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DECEMBER IS DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT MONTH

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

Dec 10: Peter & Ineke Boekhorst

UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

Dec 7: Bev Harrington
District Governor's Visit

Dec 14: No Speaker
AGM – Rotary Club of Meadow Ridge

Dec 21: No Speaker
Fellowship and Gift Exchange

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Public health is on everyone's mind due to the global pandemic that still threatens the safety of ourselves and our loved ones. In a sense, COVID-19 has made all of us much more aware of the roles and responsibilities of medical professionals than we were before we had to wear masks and maintain social distance. In addition, while moving through this pandemic, we have also

learned about the role we can play in keeping others safe.

December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month in Rotary. The pandemic unfortunately has schooled most people on the toll that disease takes on our communities. But fighting disease is something that Rotarians around the world have been doing for decades. In fact, it is one of Rotary's seven areas of focus.

As Rotarians, we believe that good health and well-being is a human right — even though 400 million people across the globe do not have access to essential health services. The work we do in establishing clinics, eye hospitals, and blood banks, as well as in building infrastructure for medical facilities in underserved communities, all returns to a central belief that access, prevention, and education are the keys to stopping deadly outbreaks that harm the most vulnerable.

My exposure to health work began with my Rotary club, Calcutta-Mahanagar. There, among other things, I helped pioneer a program called Saving Little Hearts that over the years has provided more than 2,500 free heart surgeries for children from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, and Africa. Before the program went international, it started locally with the goal of performing just six surgeries within our community. Today, our goal is to complete another 20,000 surgeries over the next five years.

The world relies on Rotary to tackle challenges like these and to set an example for others. Over the past decade, medical professionals and government workers have provided free health services to 2.5 million people in 10 countries during Family Health Days, which are organized by Rotarians around the world. Similar health camps in India also provide thousands of surgeries to those in need. Medical missions from India to Africa each year are an excellent example of hands-on service in disease prevention and treatment. Rotary members can also get involved at a local level; clubs in the United States and Mexico, for example, fund a free health clinic in Guerrero, a small town in Mexico.

And of course, our effort to eradicate polio is by far the best story in civil-society health care.

This month, think about how your club can focus on preventing and fighting disease. This is the time to take a bigger, better, bolder approach through both club and district projects that can impact more people. Re-evaluate where you are with your goals. Create strategies that can sustain change over years, not months.

Everyone deserves a long, healthy life. When you *Serve to Change Lives*, your actions today can help extend the lives of others.

Shekhar Mehta
President 2021-22

OUR CLUB LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Brenda Jenkins presided.

Speaker: Malcolm Kennedy - District Foundation Chair

Your District 5050 Foundation Team consists of ten experienced, dedicated Rotarians who work together to help the governor educate, motivate, and inspire Rotarians to participate in our Foundation. The Foundation Committee is the connection between The Rotary Foundation (TRF) and Club members.



District Rotary Foundation Chair (DRFC),

Malcolm Kennedy: I have been involved with the District Foundation team for over ten years. During that time the Team members have consistently worked on behalf of the District 5050 Clubs to remove obstacles that would impede them from receiving Foundation Funds. The goal is to get the Clubs to say "YES". Foundation Funds are available only

because of your donations to the Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund. Funds are awarded from the World Fund and the District Designated Fund (DDF) to assist Clubs with their community projects using Foundation Grants.

I am a member of the Rotary Club of Coquitlam Sunrise.

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Part 1: Introduction to the Rotary Foundation

The Foundation has identified seven areas of focus:



The Rotary Foundation (TRF) is a separate legal entity from Rotary International (RI) to maintain its charitable tax status. The Foundation is managed by a 15 member Board of Trustees that is nominated by the RI President and appointed by the RI Board. The Rotary Foundation is consistently rated as one of the top, most efficient, charitable foundations in the world due to how we fund the administration costs and how we use the funds so effectively.

Money donated this year is invested for three years to allow for proper planning. Interest from the investments is used to help fund the administration costs. Any shortfall in administration expenses is usually covered by interest from the Permanent Fund, but because interest rates are so low at this time 91% of the donated funds go back to the Foundation. You can even designate where you'd like your donation to be used. Share it with our District, designate it for the World Fund, or pick one of the six areas of focus.

