

# District 5340 Rotary Foundation Newsletter

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**Polio This Week—As of 25  
September 2012**

**Total Cases:**

**Globally: 150**

409 YTD 2011, Total in  
2011: 650

**Endemic Countries: 145**

153 YTD 2011, Total in  
2011: 341

**Non-endemic Countries: 5**

256 YTD 2011, Total in  
2011: 309



## What's New?

This month, the focus is on our District Grants. As you will see inside, there is an article about the awards that were made last month as well as a feature from Foundation Mentor on the district grant that Borrego Springs Rotary Club participated in last Rotary year. I hope to have more stories in the future to share with you. Each of you are doing so much good in the world.

On October 8, the District Rotary Foundation Committee will meet to award some more of our District Designated Funds to global grants that the clubs are putting together. We have over \$50,000 available through the end of this Rotary year. If you are considering a global grant, be sure to get busy. We'd hate for you to miss out.

If you need help with your global grants, contact our District Grants Subcommittee Chair Philippe Lamoise or our Global Grants Chair John Fistere. They are eager to help you with your planning.

The District Rotary Foundation Committee for 2013-16 has been selected. They are District



Students and parents are learning about reading through the Oases of Literacy Project .

Rotary Foundation Committee Chair Dave Breeding, District Grants Subcommittee Chair Marge Cole, District Fundraising Chair Stan Hartman, District PolioPlus Chair Richard Coutts and District Stewardship Chair John Fistere.

Congratulations to each of them as they prepare to help our clubs and our Rotarians continue to do good in the world!

## End Polio Now Update

Recently, there has been great news in the financial commitments of many organizations to help end polio in this world.

Rotary International plans to donate an additional \$75 million to the fight adding to our prior contributions of

\$1.2 billion. This Rotary year, Rotarians have contributed over \$7 million.

The Islamic Development Bank pledged \$227 million to help in Pakistan.

Last week key players including Bill Gates and Peter

Salk spoke to the UN's economic & Social Council on the urgent need to eradicate the disease by 2015.

Read more at: [http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/120927\\_news\\_unga.aspx](http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/120927_news_unga.aspx)



### District Grants

The committee approved the grants based on the following criteria: Within the six areas of focus of the Rotary Foundation; International or Local; Title 1 schools literacy project; Club contributions to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund.

Clubs who are implementing District Grants

will soon receive a check from their Club's Foundation Mentor.

Clubs have over six months to implement the project and complete the Final Report and uploading documentation and photos on the District Grants website (<http://www.matchinggrants.org/district/index.html>) by April 1, 2013.

Grants include a water project in India, Vocational Training in Mexico as well as several literacy projects in our own area.

District Grants are a simple way for Rotary Clubs to work small miracles for those in need. Contact District Grants Chair Marge Cole for more information ([margecole81@gmail.com](mailto:margecole81@gmail.com))

At the September meeting of the District Rotary Foundation Committee meeting, \$90,750 in District Designated Funds (DDF) was awarded to 35 clubs in our District.

*"District Grants provide Rotarians the opportunity to do good in the world, both internationally and locally."*



### Successful District Grant Project

In 2011-12, the Borrego Springs Rotary Club received a District Grant for The Oases of Literacy Project. This grant allowed three promising paraprofessionals (pre-school teacher, bilingual aide and a parent leader) to attend a

one day training hosted by the Latino Family Literacy Project. After the training, each was equipped to teach a 10-week curriculum (Toddlers, Pre-school, Grades K-3) to parents on how to share books with your child, how to develop language as you read, how to use questioning as a means to stimulate conver-

sation and vocabulary development. The parent classes were held at the Borrego Springs Elementary School or in one of the trailer park's club houses. Books were included in the budget. All classes completed in the 2011-12 school year.

### District Rotary Foundation Seminar

On November 3, 2012, you will experience a seminar that features our District's most inspirational moments with speakers and videos that will amaze you. You will be reminded of the impact that you are making through our Foundation.

