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JULY DEDICATED TO BUILDING OUR CLUB

This month is very important for all members of our club. In case you missed the last Charm, we've got three critical planning sessions organized for the month.

On the 12th and 19th Sean Duffy has organized structured sessions where you all can discuss and share what the club's identity, priorities, and philosophy are and should be. This will be a great way for each of you to learn what everyone is thinking.

On the 26th the district will be leading a Vision Planning session for us so we can take the thoughts we collectively have and get them organized into a long term strategic plan. Paul Mangels and three other district representatives will be leading this session, and our new Assistant Governor Rick Bassett will also be attending.

THE DISTRICT STRONGLY ENCOURAGES NON-BOARD MEMBERS TO ATTEND.

I couldn't agree more because this is your club, and you have every right to own a piece of its vision.

Anyone attending the Vision Planning session must sign up in advance for this session. I'll have a sign-up sheet available on both the 12th and the 19th.

IMPORTANT: The Vision Planning session on the 26th begins at 5PM and ends at 9PM. Anyone who commits to being there is committing to stay for the entire four hour session, but I promise it will go by quickly.

Casual attire for all three sessions is perfectly acceptable and encouraged, so let's roll up our sleeves and use some elbow grease.

MEDICAL MISSION TOUCHES THE 'UNREACHABLE'

By Ryan Hyland Rotary International News – 6 July 2010

During a massive seven-day medical mission in March, a team of 37 doctors and volunteers from District 3080 provided care to about 50,000 people in the remote tribal district of Mandla, Madhya Pradesh, India.

Organized by Past RI President Rajendra K. Saboo and Vivek Tankha, additional solicitor general of India and past governor of District 3260, several health camps offered medical exams, dental procedures, and surgeries to a population with limited access to health care.

The team included 24 doctors and surgeons, nine volunteers, and four medical assistants.

"This was an exercise where vocational service was at its best, where doctors made their knowledge and talents totally available to serve humanity," Saboo said. "We were able to reach the unreachable."

Saboo -- who has organized a number of medical missions since 1998 to countries including Ethiopia, Madagascar, Malawi, Nigeria, Swaziland, and Uganda -- said this effort far exceeded the others in terms of number of patients seen.

Tankha worked with Madhya Pradesh officials to identify the Mandla district as the location for Project RAHAT (Rotary's Active Hands Are Touching). The state government commissioned the support of about 400 medical volunteers.

The magnitude of the effort exceeded Tankha's expectations.

"The patient turnout, voluntary assistance rendered by Rotary and the state government, and the sight of the entire task force working under the banner of Rotary was something which I neither anticipated nor imagined," he said. "This mission presents a perfect example of people's participation towards a healthy society."

The medical camps were organized by treatment type. Four venues -- Mandla District Hospital, Katra Hospital, Yogiraj Hospital, and the local Red Cross -- received new equipment and other enhancements to handle an increased patient load.

The doctors and volunteers performed 3,500 dental procedures and 2,000 major surgeries, including reconstructive surgery, orthopedic work, and eye operations.

Subhash Garg, director of the medical mission and past governor of District 3080, said the many remarkable surgeries included the removals of a uterine tumor for one patient and a cataract for another -- a 105-year-old man.

"After completing this mission, there was a sense from the team of complete satisfaction," Garg said. "All Rotarians involved had a joyous feeling because we were able to contribute something so big."



FUTURE VISION PILOT IS LAUNCHED

By Arnold R. Grahl Rotary International News – 2 July 2010

The Future Vision pilot, a three-year test of The Rotary Foundation's new, streamlined grant structure, is underway.

The pilot officially began 1 July, with 100 pilot districts that were selected from among hundreds of applicants in June 2009. The pilot districts will spend the next three years testing and helping to refine the Foundation's new grant model before all districts begin to participate in July 2013.

"I believe that through Future Vision, we will be able to serve our communities, and the world, in better and more effective ways," said Glenn E. Estess Sr., 2009-10 Foundation trustee chair, at the 2010 RI Convention in Montréal, Québec, Canada. "We will do the very most with everything we have. We will be able to address the challenges, large and small, that present obstacles to peace -- and dismantle those obstacles, one by one."

"Concentrating our efforts on bigger projects will have a greater impact and be more sustainable," said Jeremy Voizey, past governor of District 1120 (England), during a Future Vision networking session at the convention. "Traditionally, we have done very well with the Foundation. This model should make life easier."

Pilot districts were chosen after a careful and rigorous review process, designed to select a group of districts that would closely mirror the Rotary world. The 100 districts were required to make a firm, three-year commitment to the pilot and, before the launch, to appoint a district Rotary Foundation committee chair to serve for all three years. Pilot district governors-elect and Foundation committee chairs received special training during the 2010 International Assembly.

