauss Appointed to RI/TRF Committee



PDG (2018-19) Andrea Krauss (RC Russell) has been appointed to the Rotary International Strategic Planning Committee for a 4-year term. The committee, mandated by the RI Bylaws is a joint committee of RI and TRF. Members of the committee are from

USA, Panama, Australia, Korea, India and Sri Lanka.

Congratulations, Andrea!!

December is Disease & Prevention Month



PDG Dick Hartwell Memoria

We were saddened to learn of the death of Past District Governor (1992-93), Richard (Dick) Hartwell. He was a member and past president (1979-80) of the Rotary Club of Wichita for 58 years and received the club's Service Above Self Award and was a member of the Bernie Alberts Society (WRCF). He was also an involved member of the Salvation Army. Other involvement included the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scout Leader, President of the East Branch YMCA, .



Dick was a good man, well respected in his field and community. At this giving time of the year, we should give thanks for Dick and our many other deceased Rotarian family members.

<https://www.cozine.com/obituary/RichardDick-Hartwell>

RYLA 2022—Pop-up ... February 18

RYLA for 2022 is coming soon. Last year we tried a one-day session which was a huge success. So this



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year we will offer the one day session plus the full camp at Southwestern College. The one day session will be held at the Cosmosphere in Hutchinson, KS on February 18, 2022. The full session will be held on May 31 to June 4, 2022 at Southwestern College in Winfield. The camp is open to current high school Freshman, Sophomore, or Junior students that your club selects.

Registration and information for each session will be available at www.sckans.edu/leadership and then click Service Outreach and Rotary Camp/ Also find information at our district website. You may send students to either camp based on your preference and their schedule. Help your students DISCOVER their leadership potential.

If you have questions, please contact Dean Kennedy at 620-212-4107 or dean.kennedy@communitynational.net

Register for the RI Convention in Houston Early deadline is December 15, 2021

Don't delay your convention registration and the prospect of meeting up with old and new friends.

[Register Today!](#)

Call for District 5680 Governor Nominations for 2024 - 2025

The month of November begins the process for selecting the District 5680 Governor for the 2024-2025 Rotary year. One of the most important things a club can do is to allow the district to benefit from your club's leaders by encouraging them to be a District 5680 leader.

Clubs are invited to submit their suggestions for nomination for Governor of District 5680 for the Rotary Year 2024-2025 (July 1, 2024—June 30, 2025) no later than January 15, 2022. To be eligible for Governor, a candidate must have the qualifications and agree to accept the duties of a Governor as set forth in the 2019 Manual of Procedure (MOP). Earlier this month, DG Fred Heismeyer sent copies of the applicable pages of the MOP as well as other important documents related to the nomination of a district governor to all club presidents via email.

Pertinent dates for the District Governor Nomination process are as follows:

November 20	District Governor invited clubs to submit suggestions to the nominating committee in an official call to all club presidents via email. Candidates submitted will be considered by the nominating committee.
Dec / Jan	Additional announcements for District Governor will be published in the December and January issues of the monthly newsletter.
January 15	Deadline for the receipt by either the gover-

nor or the nominating committee chair of club nominations of District Governor candidates.

February 15 Deadline for selection of nominee for governor by the nominating committee. The nominating committee chair will promptly notify all candidates of the decision.

This position is challenging but very rewarding and you are asked to review your member list and consider nominating a candidate. If you have questions, call any committee member.

Send your suggestions to Nominating Committee Chair Past District Governor Chair Dana Brewer at 613 Washington Street, Concordia, KS 66901-0549, (email danabrewerdg5680@gmail.com) or to Nominations Committee Secretary Rod Kreie.