Rotarians are asked, at a minimum, to meet the Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) program and donate something to the Foundation (even \$5 or \$10 per year). Preferably, Rotarians will agree to donate \$100 US each year (just over \$8 US per month) to become a Sustaining Member. Other programs include the Paul Harris Society (\$1,000 per year), lifetime donations (one-time or cumulative), or estate bequests.

There are three different funds within the Foundation: Annual Programs Fund, PolioPlus and the Endowment Fund (formerly called the Permanent Fund)

PART 2: SHARE and the Annual Programs Fund

The Annual Programs Fund is the main source of funding for Rotary programs. Here's how it works:

1. Money is donated by Rotarians, clubs and Districts in the current year.
2. The funds are invested for three years. This allows the Foundation to make plans for the effective use of the money, and the interest generated goes to administration costs.
3. Three years after the donations were made, half of the funds made available to the District and the other half is retained for use in the World Fund.

(This is cleverly called the SHARE program and, strangely enough, it's not an acronym. It's just the word "share" in capital letters)

4. Clubs can apply to use the District's portion of the funds for either local or international service projects. There is no maximum to the amount that a club can contribute. The District can match the funds raised by the club on a 1:1 basis up to \$10,000. The actual amount may be less depending on the amount in the fund and the number of clubs applying.
5. If the club has an international project, it can also apply to the Foundation for money from the World Fund. The club contribution must be a minimum of \$10,715 plus an optional 5% administration fee. The Foundation will match 80% of the District's donation. Here's an example of how to turn \$10,715 into \$30,000, which is the minimum amount needed for a Global Grant project:

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| Club donation: | \$10,715 |
| District donation: | \$10,715 |
| TRF match 80% of District: | <u>\$ 8,570</u> |
| Total Minimum | \$30,000 |

So if you want to ensure that we have money to use three years from now, encourage your members to support the Rotary Foundation's Annual Programs Fund this year.

Part 3: PolioPlus

The PolioPlus campaign began in 1985, with a pledge at the UN's 40th anniversary, to raise \$120 million over three years. Rotarians more than doubled that goal, donating \$247 million. Rotary inspired, supported and worked with other organizations, including the UN and the World Health Organization. The goal was to have polio eradicated by the time of Rotary's 100th anniversary in 2005, but the fight has proven more difficult than expected. Rotarians have increased their efforts to finish the job with the support of our partners - including the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, which donated \$355 Million to PolioPlus and asked us to match \$200 Million in three years.

Rotarians again rose to the challenge - especially those Rotarians in District 5050. District 5050 was asked to raise \$330,000 over three years. In August 2011, after only two years, District Foundation Chair Bill Robson announced that District 5050 had raised over \$770,000! By the time we're finished, it is expected that Rotarians will have contributed close to \$1.2 billion dollars - and will make polio the second disease in human history to be completely conquered (smallpox is the other).

Part 4: The Rotary Endowment Fund

You can donate funds during your lifetime (endowments) or make a provision in your Will or designations of life insurance or retirement funds (bequests). The money is held in perpetuity with the interest being used to support the works of the Rotary Foundation forever.

The fund was started in 1996 with an initial target of \$200 million by 2011. This consists of both money received and "expectancies" (payments pledged from your estate). The \$200 million goal was met in 2005, six years ahead of schedule. The next target of \$1 billion by 2025 was also met ten years early, in 2015. We continue to grow the fund so that we can help even more people.

Happy and Sad dollars included:

Clint: his eye surgeries are done, and his doctor says that he can get back to mostly normal activities.

Ineke: only about half of the Christmas plants have been sold (and we can't take them back) so support our club by communicating with your acquaintances. The plants will be here at next week's meeting.

Ken: District 5050 is going to create a new Area M which will include Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows, and Ken is putting his name forward to be Areas Assistant Governor.

Matt: the total net amount of funds raised from the production of the vaccination cards is now \$1000.

Libby: Deborah's first day working at her new job is today.

Announcements:

December 7, 2021 will be the District Governor's visit.

December 14, 2021 will be our club's Annual General Meeting.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson