

WORLD GARDENING PROJECTS UPDATES

By Janet Lockhart

First of all, I hope that you are all well and safe. I just wanted to give you some results from last year. The state collected. **\$23,647.18**, - \$5,566.67 went to Water for South Sudan and \$18,080.15 went to Dig Deep, the Navajo Water Project.

Our 7th District numbers were as follows: Total contributions - **\$3,475.35**, of that amount \$1,157.60 went to Water for South Sudan and \$2,317.75 went to Dig Deep, the Navajo Water Project. We were down a little from last year, and short donations from a few clubs, but we still made a great contribution to organizations that now even more than before need our help. Both the South Sudanese and the Navajos need water to stay healthy and help stop the spread of Covid-19. Health facilities for both areas are minimal.

First of all, results from last year. When we get together, the Rochester Garden Club will get the World Gardening Trophy with their name on the plaque to keep on display for a year - Thanks to their contributions to World Gardening. Creative Gardeners of Penfield had the highest per capita donation and would have been able to sit at the table closest to the speaker at our annual Spring Luncheon. There is always next year. Congratulations to both Clubs.

Now for the news – Water for South Sudan has drilled 452 wells to date, rehabbed 162 with new concrete and trained 424 villages with their hygiene classes. They are currently working with the World Health Organization educating every village they can, about social distancing, hand washing, and helping to stop the pandemic in South Sudan. They have been teaching these classes since April 4 for the UNICEF. Medical facilities are far and few between in South Sudan.

Dig Deep -The people living on Navajo Mountain in Utah, Arizona and New Mexico have a very high rate of Covid-19 infections with little water or medical facilities. Dig Deep has partnered with the people at Nestle Waters to distribute 248,000 gallons of bottled water to 6 sites across the three states. (nearly 2,000,000 pounds of water). They will deliver more each week. The community is helping all they can to provide transportation and help others in need.

Your club can contribute to *both projects*, or one or the other. You can choose by just putting the words - *Water for South Sudan or DigDeep* on the memo line of your check. **If you want to give to both organizations, you will have to write two checks.**

If you or your club wishes to contribute, the form to send in is on the next page.

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PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE **TO: FGCNYS, Inc. (A check is needed for each organization.)**
And write **"WORLD GARDENING – Water for South Sudan or DigDeep** on the memo line

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CLUB NAME _____ DATE _____
AMOUNT _____
IF A FUND RAISER WAS USED, PLEASE BRIEFLY DESCRIBE _____
