

Tarpon Springs Rotary News

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Service Above Self

December 2022



Officers, directors elected for next Rotary year

RCTS held elections for officers and directors this month.

Officers and director for 2023/2024 were elected per the club's bylaws.

Pres-Elect Donna Pentrack lead with Milton the President Elect Nominee for 2024/2025. Rtns.

Donna and Milton will start their next month. Current president Sue Carson will move to the past president and Tekoa Bean will become the vice president.

Julie Russell has agreed to be the treasurer for one more year; she will train George Koulianos who has stepped up to become treasurer in 2024/2025.

Abigail Holland was elected secretary and Willie Wikle will become Sargent of Arms.

We have some returning directors, Rich Landau, Mark Koulianos, Karen Gallagher, Eddie Hoffman, Tom Trask and Valerie Cullu.

2023-2024

NEW OFFICERS

- President
- **Donna Pentrack**,
- PRESIDENT ELECT
- **MILTON SMITH**
- PRES. ELECT NOM
- **OPEN**
- VICE PRESIDENT
- **TEKOA BEAN**
- PAST PRESIDENT
- **SUE CARSON**
- TREASURER
- **JULIE RUSSELL**
- TREASURER TRAINEE
- **GEORGE KOULIANOUS**
- SECRETARY
- **ABIGAIL HOLLAND**
- SGT. AT ARMS
- **WILLIAM WIKLE**

Directors 2022-2024

- Rich Landau
- Mark Koulianos
- Karen Gallagher
- Eddie Hoffman

Directors 2023-2025

- Jacqui Turner
- Nate Hatzie
- Tom Trask
- Valerie Cullu

WOO HOO!

Whereas average USA/Canada Rotary membership grew a little over 1% since July 1, district 6950 continues to be North America's leader with a growth rate of **FOUR and a HALF percent.**

I could not be more honored to belong to such an enthusiastic team of Rotarians.

Thanx! Troy Willingham
Rotary District 6950 Governor 2022-23

Community Action

Pastors feted with annual luncheon

Every year the Rotary Club of Tarpon Springs celebrates December as Pastor Appreciation Month by inviting local pastors to join the club for lunch.

The event is designed to thank town clergy for their efforts on behalf of Tarpon Springs.

The club can say, "thank you," and have a time of fellowship with another group of workers serving the town and its people.

Rotarian and Chaplain Milton Smith acted as club host.

The club welcomed Janet Tunnell of All Saints Episcopal Church, Leon Marion, Bible Church of God, Lissa Bradford, Church of the Bayou, Chris Ireland, Florida Compass Church and Bill James, First Responder Chaplain for joining us this year.

District tops

Club membership near top

RCTS has welcomed 11 of the 104 members RYTD in D6950.

Rtn. Mike Chapman said, "We are 'among the leading clubs in the district.'"

This year membership has been working to fulfill its goal of The Three E's, to Educate our community on what Rotary is all about, to Engage our current members, so they can take ownership of their club, and to Elevate our clubs mission and visibility in the community.

RCTS started this Rotary calendar year with 85 members. We have had one transfer and inducted nine members. Two more members were approved at the last board meeting.

They will be inducted in January. On Jan. 19, there will be a membership orientation. At

this time we have six potential members sign up for the orientation.

"We held four orientations this year so far, and the goal of the orientation is for the committee to share their 'why' in why they joined Rotary, and 'why' they stay in Rotary," said chair Rtn. Robin.

The committee has also created business cards that have a QR code, that takes inquiring individuals to the website, and social media.

This year, we have implemented the "greeter at the door", to create a welcoming feeling for those who come to our club meetings.

Colleen Spiegel, potential new member said, 'I feel so welcome at this club, and everyone is extremely nice. I look forward to joining the club.'

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Newsletter hiatus

March and April's newsletter will be combined with the May newsletter.

The club's editor will be out of country and will not have access to the internet to compile the March and April newsletter. Publication will resume in May.

Wrap Up, December 29

PRESIDENT'S
CORNER

Sue Carson, President

December was Rotary Disease Prevention and Treatment month.

As you know, Rotary has taken the lead in the drive to End Polio Now. We are so close.

Many Rotary club and Rotarians also support CART (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust).

The Rotary Foundation supports many projects that help with disease prevention and treatment. It is how we do good in the world.

Thank you to all of our members who support the Foundation.

Thank you to everyone who participated in and supported the boat parade and the Tarpon Springs Christmas parade.