The Nominating Committee is as follows:

Janie Welch, Sublette (2022) (Small Clubs)
 Paul Monty, Washington (2023) (Medium Clubs)
 Kelle Thompson, Winfield (2021) (Large Clubs)
PDG Dana Brewer, Committee Chair
 PDG Kurt Harper, Wichita
 PDG Andrea Krauss, Russell
 PDG Sterling Hall, Sublette
 PDG Gary Norris, Salina
 Committee Secretary - **PDG Rod Kreie**, 514 W 12th St,
 Newton, KS 67114 Cell 620-353-8415
rkreie@gpbiosciences.com

South African Schools Global Grant Water & Sanitation Project

**Does your club have an International Project?
 If not, we've found a great one for you.**

At our recent District 5680 Conference in Wichita, we heard from Past District (5440) Governor Stu Palmer. His Rotary Foundation breakout session raised an awareness of the critical water and sanitation needs at no-fee black township schools in South Africa. This inspiring Rotary International Global Grant project will build upon the collaborative water and sanitation projects already completed by the South African Rotary Clubs of Grahamstown with the support of the Rotary Club of Jackson Hole.

This grant will allow Rotary partners to perform significant renovation to all toilet blocks at the seven (7) highest performing schools in the township, benefitting nearly 5000 students. It will also provide significant improvements to the school kitchens utilized for the National School Nutrition Programs, where many of the students receive their one reliable meal for the day.

Our District 5680 Foundation Committee strongly supports this project, having allocated up to \$25,000 of District 5680 Designated Funds to support this International Rotary Grant.

This Global Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH-in-Schools) grant (GG 222 9954) is aiming for a goal of \$400,000 with two-thirds of the funding has been raised so far.

If your club has not sponsored an international project in a while, you can be a part of the process. You can help overcome critical water shortages in this drought-starved part of Africa and improve educational opportunities for students in the Post-Apartheid era on the Eastern Cape of South Africa.

The Project Team of South African Rotarians and members of the Rotary Club of Jackson Hole, Wyoming, have made a huge difference in the schools over the past three years to ensure clean, filtered water and begin the process to rebuild the struggling school infrastructures.

SCHEDULE your Club's "Zoom" program presentation, today. Contact PDG Stu Palmer (StuRotary@Gmail.com) to arrange a 25 minute Zoom for your club members to learn how to be a part of this exciting international project with matching support from The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. Talk to your club president and then contact PDG Stu. He winters in Wichita and makes up at the East Wichita Rotary Club.

Read more on page 10

2021 District Conference

Adding Pieces to the Puzzle

More pieces of the Rotary puzzle were put together during last month's 2021 District Conference. Over 120 Rotarians and guests participated in this year's conference. We had several Rotarians engage in the Rotary Leadership Institute, we collected over 1,000 rolls of toilet paper for Head-to-Toe Hygiene Pantry, we celebrated the success of the challenging year of 2020-21 with IPDG Dana recognizing a number of Rotarians and Clubs for their efforts – including awarding the RC of Newton as the Club of the Year, PDG Rod Kreie was honored with the Rotary International Service Above Self Award, and we raised over \$4,000.00 for the RI Foundation through our district auction.

Rotarians spent the time together learning and sharing. We heard from Jacque Howard, the RI Presidential Representative, setting the stage with a message from RIP Shekhar about how we can SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES. RI Director Suzi Howe spoke of our impact on defeating Polio and stressing the importance of sustained projects. We were challenged by our final keynote speaker, Valerie Hope, to go beyond ourselves in our service to impact our diverse communities. And we were entertained by Sarah Wine who helped us kick off our Halloween weekend with some themed songs.

Our District heard about four potential societal needs in which clubs could address through service. These included, Outreach, Inc. (food and water projects), Shelter Box (emergency shelter and survival items), ICT SOS (human



trafficking issues) and Foster Family needs. Rotarians had an opportunity to learn about various projects from the displays that were available. Finally, we all had time to connect with fellow Rotarians through breakout sessions, area meetings, and plenty of time during breaks and meals.

So many volunteers put their time and energy into making this year's conference a success. Presenters, volunteers who helped to set-up the conference, those who donated items for the auction, the clubs who went above and beyond by lending items used at the conference or who gave items which were given to all registrants, and of course the many Rotarians who traveled more than a few hours to put their piece of the puzzle together.

