

Selling coffee for a

cause

By Megan Ferringer

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By selling fair trade coffee to Rotary clubs throughout the United States, a former Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar is helping to raise money to fund worldwide clean water initiatives.



A pump provides water to a village in Tanzania -- part of a project made possible by the Foundation's donor advised fund. Water and sanitation is one of Rotary's areas of focus under the Future Vision Plan. *Photo courtesy of Five for Water*

Five for Water, a project started by Bill Prost, a member of the Rotary Club of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, USA, finances a Rotary Foundation donor advised fund for water projects in coffee-producing countries. After forming a partnership with Green Mountain Coffee, Prost invited clubs to purchase the organic coffee and sell it in their community. Funds generated from the sales would go toward water projects throughout Africa, Central and South America, and Indonesia.

"I wanted to create a year-round project that's fit for any size club," says Prost, who studied in England as a 1979-80 Rotary Scholar. "Any club, no matter how large or small, can help be a part of this. It's a really simple project."

Coffee sales

Even though the project was launched only a year ago, more than 300 clubs in the United States are already selling the coffee. Their efforts have netted nearly \$184,000, providing more than 50,000 people in 10 countries with access to clean water.

An estimated two million people die every year from waterborne diseases, and more than one billion lack access to clean water, according to the World Health Organization. "I told myself that, as a Rotarian, it was my responsibility to do something about [that]," Prost says.

After the money is raised, clubs seek an international partnership with another club and apply for a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant. A big focus of Five for Water has been funding the installation of wells to serve schools, orphanages, and medical clinics -- but, according to Prost, the project's scope goes beyond that.

"We're not narrow-minded on what we'll fund," he says. "It's always about water and where we can have a good partnership."

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Please "Make Up"

We need 100% Attendance! Local Clubs welcome you for your "Make Up" meeting:

- Tuesday Inverness 12:00 PM VanderValk (n/ k/a Lakeside Bar & Grill)
- Tuesday Sugarmill 5:00 PM Sugarmill Woods Country Club
- Wednesday Central Citrus 7:30 AM Black Diamond Clubhouse
- Wednesday Kings Bay 12:15 PM Café on the Avenue
- Thursday Homosassa 7:00 AM Luigi's Restaurant

MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS ARE MAKE-UPS TOO!

<http://www.rotaryclub34.org/> or

<http://www.rotaryclubone.org/programs.htm>

Birthdays

Gerry Mulligan 12 /16



Anniversaries

Steve and Jewel Lamb 12/16

Club Anniversaries

Carolyn Quintanilla 12/16— 4 yrs

Don't forget to bring an unwrapped toy.....



Visitors and Visiting Rotarians

Guests:

This Week:

Joanna Castle – Y me?

Next Week:

Rotary Day

Rotary Calendar

- December 16—6pm—Christmas party at Julie and Keith Taylor's Home
- February 16—Travels with KC at Pecks (Travel photos and commentary by KC Nayfield)
- April 19–23 Annual Rotary District Cruise—Royal Caribbean's Jewel of the Seas

Meetings will be at Fat Catz on Citrus Avenue for the month of December



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1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Floods receding in Bangkok

Rotary International News -- 1 December 2011

According to a November article in the *Bangkok Post*, the recent flooding in the Thai capital, site of the 2012 RI Convention in May, is receding, although floodwaters remain high in some areas near the Chao Phraya River.

The article quotes Anond Snidvongs, executive director of the Geo-Informatics and Space Technology Development Agency, as saying that the worst of the crisis is over. Although the district of Thon Buri is expected to experience some flooding over the next month, neither the Impact Exhibition & Convention Center nor hotels in which RI has blocks of rooms are located in the affected area. Rotary International and Rotarians in Bangkok will continue to monitor conditions there. Any changes in plans for the convention and related events will be communicated via email to all registrants, and be posted on the RI website and social media sites.