



Rotary District 7020 Hurricane Recovery Committee Report
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OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROJECT PARTNERSHIPS

The Committee is currently seeking interest from clubs and districts who would like to support our continued efforts by partnering with us in recovery projects. Any Rotarian/Club/District who is interested in working with us should contact our Grants Coordinator [PDG Felix Stubbs](#).

Fundraising:

To date, our funds in the **District 7020 DAF** account are in excess of **US \$226,000.00**.

Donors to the **Rotary GBI Fund in the UK** are too many to list and the total there is at **£78,500** (\$102,000)

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR AMAZING DONORS AND SUPPORTERS

- A heartfelt thank you to District 7000 in Puerto Rico which so generously donated \$ 5,000. We are humbled by their selfless support when their own need is also great.
- Thank you to the following Rotarians, Clubs and Districts who have already offered project support:
- Suzanne Baltazar, a nurse and volunteer with Doctors Without Borders from Miami who offered help with healthcare, renovations and “handyman” work.
- PDG Tom Veevers, (D7640) and his wife Barbara offered to provide “Shoes That Grow”.
- PDG Steve Stanfield and Alex Smyth (D6900) have offered help with re-roofing in both Districts 7020 and 7030
- Rotarian Steve Schlueter has offered grant funding for both districts 7020 and 7030.
- Rotary Club of Skanderborg wishes to work with us on our projects.
- Rotary Club of Hillcrest-Sunrise in Wisconsin wants to partner in a Global Grant
- La Mesa Sunrise club offered to co-ordinate sending supplies.
- Rotary Chesterland Ohio have a strong connection with Interact in St. Thomas and want to help with a grant project.



Cruise Lines Celebrity, Carnival, Seabourn, Azamara and Disney are all offering bargain-priced cruises into many of the Caribbean ports this winter to assist with the economy of the islands, most of which rely solely on tourism.

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBOUR DISTRICTS

RI Director for Zones 33-34, Director Ron Ferrill recently visited Dominica in District 7030.

Director Ron reports:

The Rotary Club of Leogane from the district 7020 have partnered with the Rotary Clubs of Dominica to assist some of the population to have access to potable water. This implementation have being possible with donations of an organization name Waves for Water that have being working with our clubs in Haiti since 2010.

I would like to thank PE Hans and his wife PP Lise for the warm welcome and their hospitality, it was great meeting AG Marvlyn and working alongside of the president of Portsmouth Club Ezra Fabien and the President of the Roseau Club Aylmer Irish. These days all of the Clubs are very busy engaging in responding to the need of the population in different aspects, while neglecting their own personel problems.

Life is getting better after Hurricane Maria, lights is getting back on very slowly in some parts of the Island, the roads have all being cleared, communication have restored to most of the Island but very limited internet, some pipes have water but contaminated. The Island have lots of revers and springs, therefore access to water is easy but a little difficult to make it potable.

I applaud the project of the Clubs to restore some roofs of the people that are really in need, but I would like to consult them to add a water filtration system in that house after the roofs have being repaired.

Below are some of the pictures of the activity we have had together, some devastation and the beauty of this Island.

District 7000 in Puerto Rico, the Rocover Team reports:

Rotary Clubs such as **Manati, El Vigia, Mayagüez, Humacao, Yauco, Quebradillas and Añasco** delivered generators to patients with medical needs that require this sort of equipment. These generators were donated by District 6990.

Rotary Clubs of Humacao, Guayama and Manati distributed food, clothing and other items that they directly raised to communities with most needs within their areas. Other Rotary Clubs that have developed their own initiatives to assist their nearby communities are the clubs of San Juan (water filters and solar lights distribution) and Rio Piedras (feeding the homeless).

Rotary Club of El Vigia and Perla del Sur is distributing MREs to small towns in great need of food in the Ponce mountains.

Rotary Clubs located in the Northwestern region of the Island, like **Camuy-Hatillo, Moca, Quebradillas, Mayaguez, Añasco**, Yauco have distributed food, cleaning supplies, diapers, personal hygiene items and more. These items were obtained through District 7000 efforts.

Rotary Clubs such as Guaynabo and others are currently assessing needs of barrios within their areas that are in great need and remain somewhat incommunicado.

Rotary Club of Cidra has been very active raising and delivering varied supplies to their area.

Rotary Clubs of Dorado, e-Club, Rio Piedras and Manati delivered drinking water and food in hard to reach communities in Corozal.