The success of the 2021 conference is only a portion of adding pieces to the Rotary puzzle. It is important for all of us to bring back to our individual clubs the knowledge, excitement, and motivation we experienced so we can continue to add to the puzzle and make Rotary more relevant in all our communities across our District. This is our challenge!

THANKS TO EVERYONE!

We are all invited to next year's conference.
Hosted by the RC of Liberal
October 21 – 23, 2023

NOTE: Recordings of keynote speakers from the conference will be uploaded to our District website in mid-December. Watch for an announcement of when they will be available on our Facebook page and through regular e-mail communication to club presidents.



Over 1,000 rolls of toilet paper were brought to the conference for Head to Toe Hygiene Pantry. It was the service project at the conference when we packaged 3 rolls per package which will go to more than 160 families in November.



PB & J

Bond, James
Bond

Spiderwoman



Costumes
seen at
Conference



Shelter Box
fully
displayed.
Thanks,
PDG
Marshall
Stanton!



**See more photos throughout
this and next month's
newsletter**

Awards Presented at District Conference

PDG Dana Brewer Congratulated many in our district

Rising Star Award: **Isaac McNary** (El Dorado) for Rotarian Videos, Scrub Out Polio (Artisan Soaps supporting End Polio Now), etc.

Service in Action Award: **DeAnn Sullivan**, (W. Wichita) - Pro Vax/ Positivity Smiley Faces distributed to clubs in 5680, 5710 and other clubs in Kansas.

Wind beneath Our Wings Awards:

Lindsy Berry (Derby) - District Website Manager, End Polio Now Flyers, etc.

Kent Erb (Newton) - District Executive keeps us all together and moving towards our goals with communications, accounting, budgeting, institutional knowledge, advice and counsel.

Membership: All the Clubs, for reaching out to each other, staying in contact and keeping enough of your Members engaged, to help our clubs survive the pandemic!

Special Club Award: **Newton's** use of technology such as Virtual and Hybrid meetings. Kept members connected and engaged and was used to recruit new members, some of whom wouldn't have considered joining Rotary, if physical attendance of meetings at the same regular time was the only option.

Special Individual Award: Super Recruiter of Future Rotarians **Greg Hanson** (Newton) - recruited 10+ Rotarians in last year and a half, throughout the pandemic. He shared Rotary's Story-the Spirit of Service!

Local Club Service Projects: All Club Projects were especially important this year because of the pandemic's effects and our communities' needing to know we Rotarians continued to be there to help, as needed.

Most impactful Community/Service Project: **Rotary Club of Clay Center** - Painted Murals. Started "A Mural Movement" by organizing community members to plan, raise funds for and recruit an artist to complete a painted mural to raise spirits and promote pride in Clay Center, during the Pandemic. Another 12 murals later and the community is brimming with positive feelings and Rotarians have been front and center.

Polio Prevention Awards/Giving per Member

Rotary Club of Howard	\$ 376
Rotary Club of Kinsley	290
Rotary Club of Concordia	155
Rotary Club of Ness City	90
Rotary Club of Liberal	58
Rotary Club of Great Bend	58
Rotary Club of Eldorado	56
Rotary Club of Washington	51
Rotary Club of Arkansas City	50

Spirit of Paul Harris Awards

Total Rotary Foundation Giving per Member

Rotary Club of Howard	\$ 392
Rotary Club of Kinsley	290
Rotary Club of Russell	259
Rotary Club of Liberal	257
Rotary Club of Andover	222
Rotary Club of Hugoton	219
Rotary Club of Newton	185
Rotary Club of Hutchinson	167
Rotary Club of Derby	157
Rotary Club of McPherson	143

Club of the Year Awards

	Wichita Old Town Rotary Club
	Rotary Club of West Wichita,
	Rotary Club of Newton
Top Club:	Rotary Club of Newton

Thanks to all KS OK District 5680 Rotarians for the privilege of serving as your District Governor. Profound appreciation to the DG String, District Leadership Team (including AGs), Executive Committee and Committee Chairs for your great work during an unusually challenging year! Your Service truly does make a difference

Dana Brewer
2020-2021 District Governor
Rotary District 5680



PDG Rod Kreie received Rotary International's Highest Award—Service Above Self—given to only 150 Rotarians worldwide annually. The award was presented by PDG Geri Appel, RI President's Rep, Jackie Howard and RI Zone Director, Suzi Howe. Rod is surely one of the most qualified Rotarians to receive this recognition and we are so proud that he received it. Congratulations, Rod!

