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CRCID's Vision

CRCID champions sustainable international development initiatives that foster the alleviation of poverty and improve the quality of life in partner countries.

New Mission and Key Results Areas

CRCID will support Canadian Rotarians in delivering sustainable international development programs by:

1. Facilitating the development and implementation of effective programs that meet needs as identified and "owned" by partner communities;
2. Developing capacity in Canada and in partner countries;
3. Securing human and financial resources;
4. Ensuring sound governance within Canadian and partner organizations;
5. Creating and enhancing development awareness in Canada and abroad.

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Message from the Director and Chair of the Communications Committee, Newsletter Editor and new CRCID Vice-President, Rtn. Peter Moore



Dear Friends,

As you read this latest issue of the CRCID Newsletter, you will become quickly aware of the many changes that have taken place within our organization in recent months. To begin with, we have a new name – "Canadian Rotary Collaboration For International Development". This change reflects the decision made at Rotary International to get rid of "Committees" and replace the concept with something that more accurately reflects what it is that we do. Because the focus of CRCID will involve many other organizations, the word "collaborate" more accurately reflects what we do, and so, the title is more of an "action" title than before.

The renewal of the 3-year agreement with CIDA was a cause for great rejoicing at our recent Annual Meeting, with 22% additional funds. This will make it possible for CRCID to work with Rotary Clubs across the country to support programs in the designated countries and districts, to enhance education, to treat the health of residents suffering from AIDS, Malaria, Polio and other diseases, including eye diseases affecting children. There is so much that Rotary can do with these increased resources.

You will read about some of these programs that have been approved and will be funded under the new agreement with CIDA and you will read about possible future co-operation with other NGOs.

We have a new President and two new Directors. Please share this Newsletter with other Rotarians within your club.

Yours sincerely, Peter

The CRCID Newsletter Publisher is Rtn. Dianne Twynstra, Email: Dtwynstra@crcid.org



New CRCID President, PDG David Robinson



We welcome our new President, Dave Robinson, from Abbotsford, B.C., who was appointed to this position by Chairman, John Eberhard. There will be a message from Dave in the next Newsletter in the fall. In the meantime, we wish him well in his new position. His "Rotary" biography is as follows:

Past District Governor Dave Robinson joined Rotary in 1981 as a Charter Member and treasurer of the Langley Central Rotary Club. Later, he was a member of the Abbotsford, Lionsgate North Vancouver, and Vancouver clubs before returning to the Abbotsford club where he served as president in 1996/7. He later served as D5050 Governor in 1999-2000.

Service in Rotary consumes a great deal of the Robinsons' time. Dave is a frequent speaker at Rotary Clubs and Zone Institutes as well as being a GETS and GNATS trainer. Dave and Bev have hosted Rotary Exchange Students and together have attended six RI International Conventions namely Calgary, Singapore, Buenos Aires, San Antonio, Barcelona, and Brisbane. Dave had earlier attended the 1990 Convention in Portland as a Rotary Rotaract District Chair.

Since serving as District Governor, Dave has had numerous appointments from RI Presidents as well as RI Directors that have kept him very busy. Additionally for the past four years he has been a Director and the Vice President of C.R.C.I.D, the Canadian Rotary Committee for International Development. Next Rotary year he will be serving as the President of C.R.C.I.D, a Rotary Regional Membership Coordinator (RRIMC), a Coordinator of the Public Relations Resource Group, and our district representative to the 2007 Council on Legislation.

Dave's wife Bev joined Rotary in 2000 as a member of the Cloverdale club.

Dave, a Senior Financial Planner with Assante Financial Management and Bev, a Manager with the Bank of Montreal, have three children and five grandchildren. They are Major Donors, sustaining Paul Harris Fellows, Benefactors to the Permanent Fund of the Rotary Foundation, and charter members of the Foundation's Bequest Society. They enjoy traveling, reading, golfing, tennis and attending sporting events especially the B.C. Lions where they have been season ticket holders for several years.

Key Rotary Dates

Event	Date	Location
Zone Institute, Zones 22, 27 and 28	September 6-10, 2006	Niagara Falls, ON



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News Release

Date: June 2, 2006

Rotary International in Canada is pleased to announce the approval of its 3-Year International Program by the Canadian Partnership Branch of CIDA (Canadian International Development Agency), effective April 1, 2006.

Over the 3-years of this agreement, CRCID will receive CAD **\$2,490,000**. This represents a 22% increase in funding over previous funding levels. Through the Rotary model of matched funding, these funds are matched with Canadian Rotary program funds to increase the value of the programs to over CAD **\$5,000,000**.

The Canadian Rotary **Collaboration** for International Development is mandated by the Board of Directors of Rotary International as a Multi District Activity to provide funding to Canadian Rotary clubs for the implementation of their international humanitarian assistance projects and programs. The program and project emphasis for Rotary in Canada is in the areas of Health, Water and Sanitation, and Literacy and Education. Since 1982 CRCID has received **\$22,467,377** from the Canadian Government, through CIDA, to support these areas of emphasis, according to the following breakdown:

- \$18,195,434 for program funding;
- \$ 4,271,943 for Rotary's Global Polio Eradication Initiative;

The agreement is the culmination of an intensive 3-year collaborative process involving Rotarians across Canada. Their vision was to develop a new international humanitarian assistance paradigm that emphasizes a more coordinated program approach to be delivered by Canadian Rotarians, through CRCID, to poverty stricken communities in the developing world.