Our new Rotary inflatable was front and center in both of these and was a great way to show how active Rotary is in our community.

The month ended with our holiday party December 22 and a social at Rusty Bel- lies Dec. 29.

No meetings on Dec. 29, (social) or on Jan. 5, 2023.

First meeting in the new year on Jan. 12.

Have a Happy Holiday and I look forward to seeing every- one in the new year.

Officers

President Sue Carson
President Elect D. Pentrack
Vice President Tekoa Bean
Pres Elect Nom H. Malamatos
Sgt. At Arms Celia Dubey
Past President Robin Wikle
Secretary Valerie Cullu
Treasurer Julie Russell

Board

R. Lundahl Rea Sieber
W. Wikle Ed Hoffman
M. Koulianos Milton Smith
K. Gallagher Tom Trask

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BOD tackles, tables end of year jobs

The Board approved one new member for induction in January 2023.

The next new member orientation is Jan. 12.

RCTS will march in the MLK Parade Jan. 14, 2023.

Ron Haddad is looking in to a meal packing service project with another organization.

The Board asked that he get back to it with whether the meals can go overseas. There was also concern about the cost. This will be reviewed at the January board meeting for possible project in May.

The Financial Review Committee, the Strategic Planning

committee and the Harold Haftel Project are on hold until next year.

Boating Family will be holding their Fishing trip on Feb. 4. An adult boating trip is being organized.

RCTS representatives will meeting Peace 4 Tarpon early in the year to organize a possible Peace Pole for Tarpon Springs.

The Dunedin clubs joined to put a Peace Pole in Dunedin and can help the club with the project.

We will be assisting the First Responders Organization (Milton Smith) with a Car Show

on Feb. 11.

BOD meets next Jan. 19 at the IHOP on Hwy. 19. Meeting time is 7:30 a.m.



PBS programs fight against polio. It can be seen by googling "The American Experience" and finding the appropriate episode.

Jujitsu expert
joins club

Mike Geery lives in Holiday, and The Jiu Jitsu Project.

He's been teaching martial arts in the area for over 20 years.

Mike has many contacts in the area, and believes in community outreach.

Mike cares about people and the community he serves.

Mike recently worked out a partnership with fellow Rotarian Andrew (don't have last name), who is the Director of the Boys and Girls club of Tarpon Springs to teach weekly FREE jiu jitsu classes to the kids that attend the Boys and Girls Club.

Mike's sponsor is Rtn. Chris Dufala.



M. Geery

Member Spotlight

Gosh recharging by gosh

Janet Gosch I had a thriving real estate business in Buffalo, New York, with HUNT Real

Estate. I moved to Florida after my husband passed away a year ago. It's very difficult to be a sad person in a sad climate such as Buffalo. My oldest daughter, Jordan, has her

Master's Degree from NYU and works in Malibu, California. She places tutors with movie star's children when the movie star is going on a movie set. My son-in-law, Justin, is a manager at Morgan Stanley in CA. Justin was recently inducted into 50



J. Gosch

Under 50 Wealth Managers and he is just 35 years old. I have two darling granddaughters in California... Carmen and Vivienne. My son, Troy, was a partner at Dry Farm Wines in Napa Valley. He is now in Austin, Texas managing customer service teams for start ups. Our youngest daughter, Madison, is in Fort Myers with Enterprise Car Sales. She has worked for Enterprise since graduating from college and is a senior sales consultant. I am an avid reader (a book a week) and I walk 6 to 8 miles a day. I have always had a heart for helping others and I'm looking forward to doing the same through my church, St. Ignatius, and through Tarpon Springs Rotary.

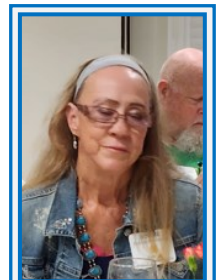
Rotary faces are happy faces



J. Gosch



E. Hoffman



B. Halverson

Wrap Up, December 15

Jasmine Scott, dept of solid waste says, 'Waste not'

Waster not, want not.

The county's environmental waste technician outlined important insights for members in the importance of recycling.

Mostly Scott emphasized "responsible recycling."

She emphasized that recycling is just one aspect of her department's activity.

"No belts, cords, plastic bags, clothing, foam packaging" should be tossed for recycle, she said.

All county recycle goes to privately owned "materials recovery facilities," according to Scott.

