

Rotary Foundation Committee Presentation – November 25, 2013 Club Meeting

- Our club's Foundation Committee's main goals are to raise funds for the Rotary International Foundation and to educate members about the Foundation and encourage them to contribute annually to the fund.
- [This video](#) highlights the Rotary Foundation's six main goals:
 - Providing clean water
 - Promoting peace
 - Saving mothers and children
 - Growing local economies
 - Supporting education
 - Fighting disease
- Rotary International manages the fund centrally and invests contributions. The Foundation is recognized worldwide and has been recognized by some of the most influential charity evaluators with their highest ratings. The profits go back to local clubs, where a local club's \$3000 contribution towards a project of its choice can translate into a \$12000 contribution.
- [This video](#) is an example of one project that our club is involved in. As you will see, the project is both sustainable and consistent with one of Foundation's goals.
- One of the Rotary Foundation's biggest projects is the eradication of polio through its vaccination initiative in partnership with others, such as the World Health Organization. All clubs are encouraged to raise funds for Polio Plus.
- During September's District 7010 conference, it was announced that only 2 countries were left with new cases of polio. Unfortunately, this disease doesn't give up easily. Recently, it was reported that one of these two countries had new cases and, additionally, that Syria, which had been polio free, had 9 new cases. As you can see, the fight is far from over, and that is why Rotary International is pushing hard for all clubs to continue to support Polio Plus.
- Although contributions to the Rotary Foundation are voluntary, every Rotarian every year is encouraged to make at least a \$100 donation to the Foundation and to make the Foundation a charity of one's choice. Since 1980, our club has contributed some 427,359 to the Foundation, an accomplishment we can all be proud of.
- Members and friends who contribute \$1000 to the Foundation are recognized by becoming member of the Paul Harris Fellowship. The \$1000 contribution can be made in a lump sum or over time. 76 of our present members have contributed to the Foundation, of which 47 are Paul Harris Fellows and 27 have achieved multiple Paul Harris Recognitions, mainly through sustaining membership or annual giving.

- Individuals can also become benefactors by naming the Rotary Foundation a beneficiary in their wills. If you're interested in becoming a benefactor, information is available on the web.
- Contribution can be made with your annual fees, directly on line, or you can write a cheque payable to the Rotary Foundation and I can forward it to you. If you prefer mailing it yourself, make sure you fill out the proper form, which can be found on the Foundation's web site.
- Recently, a number of our members have reached a milestone in their donation. Through sustaining membership, Achieving PHF+1 are Don Wheeler and Ken Peake, PHF+2 Dick Tafel and Bob Cunningham, and PHF+3 is John Lewis.
- I thank you for your attention and I encourage you to go to Rotary International's Web site for more information. And, on behalf of the Foundation Committee, strongly encourage you to seriously consider becoming supporters of the Rotary Foundation if you are not already one.

For more information contact:

[Ghislaine Cote, Co-Chair](#)

[Yvonne Weir, Co-Chair](#)