CRCID has developed a unique program based approach that ensures Rotary clubs remain integral to those program supported by CRCID. What this means is that Canadian Rotary clubs will be able to participate in these programs by implementing their own projects that are related to the overall goals and objectives of the CRCID approved program and receive CRCID matched funding.

Over the next few weeks more information on this program will become available through the CRCID and Rotary Zone 22 websites and from the members of CRCID.



CRCID Approved Programs for our 2006-2009 Contribution Agreement



The 2006-2009 CRCID program will specifically focus on the following countries: Guatemala, Honduras, Zambia, Botswana, Kenya, South Africa, Tanzania, Ghana, Uganda and Bolivia

How did CRCID develop its geographic focus?

As you are probably aware, for 20 years CRCID essentially acted as a funding conduit for CIDA funds to Canadian Rotary clubs engaging in World Community Service. This was not a particularly effective or efficient way of engaging in development work since there was no coordination of projects and results. As part of its agreement with CIDA, CRCID was required to submit narrative reports showing the effectiveness of its overall program on poverty reduction. This was virtually impossible due to the scattered nature of the projects that were often "one off" projects with no further action planned in that community. Even if there were other projects being planned they were not presented to CRCID as a cohesive whole, but as a series of individual projects.

CRCID was not alone in having these issues with CIDA as other NGOs were also utilizing a project approach. As a result CIDA was also having difficulties in reporting to the Canadian Government and the World Community the effectiveness of its international development mandate. In 2003 CIDA informed its NGO partners (including CRCID) that it would no longer support stand-alone projects but rather it was shifting towards a program-based approach. One of the key components of implementing this approach was to geographically focus the programs. CIDA recommended that at its current level of funding, CRCID should be in no more than 10 countries. CIDA also stated that there would probably not be any funding increase for its partner NGOs and in fact accessing CIDA funds will become more competitive for NGOs within the next few years.

Determining what areas of the developing world that CRCID should focus its limited financial resources was a challenge because its mandate

was to support Canadian Rotary club initiatives in the developing world, regardless of the actual developing country identified (so long as there was a host country Rotary club). Initially, CRCID adopted 9 countries (Bangladesh, Honduras, Bolivia, Ghana, Mali, Senegal, Ethiopia, Tanzania, and Mozambique) as its geographic focus because these countries were not only amongst the poorest in the world but their governments were committed to poverty reduction and were politically stable. They were also selected by the Canadian Government for "enhanced partnership" for these same reasons.

This seemed like a good place to start and these countries were adopted at the 2004 CRCID AGM. Subsequent to that meeting, it was felt by CRCID and Canadian Rotarians, who communicated with CRCID, that these 9 countries were too restrictive. Therefore, CRCID adjusted its geographic focus in late 2004 by shifting from countries to Districts. The Districts selected were those 7 that contained the initial 9 countries. However, this increased the number of potential countries to 31, which gave concerns that CIDA would not approve a CRCID program because it wasn't geographically focused

When putting together the program proposal, it was critical to provide details about the programs that CRCID would support over the 3 years of the CIDA funded program. Since clubs have traditionally thought in terms of "projects" with limited funds and a short lifespan, it was quite difficult to identify existing or proposed programs. Finally, 6 programs were identified with the last program being brought on board literally the week before the proposal was due to be submitted to CIDA!!

Each of these programs identified the country or countries where the program would be implemented and this further refined CRCID's geographic focus for the **3-year program** to the countries indicated on the preceding pages.

As CRCID further refines its new programming based approach and Canadian Rotarians become more aware of this new approach, it will need to be flexible. One of the areas of flexibility will be appropriate adjustments to the geographic focus. CIDA has expressed some flexibility by permitting CRCID to perhaps add one or two

countries to the program list, but we have not yet received confirmation that they will do so. CIDA's position is that CRCID as a Rotary in Canada NGO can select whatever countries and/or Districts it wishes to work but the funding that is received from the Canadian Government through CIDA must be utilized in the manner and the country(ies) that was approved in the submitted program proposal. Therefore, if CRCID is able to attain additional sources of funding, which will make it less dependent upon CIDA, it will have more flexibility regarding the geographic focus.

CRCID's Approved Programs

The following are the programs that your clubs and districts can become involved with as well as the contact information you will need in order to become involved and access the funds from CRCID.

HEATH CONCERNS

1. OVC Programs (Orphans and Vulnerable Children)

a) ANCHOR: Africa Network for Children Orphaned and at Risk

A unique private-public partnership in Africa to scale up community care and support for orphans and vulnerable children who are victims of the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

The goal of the ANCHOR program is to improve the well being and protection of Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) who are victims of the HIV/AIDS pandemic in Mozambique¹, by providing and facilitating integrated care, support and prevention for OVC and strengthening the capacity of communities to develop effective responses to OVC care and support.

How can my Rotary Club become involved with the ANCHOR program?

Please contact CRCID HIV/AIDS Sub-committee Chair Bill Carter at bill@cartergroup.org and copying: Roberta Bielak at roberta@catergroup.org. and PDG7070 Bill Mackay, RFFA Representative for Canada, email: wmackay@bmmc.on.ca.

b) Soul of Africa

South African Rotary program for supporting children orphaned due to HIV/AIDS through the development of child day care centres.

¹ The program has not yet been introduced into Mozambique. CRCID will contribute to the implementation of a 2-year pilot project as a precursor to a national program

Institutional care for orphaned children should be a last resort. It is too expensive to be able to cope with say 350 000 orphans, the number expected in our area. All those working in the field agree that it is better for children to stay in their community and be supported by them.

How can my Rotary Club become involved with the Soul of Africa program?

Please contact CRCID HIV/AIDS Sub-committee Chair Bill Carter at bill@cartergroup.org

c) Taking Rotary Assistance to Communities and Children (TRACC)

Practical resources for children orphaned due to the HIV/AIDS epidemic and adults with active disease.

A program, to be initially established in southern Uganda, to assist orphans and in particular orphans living in child-headed homes. It is also a program at the community level to provide micro-credit financing to increase the economic opportunities and ambitions of people who are HIV Positive, or who are willing to be tested for HIV, or who have advanced to AIDS but are on antiretroviral drugs.

How can my Rotary Club become involved with the TRACC program?

Please contact CRCID HIV/AIDS Sub-committee Chair Bill Carter at bill@cartergroup.org.

d) Community Development Care Centres (CDCC) in South Africa

It is estimated that by the year 2010, there will be 2,000,000 AIDS orphans in South Africa. Although some government services are available, the problem is so immense that individuals and communities cannot access appropriate support programmes to meet the needs of this population, nor can the government provide the adequate services required. It is not just the orphans created by this pandemic; it is the families and supporting relatives that are left to ensure the safety and survival of these children. Grandmothers, relatives and older children are looking after orphans, often with little or no formal support. Under such conditions, it is very difficult for the children in their care to receive appropriate nutrition, shelter, and the attention and stimulation they need to grow up to be educated, successful citizens.

The goal of this project is to provide support for vulnerable children and their caregivers. This is to be accomplished by developing strategies to meet these needs at the community level by creating new or upgrade existing Community Development Care Centres.

How can my Rotary Club become involved with the CDCC program?

Please contact CRCID HIV/AIDS Sub-committee Chair Bill Carter at bill@cartergroup.org.

e) Rotary Health Fairs (Possible Support)

CRCID is reviewing the multi-country Health Fair program to determine its sustainability. It is anticipated that CRCID support during the next 3-year period will be integrated with other health related programs being supported by CRCID.

2. Malaria

Malaria is a leading cause of mortality and morbidity worldwide, especially for pregnant women and children in sub-Saharan Africa where at least 90% of malaria deaths occur. Transmitted from person to person through the bite of a female Anopheles mosquito, malaria kills an estimated one to two million children each year and causes disease in a further 300 to 500 million individuals. While effective

treatment has been available for decades, a rise in resistance to anti-malarial drugs has made fighting malaria more difficult. Environmental change, war and other complex emergencies have also lead to a resurgence of malaria, especially in Africa. The authors comprehensively detail the effectiveness of insecticide-treated bed nets and indoor residual spraying, as well as treatment options for those infected with malaria in a variety of environmental and financial scenarios.²

Insecticide-treated nets for preventing malaria in children and pregnant women³:

Insecticide-treated nets (ITNs) repel and kill mosquitoes. The World Health Organization recommends ITNs as the key strategy for malaria control in young children and pregnant women. A systematic review of RCTs (Random Controlled Test) involving children showed that ITNs are effective. Limited data available on the use of ITNs in pregnancy also indicate that it is beneficial.

How can my Rotary Club become involved with the Malaria program?

Please contact CRCID Health Concerns Chair Mike Street at mjstreet@nbnet.nb.ca

LITERACY AND EDUCATION

1. The Ripple Effect – Guatemala

The objective of this program is to provide opportunity to disadvantaged children through education. The program provides the schools, teachers, desks, books, and equipment basic to education. Where a lack of food or potable water is an impediment to learning, the students are provided with these staples. It supports schools offering education from kindergarten to grade 6, and it supports selected graduates from these schools to continue with their education.

This program creates a “ripple effect”. Education improves the lives and outlook of the students; then, through “the ripple”, they affect those around them who in turn affect others in ever widening circles.

The program does not interfere with Government curriculum; it is recognized and supported by the Guatemala Government. The program works through the Rotary paradigm with other programs and NGOs to eliminate duplication of effort and take advantage of synergies arising from multilateral cooperation.

How can my Rotary Club become involved with the Ripple Effect program?

The principles, processes and administrative procedures have been laid out in a formal business plan that is based on strong central coordination. Pilot projects are being considered to see how the program can be devolved beyond the founding district to other districts or clubs in other districts.

Clubs can participate generally in 3 ways:

1. Take on the patronage of schools identified by the program. This is a multi-year commitment.
2. Take on a project identified for the current Rotary year for a school within the program.

² Reducing Malaria’s Burden: Evidence of Effectiveness for Decision Makers. Global Health Council Technical Report: December 2003, pg.4.

³ Ibid, pag. 14.

3. Provide partial funds for a school in need with no specific project item in mind.

Prime Contact: PDG Peter Peters. Chair, District 5550 World Community Service, Email: mppeters@sasktel.net

Program District Co-ordinator: Gail Zahradnitzky, Email: zahradni@mts.net

Program Manager: Alex Zahradnitzky, Email: zahradni@mts.net

2. Project Honduras

Improve the life of Hondurans living in poverty, through programs designed to improve health, access to clean safe potable water, and literacy.

As several Rotary clubs in Canada (and especially in British Columbia) are currently supporting literacy and general education projects in Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras, this has been targeted as one of the “focus programs” mentioned above. Specifically, funding is required for the following elements of this program:

- a) Market Children Program
- b) Garbage Dump Children Program
- c) Mobile Library Program
- d) School Vegetable Garden Program

a) Tegucigalpa Market Children Program

The Market Children Program was started in 19992 with a 3H (Hunger, Health and Humanity) Grant from the Rotary Foundation, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise in District 5060 and the Rotary Club of Tegucigalpa in District 4250. Since that time the program has evolved to provide services to the families that work in six Public Markets in Tegucigalpa.

b) Municipal Dump Children Support Program

The program also expanded this year to provide services to the children whose parents scavenge in the Tegucigalpa Dump. They will operate in 3 schools that are close to the dump. There is another NGO that provides primary schooling, to the children of those families, but no secondary schooling.

c) Mobile Library Program

To provide books and audiovisual aids to schools in Honduras, to improve literacy skills.

d) Vegetable Garden Program

The Vegetable Garden Program is a part of the Healthy Schools Program of the Department of Education in Honduras. Other parts of “Healthy Schools” include a free lunch for children from low-income families and planting trees around schools.

The gardens are planted on the grounds of rural schools, and the children plant them, water and weed them and finally pick them.

How can I become involved in the Project Honduras program?

Sponsor a primary school child	\$100 CAN
Sponsor a secondary school child	\$350 CAN
Contribute \$1000 - \$2000 or more and \$1000 plus join other Rotary Clubs on a Matching Grant Application for a group of kids, or a Mobile Library.	
Sponsor a school vegetable garden	\$75 CAN
Sponsor 20 vegetable gardens	\$1500 CAN
Sponsor 100 vegetable gardens	\$7500 CAN
Sponsor a complete "Healthy School"	\$Varies

All four programs are very flexible. Any and all money can be targeted as per your wishes. If you know you want to be part of a Matching Grant or sponsor a Market or Dump Child, contact:

Elaine Ross
943 7th Avenue
Castlegar, BC V1N 1S2
rross@telus.net
(250) 365-2257

If you want more information on the school support programs, contact Elaine at the number above. If you wish information on any of the four programs or other service opportunities in Honduras contact:

Ron Ross, 186 Columbia Avenue, Castlegar, BC V1N 1A9
rross@emcoeng.com, (250) 365-8455, (250) 365-6414 fax

WATER MANAGEMENT

1. Water For Humanity – A joint ZENON, Rotary/CRCID Program

Zenon Environmental Inc. has, since 1998, been involved in an internally developed and funded program to provide membrane based water treatment technology to communities who could not otherwise obtain them. This program offers ZENON and its staff an opportunity to donate their services in project development, design, construction and deployment along side key ZENON vendors. Projects delivered to date include:

- i) Bear Island, Ontario Canada
- ii) Quang Dieng District, Vietnam
- iii) Tzaneen, South Africa

The main goals of this initiative are:

- To provide free, community-based water treatment system(s) to a needy community every three years (or more often if external funding sources and partnering arrangements permit).
- To use ZENON knowledge and technology combined with local support, to provide an effective and sustainable water treatment solution for the selected community.

- To create the potential for greater good through adoption of similar solutions by other communities in the area.
- To involve as many ZENON staff as possible in the planning and implementation of each Water for Humanity project.
- To allow ZENON and its staff to interact more with and directly improve the lives of people in underdeveloped areas of the world
- To promote ZENON's employee, humanitarian and philanthropic interests

How can my Rotary Club become involved with the Water for Humanity program?

Please contact David Angas, Email: dangas@blackmont.com phone: (416) 864-3505 or Ralf Soeder, Email Ralf.Soeder@clarica.com phone (905) 827-9811 X23 for more information regarding this program.

2. Nakura Region Sustainable Water Supply and Sanitation Program

Alleviating poverty for the rural poor of Africa is the primary goal of our program. The rural poor, primarily women and children, are often forgotten with minimal, if any, services provided by local or state governments. By helping solve one of their primary concerns – water – we provide the opportunity and hope to work their way out of poverty. The time and effort devoted to obtaining adequate water from polluted streams and ponds are a major burden for rural women - significantly reducing the time and energy available for child rearing, education, farming etc. A direct result of the availability of relatively clean water is a reduction of waterborne diseases and improved hygiene. A durable 10 cu. M. concrete tank which is constructed by the women and which stores roof runoff from each family home is the key element in achieving this goal.