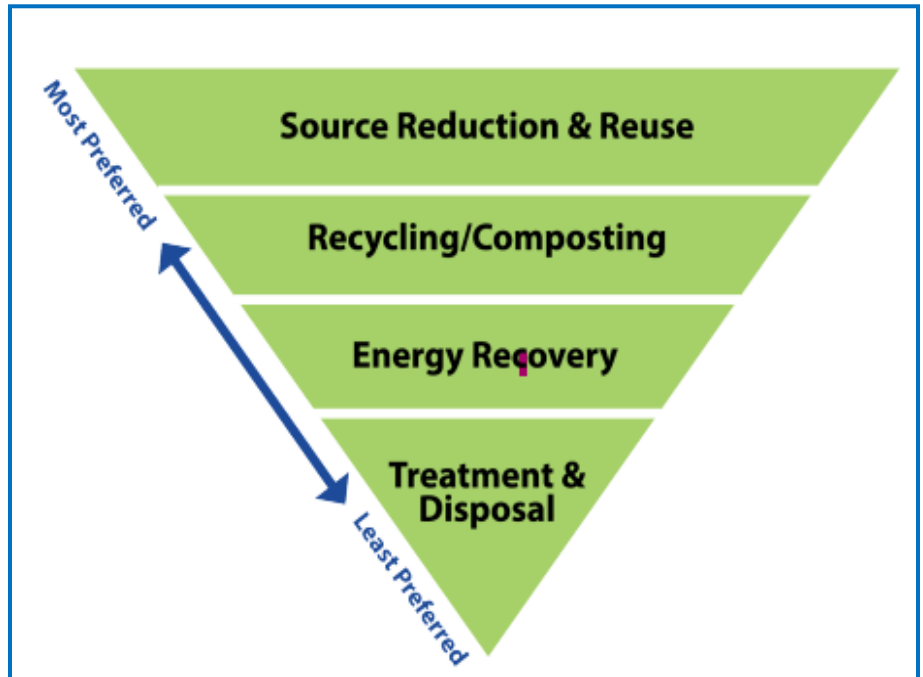
There, the materials are sorted by weight and size by a "star screen."

"If you put plastic bas into the sorting operation," she said, "the star screens are clogged." They then have to be cleaned by hand. A worker climbs into the machine and cuts the bas loose.

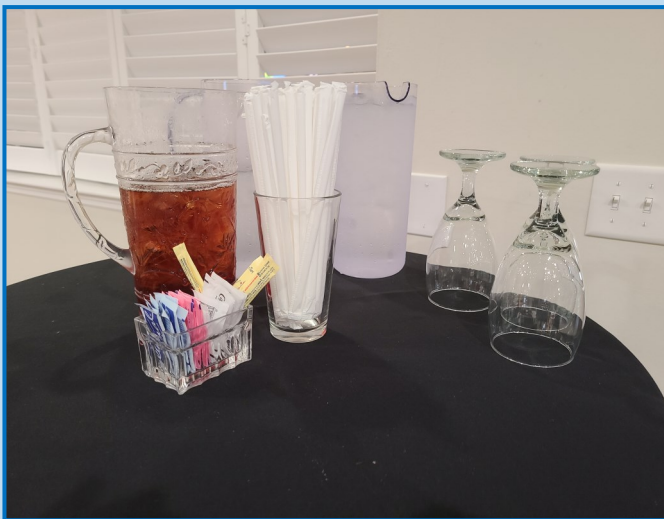
"The is both dangerous for the worker and slows the process," she said.



J. Scott



Venue expected small turnout



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Holiday fellowship closes year for partying club

