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## Message from the Chair

Phil Silvers

Dear cadre members and Rotary senior leaders,

Our cadre gained even more momentum at the Korea convention as a result of several events:

- **The all-day cadre training** on 27 May, with 73 Rotarians attending, broke new ground. Participants learned how to help grant applicants empower beneficiary communities to shape their own futures. In essence, the community assessment template for global grants moved from merely seeking a community's support for a project to working directly with a community to plan it. The Rotary Foundation staff created stimulating cartoons, an empowerment ladder, and role-play scenarios for an engaging, interactive event. The five TRF staffers in attendance worked hard all day in various functions, including role-playing, to help achieve the training goals. Special thanks go to cadre stalwart Cecil "Pancho" Padilla for staffing the reception desk and making us all feel welcome.
- **The Grant Model Evaluation (GME) Briefing and Recognition Reception.** Yes, this was a thank-you to the cadre members who conducted the 115 site visits associated with the GME. But it was also a working session, where cadre members offered comments on their experiences and recommendations for evaluating Rotary Foundation programs. Thanks to RI General Counsel Steven Routburg for his attendance and personal interest in the work of the cadre, which is under Steve's Office of the General Counsel.
- **The Monday informational breakout session on the cadre.** This event offered an opportunity for outreach, answering questions from the curious about the cadre's mission and helping recruit new cadre members in critical areas of need. Attendees learned how the cadre plays a crucial, multifaceted role in our Rotary Foundation's four-star Charity Navigator rating and other quality ratings.

It was also impressive to see how many cadre members were presenters at other breakout sessions in all the areas of focus. Our work clearly goes beyond desk reviews and site visits. In the future, we will profile how cadre members are strengthening their Rotary zones, districts, and clubs in our programs. So ... *a huge thank you* to cadre members who attended and presented at the Korea convention.

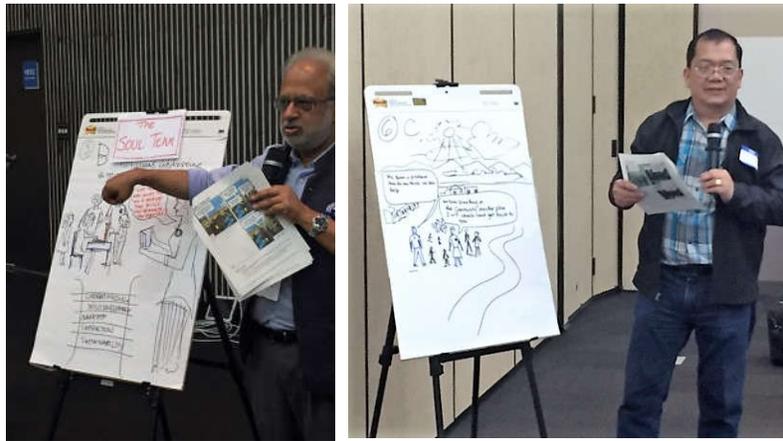
### Upcoming opportunities

The cadre has been invited to make presentations and offer training at institutes in Accra, Ghana; Thessaloniki, Greece; and Santa Barbara, California, USA. Bangkok is also a hoped-for venue. The cadre will be featured at general and breakout sessions, and veteran cadre members will give personal testimonies of their experiences. Please help us encourage cadre members and qualified Rotarian prospects to attend these sessions. Also, spread the news that the cadre will have new online training materials available this year.

In cadre fellowship,  
Phil



## Cadre Training in Korea



Over 70 Rotarians attended the cadre training in Seoul, which focused on strengthening the skills needed to be an effective global grant adviser.

The interactive training featured a panel discussion on alternate avenues of cadre service, and activities addressing the utilization of global grant resources and advising Rotarians on global grant planning. A group activity at the Seoul training event used comics to emphasize the importance of doing community assessments. Attendees created comics to show how Rotarians planning projects can respect, empower, and amplify the voices within the communities they serve.

The cadre training materials from Korea are now available on the cadre's shared site.



### Join the discussion on Rotary Groups!

Rotary Groups — discussion groups you'll find at My Rotary — are open to Rotarians, Rotaractors, Rotary Peace Fellows, and alumni of other Rotary Foundation programs. There are seven cadre discussion groups, one for each area of focus and the seventh for financial auditors. Find out [how to join a group](#).

From 1 February to 30 April, a pair of experienced cadre members moderated the discussion groups for economic and community development and for water and sanitation. During that time, membership in these Rotary Groups soared as Rotarians continued to use the groups for discourse on varied topics and for trading information on project planning and operation.

Building on this success, moderators are actively guiding discussions in the cadre Rotary Groups for basic education and literacy, disease prevention and treatment, and maternal and child health.

So join a group and take part in the conversation. And be sure to promote this opportunity to “ask the experts” in your club and district, because all Rotarians are welcome in cadre discussion groups.

### Remember to visit the cadre's shared site

If you're a registered cadre member, you can use the site by signing in to My Rotary at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) and visiting the Rotary Workgroup section in your profile. The site serves as a document resource, survey tool, and news and information center. Contribute to discussion groups, download training documents, access the *Tech Talk* archive, view photo galleries, and more.