How can my Rotary Club become involved with the Nakura Program?

Individually people can donate \$365 for one tank (which will probably be matched by Rotary District or Foundation matching grants which is then matched by CRCID). We can have the name of the donor engraved on the Tank (with the Rotary Symbol) and a digital picture of the tank and recipient family.

Rotary Clubs can support the program with donations directly to the Summerland Rotary Club or a club can sponsor one of the 22 Rotary Community Corps (RCC's) in the program. Matching grants again apply.

If a Rotary member is in Africa and would like to tour the project we can make those arrangements.

Contact is:

John Boot, Manager of the Nakura Sustainable Water Supply and Sanitation Program
e-mail: johnboot@shaw.ca, Tel: (250)490-1961



CRCID AGM Tribute Dinner

On Saturday, May 27, 2006, CRCID honoured two of the pioneers of CRCID, Guelph Rotarians, David Kennedy and Bill Stevens.

David Kennedy

Dave Kennedy has been involved in Rotary WCS programs for many years. Even at that time, he was just beginning a marvelous career helping others with their international service. It begun with the “twinning” of the Rotary Club of Guelph in which he has been a member for over 50 years. The twinning was with a Rotary Club in St. Lucia in 1974. Out of that, grew the district 7070 and 4040 twinning that served as a model for the RI matching and district club program. This spanned nine years in the late seventies and early eighties. Out of a district 7070 pilot project to immunize some 68,000 children against red measles in Madras, India, grew a much larger project to immunized 3.7 million children in the states of Tamil Nadu and Kerala in that country. Eventually, the worldwide polio plus program of RI was built on these examples of mass immunization.

David Kennedy was appointed Rotary/CIDA coordinator to promote

and manage Rotary’s relationship with CIDA. The Canadian Rotary Committee for International Development was incorporated in early 1986 to replace the Guelph club as the formal link between Canadian Rotary Clubs and CIDA and David was appointed coordinator. He was coordinator for 14 years.

When David retired, he clearly stated that Rotary has a role to play in this readjustment of the economic imbalances that presently exist. He said that Rotarians must first inform themselves, their family, friends and neighbors and communities that inadequacies anywhere endanger peace everywhere.

David Kennedy has remained active in areas where his experience gained over the years has been put to best use – in his club, in his district and in the Rotary world.



CRCID Chair John Eberhard and Guest of Honour, David Kennedy

Bill Stevens, Former Executive Director of CRCID

Bill's stewardship of the organization, his attention to detail, his stewardship of the funds, his administrative skills in looking after the Guelph office were quite exceptional.

Bill had a clear understanding of what international development is all about; he did not suffer the throws of CIDA lightly and created an administrative effectiveness that permeates the association even today.

We can be grateful for Bill particularly because of the extensive work he did in developing models for monitoring and evaluation and the public engagement through Rotarians and Rotary Clubs

across the country. Bill was a relentless speaker and supporter of development education and capacity building and his influence is felt on a daily basis by the clubs that take advantage of the excellent materials that he produced during his tenure.

It is interesting to look over the history of the organization during the time that both Dave Kennedy and Bill Stevens served. Some statistics are of interest.

451 projects
CRCID total contribution - \$4,757,918
Total project contribution (Canadian and host clubs, Canadian and host DDF, TRF and other) - \$15,381,260



CRCID Chair John Eberhard and Guest of Honour, Bill Stevens



CRCID Member Roy Sheldrick, Past CRCID Director Chuck Masur, CRCID Treasurer Jim Jackson and Guest of Honour, Bill Stevens



Summary of the Annual General Meeting May 26 – 28/ 2006

As usual, a number of concerns were addressed by the Board of CRCID, which met on the Friday of the AGM. Board members expressed good wishes to Mike Street, of Fredericton, Chair of the Health Concerns Committee, who was unable to attend, due to illness. Bill Carter, a member of the Health Concerns Committee and the CRCID rep from District 7080, took his place.

- An Ottawa Liaison Committee was established with Bruce O'Callaghan as Chair. This committee is charged with the responsibility of addressing certain matters with MPs who are Rotarians and staff of CIDA.
- We will need to discuss with CIDA and the Rotary Foundation the matter of Tsunami donations from Canadian Rotarians. If possible, we will be seeking a match. CRCID has money that was donated by Canadian Rotarians.
- The Health Concerns Committee asked every district to adopt the ANCHOR program, and to urge clubs to participate.
- The Communications Committee is developing the Website into a more "user friendly" means for communicating to Canadian Rotarians.
- It was agreed to invite non-CRCID members to sit on CRCID committees.
- Chuck Masur will continue to represent CRCID on the Ethics Review Committee of CCIC (Canadian Council for International Cooperation).
- The Board agreed to continue negotiations with Canadian International Telehealth Connection (CITC), with the ultimate goal of developing an agency agreement between CITC and CRCID. Tim Patterson, of The Canada International

Scientific Exchange Program, addressed the Public Engagement Meeting on Saturday.

