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ALZHEIMER'S/DEMENTIA

http://adrag.org

Alzheimer's/Dementia Rotarian Action Group - *Provides information and support to Rotarians as they address dementia and Alzheimer's related issues in their local communities.*

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BLINDNESS PREVENTION

www.rag4bp.org

Rotarian Action Group for Blindness Prevention *- For Rotarians interested in the prevention of blindness and the promotion of eye health.*

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BLOOD DONATION

www.ourblooddrive.org

Global Network for Blood Donation, A Rotarian Action Group - *An international network of Rotarians involved in blood donation projects that inspire other clubs and districts to ensure that local blood banks are adequately supplied.*

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CHILD SLAVERY

www.racsrag.org

Rotarian Action Group Against Child Slavery - *Encourages Rotarians to support, promote and work with anti-slavery bodies in developing programs, campaigns and projects to end child slavery.*

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CLUBFOOT

www.rag4clubfoot.org/

RAG4CLUBFOOT (Rotarian Action Group) - *Provides humanitarian dental service throughout the world and promotes awareness of opportunities for service in the vocation of dentistry.*

CHAIR: Herbert A. Wilson, USA. hawilson@oaknoll.com (Member, Rotary Club of Iowa City Noon)

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DENTAL VOLUNTEERS

www.ragdv.com

Rotarian Action Group of Dental Volunteers - *Provides humanitarian dental service throughout the world and promotes awareness of opportunities for service in the vocation of dentistry.*

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DIABETES

www.ragdiabetes.org

Rotarian Action Group for Diabetes - *Works to educate and assist Rotarians in addressing Diabetes through a strong commitment to education, identification, and treatment of the disease, especially among children.*

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DISASTER ASSISTANCE

www.dna-rag.com

Disaster Network of Assistance Rotarian Action Group - *Works to develop an interactive network of Rotarians, Rotaractors, and their spouses, and other Rotary affiliated groups to assist with disaster preparedness, communication, and recovery on a worldwide basis.*

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ENDANGERED SPECIES

www.endangeredrag.org

Rotarian Action Group for Endangered Species - *Works to mobilize Rotarians and provide global awareness and focused action in the continuing struggle to preserve and protect endangered species.*

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ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

www.esrag.org

Environmental Sustainability Rotarian Action Group (ESRAG) - *To promote environmental sustainability, awareness of climate change, and actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate climate disruption.*

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FAMILY HEALTH & AIDS PREVENTION

www.rfha.org

Rotarians for Family Health & AIDS Prevention - *Works to improve the lives of vulnerable children affected by HIV/AIDS, and strengthen the overall health of their families. RFHA mobilizes Rotarians to provide care, nutrition, education and life skills to mitigate the consequences of the HIV/AIDS pandemic.*

CEO & FOUNDER: Marion Bunch, USA. marion@rffa.org (Member, Rotary Club of Dunwoody.)

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FOOD PLANT SOLUTIONS

http://foodplantsolutions.org

Food Plant Solutions Rotarian Action Group - *Encourage and empower local communities to use our global data base that highlights their traditional foods based upon their nutritional needs as a sustainable solution for hunger and malnutrition.*

CHAIR: **Una Hobday,** Australia. unahob@gmail.com (Member, Rotary Club of Hobart.)

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HEALTH EDUCATION AND WELLNESS

http://www.hewrag.org/

Health Education and Wellness Rotarian Action Group – *Works to improve world health through health promotion and disease prevention, works with local Rotary clubs and districts to build sustainable local Health Fair programs.*

CO-CHAIR: Jane Little, USA. rotaryjane@yahoo.com (Member, Rotary Club of Homer Downtown.)

CO-CHAIR: Sheila Hurst, USA. sheilahurst@mac.com (Member, Rotary Club of Redding West.)

TREASURER: Steve Yoshida, USA. steveyoshida@gmail.com (Member, E-Club of District 5)

SECRETARY: Will Files, USA. will@wfiles.us (Member, Rotary Club of Homer-Kachemak Bay.)

HEARING

www.ifrahl.org

Rotarians for Hearing Rotarian Action Group - *Provides Rotarians with information, expertise and encouragement to participate in cooperative, large scale projects to help the children and adults with hearing loss.*

CHAIR: Ellen Haggerty, USA. haggertyellen@yahoo.com (Member, Rotary Club of Pleasant Valley.)

