



The Rotary Foundation Hank Popoff

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Our program this week was a presentation by Hank Popoff on the Rotary Foundation as November is "Foundation Month". The TRF Committee had researched the RI database and had selected two videos which were on topic and heart warming reminders of how TRF makes a difference in our world. Unfortunately we ran into sound challenges and were unable to present them. Hank was fully prepared and proceeded with a power point presentation to deliver the message.

The Rotary Foundation, in the latest full year for which data is available (2021-2022), reports revenue of (USD) \$304 million comprised of \$132 million through PolioPlus, \$138 million through the Annual Programs Fund, and \$34 million through other Funds.

In the same year, expenditures were \$151 million for PolioPlus, \$73million for 1,199 Global Grants, \$27 million for 478 District Grants, \$8 million for 207 Disaster Grants and \$15 million for other programs. Administration accounted for \$30 million.

The final slide delivers the key message to our members as follows:
"By contributing to the Annual Programs Fund, you advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. There are as many reasons to support the Annual Programs Fund as there are ways to do good in the world."

We ask our members to consider supporting the Rotary Foundation through the PolioPlus Fund and the Annual Fund. Many of you are regular donors and we are truly appreciative of your past generous support. While there are various ways to donate, going to the Rotary website at www.rotary.org and clicking on the "Donate" button works well.

Anthony thanked Hank for this very important presentation.



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President Anthony called our meeting to order at 12:15, welcoming all in attendance. Anthony noted that our Rotary theme is to “Create Hope in the World”, then led us in the singing of O Canada.

We had 36 participants at our meeting today which included 3 guests. Our **guests** were introduced by Tammy as Roni Sandrusi and Richard Gotfried, both guests of Sharon Fraiman, and Brennan Pell, who is being inducted into our Club today.

Anthony thanked Paul for being our scribe today, as well as Monty for having been our scribe for the past several months. He also thanked Tammy and George VS for being our Greeters today and for making everyone feel welcome.

Anthony thanked Stephen and Anne for all they do for our Club, most notably the regular production of our e-Arch. He also thanked Paul H and his volunteers for ensuring that our meeting room is set up and ready for our meetings each day. In addition we also wish to thank both Peter and Neil for operating our payment system.

Club Business:

- Richard Gotfried introduced us to a fundraiser which is being organized for all Calgarians to show support for **Canadian Magen David Adom’s Paramedic/Ambulance Fund**. This organization raises funds to purchase medical equipment for use in Israel and other areas of the world in need. Our member, Sharon Fraiman, is their Western Regional Director. This dinner event will take place at the Regency Palace Restaurant on Sunday, January 21st, 2024 between 5pm and 9pm. It will include a 10 course Chinese Banquet, a Live and Silent Auction, and live entertainment. Tickets will be \$88 or \$1,260 per table.



- On Thursday evening, October 26th, 30 Rotarians and friends met at the **Village Brewery** for fellowship, beer and food. Village bought the first drink and provided a discount on food which certainly seemed to encourage the turnout.

- We are delighted to note the induction of our **newest Chinook Rotarian, Brennan Pell**, who is being sponsored by life time Charter Member Jim Thompson. Jim introduced Brennan and noted a long term relationship between their two families as Brennan’s grandfather was the first Superintendent of McKenzie Meadows Golf Course. Brennan is the owner/director of Norse Landscapes which is a long time Commercial Contractor in the greater Calgary area, providing landscaping, lawn care and snow removal services. Welcome to Brennan!



- Anthony announced that Jack Steen’s daughter has passed away and requested a moment of silence in recognition of this sad loss. Our **condolences** go out to Jack and his family.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:



Tammy announced our **birthdays** for November: Sandy Swan on November 4th, Rob Wolfson on the 11th, John McBean on the 23rd, Moe Tynan also on the 23rd, Ted Wada on the 27th, and Dean White on the 28th. We have two **spousal birthdays** during November: Eeva White on the 5th, and Nancy Soutar on the 25th.

