



RI President Mehta's November Message



I first discovered the value of service when I saw how a few simple acts can immeasurably change lives. It began when I joined others in my club for a project to bring toilets and clean drinking water to rural villages near our city. It moved forward when we promoted sanitation and provided opportunities for education across the country, thanks to generous gifts from supporters who believed in our projects as much as those of us on the ground did.

There is no better time of the year to be reminded of that generosity than November, which is Rotary Foundation Month. As the charitable arm of Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation is the engine that powers so many Rotary projects throughout the world. The Foundation transforms your gifts into projects that change lives. It is the Foundation that helps us to get closer to our goal of eradicating polio, to show more people how we promote peace through tangible actions, and to demonstrate the impact our projects have in

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Meeting

This week's meeting was fairly well attended considering we are going into the Thanksgiving holiday. Don't forget **NO MEETING** on the 24th of this month. We welcomed two visiting Rotarians from Northern Iowa who were returning to the cold weather instead of staying in sunny Florida.

After the usual reflection by Yori O. happy/sad and a couple of announcements from president Julie we proceeded with our speakers who were three members of our club who were sharing their hobbies with us.

white photography, a passion of his since he was a little boy. Jim told us about his travels and opportunities to take some unique pictures. If you want to see more visit his website www.bodennerphotos.com.



First up was Jim B., whose hobby is black and white photography. *(Continued on page 2)*

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our areas of focus.

Consider some recent projects that were made possible by the Foundation:

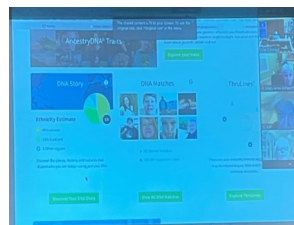
- The Rotary clubs of Guatemala La Reforma, Guatemala, and Calgary, Alberta, received an \$80,000 global grant to organize a comprehensive plan to train nurses and rural health care workers to prevent and treat cervical cancer and to implement a sustainable system of referrals in seven regions of Guatemala.
- More than two dozen hospitals in Honduras received personal protective equipment for their medical staff thanks to a \$169,347 global grant sponsored by the Rotary clubs of Villa Real de Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and Waldo Brookside-Kansas City, Missouri.
- The Rotary clubs of Cotonou Le Nautile, Benin, and Tournai Haut-Escaut, Belgium, received a \$39,390 global grant to provide agricultural training at an ecologically responsible permaculture mini-farm connected to a center for children in Sowé, Benin. This will help a new generation of farmers become economically self-sufficient.

I like comparing The Rotary Foundation to the Taj Mahal, a monument of one man's love for a woman. The Foundation is a dynamic monument of our love for all of humanity. This month I am asking all Rotary clubs to bring attention to the Foundation. It is what connects all Rotarians worldwide and transforms our collective passions into projects that change lives. Visit rotary.org/donate; once there, you will have an opportunity to give directly to the program you're most passionate about.

Thank you for giving your all to Rotary. You are the reason that Rotary is able to *do more* and *grow more*. Let's continue to represent that important legacy this month, this year, and beyond as we *Serve to Change Lives*.

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Next up was Martha F. whose hobby is making quilts. She explained the process of selecting fabric, planning the pattern and the various tools necessary to make a quilt. She explained the process of making the squares and how they are put together. Pictured below is the front of one she is making for her daughter and her pride and joy, her bed-spread.



Our final member was Sue B., boy, those Bodenners really keep busy who shared that her hobby was ancestry. As Sue explained with the application of DNA testing and the increase in websites that help find ancestors, the job is much easier. However, it still has required extensive travel particularly to cemeteries. Sue relies heavily on Ancestry.com which has just developed a new tool which looks into other family trees for any commonality.

Most of Sue's researched has led to information about her father and little for her mother. But she did learn she is related to Daniel Boone.

