

WCS Annual Report¹

2015/16

The WCS Committee continued to attract a high level of interest from Club members. As of the end of the year the committee had a total of 20 active and 2 associate members, not including the Director, who is an ex-officio member of the committee. The committee was chaired by Barbara Young, with Madeleine King as Vice-Chair, Al Corbett as Treasurer, Manon Mitchell as Secretary and Tom Loucks as head of the New Projects Sub Committee (NPSC).

All requests for international project support, whether external or internal, are first reviewed by the NPSC and their recommendations are taken to the whole committee for review and approval. The committee has the ability to approve expenditures of \$10,000 or less within the allocated budget, determined by the club at the beginning of each fiscal year. All larger amounts, even if within budget, go to the Board for ratification. A form for submission of projects was reviewed and updated by the NPSC this year and is posted on the club website. The scoring sheet for review of projects was also updated as were the Terms of Reference for the Committee.

For the 2015/16 year the club allocated \$315,000 to WCS. In addition, the committee raised \$16,907.42 (*less recent refund of \$675*) at the annual BIE (Big International Event) which was held on November 24th at Telus Spark. Chair of the event this year was Charles Pratt.

Madeleine made the arrangements for a friendship exchange from Australia that we hosted in July during Stampede. Work is underway to host another group, from India, for the 2016 Stampede, also under Madeleine's great leadership.

In Uganda, the long standing TRACC project initiated by the Toombs was wrapped up this year. Garth and Ann travelled to Uganda to participate in the post-evaluation review with the RI Cadre. Work continues in Uganda with the Water is Life project headed by John Ridge. This project will provide ten schools with clean water, washrooms and water related education, and some community development. This project was funded by us in 2014/15 in the amount of \$54,000 and received an RI grant this year. Contributions have been received from 37 clubs and districts from around the world for this project (Bill Davis in the US raised funds from around 32 clubs). The total project is now just over \$300,000US.

Manon and Kurt made a presentation on Cambodia at the District Conference. Manon also hosted a District "Women in Rotary" event on April 21st at the request of District Governor Martin Harvey. This was timed to coincide with the visit of Julia Phelps, Rotary International District Governor for our District. Funds raised were donated to Days for Girls.

A long-range planning meeting for WCS, facilitated by Chris Harper was held on March 3 in conjunction with the monthly meeting. A number of meetings were also held with Board members and Board executive to update them on WCS activities and the terms of the agreement with RI with respect to the

¹ For a copy of the club presentation click on the following link:

portal.clubrunner.ca/942/Documents/en-ca/9d3f86ce-c515-4e1a-b8ed-21e804ad5cb7/1/

Mayhood bequest. Following these meetings a budget planning document was completed and submitted in support of the WCS budget request for 2016/17.

Meetings were held with CAWST in April and Samaritan's Purse in June to review the latest developments in filtering technology. We are particularly interested in a larger sand filter which may be suitable for use in some of the schools we are working with.

The following projects were funded in the 2015/16 year.

Project List

1. CAWST – 50,000C – Tom Loucks
2. Guatemalan Literacy – 8000US – Barbara Young – RI GRANT of \$464,292 for this multi-club project
3. Liberia – Honey Truck – 21,500C – Don Ross
4. Curly Galbraith Scholarship Funds – 5000C - Brom
5. Shelter Box for Syrian Refugees – 10,000C – Kurt Kowalchuk
6. Cambodia Video – 6882.90C – Manon Mitchell
7. Guatemala Schools – 20,000C – Barbara Young (Calgary West)
8. Uganda Water Project – CAWST Support – 5000US – John Ridge
9. Cambodia – Days for Girls – 500C – Manon Mitchell (71 kits and training)
10. Honduras Microcredit - 10,000C – Lynn Exton (Calgary West)
11. Vietnam Vocational Training Team (Travel for Team Leader –Calgary North) – 1133.02C – Walter Haessel
12. Panama First Aid Equipment for Ambulances – 3000US – Don Ross
13. Kalisizo Uganda School Computers – 6333US – Garth Toombs
14. Freetown Sierra Leone Robotics Computer Kits – 15,000US – Charles Pratt
15. Uganda WASH – CAWST Travel Costs for Support of the WASH program – 10,000C – John Ridge
16. Maya Devi Hospital India X-Ray Machine – 10,000C – Ali Gursoy (Calgary Centennial)
17. Ghana Agriculture – 10,000C – Nicky - (Bill Davis Request – Rotary Club of Pasadena, Texas)
18. Syrian Project – Mentoring & Supplies – 10,000C – Garth Toombs – RECEIVED A DISTRICT GRANT
19. Child's Future – Cambodia – 48,500C – Manon Mitchell – RECEIVED DISTRICT DDF AND CANADIAN GOVT. GRANTS – Total project now \$309,173US Grants and donations also received from West, Centennial, South, Chinook, East, and Sarcee
20. Potable Water – Philippines – 5250US – Sonny Belenkie – RECEIVED DISTRICT GRANT - DDF
21. Guatemalan Community Library – 6921US – Barb Young
22. Water for La Guajira Columbia – Addition of 5625US – Bev Gallagher (our project with Calgary South) – DISTRICT DDF GRANT RECEIVED
23. Rotaract Club – Travel to Honduras for Committee Members - 1500C – Barb Young (Rotaract)
24. Travel for Francis Kyaluzi from Uganda – 2617.68C – Garth Toombs
25. Girls on the Move Atsikana Pa Ulendo Secondary School – lab equipment and supplies – Malawi - \$10,000C – Helene Weir
26. VTT Team – Cerebral Palsy – Vietnam – 2500C – Walter Haessel - RECEIVED DISTRICT VTT GRANT - Centennial, South, Chinook and Lethbridge East also received grants in support of this project.
27. African Book Project - Read Uganda – 763.96C – John Ridge

28. International Peace Park Symposium - \$2500C – Trevor Axworthy(Matched by Calgary Foundation)
29. Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan – School kits for 6 high schools – 18,000C – Bev Gallagher
30. Sierra Leone Women’s Leadership Initiative – 15,000US – Charles Pratt
31. Columbian Education Project – Rotary Club of Bucaramanga Columbia \$3780US – 15/16-35 – Frank Sparks (Calgary South)

Other Expenses

- 2014/15 Micro Credit Cambodia – Additional Cost as a result of RI fees – 5156.42
- US Exchange Wire Transfers – 1625.02
- Foreign Exchange – 25,374.47
- Travel Grants – 11,481.10C for airfare only – much of which was donated back to the club. All other costs related to travel paid for by committee members personally.

The members of the WCS Committee are dedicated to working toward the Rotary goal of changing the world – one person at a time. The strong support from the District and other clubs for project work being done by the Rotary Club of Calgary is appreciated. As our mayor said during his annual speech to our club – even in the current economic environment Calgary is one of the best places in the world to live. We feel that the club can be proud of what it is accomplishing in helping to change the situation in the less fortunate places in this world.

The WCS Committee

June 30, 2016