We have a single **Anniversary** this month, Ted and Grace Wada have their 51st anniversary on the 25th.

Congratulations and best wishes to all.

Good News / Bad News:

- Winter must be near as we had both Rob Wolfson and Jim Hennessey announced upcoming vacations to sunny Mexico.
- Ron May told us about a difficult time they recently had getting their group of exchange students to their European destination due to flight delays with KLM. It all ended up ok but was a highly stressful trip.



Sergeant at Arms:



Our Sergeant at Arms today was Paul G. who announced a number of "errors and/or omissions" and successfully raised a few loonies for our coffers. He then switched themes and reminded us that November was Foundation Month and proceeded to ask everyone at our meeting who had earned any level of Paul Harris Fellowship Awards to kindly stand so we

could all thank them for their generosity and support of Rotary. I believe there were more standing than clapping which was truly great to see.

Chase the Ace:

Rob started out by formally congratulating the winner of our recently completed Chase the Ace cycle, Bruce Bohnet, who was presented with a cheque in the amount of \$4,317. Rob highlighted that this cycle had commenced in April, 2022 and has raised \$4,488 for the Club, a very successful fundraiser indeed.



We then proceeded with our new cycle with the third pick, meaning we have 50 cards from which to pick. We have 25 members playing for November which generates a \$75 daily prize,

\$100 to the Club, and our pot is at \$264. Our daily winner was Bob Montgomery, who picked the 10 of Hearts.

Rob noted that members who wish to play Chase the Ace are asked to send their funds by e-transfer to our treasurer in the final week of the previous month. So to play in December, please send your \$10 per draw during the last week of November.



Anthony told us about a recent meeting they attended with Marlene Doherty at which they listened to a discussion with Ashley Proceviat about her dad, Dr. Leslie Allen. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Calgary, and was Chief Medical Officer in Calgary. He was responsible for getting the polio vaccine to Calgary children. Due to his organized and efficient approach, Calgary kids were among the first in Canada to be vaccinated.

Dates to Remember:

- "Rotary Remembers" takes place at the Carriage House on November 11th. Due to this event, there will not be a Tuesday get together on the 14th.
- November 21st — our next regular noon meeting at the Carriage House. This meeting will be our Club Assembly.

Anthony thanked everyone for attending today and asked all to stand and help close our meeting with a reading of Rotary's 4 Way Test.

Remember, "Create Hope in the World". Have a great Rotary week. Our meeting adjourned at 1:30.



More Evening Meeting at Village Brewery October 26th



The Rotary Foundation



EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR

At the 1917 RI Convention, outgoing Rotary president Arch Klumph proposed setting up an endowment “for the purpose of doing good in the world.” That one idea, and an initial contribution of \$26.50, set in motion a powerful force that has transformed millions of lives around the globe.

The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty.



PROGRAMS

(All figures are as of 30 June 2022 and in U.S. dollars.)

PolioPlus

Since 1988, Rotary and our partners have immunized nearly 3 billion children against polio. As of June 2022, Rotary had committed more than \$2.3 billion to global polio eradication. We're still working to eliminate the wild poliovirus in the last two countries where it remains endemic and to ensure that it does not return elsewhere. **In 2021-22, program awards, including PolioPlus Partners grants, totaled \$150.5 million.**

Rotary Peace Centers

Each year, the Foundation supports the training of peace fellows at Rotary Peace Centers, where they earn master's degrees or professional development certificates. Since 2002-03, 1,600 fellows from more than 140 countries have participated. **In 2021-22, 130 fellows from 57 countries began their studies at the Rotary Peace Centers, and program awards for the fellows and centers totaled \$3.9 million.**

District grants

District grants support small-scale, short-term projects related to the Foundation's mission. **In 2021-22, the Foundation approved 478 district grants, and program awards totaled \$27.2 million.**

Global grants

Global grants fund large-scale international activities with sustainable, measurable results that support Rotary's areas of focus. Activities include humanitarian projects, scholarships, and vocational training teams. **In 2021-22, the Foundation approved 1,199 global grants, and program awards totaled \$72.7 million.**