Two types of grants are provided for under the Future Vision Plan. Once a year, districts may apply for a block grant of up to 50 percent of their District Designated Fund. These [district grants](#) offer the flexibility to respond quickly to immediate needs or to plan projects with clubs locally or in other countries. Pilot districts may sponsor district grant projects with clubs in nonpilot districts.

[Global grants](#) support large, sustainable activities that relate to one or more of the [areas of focus](#). Clubs and districts can either create their own global grant-funded projects or sponsor [packaged global grants](#) that will be developed by the Foundation in cooperation with its strategic partners.

The Trustees have approved a Rotary Foundation Global Grants World Fund budget of US\$8 million for Future Vision pilot districts starting with the 2010-11 year. (Funds for the pilot districts were budgeted separately. The 2010-11 Matching Grants World Fund budget is \$21.5 million.)

The Foundation has already approved two district grant applications under the Future Vision pilot and is reviewing a

number of others. District 3330 (Thailand) will use a \$39,500 grant to fund a variety of local projects, including buying books, computers, and sports equipment for schools; providing clean water for students; and adding patient beds at a hospital. [Read more](#). District 1970 (Portugal) has also been approved for a district grant.

The first global grant was approved in June for a project to combat the spread of dengue fever in Indonesia. [Read more](#). The Foundation has received more than 100 proposals for global grants.

The Foundation is also close to finalizing agreements with two strategic partners, and is reviewing a number of others.

RI STRATEGIC PLAN GOES INTO EFFECT

Rotary International News -- 2 July 2010

With the start of the new Rotary year, Rotary International's revised Strategic Plan officially goes into effect.

The plan comprises three priorities, all of equal importance to Rotary's future: support and strengthen clubs, focus and increase humanitarian service, and enhance public image and awareness. These priorities stem from Rotary's core values of service, leadership, diversity, integrity, and fellowship.

Rotary clubs can use the priorities in the RI Strategic Plan as a basis for developing their own plans, tailored to their size of their club, the skills of their members, and the needs of the communities they serve.

The revised [RI Strategic Plan \(PDF\)](#) is available for download, along with [Rotary's core values \(PDF\)](#), a [PowerPoint presentation](#) that explains the RI Strategic Plan, an [RI Strategic Plan poster \(PDF\)](#), and other resources.

The RI Board of Directors adopted the revised plan at its November meeting and refined it in January.



THE CHARM



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN

VISION
We will be the service organization of choice with dynamic, action-oriented clubs whose contributions improve lives in communities worldwide.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- SUPPORT AND STRENGTHEN CLUBS
- FOCUS AND INCREASE HUMANITARIAN SERVICE
- ENHANCE PUBLIC IMAGE AND AWARENESS

CORE VALUES SERVICE | FELLOWSHIP | DIVERSITY | INTEGRITY | LEADERSHIP

MISSION
We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Event
Mon	Jul 12 th	Club Planning
Mon	Jul 19 th	Club Planning
Mon	Jul 26 th	Club Vision Session (Led by District Facilitators) 5PM – 9PM At Owen's Church
Mon	Aug 2 nd	Board Meeting

CAN'T MAKE THE MONDAY MEETING?

Town	Day	Time	Location	Address
Branford	Mon	12:15 PM	Italian-American Club	40 Hamre Lane
Hamden	Mon	05:45 PM	The Playwright	1232 Whitney Ave
North Haven	Tue	07:15 AM	Breakfast Nook	448 Washington Ave
New Haven	Tue	12:15 PM	Graduate Club	155 Elm St
West Haven	Wed	12:15 PM	App's Ristorante	283 Capt. Thomas Blvd
Orange	Fri	12:15 PM	Race Brook Ctry Club	246 Derby Ave
Woodbridge	Fri	12:15 PM	Coachman Square	21 Bradley Rd
E-Club (Dist. 7890)			http://www.rotaryclub7890.org/	

"In truth, people can generally make time for what they choose to do; it is not really the time but the will that is lacking."

~Sir John Lubbock 1834 – 1913 British Statesman, Banker, Naturalist

JOKE OF THE WEEK

A panda walks into a bar and orders a sandwich. When he finishes, he pulls out a gun and shoots the waiter dead.

As the panda stands up to leave, the bartender shouts, "Hey! Where are you going? You just shot my waiter and you didn't pay for your sandwich!"

The panda shouts back, "Hey, I'm a panda -- look it up!" The bartender opens his dictionary to "panda" and reads: "A bear-like black and white animal native to mountainous regions of China and Tibet. Eats shoots and leaves."

Is it the TRUTH?
Is it FAIR to all concerned?
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?
Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?