- Raju Paul completed his last year as President of CRCID.
- We welcomed Rotary International Director Designate, Monty Audenart, of Red Deer Alberta who will become Chairman of CRCID in July 2007

The Public Engagement Meeting held on Saturday May 27th allowed members to engage with one another in discussions relating to the many issues facing CRCID and its committees in the future. There were 5 new members and some districts sent other representatives, if their member was not able to attend. Many of the reports were presented and the Policy Manual was explained and adopted.

Representatives of RADAR/OVC, Ripple Effect, Project Honduras, Water for Humanity and Nakura Water Harvesting made power point presentations explaining these programs.

Break Out Sessions were held on the following topics: Sustainable Development, Monitoring and Evaluation, Communications, and the Policy Manual.

Committees held meetings.

At the evening dinner the two pioneers of CRCID, Guelph Rotarians, David Kennedy and Bill Stevens were honoured. Chairman John Eberhard delivered glowing tributes, and presentations were made to David and Bill for their work with CRCID in the early years.

The Guest Speaker at the dinner was Robert Derouin, Director General of CIDA.

The AGM was held on the Sunday morning, May 28th, with some time being devoted to the

Financial Statements, presented by Treasurer Jim Jackson.

Members were asked to comment on their experience at the meetings, and all agreed that it was time well spent. Many learned a great deal about International Development, through the experience of being able to attend the meetings.

Incoming Board Meeting – held on Sunday May 28th/06

New President, Dave Robinson presided and introduced new Board Member Ron Ross. Ralph Morgan, the other new director, was not present. The Committee Assignments for 2006-07 are as follows:

Development Education – Ralph Morgan
Monitoring and Evaluation – Ralph Morgan

Capacity Development – Mike Street
Literacy and Education – Ron Ross
Water Management – Bruce O’Callaghan
Communications – Peter Moore
Health Concerns – Mike Street

Peter Moore was elected Vice President, and Jim Jackson was re-appointed Treasurer

A concerted effort was encouraged so as to fill out the committee membership and get all CRCID members to become active on at least one committee.

Peter Moore
Chair, Communications Committee



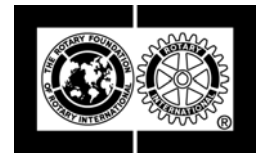
CRCID past president, DG Raju Paul



CRCID Chair John Eberhard and members

CRCID Name to Change

At the May 2006 AGM the CRCID Membership approved the changing of the name from the Canadian Rotary **Committee** for International Development to The Canadian Rotary **Collaboration** for International Development. The name change will become official pending the required approval by Industry Canada.



TRF Canada Update

Thank you for supporting the Rotary Foundation. Your generosity offers hope and opportunity for the children, youth and adults all over the world who benefit from the programs of the Foundation, giving them the skills, the strength, and resources to pursue better lives.

Donations/Contributions:

Please submit donations by check and money order to;

The Rotary Foundation (Canada)
PO Box 9988
Postal Station A
Toronto ON
M5W 2J2

Please make cheques and money orders payable to "The Rotary Foundation of Canada".

Credit Card Donations:

Please utilize the link that will soon be established on the Zone 22 website for instant online donations in Canadian funds!!

TRF-Direct

The contact for getting set up on TRF Direct (withdrawal) is Stephanie Kuta at RI, who can be reached at Stephanie.Kuta@rotary.org. What she will need is a completed TRF Direct form (available for download at the RI website) and a void cheque.

Contribution Forms:

Please ensure that all donor/recognition forms are appropriately filled out with names and addresses that are legible.

Please submit **one cheque** (as opposed to several) that matches total dollar amounts accumulated on submitted multiple donor lists. This will ensure that tax receipts can be issued promptly and accurately.

Year-end Contributions:

In extremely busy times such as year-end periods (tax year and Rotary year end), the volume of contributions increases significantly thus turnaround time for tax receipts will increase accordingly.

Therefore in peak periods (May-June and November-December) it is advised that Rotarians send in their year-end contributions as early as possible - by June 5 and Dec 5 respectively, if possible, to ensure processing will be able to be completed in time before the year end cutoff.

Rotarians can forward any tax receipt related enquiries to my office at trfcanada@rcid.org or 519-473-3646. I will respond to and rectify concerns as quickly as possible. The TRF Canada fax number is 519-471-8982.

Please direct any questions regarding points, credits, club summaries, personal giving histories and Paul Harris awards and/or recognition to Mitch Lowenstein at RI in Evanston, who continues to assist Canadian Rotarians in this area.

Mitch can be reached at lowenstm@rotaryintl.org or at (847) 866-3365.

Millennium Development Goals

"We will have time to reach the Millennium Development Goals – worldwide and in most, or even all individual countries – but only if we break with business as usual. We cannot win overnight. Success will require sustained action across the entire decade between now and the deadline. It takes time to train the teachers, nurses and engineers; to build the roads, schools and hospitals; to grow the small and large businesses able to create the jobs and income needed. So we must start now. And we must more than double global development assistance over the next few years. Nothing less will help to achieve the Goals."