Disaster response grants

Rotary's disaster response grants support relief and recovery efforts in areas that have been affected by natural disasters within the past six months. **In 2021-22, the Foundation approved 207 disaster response grants, and program awards totaled \$7.8 million.**

Programs of Scale grants

Programs of Scale grants empower Rotary members to work with experienced partners to implement large-scale, high-impact projects over three to five years to benefit a large number of people. **Based on a model that has succeeded in reducing the maternal and neo-natal mortality rate in Nigeria, the member-led Together for Healthy Families in Nigeria program was awarded the 2021-22 grant of \$2 million, which was matched by \$4 million in funding from our partners.**

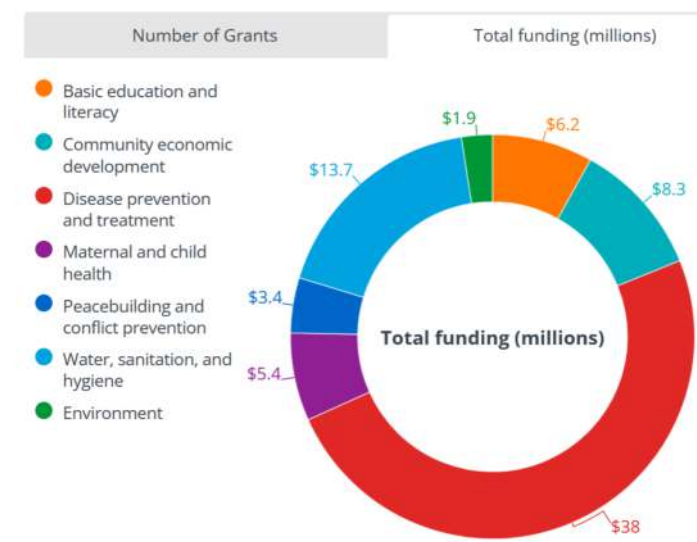
SUMMARY STATISTICS

Contribution summary	2021-22	All-time contributions
Annual Fund	\$140.2 million	\$3.2 billion
Endowment Fund	\$47.7 million	\$494.6 million
PolioPlus Fund	\$132.3 million	\$2.0 billion
Other*	\$52.8 million	\$380.5 million
Total outright contributions	\$373.0 million	\$6.1 billion
Total new commitments to the Endowment Fund	\$50.9 million	\$924.0 million
Polio transfers**	\$10.8 million	-
Grand total	\$434.7 million	-
Program awards & operations	\$294.1 million	Since 1947: \$5.55 billion

2021-22 Grant Summary



2021-22 Global Grants by Areas of Focus



Rotary Foundation Month
November 21st

Club General Assembly

Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

December 5th
December 13th
December 19th

Sharon Fraiman — Canadian Magen David Adom
Mustard Seed supper service — call Wayne Wiebe to volunteer
Bart Dailey — Christmas Traditions and their Histories

2024

Vocational Service Month

January 2nd
January 16th

Alvin Law — New Year Motivation
Jeff Ross, District Membership Director — Rotary Membership and Growth



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Alvin Law

Alvin Law is one of us ... sort of. He is an Honorary Life Member of Calgary Rotary East, and an Honorary Paul Harris Fellow. He has presented to Rotary District events as far away as Uganda. Alvin believes that the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self" may be one of the best mission statements ever.



That will be the focus of a short program we will be privileged to experience for our first meeting of 2024, and what a way to kick things off, because Alvin is actually a member of the Canadian Professional Speakers Hall of Fame, and he was inducted into the Canadian Disability Hall of Fame in 2018. Alvin said that was both an incredible honour, but also caused some internal conflict, as his family taught him there was no such thing as a "disability", just some human beings with a bigger challenge than the rest. And indeed, Alvin may appear "challenged". He has no arms. He will explain why in a story that will leave everyone with a powerful impression about him, and Rotary. This is a meeting you don't want to miss.