Rotary Club of Manati has been providing food to volunteers working at the military hospital located in their area

Rotary Club of Fajardo has been providing food, drinking water, hygiene products and other essentials to women and their children residing in battered women shelters.

Rotaract Club from PUCPR Arecibo provided drinking water and food to the townspeople of Lares. One of the towns that it's very challenging to get there.

Rotaract Metro Club distributed food to people in the towns of Corozal, Ciales, Morovis and Orocovi.

Rotary Clubs of San German and Yauco worked on effective planning, transportation and logistics for delivery of meals, drinking water and other items to inaccessible nearby mountain towns.

District 7000 together with its Rotary Clubs of Yauco, El Vigia, San Juan, Perla del Sur and the Rotaract PUCPR Ponce club teamed with the Puerto Rico Department of State to distribute bottled water in hard to reach towns in dire need such as Adjuntas and nearby communities.

We are expanding into phase 2 of assistance: mid and long-term recovery projects. Those are, in no particular order:

Project 1: providing solar lamps and alternative energy

Project 2: providing and installing weatherproof tarps reforestation and seeds project

Project 3: making preliminary repairs to victims' homes so families will be protected from the elements and pests until they are provided with a more permanent solution.

Project 4: reforestation and seeds project

A ROTARY FAMILY STORY

Rotarian Joe Davis is a member of RC Leesburg Daybreak in Virginia., he is a second generation Rotarian. His father, Mclver (Mac) is a member of RC St. Thomas. With this strong connection to the Virgin Islands, Joe's club joined with four other clubs in the Leesburg area and raised the sum of \$10,000 as seed money for a St. Thomas project. Below is a photo of the five club Presidents along with Joe and Mac (first and second left). Others are Presidents: Paul Bice – RC Leesburg Daybreak, Fred Williams – RC Leesburg Evening, Bruce Simms – RC Purcellville, Judy Brittle – RC Sterling Club, Ken Courter – RC Ashburn. An outstanding father and son effort!



NEWS FROM 7020 CLUBS AND TERRITORIES

Sint Maarten:

Environment

The St. Maarten Nature Foundation reported that thousands of gallons of vessel fuel are still being leaked into the Simpson Bay Lagoon. More than 200 vessels sunk differing in size from 100 meters to five, which have damaged the mangroves in the area. Mullet Pond also has a number of vessels which need to be salvaged. The Foundation is concerned about the lasting impacts the fuel spill will have on the environment and public health of Sint Maarten.

Cruise Industry

The Florida-Caribbean Cruise Association (FCCA) announced that St. Maarten has become the first destination partner of the Association's multi-faceted, million-dollar campaign, "The Caribbean Is Open." They look forward to showcasing those actions, along with the amazing products and friendly smiles awaiting visitors, to help inject a needed economic boost.

St. Maarten will be showcased through the campaign, "The Caribbean Is Open," which is targeting multiple media sources with destination footage and traveler testimonials, along with other initiatives like a special event, celebrity support, and input and backing from destination leaders and travel industry titans. To date, the campaign has already generated more than 2.1 billion impressions and content reach surpassing 15.6 million, along with in excess of 20,000 content clicks and 6,950 shares of news stories.

APS (Algemeen Pensioenfonds Sint Maarten) - General Pension Fund St. Maarten (in English)

The General Pension Fund St. Maarten will contribute to relieving the post-Irma housing shortage on Sint Maarten by building more homes and fast-tracking the ongoing housing development projects within the APS portfolio.

An active and fast contribution to the reconstruction of Sint Maarten will be the main focus of APS, Sint Maarten in order to boost the economy. APS has also committed itself to stimulating the economy by engaging local (sub) contractors in current and future development projects.

APS is making the necessary adjustments to some of its development project strategies to contribute to the recovery of Sint Maarten by engaging companies specialized in pre-fab construction products and methods that result in houses that meet our local building codes and could be constructed in less than a year.

Health

On the occasion of World Polio Day, the Collective Prevention Services (CPS), a department from the Sint Maarten Ministry of Public Health, Social Development and Labour, used this opportunity to renew their commitment to the eradication of polio and to begin preparation for the documentation and certification process for global eradication.

National Recovery Plan

The estimate of damages to the local infrastructure of St. Maarten alone is estimated to be US\$1.8 billion.

Relief Supplies are still necessary for those who lost their roofs or homes and are still struggling to regain some sense of normalcy, and those without electricity and running water. Supplies needed include:

Food (non-perished and canned, baby food), water, tarpaulins, sanitary items (toiletries baby pampers, wipes...), building materials and furniture.