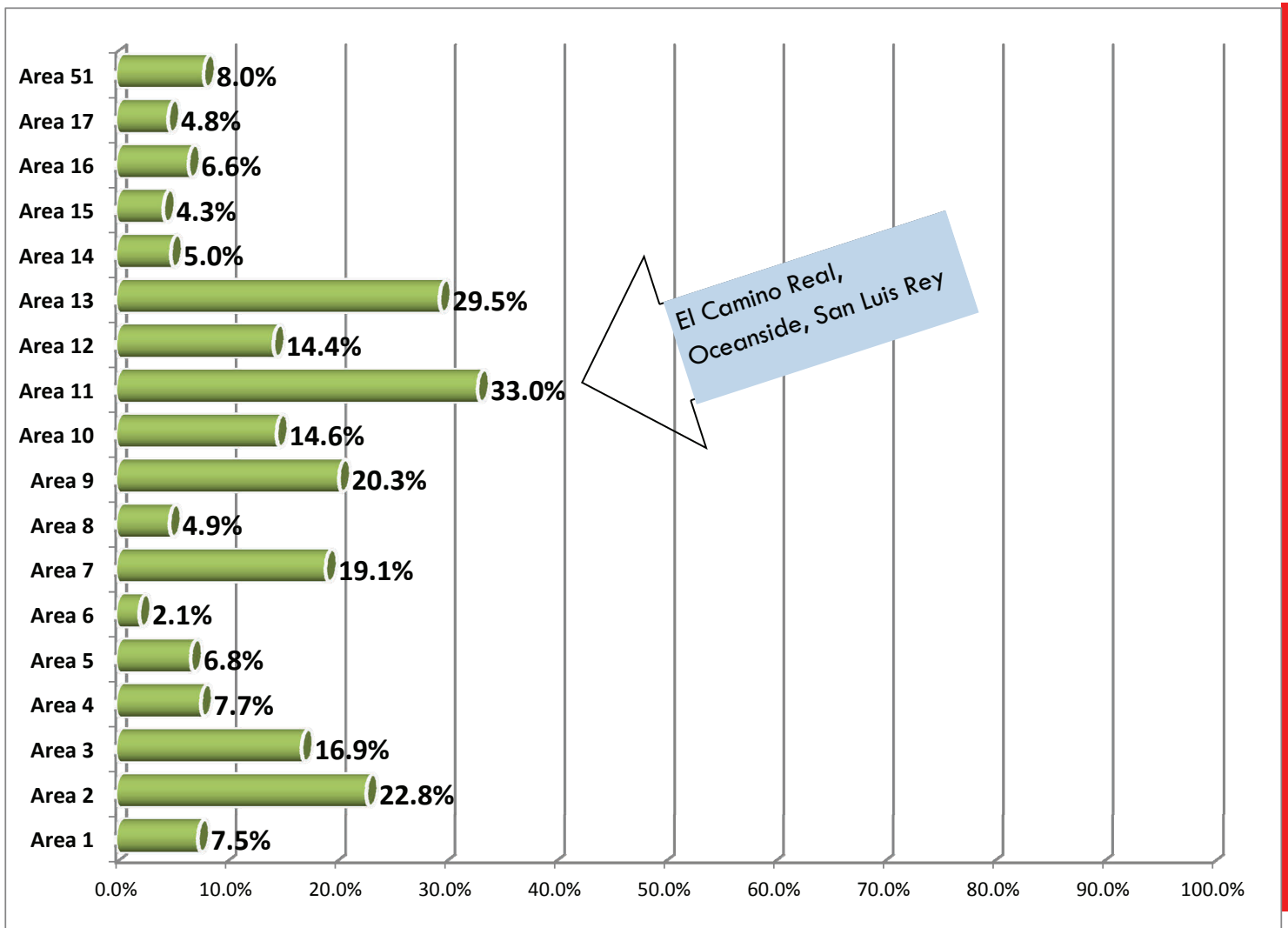
Hear about our Districts newest projects and updated progress on some of our most inspirational past projects from Rotary Foundation Trustee Steve Brown and PDG Bill McDade, who will have just returned from Malawi, Africa. Hear Jean Irwin, a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar to Nottingham, England, talk about how as a Deaf Educator, the Rotary scholarship changed the lives and educational paths of her students, continues to influence her as a Rotarian active in Literacy issues, and how this continues to impact Rotary's peace mission.



Register today at <http://www.rotary5340.org/registration/seminar1211.html>.

# District 5340 EREY Goal Tracker

Goal - 100% of Rotarians Participate



To identify which clubs are in each area, refer to the district directory. Area 51 is the Rotary E-Club of United Services as it is not yet assigned to an area.

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October 1: Deadline for Global Grant Applications

**November 3: District Foundation Seminar**

## October 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

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DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD!

## From the Foundation Trustee Chair Wilf Wilkinson

In 2013, all districts will have the opportunity to support vocational training teams (VTTs) with Rotary Foundation grants. These teams of Rotarian and non-Rotarian professionals will travel abroad to meet a humanitarian need, either by teaching local professionals or learning more themselves.

VTTs like Group Study Exchanges (GSEs), can be sponsored by district grants, which have no area of focus requirements. VTTs can also be sponsored by global grants.

Some districts have expressed disappointment that the Foundation will no longer support the GSE program. However, many districts

have had difficulty finding professionals who meet the program requirements, forcing the Foundation to grant dozens of exceptions to the GSE guidelines every year. Under Future Vision, districts can still sponsor such activities through district grants and search for partners on the District Grant VTT Partner Forum on LinkedIn.

Unlike GSEs, VTTs have no restrictions on participant age or length of training. They also offer an opportunity for the hands-on activity with lasting impact that many GSE participants have requested. The GSE program established the Foundation's commitment

to vocational training; VTTs are taking that commitment to a new, more dynamic level.

I encourage every district to take advantage of the humanitarian service that can be generated by a VTT, once Future Vision is fully introduced on 1 July. This doesn't mean that your Foundation won't allow GSE teams. They will still be funded, but with the money allocated to the district, and only when the district committee feels that it will be a meaningful exchange.

(Editor's Note: District 5340 did four VTT's during the pilot.)



*The Mission of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.*