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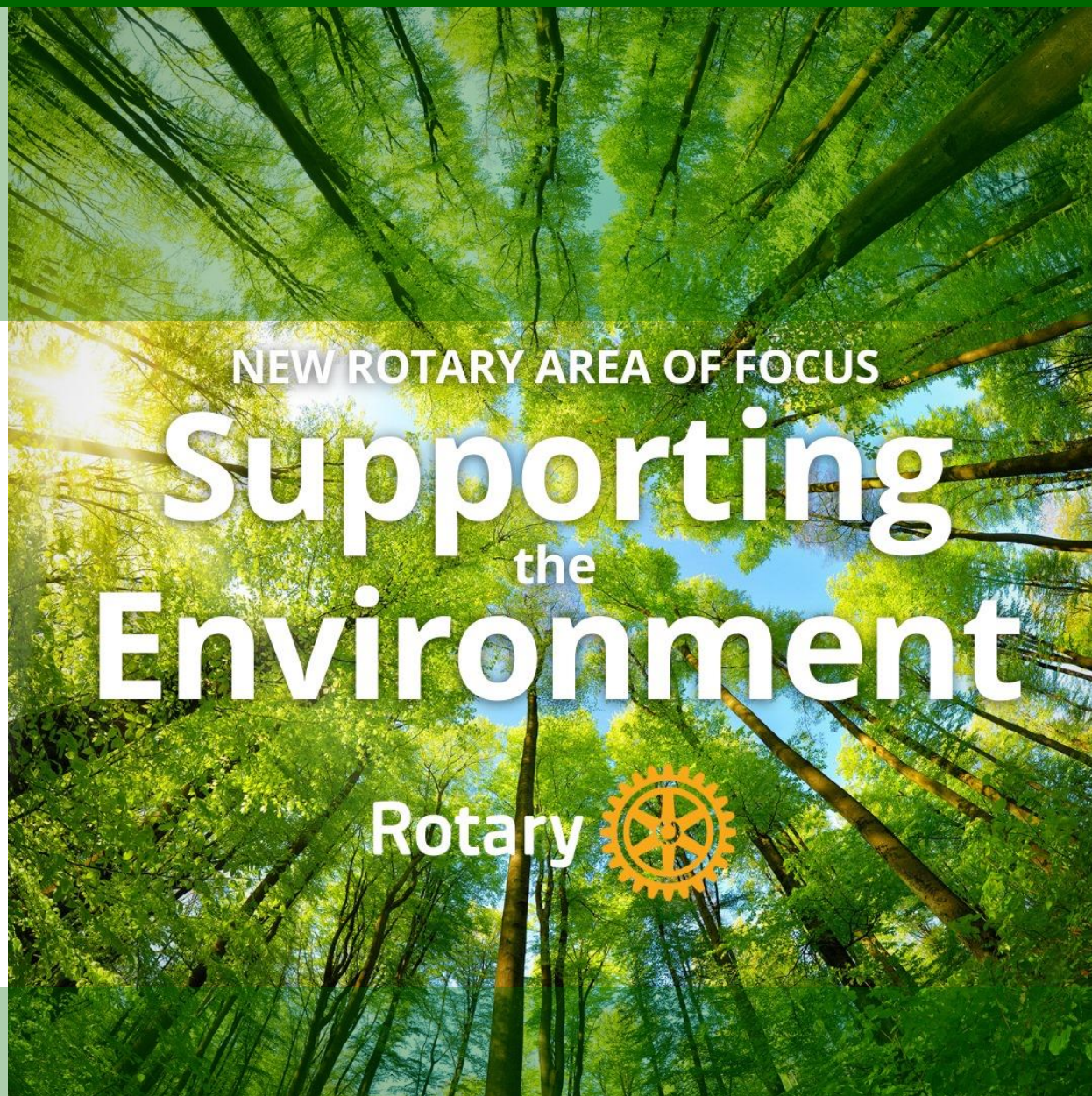
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The New Rotary Area of Focus is  
Supporting the Environment



Cover Story:

The Rotary Foundation Trustees and Rotary International Board of Directors have both unanimously approved adding a new area of focus: supporting the environment.