**United Nations Secretary-General
Kofi A. Annan**

The Millennium Development Goals

1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
2. Achieve universal primary education
- 3. Promote gender equality and empower women**
4. Reduce child mortality
5. Improve maternal health
6. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
7. Ensure environmental sustainability
8. Develop a global partnership for development

Each newsletter will focus on one of the 8 Millennium Development Goals that were introduced in the November 2005 newsletter. This newsletter will focus on Goal #3:

“Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women”

Target. Eliminate gender disparity in primary and secondary education preferably by 2005, and at all levels by 2015

Gender equality is a human right and at the heart of achieving the Millennium Development Goals. It is a prerequisite to overcoming hunger, poverty and disease. This means equality at all levels of education and in all areas of work, equal control over resources and equal representation in public and political life.

Achieving parity in education – in primary school and beyond – is critical if women are to engage fully in society and the global economy. But in too many countries, girls are left behind. Among the numerous benefits of quality education is the security that comes from paid employment. But all too often, women are relegated to insecure and poorly paid positions. Although women have increased their share in paid non-agricultural employment, they remain a small minority in salaried jobs in many regions, while they are overrepresented in the informal economy.

Having an equal voice in the decisions that affect their lives – from within the family to the loftiest realms of government – is a key element of women’s empowerment. Although women’s representation in national parliaments has been steadily increasing since 1990, women still occupy only 16 per cent of seats worldwide.

- **Girls still lag behind boys in school enrolment**
- **Gender disparities tend to increase at higher levels of education**
- **Women still have a smaller share of paying jobs than men**
- **More women than men work in low-status jobs**
- **Men dominate decision making at the highest levels**
- **More than 80 countries are taking specific actions to guarantee women’s political participation**

To read more about Millennium Goal #4, go to:

The Millennium Development Goals Report, 2005. <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/mi/pdf/MDG%20Book.pdf> Accessed November 21, 2005

CRCID Newsletter Program Highlight

In each newsletter, we feature a program to keep readers informed about the scope of our work and the variety of programs that are undertaken by clubs and districts. This issue features a completed transitional program supported by Rotary District 5080. PDG Ron Ross submitted the information. The program has not yet been monitored by CRCID.



Project Background

There are five large public markets in Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras, a city of approximately 1,000,000 residents. Honduras is the second largest and poorest country in Central America. The annual population growth is 2.4%. The population is very young with 42.4% below the age of 15.

The women who work in the markets are nearly all single parents, with from one to eight children. In 1993 a Rotary 3H grant funded a study that looked at the children who worked in the Markets, as well as street children and others at risk. The study found that most of the Market Children did not go to school, because their parent(s) wanted them to help them in the market, and because they did not have enough cash to pay for school uniforms, shoes, books and supplies required to attend public school. The study also indicated that unless the children obtained at least a Primary School Education, they would likely end up as adults working in the market, or in prostitution, petty crime or the drug trade.

Project Outcome

Dr. Don Kaminsky and other Tegucigalpa Rotarians formed an NGO – Alternativas Y Oportunidades (Alternatives and Opportunities) in an attempt to enable the children to attend public school, and provide counselling and medical support to the families.

The objective was to increase the Literacy and basic education of the children from the poorest families to enable them to break out of the cycle of poverty.

The first task for AYO was to convince parents that it was in their and their children's best interest for their children to get an education, i.e. an educated offspring might be able to look after them in their old age. Then they had to obtain funds to pay for the education.

AYO has been slowly expanding since its inception approximately 10 years ago. The number of children and families supported, plus the services offered have increased as funds have become available.

The original 3H Grant contributing Canadian Rotary Club, Kelowna Sunrise (D5060) is still involved and has been joined by over 20 clubs in D5080, as well as individual Rotarians in the Pacific Northwest, from Alaska to California.

In the 2005/2006 Rotary Year, Castlegar Sunrise 2000 (D5080) was the lead club in an application to The Rotary Foundation for a Matching Grant # 58327 that had a total project cost of \$59,900 US. In early 2006, CRCID contributed \$50,000 Canadian to the Market Children Program.

Another D5080 club in the USA, Spokane Valley Sunrise, was the lead club for another Matching Grant # 58744, which provided \$24,120 US for the Municipal Dump Children Support Program. This is similar to the Market Children Program. It is run by AYO, but was funded by US Rotary Clubs, so numbers of children are not included in the totals.

Project Impact

The impact of this program will be felt in coming years when the children currently in the program graduate and obtain employment outside the market. This school year, 22 graduates will

receive financial support, from individual donations outside the Matching Grant, to send them to the Public University. As well as helping these 22 students, this will provide incentive to Market Children in Primary and Secondary School to complete their education.

When the Market Children Program started, very few who finished Primary School, went on to Secondary School. Attitudes have changed and the number of children continuing has increased.

The women who make up the Market Committees see the change and see the opportunities for their children. They see that education will enable their children to compete for better paying jobs.

There are youths 12 to 15 now entering Primary School. They are not embarrassed to be in classrooms with younger children. They are proud to finally have the opportunity to learn to read and write.

The Canadian and US Rotarian Volunteers who travel to Tegucigalpa to take the children's pictures are struck by the enthusiasm and positive attitude of the children and their parents. The children with their parents plus siblings will line up for hours to register and have their pictures taken. There are always some turned away because there are not sufficient funds to include all who want into the program.