Smiles for Veterans Program

October 2021 Report

Totals

Total Number of Grants to Date - General Dentistry	209
Total Number of Grants to Date - Dentures	6

Account Balance

Sunshine State Veterans Fund	\$ 3,295.00
Rotary Villages Evening - General Dentistry	\$ 3,625.00
Rotary Villages Evening - Dentures/ Complex Dental	\$ 4,143.50
Rotary Villages Evening - Dentures (District Grant)	\$ 4,746.00
Summer Glen Veterans Fund	\$ 1,085.00
Rotary Villages Evening - Matching Fund	\$ 4,154.00
Total Account Balance	\$21,048.50

Received from a Veteran Who Was helped by the Fund

Hello, my name is Michael J. Hansen. I am a service connected disabled veteran whom was honorably discharged from the United States Marine Corps. I'm a proud person and served my country with honor. Twenty three years ago I was diagnosed with Barrett's Esophagus disease. This has slowly caused severe decay and destruction of my teeth and gums throughout the years. A year and a half ago I lost a crown on my front tooth.

I am a happily married man with two boys ages 9 and 13 years old. I am embarrassed that I have to write this letter but I am seeking a dentist that can help me "smile" again. Financially things are hard. I am looking for help with a low monthly payment plan or any assistance that may be provided. My family and I are struggling through many health issues and hardships.

I would be grateful if you could accept me as your patient and help in any way possible. I have no dental insurance due to my disability rating is not at 100% so they do not cover any dental care.

Sincerely,

Smiles for Veterans

At our meeting we were honored to have Dick Phoebus from the Rotary Club of the Villages and Paul Quinn from Langley Health Care join us. Dick presented a check for \$4,746.00 from The Villages Rotary Club to Langley to help needy veterans get dental care.



**Officers & Directors
2021-2022**

Officers

- President
Julie Schmied
- President Elect
Sue Bodenner
- President Elect Nominee
Open
- Secretary
Martha Friedman
- Treasurer
Tim Treat
- Past President
Gay Ratcliff-Seamens

Directors

- Club Service
Dusty Rhodes
- Foundation
Cindy Ivy
- Membership
Gay Ratcliff-Seamens
- Public Image
Sue Bodenner
- Service Projects
Gay Davidson
- Youth Services
Karl Keri

Club Positions

- Sergeant-at-Arms
Dusty Rhodes
- Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms
Rich Tapia
- Assistant Treasurer
Open
- Assistant Secretary
Open
- Programs
Jim Bodenner

Guests

- Nancy Anderson
- Sue Dare
- Dick Phoebus
- Paul Quinn
- Lynnda Simpson

News and Announcements

Fellowship Dinner

No fellowship dinner 11/24

Hands on Projects

Shoes We will be collecting shoes for Shephard's Lighthouse through our meeting on December 1st. Any size, any condition.

Dog and Cat Food We will be collecting cat and dog food for the Wildwood Food Pantry at our meeting December 8th. If you don't want to bring food you can donate to the cause.

Slate of Officers and Directors

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| Secretary | Martha Friedman |
| Treasurer | Tim Treat |
| Director - Club Administration | Dusty Rhodes |
| Director - Foundation | Brent Mitchell |
| Director - Membership | Gay Ratcliff-Seamens |
| Director - Public Image | Sue Bodenner |
| Director - Service Projects | Rick & Kate Tapia |
| Director - Youth Services | Karl Keri |
| Director - Fundraising | Kat Sizemore |

We will be voting on this slate during our regular meeting on December 1st. Any member can nominate themselves for any position.

Currently we are conducting "hybrid" meetings every Wednesday **starting at 5:00pm**. You can attend in person at Lake Miona (face mask optional and Villages ID required), or join by ZOOM.

Meeting ID 291 972 2411 and Password 84594

Meetings

Nov 24th **NO MEETING**

Committee Meetings

Dec 8th Board Meeting

Event

Jun 4-8 International Convention—Houston, TX
Dec 15th Christmas Party at Gay R.S. house