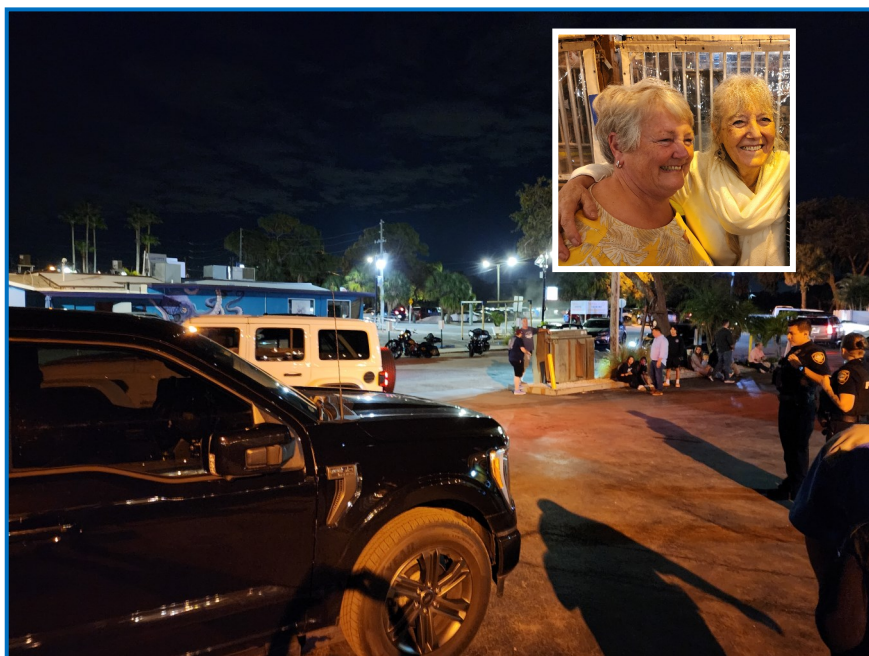


TOP: Club officers enjoy night of fellowship and laughter

ABOVE: PDG Mike gets direction from Rtn. Jean

RIGHT: Cops get scofflaw Christine to park correctly

INSET: PDG Jocelyn and Rtn. Christine chuckle as white Jeep gets moved



Wrap Up, December 29

Rusty Bellies rolls with laughter as members shine



TOP: 40 Rotarians strong invade Rusty Bellies
ABOVE: As he does so often, Rtn. David Wright (Trinity Club) gathers club members for group shot to commemorate night.
RIGHT: Rtn. Tom and wife Faith do what Rotarians do so very well—chow down
LEFT: Pres. Sue looks up in rare moment of incredulity
BOTTOM LEFT: Rtn. Ron finds quiet minute with son Keith (soon a Rotarian in Tampa)
BOTTOM MIDDLE: Rtn. Nick chats with Rtn. Sherrie's guest Rachel
BOTTOM RIGHT: PDG Perry captures Immediate Past President Tekoa's attention while PE Donna listens



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Wrap Up, December 22

Holiday cheer fills air in joyous club meeting



Pres. Sue got the club going with fun and fellowship.



ABOVE LEFT: "I have the answer key!" members call out in Pres. Sue's word scramble game.

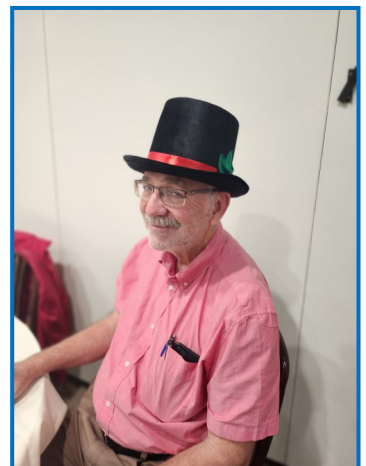
LEFT: Smiles abound at Al's table. Nearly 30 members attended for the last regular

club meeting of the 2022 Rotary year.

BELOW LEFT: Staff recognized for hard work

BELOW: Rtn. Paul trivia is good f not his couture

BOTTOM: Members welcome prime rib lunch
BOTTOM RIGHT:



Rtn Tom Carson: What was Santa's tenth reindeer's name? Sing along: "Rudolf the red-nosed reindeer...Olive the other reindeer"