USVI – Rotary Club of S.t Thomas East: (Extract from VI Source) “Group Bringing Sawyer Water Systems to V.I.”

Sawyer Products makes a wide variety of water filtration systems, including the two-gallon system being brought into the territory. Environmentalists continue to warn us of the dangers of adding more plastic to the nine billion tons already on earth Sawyer filters help to solve the problem. “We are now beyond the actual need for individual bottles of drinking water,” said Rotarian Corinne Van Rensselaer, “which is why we can move on to a more sustainable recovery using our existing sources such as cisterns or town water.” Some residents are reluctant to give up their bottled, but proper treatment of water can be problematic. Some are confused about the right amount of bleach to add; others don’t have working stoves on which to boil water.



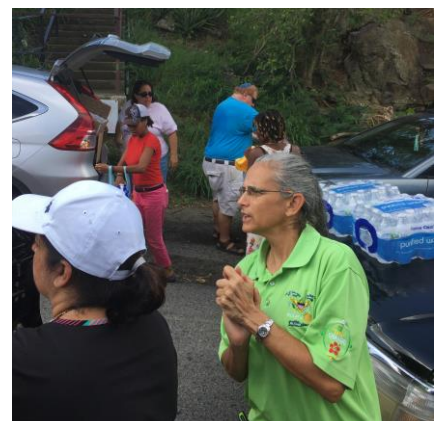
Photo left - Rotarian Andy Topp RC Ridgeway, NJ delivers first supply of Sawyer Filters

The Sawyer water filter system is now available, all one has to do is pour two gallons of untreated water into the kit’s plastic bag, then wait four minutes while the water trickles down a tube through the Sawyer filter and into a clean container. A two-gallon kit can provide water for 35 people a day. The Rotary Club of St. Thomas East and the Nazareth by the Sea Episcopal Church in



partnership with the International Humanitarian Foundation, the Rotary Club of Ridgeway, New Jersey, and the Reform Church have already brought several hundred kits to the islands and are working to bring in 3,000 more. A single Sawyer water filter can provide a million gallons of drinking water and are provided free to recipients with this initiative. They have distributed Sawyer systems across the USVI and the BVI. (Photo right, Rotary family member Skye Van Rensselaer and friend Shaina Pomerantz help with filter delivery)

USVI – Rotary Club of St. Thomas: Last week, Rotarian Addy Ottley, owner of Radio Station WSTA gave a 15-minute interview of Past President Anna Paiewonsky (pictured right) who spearheaded a community wide distribution project by gathering partners from other volunteer groups across the island. The project involved the transportation and delivery of essential supplies to communities which were in dire need and which had received little outside support. The Red Cross provided essential items for the families, FEMA donated 75 cases of MREs and 75 tarpaulins. The Hebrew Congregation of St. Thomas sourced supplies from various Jewish organizations worldwide and Rotary 7020 via St. Croix, provided 100 cases of water. Hunter Foods provided transport as did My Brothers Workshop. An army of Rotarians from RC St. Thomas were joined by volunteers from My Brothers



Workshop and the Satya Sai Center of St. Thomas to deliver to the most vulnerable residents. The following pictures illustrate this community-wide project.





DISTRICT 7020: HURRICANE DISASTER RECOVERY FUND

In response to the devastation caused by Hurricanes throughout District 7020's many islands, District 7020 has set up a Disaster Recovery Fund.

The fund is managed by Rotary's DNA-RAG Rotarian Action Group, a 501(c)3, #[47-3860087](#)
in cooperation with District 7020's Disaster Relief Committee

http://www.dna-rag.com/d7020_irma-relief-fund

<http://www.7020.org/>



Disaster Network of Assistance
Rotarian Action Group

WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE

By Credit Card or PayPal: <http://www.dna-rag.com>

By Crowdfunding: <https://www.gofundme.com/rotary7020hurricanerelief>

By wire transfer:

Account Name: Disaster Network of Assistance - Rotarian Action Group, Inc. dba "DNA-RAG"

9937 Majorca PL, Boca Raton, FL 33434

Account #: 12 1682 8928

Swift Code: PNCCUS33

Physical address of Bank: PNC Bank, 9033 Glades Rd, Boca Raton, FL 33433

Contact: PDG Phil Lustig, Vice Chair, Tel: 1 561 212 6554 Email: phil.lustig3@gmail.com

Ensure payee instructions entered for: "District 7020 Hurricane Irma Fund"

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