



In this edition of the District 1150 International Newsletter there are appeals from clubs for assistance or information. By reaching out and working with other clubs you can maybe make your project more effective and eligible for grant aid. An example of this is the RC of Cowbridge working with its twin club in Germany. If you have a story to tell, please send it to me at international@district1150.org.

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Useful resources for Clubs

Is your club looking for ideas for an international project? Have a look at the [Rotary Showcase](#) to see what others are doing. Perhaps you have the idea for a project but would like some guidance on how to put it together. The [Project Lifecycle](#) pages have lots of advice on how to construct a project, how to apply for grants, implementing your project and evaluating its success. There are videos and links to many other resources.

Rotary also has its own crowd funding site. There is an [introductory video](#) and the projects can be seen on the [Rotary Ideas](#) page.



GLOBAL SIGHT SOLUTIONS

The Guilford Rotary Eye Project was renamed Global Sight Solutions at the beginning of this year.

Global Sight Solutions strives to make blindness history. Their main focus is the setting up of Specialist Eye Hospitals in areas of need. They also invest in Eye Buses to transport patients to the clinics.

Because nearly all involved are volunteers or medical professionals sympathetic to the aims of Global Sight Solutions, a complete cataract operation service can be provided in India, Africa and other parts of the developing world for just £15! With the application of Rotary Grants, this effectively means that a £5 donation can

solve critical sight problems and often enable the blind to see again!

Global Sight Solutions would, of course, be happy to receive donations, but they are also looking to the Rotary community to spread the word

to the public and also to let them know of any potential corporate sponsors and supporters.



Their website is www.globalsightsolutions.org

If you would like a speaker from Global Sight Solutions to visit your club, please contact John Miles at john.miles13@openworld.com



Cowbridge and Meissen Rotary Clubs' "Water for Schools" Project in Uganda



For nearly four years now, Cowbridge Rotary Club has been sending money to help to get schools in the Tororo district in Uganda, a piped water supply. Clean, fresh drinking water in a school has had a huge impact. Girls don't have to bring water to school (in this society, only girls fetch water). They don't have to waste learning time, and teachers don't have to waste teaching time, acting as chaperones. More time is spent in the classroom. Grades go up. When you scatter some water around on the earth floors, the levels of dust go down.

These benefits led the Rotary Club of Cowbridge to work with its twin club from Meissen in Germany to develop this project. This is a really international effort, expanding the budget again this time to pay for five new connections to schools in Tororo. Under the

supervision of Dr. Maureen Mapp, working with 'Vale for Africa' and TOCIDA (now 'ACET' - the Advancement for Community Empowerment in Tororo), schools in Akworot, Morikiswa, Osia, and Poyameri have been connected to mains water. This year the aim is to connect another five schools: Apokor, Maliri, Siwa, St. Agnes Mella, and Mawele, affecting 4,657 pupils and 54 teachers. Altogether, nearly 8,500 pupils and over 100 staff will have improved conditions by the end of 2018. The head teachers usually report increased class retention rates and improved health due to availability of safe drinking water.

Do you have projects that you would like to tell others about? Send them to international@rotary1150.org.

Appeal for Global Grant Partner

Kolhapur is a city on the banks of the Panchaganga River, in the West Indian state of Maharashtra. The Rotary Club of Kolhapur Midtown has run a Jaipur Limb Centre successfully for many years. Recently they completed a Global Grant Project to fit 600 limbs with the Rotary Club of Bath as the international partner.

They are now planning to go for another similar project to fit 600 limbs at a total cost of US\$ 36,700.

They are looking for an international partner Club. This is a very worthwhile project to be run by an active and efficient Club.

If your club or group of clubs is interested or would like further details, please contact Subrahmanyam Ganesh at ganes17wg@gmail.com

Grant Application Reminder

If your club is planning a grant application from The Rotary Foundation in the Rotary year 2018/19, do not forget that you need to inform the District Grant team before the end of June so that your request can be taken into account in the grant planning. Your President Elect was made aware of this in their training seminar but they may need reminding !