



We Are One Newsletter



Mobile Dental Clinic Project San Felipe, Dominican Republic

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An Official Visit



Dr. David Paul, Richard Simon and Dr. Franz Compere meet in MA

Dr. Franz Compere, pediatrician and our Dominican partner in this project, came to Massachusetts the first week in April for a week-long visit with the Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley. He was invited to come to work one-on-one with members of the club. It was a whirlwind trip that included: an in-depth strategic planning of the project, several presentations to local rotary groups and a formal evening with Dr. David Paul, our partner from Tuft's Dental School. Throughout this visit we discussed and planned more ways to make sure this project is successful and sustainable. Dr. Compere remarked how pleased and impressed he was to see the dedication and passion from this small group of committed Rotarians.

Spreading the Word

Richard Simon, International Projects Chair, along Karin Gaffney, President, have worked tirelessly to keep the mission of the project in the hearts and minds of others who may be willing to help. They have, in the last, several months, gone to visit over 25 other rotary groups in the northeast, to speak about the project's success and needs. Our goal is to raise \$17,500 and we are over 80% of the way to this important Finish Line.

Contributing Clubs

District 7910 Rotary Clubs - MA:

- Acton/Boxborough
- Billerica
- Brookline
- Concord
- Fitchburg East
- Fitchburg
- Framingham
- Hudson
- Littleton
- Montachusett Area
- Watertown
- Westford
- Westwood

Boston University Interact Club

District 7980: CT Club

- Westport Sunrise

District 7450: PA Clubs

- Haverford Township
- West Chester
- Conshohocken Plym. Whitemarsh
- Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn

Rotary Club District 4060: Dominican Republic

- Santo Domingo Innovator

Rotary Foundation Grants and Awards Received

We are pleased to announce that We Are One Dental Clinic project has been the recipient of two major grants. The first is from our regional district and the second is from the Rotary Foundation Fund. Both are matching grants adding \$30,000 to dollars we have raised and will provide the monies to complete the project. At the regional Annual Meeting of the District 7910, in May, Richard Simon, International Project Chair, received the Rotary Foundation's District Service Award. The club received 11 awards including Best Club and the International Award. With these two grants and the generous contributions from local rotary clubs, dentists and individuals, we are nearing our monetary goal.



Karin Gaffney receives club awards at District Conference including District International Award.



First Trip for Tufts Dental Students

In August, Dr. David Paul will be taking a team of 4 Tufts Dental students to the Dominican Republic, where they will be working at Dr. Compere's Sodhaidesa clinic to provide dental care to approximately 250 patients.

Though they will not yet be working in the Mobile Dental Van, this opportunity will be an introduction to the kind of dental services "The We Are One" program will be providing when the mobile dental clinic is up and running. This will give the students a chance to understand the realities of their working conditions and prepare them for the demanding caseloads.

This is the first of several trips that Tuft's Dental students will be making to support the efforts of the We Are One project.



Tech Support Found

Jesse Wallace, a member of the Rotary Club of Watertown, heard Richard Simon's presentation about the We Are One Mobile Dental Clinic, and offered his expertise in computer technology, engineering, and mechanics to support the technology needs of the van.

Jesse has already provided the team with excellent ideas and guidance on the types of hardware and software needed to efficiently run the MDC. These include: patient management software, radiological technology support, and he has even offered to help physically wire the van.

The Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley is extremely grateful for Jesse's guidance and expertise. He is adding a new level of expertise to ensure that this project does not encounter any technology failures.

Clean Hands

In conjunction with the national initiative to educate Dominicans about good health through sanitary practices, the Mobile Dental Clinic will be providing information to all of its patients about the clean hands project. Working together, these two projects can make a huge difference in the overall quality of health for the people in this 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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