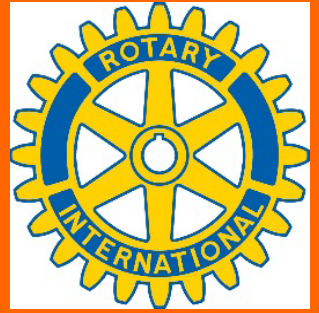




We Are One Newsletter



Mobile Dental Clinic Project San Felipe, Dominican Republic

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Our Dominican Republic Rotary Partner

The Rotary Club of Santo Domingo Innovador is partnering with the Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley in bringing the Mobile Dental Clinic (MDC) to the San Felipe area. The Innovador club is comprised of young people in their 20s and 30s with a club culture consistent with their youth and energy. They proudly proclaim that they do away with formality and “just get the job done.” The dedication and enthusiasm to helping the less fortunate in their country is inspirational.



Richard Simon, International Projects Chair, meets with Rotary members in Santo Domingo.



“By joining our efforts, we can achieve better results... We walk together.”

Status Updates

- Members of the Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley made two visits to the Dominican Republic.
- Early registration of students and families begins.
- The truck design is envisioned.
- We have an aggressive schedule of presentations to various Rotary Clubs.
- Donations from Rotary Clubs near and far begin.
- Local dentist lends support.
- Dr. Compere and Dr. Paul will meet in Massachusetts in April.

Dr. David Paul Tufts Dental School

In April, Dr. David Paul from the Tufts School of Dental Medicine will meet in Massachusetts with Dr. Frantz Compere, the doctor who is coordinating our program in the Dominican Republic. They will discuss plans to work together to make the program a success, including the rotation of four-year dental students from Tufts to the mobile dental clinic. While in the United States, Dr. Compere and Dr. Paul will make a special presentation on April 4 at Nancy's Airfield Café in Stow, MA to share the progress of the program. All Rotarians, local dentists, and the public are invited to attend. For more information, contact info@nashobarotary.org.



Local Rotarians Visit the Dominican Republic

In separate visits over the last several months, Natascha Finnerty and Richard Simon have visited the area to ensure good communication and steady progress. They connected with the local Rotary Club and visited the clinic, local schools, and children in the area. Richard met with the local Rotary Club, and for much of the meeting, they discussed plans for organizing the MDC project. Dr. Compere is the club's mentor on this project, and the members were very engaged in determining how to organize the receiving communities long before the truck comes into existence.



Natascha Finnerty and her son, Connor, join local Rotarians in the Dominican Republic, including Dr. Frantz Compere.

The Power of Your Donation

Your donation to the Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley for the MDC project will be matched in two ways:

1. Our regional district will match dollar for dollar any donations made.
2. The Rotary Foundation will also match the district funds and will provide an additional 50 cents on the dollar for any funds raised by the club.

For example, a donation of \$1,000 will automatically be turned into \$3,500, which will be used to support this campaign directly.

To donate or to find out more about donations, please contact Richard Simon at 978-835-4432 or rlsimon@comcast.net.

Children Register in San Felipe

Since our January newsletter, Richard Simon has made a second visit to San Felipe. He and Dr. Compere have visited schools and spoken with many principals. They have now begun registering their students and their families to receive dental care this fall from the mobile dental clinic. Families in this area currently receive no dental care at all. Families and schools have already expressed great enthusiasm and gratitude for the work that is being done to provide these services to the area.

About the Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley

Serving Lancaster, Bolton, and Stow, we welcome all guests and prospective members. Join us at a meeting!

1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursdays of the month: Breakfast meetings in Bolton, MA.
2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month: Sunset meetings in Stow, MA.

To learn more, visit www.nashobarotary.org.

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