

Sampling of excerpts from meeting summaries published in the Marshalltown Times Republican

2/12/13 Greg Brown updated the group of 60 Rotarians on hand on a service project the Board has approved involving drilling for water in South Sudan. This project fits nicely with the Rotary International emphasis on clean water. Brown explained how we will partner with other to leverage our contribution so as to have a \$99,000 impact on this project that will empower the local people in South Sudan and also help support a start-up company to facilitate these efforts. Brown also reported on International Project committee member Dennis Drager's current drilling-related efforts in Texas, noting how nicely they will dovetail with this project.

7/9/13 Dr. Dennis Drager than came forward for a very special announcement related to the well project for South Sudan. Rotarians Drager and Greg Brown have been active in building support and collaborating with Trinity Lutheran Church in Marshalltown as Rotary and Trinity have each have raised over \$11,000 in these efforts. Drager thanked the Rotary board for its support and announced that the club has secured a grant from Rotary District 6000 and Rotary International that will result in over \$100,000 to support this project and move it forward. The club responded to Drager and Brown for their leadership and selfless efforts in this service project, by immediately dropping checks or pledge forms into thematic water cans placed at each table.

9/17/13 Marshalltown Hy-Vee Food Store Director and Rotarian Ric Anderson and Hy-Vee Drug Store Director Jim Merulla presented a check for \$5,000 toward the South Sudan water well drilling project. Rotarians Greg Brown and Dennis Drager, instrumental in the project, as well as Welch accepted the check. Welch was an instrumental liaison in securing this generous gift. Merulla described the Hy-Vee One-Step program whereby a portion of water sales are set aside to help people in our communities and around the world overcome some of the difficulties that affect their well-being. In this case they have partnered with the Marshalltown Rotary Club to dig wells that will provide millions of people around the world with better access to clean water and improved sanitation. "I'm thrilled to spend some of Hy-Vee's money on such a worthwhile cause", said Merulla.