Photo (L-R): Geri Appel, Suzi Howe, Rod, Jackie Howard, Dana Kreie

District Governor Visits



Old Town



Hoxie



Cimmaron



Osborne



Washington



W Sedgwick Co Sunrise

Photos from District Conference



Front Stage (photo courtesy
Larry Stoppel
(RC Washington))



Flags of Rotary Countries surround-
ed the rooms
(Larry Stoppel)

Thanks to PDG Mike Barnes for
transporting them to Wichita from
Boise City, OK!



DG Fred thanks our RI President's
Rep, Jacqueline Howard
and RI Director Suzi Howe



Congratulations to partici-
pants in our first-ever RLI
(Rotary Leadership Insti-
tute) and their trainers.

Special thanks to Arlen
Honts (left) for coordinating
the program.



Master of Ceremonies
Joe Goetz
(RC East Wichita)



Club News from around the District

Rotary Club Wichita: Club Member Tiffany Fisher spent the day volunteering to teach the [Junior Achievement](#) Class for Economic Success at Coleman Middle School. The six-part class includes choosing a career, education choices, setting goals, earning income, making budgets, using credit cards/debit cards, credit scores, and insurance (like home, health, car, phone, etc). Junior Achievement is an official volunteer project of our Club



Rotary Club East Wichita: We had another successful turkey dinner drive this year! On the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, dinners costing \$80+ feeding 4-6 people were delivered to 75 families whose names were provided by 12 organizations throughout the community. This project is funded by contributions from members designated for this project and members deliver all the dinners personally. Great job, EWR members!



Rotary Club Washington: Our annual Festival of Trees will be on Saturday, Dec. 11. Proceeds will go to PolioPlus and the Horse Soldier Monument. We also enjoyed DG Fred & Joyce Heismeyer's visit (their 54th) and Fred's inspirational message at our club recently.



Rotary Club W Sedgwick CO Sunrise: We received a note from the CEO of Ronald McDonald House Charities thanking us for our contribution for our "support as we continue to provide a comforting place for families whose children are enduring medical crises."

Rotary Club East Wichita: Our club was honored by The Rotary Foundation for our successful Polio Plus campaign drive last year. President Greg Ek and last year's president Michael Moeder accepted the award from DG Fred Heismeyer.



Rotary Club W Wichita: We celebrated World Polio Day with Purple Pinkie Donuts provided by our club president, Randy Bowles!



Rotary Club W Sedgwick Co.: This year's golf tournament was a big success! Club Treasurer, Dave Champley, reports that we grossed over \$24,000. Proceeds from the tournament will be used for the Playscape and to fund our club's charitable activities.



Rotary Club W Wichita: We will continue our tradition of ringing the bells for the Salvation Army on Saturday, Dec. 11 at Dil-lons.



We also purchased and delivered Thanksgiving groceries to four families in need. We will also do Christmas grocery shopping in mid-December.

Rotary Club :E Wichita Our PolioPlus campaign for this year exceeded our \$3,000 goal—we raised \$4,249. *Congratulations, East Wichita Rotary!*



Rotary Club Washington: We held a Parent's Night chili and cinnamon roll free-will-donation that raised \$1,636.05 to the Horse Soldier Monument—a huge success!

Rotary Club Derby: We've been distributing 3rd grade dictionaries in 11 schools in Derby! One young man said he really wanted a dictionary for Christmas and asked if it was his to keep. So rewarding!