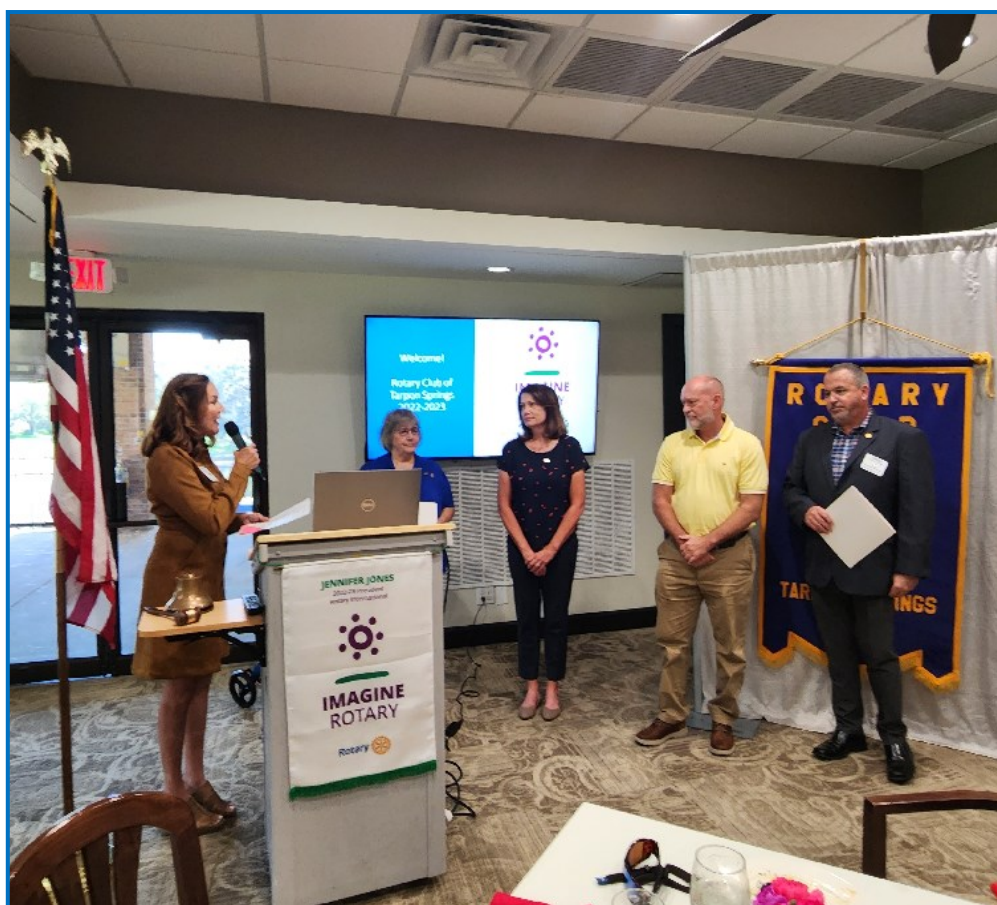
Middle school chorus entertains club



Tarpon Middle School choir delighted members with a medley of Christmas carols. The group had not performed its annual holiday show for the club since the pandemic began, noted the director.



ABOVE: Middle school choir enchants club
BELOW: Membership chair Robin Wikle performs initiation for club's new members



Rotary revelers enjoy boat parade, bell ringing



Club Christmas cheer aplenty in parade, bells



Malaria curable, but still worldwide killer

Among all communicable diseases, malaria is the third largest killer of children between the ages of one month and five years, following pneumonia and diarrhea.

Nearly 300,000 children under the age of five die of malaria died in 2016 equivalent to nearly 800 young lives lost each day.

In the years between 2000 and 2015, the mortality rate for malaria fell by 60% and the number of malaria cases

dropped by 37% globally. During those 15 years, 6.2 million deaths were averted, including the deaths of 5.9 million children under five.

Progress on malaria is beginning to show signs of stagnation. In 2016, 91 countries reported a combined total of 216 million malaria cases – 5 million more than in 2015.

Rwanda and Nigeria together saw an increase of over 1.5 million cases, while DRC recorded an additional 500,000 cases in 2015-2016.