## Contact Your District International Service Chairs—A Cadre Call to Action

Rotary’s strategic goal to increase sustainable humanitarian service has reshaped the role of a key position — district international service chairs are now responsible for helping Rotarians plan effective projects and design global grants of higher quality and greater scale.

Service chairs will work with club and district leaders to find and promote ways to enhance projects and connect clubs with resources. That will require a district resource network, including Rotarians, program participants, and alumni knowledgeable in Rotary’s areas of focus, project planning, and grants.

The cadre, a rich resource of volunteer advisers with professional expertise and grant experience, is among the groups best suited to help service chairs with this new task.

Let your district international service chair know that you’re a cadre member, so you can join your district’s resource network. Service chairs are seeking professional experience in the areas of focus and a project’s lifecycle, including familiarity with global grants, project planning and operation, community assessment, and measurement and evaluation.

These resource networks are likely to raise opportunities for cadre members around the world to serve as advisers, trainers, and subject matter experts in support of The Rotary Foundation.

As a cadre member, you understand the importance of maximizing the expertise and hands-on experience of Rotarians to strengthen service projects and create more sustainable and effective global grants, which will benefit communities long after the grant cycle ends.

If you have questions about the new responsibilities of the district international service chairs or how the cadre can help, contact [rotary.service@rotary.org](mailto:rotary.service@rotary.org).



Cadre member Armando Simesen de Bielke (center), of District 4895 in Argentina, speaks with community members in Peru during a visit to a global grant project, which is providing water filtration systems and hygiene training to 34 rural communities.



Cadre member Maureen Duncan of District 5340 in California, USA took this photo during her site visit to a global grant in Mexico which provided this culinary lab and upgraded classrooms.



### Cadre Members in Action

Past District Governor and cadre member Jan Leentvaar, of District 1590 in the Netherlands, meets children whose school received clean water from the global grant he was evaluating in Uganda.

## Cadre Staff Updates



In the last several years, cadre membership has grown tremendously, assignment activity has increased significantly, and your role has also expanded to include assisting Rotarians in planning and implementing projects around the world. To accommodate the cadre's expansion, a position has been added to the Stewardship department. We are pleased to announce that Veronica Dominguez will join us as the new cadre coordinator. Veronica has worked at Rotary for more than 10 years and brings a wealth of experience and Rotary knowledge to the position. During this time, she has worked in donor services, educational programs, data quality, and most recently has been a research coordinator for The Rotary Foundation. These positions have given her an opportunity to work with multiple clients and learn the many ways that Rotary serves our members. Veronica holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Robert Morris University in Chicago, speaks fluent Spanish, and is excited to work closely with grants and cadre members. Please join us in welcoming her to the team!

Cadre Supervisor Christian Pepera is among the Rotary International staff who will travel to Tucson, Arizona, in November to join General Secretary John Hewko and Rotarians from District 5500 and around the world in the Ride to End Polio — a 104-mile cycling event to raise funds and awareness for Rotary's efforts in eradicating the disease. During his time at Rotary, Christian has absorbed a countless number of inspiring stories of Rotarians serving humanity and is always amazed by the generosity, commitment, and dedication of the cadre volunteers, which he will use as motivation to pedal faster. [Learn more about Christian's ride.](#)



### Areas of focus project strategy guides now available

Strategy guides for [basic education and literacy](#) and [economic and community development](#) projects can now be found at My Rotary. Please familiarize yourself with these guides and share them with Rotarians who are planning projects in these areas of focus.



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AND LITERACY  
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## New Cadre Leaders Welcomed as Technical Coordinator Role Evolves

Rotary cadre technical coordinators are cadre members with extensive experience in their sector and a strong familiarity with Rotary grants.

Technical coordinators serve as resources for Rotary staff and Rotarians around the world. They guide cadre technical advisers, consult with Rotarians and Rotary staff on projects in their area of expertise, and act to strengthen the cadre program. Technical coordinators are just the people to seek for advice on performing a cadre review or evaluation.

Three technical coordinators for each technical sector (21 total) are appointed by The Rotary Foundation trustee chair-elect to serve three-year terms. Our sincere thanks go out to these cadre members whose appointments as technical coordinators ended 30 June:

- Mark Zober, District 2490 (Israel), peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- Past District Governor John Kevan, District 9465 (Australia), water and sanitation
- Past RI Director Catherine Noyer-Riveau, District 1660 (France), maternal and child health
- Maureen Duncan, District 5340 (California, USA), basic education and literacy
- Chalermchat Chun-In, District 3330 (Thailand), economic and community development
- Jean-Claude Piers de Raveschoot, District 1710 (France), economic and community development
- Alan Michael Pollard, District 1520 (France), financial auditor

Cadre Chair Phil Silvers and the Foundation's stewardship staff encourage our technical coordinators in 2016-17 to increase their role in recruiting cadre members, promoting the cadre as a resource for Rotarians planning projects, and expanding training efforts.