More Club News

PRESIDENTS-ELECT SHOULD BE IDENTIFIED

All clubs should identify their presidents-elect before the end of December. It is important that this happens so that we can begin communicating with the PEs and helping them prepare for their year as president of a club. While PETS is March 31 – April 2, there will be pre-PETS training/assignments that PEs are asked to complete. These training sessions and assignments helps to make PETS more engaging and meaningful.

**PLEASE ELECT YOUR PE IN DECEMBER
AND REPORT THE RESULTS TO KENT ERB**
(rotary5680@gmail.com)

Rotary Club W Wichita: LAWRENCE ELEMENTARY FAMILY FUN NIGHT THANK YOU

I would like to say thank you for your priceless contribution to the Lawrence Elementary School Fall Festival event on October 14th. Your presence was the major reason that the staff and students were buzzing the next school day about how much fun they had at the event. The act of kindness the Westside Rotary showed in reaching out to our school community was totally awesome! I hope that you will be willing to participate again next year. I cannot find the right words to say how much I appreciate everything you did to make the event a success. Thanks again for making a difference.

Mark Harmon

Pando Initiative (formerly Communities in Schools)

Rotary Club W Wichita:

Four families in need at Benton Elementary School will be receiving Holiday Groceries from our club this year. Our shoppers are out again!



ROTARY CITATION “Easy, Peasy”

Your club is challenged to work on adding another piece of the Rotary puzzle and work to receive the 2021-22 Rotary Citation. It is easy and all clubs should certainly meet the guidelines for receiving this recognition. Club Presidents and Secretaries received the Rotary Citation goals/instructions in an e-mail earlier this month. The document can also be found on the district website (rotary5680.org) under Club Resources tab at the top of the page, then click on Club President and the Citation information is under the Quick Access area.

To receive this year's recognition, you only need to do:

- Go to Rotary Club Central
- Review the 25 available goals
- Select at least 13 goals (or more than 50% of the available goals)
- Achieve those goals
- Report achievement in Rotary Club Central

**LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO HAVE ALL OUR CLUBS
RECEIVE THIS RECOGNITION!**

DID YOU KNOW? RI Membership Info

- Rotary's Global Membership is 1.4 million. This includes 200,000 Rotaractors
- There are 46,000 Rotary & Rotaract Clubs
- 24% of Rotarians are women; 52% of Rotaractors are women
- There are Satellite, Passport, Corporate and Cause-Based clubs in addition to traditional clubs
- 27% of Rotarians are from the US, Canada & Caribbean. Asia has 34% of total Rotary membership
- In 2020-21, 138,000 new and readmitted members joined Rotary. BUT 150,000 members left us.