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HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION

www.alleviatehunger.org

Rotarian Action Group for the Alleviation of Hunger and Malnutrition - *Provides nutritious food to the hungry and malnourished by creating and supporting Rotary projects and programs that enhance and sustain local food security.*

CHAIR: David Bobanick, USA. david@firstharvest.org (Member, Rotary Club of Mercer Island.)

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SECRETARY: Sharon Harrington, USA. sharonhfs@msn.com (Member, Rotary Club of Bullhead City)

LITERACY

www.litrag.org

Literacy Rotarian Action Group - *Works to increase the scale and effectiveness of literacy programs, as well as create a sustainable network of effective Rotarian literacy practitioners throughout the world.*

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VICE CHAIR: Zakaria El Shafei, Egypt. z.elshafei@unitedoilpak.com (Member, Rotary Club of Cairo.)

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TREASURER: Barry Smith, USA. barry@pseinc.net (Member, Rotary Club of Sandy Springs.)

MALARIA

www.remarag.org

Rotarians Eliminating Malaria: A Rotarian Action Group - *Unites Rotarians to reduce malaria morbidity and mortality through provision of goods, education and other interventions that lower infection rates.*

CHAIR: Brian Stoyel, England. brian@stoyel.co.uk (Member, Rotary Club of Saltash.)

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MENTAL HEALTH

Mental Health Initiatives: A Rotarian Action Group – *to provide assistance and support to Rotary clubs, districts, and mlti-districts in planning and implementing large-scale, community development projects that will improve mental health services in their respective communities.*

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MICROFINANCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

http://ragm.org

Rotarian Action Group for Microfinance and Community Development - Works to alleviate poverty by educating Rotarians in sustainable microfinance and community development, and facilitating partnerships with microfinance organizations to support the implementation of such programs.

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MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

www.rotary-rfmsa.org

Rotarian Action Group for Multiple Sclerosis Awareness - *Promotes MS awareness and encourages Rotarians to contribute to MS research and improve support available for people with MS*

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TREASURER: Barry Wills, Australia. barwills@gmail.com (Member, Rotary Club of Gisborne.)

PEACE

www.rotarianactiongroupforpeace.org

Rotarian Action Group for Peace- *Works to advance world peace and prevent wars through projects oriented towards conflict prevention, peace building, peacekeeping and peacemaking.*

CHAIR: Gordon Crann, Canada. gordon@crannlaw.ca (Member, Rotary E-Club of Southern Ontario, Canada & Western New York.)

PAST CHAIR: Al Jubitz, USA. al@jubitz.org (Member, Rotary Club of Portland.)

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SECRETARY: Kaan Soyak, USA. kaan@nyrotary.org (Member, Rotary Club of New York.)

POLIO SURVIVORS AND ASSOCIATES

www.rotarypoliosurvivors.com

Rotarian Action Group for Polio Survivors and Associates - *Gathers and disseminates information to increase the contribution to the health of polio survivors and those involved with their health care.*

CHAIR: Ann Lee Hussey, USA. annlee001@yahoo.com (Member, Rotary Club of Portland Sunrise.)

SECRETARY: Alfred Bonney, USA. albonney2@gmail.com (Member, Rotary Club of Traverse City.)

TREASURER: Peter Klock, USA. pppy@aol.com (Member, Rotary Club of East Hartford.)

POPULATION GROWTH AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

www.rifpd.org

Rotarian Action Group for Population & Development - *Addresses the interlocking issues of overpopulation, unsustainable development and human suffering through maternal and child health projects.*

CEO: Robert Zinser, Germany. (Member, Rotary Club of Ludwigshafen-Rheinschanze.)

CHAIR: Rekha Shetty, India. rekhashetty123@gmail.com (Member, Rotary Club of Madras Temple City.)

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Melissa J. Willis, rfpd.hq@rifpd.org

PRECONCEPTION CARE

www.raghphc.org

Rotarian Action Group Healthy Pregnancies / Healthy Children- *Focuses on reducing maternal and child mortality by working with clubs and districts to address common health risks for future parents and babies.*

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PROJECT DIRECTOR: Hans Steinhart, Netherlands. h.steinhart@planet.nl (Member, Rotary Club of Elsloo-Maaskant.)

WATER AND SANITATION

www.wasrag.org

Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group *- Assists clubs and districts with projects and programs to develop safe water and sanitation.*

CHAIR: Bill Boyd, New Zealand. bill.boyd@xtra.co.nz (Member, Rotary Club of Pakuranga.)

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