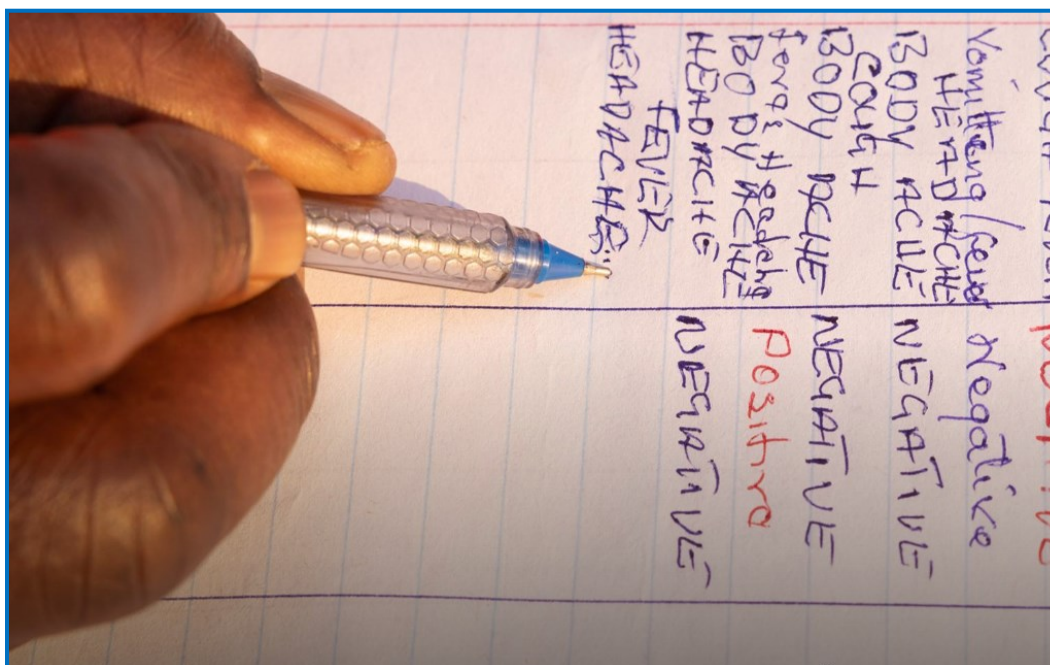
An estimated 90 per cent of malaria deaths occur in Sub-Saharan Africa, with 407,000 deaths in 2016.

Malaria preys upon the vulnerable: children under five years of age, the poorest and most marginalized, pregnant women and their unborn children. Malaria in pregnancy contributes significantly to deaths of mothers and young children, with an estimated tally of at least 10,000 women and 200,000 infants under one year old.

Four out of five malaria deaths occur in one of 15 countries: Nigeria, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, India, Mozambique, Ghana, Angola, Uganda, Mali, Burkina Faso, Kenya, Tanzania, Cameroon, Niger, Guinea and Chad. More than one in three malaria deaths occur in two countries: Nigeria and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. UNICEF has a country office in all of these countries.

Sleeping under an insecticide-treated bed net (ITN) is the most common and most effective way to prevent malaria infection. In 2016, an estimated 54% of people at risk of malaria in sub-Saharan Africa slept under an ITN.

Countries that have achieved at least three consecutive years with no local cases of malaria are eligible to apply for certification of malaria elimination. In the last decade, six countries have been certified as having eliminated malaria. In the previous two decades, there was one.



Latham Chisanga had been in a car accident a few years back, and he'd dealt with the physical repercussions ever since. So in February 2020, when a backache and fever came on, Chisanga skipped another visit to the clinic, swallowed a couple of painkillers, and got on with his life.

Days later, he collapsed outside a neighbor's house and fell into a coma. At the hospital, his malaria test came back positive. He died a few days later.

Death Questioned

His mother, Martha Lungu, wondered how this could have happened to a member of her family. After all, she was the executive administrator of Malaria Partners Zambia, the local branch of an international campaign led by Rotary members to end malaria.

"How did I fail?" she the Rotarian lamented. "How come I didn't do this right? And how am I going to talk to people about the prevention of malaria?"

Two people intervened. "You need to use your son's death to educate others, so we

don't lose another life," said a minister. "If it happened to me, it could happen to anyone."

Agnes Mukonde had experienced aching joints, headaches, and chills. She'd had malaria before and recognized the symptoms. She tested positive.

Fortunately, a nearby health center — the place from which the group of six had departed earlier that morning — provided Mukonde medication, and she felt better within days. Now her visitors are here to test her children and neighbors to find out if any of them have been infected.

Mukonde's six visitors are students training under an ambitious new plan by the Zambian government to make malaria testing and treatment more accessible by saturating the country with 36,000 community health workers — that's about one worker per 500 people.

Strategy Gets Boost

The national strategy is getting a boost from Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia, an initiative founded and led by Rotary members and the recipient of

Rotary's first \$2 million Programs of Scale grant.

Help Coming

Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia will train and equip 2,500 community health workers in 10 districts in Zambia's Central and Muchinga provinces. By partnering with World Vision U.S. and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, which will each contribute another \$2 million to the endeavor, it's anticipated that the program will reduce malaria infections and significantly diminish the number of severe and potentially fatal cases.

"Members of Rotary should be proud of themselves for coming on board to fight malaria," says Lungu, who chairs the program's implementing committee. (She also moved into the role of executive director for Malaria Partners Zambia several months after her son's death.)

"Imagine how many lives they will save because of the community health workers that they have helped train and deploy."