Upcoming Events

February 18, 2022

RYLA 2022 - 1 Day Pop-up
Kansas Cosmosphere, Hutchinson

May 31-June 4, 2022

RYLA
Southwestern College, Winfield

Sept. 15-18, 2022

Zone Institute
Bloomington, MN

March 31-April 2, 2022

PETS 2022
Wichita Marriott

June 4-8, 2022

Rotary International Convention
Houston, TX

Oct. 21-23, 2022

District Conference
Liberal, KS

District 5680 Membership Report As Of October 31, 2021

Club	7/1/2021 MEMBERSHIP	10/31/2021 MEMBERSHIP	NET GAIN 2021-2022
Abilene	47	47	0
Andover	23	25	2
Arkansas City	58	56	(2)
Atwood	25	25	0
Beaver	15	15	0
Beloit	39	39	0
Boise City	20	18	(2)
Cimarron	23	23	0
Clay Center	55	56	1
Colby	46	47	1
Concordia	35	34	(1)
Derby	58	55	(3)
Dodge City	38	38	0
Downs	10	10	0
East Wichita	67	73	6
E-Club	16	16	0
El Dorado	30	32	2
Ellinwood	16	18	2
Ellis	11	11	0
Garden City	38	39	1
Goodland	21	19	(2)
Great Bend	41	39	(2)
Guymon	25	36	11
Hays	61	63	2
Hays Sunrise	15	15	0
Hill City	14	14	0
Howard	10	10	0
Hoxie	20	19	(1)
Hugoton	16	16	0
Hutchinson	94	92	(2)
Johnson	13	13	0
Kingman	22	22	0
Kinsley	6	6	0
Larned	16	16	0
Liberal	39	39	0
Lindsborg	7	7	0
Lyons	23	22	(1)
McPherson	35	33	(2)
Ness City	23	23	0
Newton	60	63	3
Norton	14	14	0
Oberlin	31	28	(3)
Osborne	11	10	(1)
Phillipsburg	48	48	0
Pratt	51	58	7
Russell	37	37	0
Salina	117	114	(3)
Sharon Springs	6	6	0
Sterling	14	14	0
Sublette	17	16	(1)
Syracuse	13	13	0
Texhoma	12	12	0
Ulysses	25	27	2
Washington	33	33	0
Wellington	10	9	(1)
West Sedgwick Co Sunrise	34	37	3
West Wichita	59	62	3
Wichita-Downtown	378	394	16
Wichita-Old Town	13	13	0
Winfield	74	74	0
TOTALS	2228	2263	35



District 5680

www.rotary5680.org

This is your newsletter!
Send your articles and
club information to:

PDG Geri Appel, Editor
Phone: 316-841-2592
appelg@kenlerman.com



2021-22 RI President
Shekhar Mehta
Calcutta INDIA

How well did you read this newsletter? Did you find a clue or instruction so you can be entered into our quarterly, semi-annual and annual drawings for Paul Harris Points to help you reach your next level of giving?

Questions: Contact Newsletter Editor [Geri Appel](#)

Did You Know?

We have a link on YouTube!



Restoring Water, Sanitation and Dignity to the Grahamstown/Makhanda Schools

Makhanda, South Africa - Global Grant: 222 9954

This project will build upon the successful partnership between the Rotary Club of Jackson Hole and the Rotary Club of Grahamstown to providewater and sanitation systems to schools in the Makhanda (Grahamstown) Township.

Between 2018 and 2020, this collaboration successfully intervened with two Secondary Schools in the region, impacting a combined student population of over 1700 students. First, in May 2019, the Rotary Club of Jackson Hole supported the purchase of rainwater storage tanks to allow Nombulelo Secondary School to remain open when the municipal water source was turned off. In addition, Nombulelo's guttering system was upgraded to allow for more efficient rainwater capture.

A year later, the Rotary Club of Jackson Hole assisted the Rotary Club of Grahamstown in funding a \$110,000 project to completely renovate the water and sanitation systems at Ntsika Secondary School - including the bathrooms, cafeteria and rainwater harvesting system. This enabled Ntsika to remain open and even increase their graduation rates during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The most recently completed project "Secure School Water Supply" built upon these successes by providing water tanks and pumps to keep ten schools open - impacting 6,379 students. This project addressed all plumbing leaks at these schools and provided water for flushing toilets. In addition, filtered drinking water was provided for students and for the National School Nutrition Program.

This project laid the groundwork for an even larger project to address additional water and sanitation needs at seven of these schools. A needs assessment, consistent with Rotary International's standards, was conducted from May - July 2021; this determined the scope of work outlined in the current global grant. The work includes renovating ablution blocks and kitchens at the schools.

Why is this essential? For many black South African students, school is the only place where they have access to clean water and, through the National School Nutrition Program, a nutritious daily meal. Second, due to the legacy of apartheid, the previous generations of black South Africans were often denied a full education. Current students in the educational system are the future leaders of the country. This is reflected in the South African unemployment statistics; while unemployment among uneducated South Africans hovers around 37%, those statistics shift dramatically - to only 6% - for those who graduate from high school and obtain an undergraduate degree. Our effort will provide dignity and hope, allowing South African students, many of whom originate from extreme poverty, to realize their dream of rising above their current situation and advancing the future of the country.

Donation information: If a tax receipt is desired, email Stuart Palmer at sturotary@gmail.com or Julia Heemstra at jrheemstra@gmail.com. Or if a receipt is not necessary, Venmo @RotaryofJH - designate "South African School Water Projects".