The volunteers who travel to Honduras, pay their own travel expenses and Rotarians in Tegucigalpa house them. The volunteers also pay for photos and certificates costs. No funds raised are used to pay for Volunteers expenses.

Participant Descriptions and Dynamics

Participants located in Tegucigalpa, Honduras were:

- Dr. Donald Kaminsky, Rotarian (Rotary Club of Tegucigalpa) and director of Alternatives and Opportunities (AYO)
- Gustavo Mendoza, Past President of the Rotary Club of San Miguel de Heredia
- Staff of AYO and members of the above Rotary Clubs

Participants from Rotary District 5080 were:

- Elaine Ross, Past President of the Rotary Club of Castlegar Sunrise 2000 and member of the District 5080 World Community Service Committee
- Sandra MacCauley (now Wade), President of the Rotary Club of Spokane Valley

Sunrise and member of the District 5080 World Community Service Committee.

- PDG Ron Ross, District 5080 Rotary Foundation Chair (DRFC) July 2003 to June 2006.
- PDG Lloyd Gray, District 5080 Rotary Foundation Chair, July 2006 to June 2009.

Elaine Ross, Ron Ross and Sandra MacCauley had been to Tegucigalpa on three previous occasions to take down money and take pictures of children supported by "Market Children" donations. Dr. Don Kaminsky and other Tegucigalpa Rotarians hosted the visiting Rotarians on those occasions.

Elaine Ross and Sandra MacCauley raised money from individuals and found clubs that would contribute money and participate in the Matching Grant Application to The Rotary Foundation. Ron Ross assisted in the above and as DRFC was required to check and approve the Matching Grant Application.

In February 2006, Sandra MacCauley, Ron Ross and Lloyd Gray traveled to Tegucigalpa where they were hosted by Donald Kaminsky, Gustavo Mendoza and other Rotarians. They spent one week meeting and taking pictures of the Market Children, Dump Children and their parents. They met AYO staff members and observed them registering students.

Project Activities

The AYO staff was given preliminary lists of children previously supported by continuing sponsors. They then endeavoured to have them come to register for the program at a location near each of the 6 public markets, where their parents worked. They also interviewed new children, plus their parents and had them come to register at the 6 locations.

On each registration day, Ross, MacCauley, Gray and Kaminsky attended and took pictures of all the children, either individually or in groups, after they had registered. At each location AYO staff, plus volunteers from the Committee of Mothers at the Market, organized the children, parents and siblings. Other members of the Rotary Club of San Miguel de Heredia plus a Rotary Exchange Student also provided assistance at 4 locations from D5080.

In order to register his or her child, each parent had to agree to:

- Send their children to school each day
- Bring report cards to AYO for checking
- Allow their children to be tutored if they had failing grades
- Allow their child to participate in other AYO sponsored activities, such as arts and crafts sessions, health education, sports activities, etc.

The parents were also encouraged to attend parenting classes and join the Market Committee.

Project Inputs

Children who are registered are given financial support to allow them to attend public school. This includes supply of:

- School Uniform
- 2 Pair of Shoes
- Books and Book Bag (Backpack)
- School Supplies
- School Fees
- Tutoring if necessary

All above items are purchased in Tegucigalpa, supplying jobs to those who manufacture the uniforms, shoes, etc. Competitive bids are obtained to control costs.

Total contributions in US Dollars for the 2006 School Year (February through November were:

Individuals	\$37,370
Matching Grant #58327 from TRF	\$59,900
CRCID	<u>\$42,735</u>
Total	\$140,005

In addition to the physical items provided, AYO Staff, paid for by an Irish NGO, G.O.A.L., provide counselling, tutoring and medical assistance.

Project Outputs

The above effort has made it possible for the following students to attend school.

Primary School Students	626
Secondary School Students	294
Post Secondary School Students	22
Total	942

In a normal year 95 to 98% of Market Children will stay in the program and pass their year. The numbers for the Honduras Public School System usually varies between 80 and 85%. There are fewer dropouts due to the children the their parents attitudes and the support from AYO Staff.

Risk Factors

The teachers frequently strike in Honduras and this could threaten the Children's school year, but on previous occasions AYO staff and volunteers have brought the children in to churches and public halls and tutored them until the strike was over.

The other risk factor is the possibility that key people, could be unwilling or unable to raise funds, or volunteer their time. However, in this regard, more people volunteer to go to Tegucigalpa, than can be accommodated.

This year, 22 graduates of the program have continued to the Public University, funded outside the Matching Grant. If this continues, it is hoped that they will help support the program on graduation.

Sustainability

There are also signs that the Honduran Government may reduce or eliminate Secondary School Fees. This could lower the total program costs.

Each year, more individual sponsors sign up, and nearly all sponsors continue. This is largely due to the effort to personalize their donation by providing a picture of the child they sponsor. Typical sponsor certificates are included for reference.

Gender and Development

The program is gender neutral, but more females than males are supported. Discontinuation of the program would harm more girls than boys. A family with one boy and 4 girls would find a way to send the boy to school, because culturally, the male is considered the breadwinner and education is more important for him.

Environmental Impact

A better-educated public will be more environmentally aware.