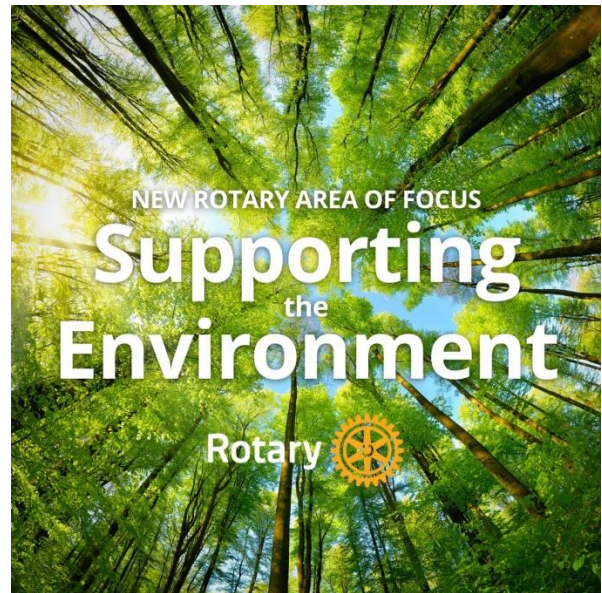
More than \$18 million in Foundation global grant funding has been allocated to environment-related projects over the past five years. Creating a distinct area of focus to support the environment will give Rotary members even more ways to bring about positive change in the world and increase our impact.

RI President Mark Maloney says that during his travels around the world as a Rotary senior leader he encountered many Rotary members and Rotaractors who advocated for the environment to be an area of focus.

"I believe strongly that our Rotary Foundation programs now have a valuable added dimension to our efforts," says, Maloney.

Foundation Trustee Chair Gary C.K. Huang says that with the global population reaching near eight billion, protecting the environment is increasingly important.

"It is time for us to use our collective resources to invest in a smart and efficient way to protecting our environment," says Huang. "We are qualified to take this initiative because we are a global group of problem solvers with diversified talents."



In 1990-91, RI President Paulo V.C. Costa made the environment one of his primary causes, creating the Preserve Planet Earth subcommittee, which looked at ways clubs and members could conduct environmental initiatives.

"We have finally caught up to Costa [his vision]," says Past RI President Ian H.S. Riseley, chair of the Environmental Issues task force, which championed the new area of focus.

"As a lifelong environmentalist, I'm delighted that our great organization has recognized that the environment is a worthy and appropriate destination for our project activity," says Riseley. "This is an exciting moment in Rotary history."

Supporting the environment becomes Rotary's seventh area of focus, which are categories of service activities supported by global grants. It joins peacebuilding and conflict prevention; disease prevention and treatment; water, sanitation, and hygiene; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; and community economic development.

Grant applications for projects will be accepted beginning on 1 July 2021. Gifts and commitments from Rotarians and others will be sought to provide global grant support for the new area of focus.





# GO GREEN!

The Rotary Club of Midtown Butuan together with Rotaract Community Based and Rotaract School Based – Caraga State University Chapter support the Rotary International 7<sup>th</sup> Area of Focus which is supporting and protecting the environment . This activity was attended by Assistant Governor Taktak Corvera-Si, PAG Elizabeth Marie R. Calo, PE Rosalyn N. Cortel, PP Grace Gaborno and Spouse Nick, PP Virgilita Hechanova, the youngest Rotarian of the club - Rtn. Roda Antonette David, Rtn. Evangeline Alegado and Spouse Johan, Rtn. guests, and Rotaractors of Community Based and School Based-Caraga State University Chapter. This activity was conducted during the celebration of 10<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary of Rotary Club of Midtown Butuan last November 28, 2020.



The Rotaract Community Based and Rotaract School Based –Caraga State University Chapter participated in the Tree Planting Activity at Buenavista, Agusan del Norte during the 10<sup>th</sup> Year Chartered Anniversary Celebration of Rotary Club of Midtown.







The Rotary Club of Midtown Butuan Members together with Rotaractors during the Celebration of 10<sup>th</sup> Year Charter anniversary and Tree Planting Activity at Buenavista., Agusan del Norte.

*Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary!*



The Rotaract of Community Based headed by Rotaract President Nelyn Benedico and Rotaract School Based-headed by Marcelino Bernados.







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Fellowship is Rotarian's way of getting together, bonding with each other and strengthening their relationship.