



The Villages - Evening
Rotary
Club



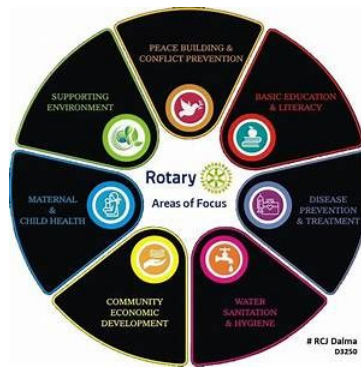
Evening Edition
January 27, 2021

New Area of Focus

The Rotary Foundation Trustees and Rotary International Board of Directors have both unanimously approved adding a new area of focus: supporting the environment.

More than \$18 million in Foundation allocated to environment-five years. Creating a distinct environment will give Rotary members about positive change in the

Supporting the environment becomes a focus, which are categories of global grants. It joins peacebuilding and conflict prevention; disease prevention and treatment; water, sanitation, and hygiene; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; and community economic development.



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tion global grant funding has related projects over the past era of focus to support the members even more ways to bring world and increase our impact.

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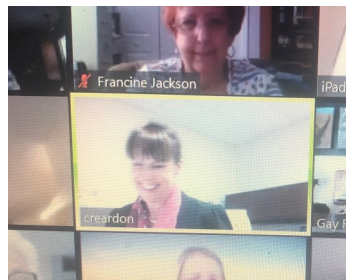
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Meeting

This week's meeting started as usual with Dusty leading us in the pledge and then following up with the reflection. Even though we had no visitors to announce, President gay asked Tom R. to lead us in the welcome song just cause she could.

Our speaker this week was one of our own, Cathy Reardon, who is the Senior Development

Associate at University of Florida Hospital, Villages Hospital Auxiliary Foundation.



The Villages Hospital opened in 2002 with 2 floors and 60 beds. In 2016 it underwent a renovation and grew to 5 floors and 300 beds. It is a full service hospital that does everything, with the exception of, delivering babies and open-heart surgery. Recently it and Leesburg Hospital was acquired by University of Florida Health System. (Continued on page 2)

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Area of Focus *(Con't from pg 1)*

Rotary is committed to supporting activities that strengthen the conservation and protection of natural resources, advance ecological sustainability, and foster harmony between communities and the environment. We empower communities to access grants and other resources, embrace local solutions, and spur innovation in an effort to address the causes and reduce the effects of climate change and environmental degradation.

HOW ROTARY MAKES HELP HAPPEN

Rotary members are tackling environmental issues the way they always do: coming up with projects, using their connections to change policy and planning for the future.

HOW ROTARY WILL HELP PROTECT OUR PLANET

The Rotary Foundation will enable our members and their community allies to take action in these ways:

- 18.4 million in Foundation global grant funding has been allocated to environ-

ment-related causes in the past five years through our support of community economic development and water, sanitation, and hygiene projects

- Protecting and restoring land, coastal, marine, and freshwater resources
- Enhancing the capacity of communities to support natural resource management and conservation
- Supporting sustainable agriculture, fishing, and aquaculture practices
- Addressing the cause of climate change by reducing the emission of greenhouse gases
- Strengthening ecosystems and communities affected by climate change
- Supporting education initiatives that promote behavior that protects the environment
- Advocating for sustainable consumption to build an economy that uses resources more efficiently
- Addressing environmental justice issues and public health concerns

Meeting *(Continued from page 1)*

The foundation was established in 2013 as an outgrowth of the auxiliary. The Auxiliary currently has over 900 volunteers serving 40 departments. In 2019 the volunteers logged over 170,00 hours saving the hospital over 4 million dollars.

The Auxiliary operates three businesses, a thrift shop on 441, a gift shop, and a small

café, both of which are located in the hospital lobby.

The foundation uses it's funds for two purposes. The first is to provide equipment, primarily directed toe patient safety, and scholarships to hospital staff.

This past year, because of the COVID they have had to cancel several fund raising events. Their annual gala, this year, will be a virtual

event, taking place on February 13th at 6:30pm. It will feature live entertainment along with three physicians who will get brief talks about the effects of the virus. There will also be over 150 items up for auction. These items can be bid on online starting on February 11th.

You should all have received an email from Cathy with details of the Gala. Let's help them out!

Service Projects Committee Meeting January 27, 2021

Food Drive

The next food drive will be a combined effort between the Villages and Leesburg clubs. It will be held on Saturday, March 27 from 9:00 to 1:00. The committee voted to allocate \$500 to the Rotary Rebaters to purchase food to be distributed to our food pantries.

Harbour View Elementary School

The committee discussed purchasing 4 Autism Sensory Paths for the school at a cost of about \$1500 each. It is believed that a private donor may underwrite the cost. The committee agreed to sponsor some families at the school in need of food. They also agreed to purchase 300 tote bags, at a cost of \$400.00, for this and other uses.

Hands on Projects

It was suggested that our club collect clothes on an ongoing basis to support of the homeless and needy that St. Theresa's serves. This will be an ongoing initiative and Tim T. has agreed to be the collection point for these donations. There was also some discussion about providing sheets and blankets for the St Theresa's "warming center", which will provide overnight lodging for homeless men during the cold weather.

District Grants

For Rotary year 2021-2022, our club has \$5,934.00 in DDF to use. The club has already agreed to use \$2,373.00 for the dental match program for veterans. The committee voted to allocate \$2,000.00 to ForwardPath, \$1,000 to LovExtension, and the balance, \$561.00 to PolioPlus.

Impact Fund

Plans were made to present a check, in early February, to St. Theresa representing the \$5,000.00 we have given their Benevolence Ministry through February.

Baby Shower

The committee discussed plans for a "baby shower" for April to celebrate Rotary's Maternal & Child Health Month. This would consist of placing cribs in commercial locations throughout the Villages where residents could drop off various baby gifts and supplies. More to come on this in the future.

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Guests

Notes and Announcements

Thank You from St. Vincent de Paul



Until the recreation centers reopen, and we decide to reinstitute in person meetings we will continue Zoom meetings each Wednesday night from 4:00pm to 5:00pm. To make it easier we will use the same **Meeting ID 826 152 7480 and Password 84594**

Meetings

Feb 3rd	New Member Orientation
Feb 3rd	Jason Buhl - Role of Hong Kong
Feb 10th	Diane Scholfield - Hands of Mercy

Committee Meetings

Feb 10th	Board of Directors
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Event

Mar 27th	Food Drive (Tentative)
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