

# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 6450



## Temple Solar Project

*"Birthplace of Rotary"*



Dear Fellow Rotarians

For the past 11 years, Rotarians on five continents have helped people in developing countries improve their health, economic situation, and the environment by cooking with solar powered ovens. The Temple Solar Project (TSP) serves as a broker and technical assistance resource to bring together like-minded Rotary Clubs and strong humanitarian organizations in developing countries and Rotary Clubs and Districts in economically advanced nations. Together they identify worthwhile solar projects and then assist in generating the necessary funding.

As forest around the globe disappear and fuel supplies in developing countries become diminished, the need for these ovens is rapidly increasing. Requests for solar ovens from orphanages, hospitals and community development organizations exceeds our ability to fund the projects. We need you help! If your club is looking for an international project that can have the impact of life changing proportions that will help avoid deforestation, enhance the economic role of women, help prevent environmental devastation and improve the quality of life in developing countries, please consider involved today. TSP has identified several projects that are awaiting a Rotary Club willing to help and "Celebrate Rotary".

There are three ways that your club and or District could become involved in a project:

### **Contributing Club**

Donations to the TSP oven projects are always needed and greatly appreciated.

### **Honor Club**

Clubs that contribute \$2,000 or more become part of the TSP *Honor Club* program. The Club's name is permanently placed on the oven and an *Honor Club* recognition banner is presented.

### **Centennial Sponsoring Club**

Clubs that commit to sponsor an entire project by funding an average of \$9,000 (less if your governor will commit District Designated Funds) for projects will have the only name permanently placed on the oven and receive an *Honor Club* recognition banner.

**Greater Interaction and Involvement.** Some of the most rewarding experiences of Rotarians are when they can interact and better understand the needs of another community. If you involve a local interact club in the project, the interact students can often be linked with students and recipient oven organizations in the receiving country to learn from each other and share information about their countries via the Internet. In addition to financially supporting a project, members of your club are encouraged to visit project sites in developing countries and meet with the Rotary Clubs in the receiving countries.

**Additional Information Available.** The TSP has an 8-minute presentation available, which is suitable for Rotary Club Meetings and is available upon request. This presentation is available as a PowerPoint CD, VHS or DVD.

Additional information and brochure is available on the TSP web site [www.rotarysolarovens.org](http://www.rotarysolarovens.org).

Please consider getting involved. I would welcome the opportunity to answer any questions you have and provide additional information or explain how to get involved in an exciting international project for the 2004/2005 Rotary year or plan for next year. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours in Rotary,

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