These technical coordinators began their roles 1 July and will serve through 30 June 2019:

**Dan Shanit, of the Rotary Club of Jerusalem, Israel (District 2490), peace and conflict prevention/resolution.** Dan spent 14 years as the deputy director general and the director of medicine, health care and biotechnology of the Peres Center for Peace — a nonprofit, nonpolitical and nongovernmental organization that promotes peacebuilding between Israel and its neighbors. Under Dan's leadership, the Peres Center offered humanitarian assistance through the Saving Children initiative and built the capacities of the Palestinian medical system. Some of Dan's previous positions include founding chair of the Israel Center for Telemedicine and Telecare at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, director of cardiovascular research at Edgware General Hospital in London, and director of research and development at a number of corporations in the United Kingdom. He is chair of the Rozana initiative, an Israeli-Palestinian NGO dedicated to supporting the development of the Palestinian health infrastructure in partnership with Israeli medical institutions. Dan serves as Rotary club president and has been a cadre member since 2013. He performed the first cadre site-visit evaluation of a project for peace and conflict prevention/resolution in 2014. Dan is fluent in English and Hebrew.

**Prudence Nelson, of the Rotary Club of St. Joseph & Benton Harbor, Michigan, USA (District 6360), disease prevention and treatment.** Prudence is a practicing pediatrician with over 30 years of experience. She also holds a Bachelor of Science in nutrition, a Master of Public Health in preventive medicine, and recently completed a master's in infectious disease from the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. She is a frequent volunteer with Medical Teams International and International Medical Corps and travels to conflict zones and disaster sites to offer emergency medical services to vulnerable populations, such as people in refugee camps. Prudence became interested in Rotary when she was working in a camp outside Kihhihi, Uganda, in 2014 and was surprised to find a Rotary presence in such a rural location. That year, she became a Rotarian and joined the cadre. She has completed three evaluations of Foundation health projects. Prudence is fluent in English and conversational in Spanish.

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**Past RI Director Shekhar Mehta, of the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, West Bengal, India (District 3291), basic education and literacy.** Shekhar Mehta is a chartered accountant, company secretary and cost accountant. He heads the Skyline Group, which has business interests in real estate development across India. Shekhar joined Rotary in 1984, served as club president in 1991-92, was elected district governor in 1999-2000, and served as a director of Rotary International from 2011-13. He has served as chair of the Strategic Planning Committee and is a member of the Joint Committee on Partnerships. Shekhar is chair for the South Asia Literacy Mission and has started a number of literacy programs in South Asia, including the Rotary T-E-A-C-H Program. Besides his work in education and literacy, Shekhar is the founder of the Shelter Kit program in India, which has aided 45,000 disaster survivors, helped ensure 2,500 heart surgeries for children, and assisted with planning 20 eye hospitals across India. He has been awarded Rotary's Service Above Self, Distinguished Service, and Meritorious Service awards.

**Past District Governor Rafael M. Garcia, of the Rotary Club of Pasig, Philippines (District 3800), economic and community development.** Rafael is chair and CEO of the Mega Group of Computer Companies, a Philippines-based multinational conglomerate of 44 companies specializing in high-technology systems. Previously, he was president of Herdis Management and Investment Corporation, executive vice president of Online Advanced Systems Inc., and vice president of Meralco Securities & Investment and Asia Computer Services Corporation. Rafael joined Rotary in 1971, served as club president in 2006-07, and as district governor in 2011-12. In 2009, he served as chair of the district disaster coordinating committee and as the director of ShelterBox Philippines. He now serves as endowment/major gifts adviser for Zone 7A and chair of the Philippine Rotary Magazine Foundation Inc.

**Past RI Director Noraseth Pathmanand, of the Rotary Club of Bang Rak, Thailand (District 3350), financial auditor.** Noraseth received a Bachelor of Science in chemical technology and a Master of Business Administration from Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, as well as a master's in chemical engineering from Villanova University in Pennsylvania, USA. Noraseth is the managing director of Sinovest Enterprises, a manufacturer of cigarette filter rods. He joined Rotary in 1984 and has served as district governor, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, endowment/major gifts adviser and a Rotary International director from 2005-07. He was chair of the national PolioPlus Committee for Thailand and was coordinator for polio eradication in Vietnam, Laos, and Myanmar. He also served as chair of the Literacy Rotarian Action Group from 2011-15 and chair of the Rotary Peace Center Committee from 2010-12. Noraseth has been awarded Rotary's Service Above Self, Distinguished Service and Meritorious Service awards. He is fluent in Thai and English.

### *Focus on Recruitment*

The composition and operation of the cadre continues to evolve alongside Rotary's grant activity. The cadre will be used increasingly to assist Rotarians with planning measurable and sustainable grant projects, and the Foundation is looking to add members with the following skills and areas:

- Community needs assessment
- Monitoring and evaluation plans
- Sustainable project development
- Public health professionals
- Spanish-speaking auditors in North and Central America
- Water and Sanitation professionals living in Central America and Southeast Asia

Find an updated list of needs by region and area of focus on the [Rotary website's cadre page](#)

