

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) – Frequently Asked Questions

1) What is The Rotary Foundation (TRF)?

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) was proposed by Rotary President Art Klumpf and founded in 1917 as “an endowment fund for Rotary”. TRF is a not-for-profit corporation that supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world peace and understanding. It is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians.

2) What level of Rotarian support is needed by TRF?

Because of high demand for TRF services, Rotary’s goal is for every Rotarian to make a gift to TRF every year – “Every Rotarian – Every Year”. TRF’s goal is a giving average of \$100 per Rotarian by each of the Rotarians worldwide.

3) Do my dues support TRF?

No. TRF is supported only by gifts made directly to the Foundation.

4) How is PolioPlus funded?

PolioPlus is one of the programs funded through TRF. Gifts to PolioPlus are given to TRF and designated specifically for PolioPlus.

5) What is a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF)?

Paul Harris founded Rotary in 1905. When a person gives \$1,000 to TRF, TRF, as a thank you, designates this person a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF). For each additional \$1,000 increment of giving, TRF acknowledges the giver with a pin plus a small jewel or jewels.

6) Will a PolioPlus gift be counted toward my PHF giving?

Yes.

7) Must I receive my PHF recognition publicly?

No. The PHF presentation at a Rotary meeting can encourage others by your example and can be an opportunity for continued TRF education. Some do not want this sort of personal spotlight and that is fine. Your pin and certificate can be received privately.

8) Is my gift tax deductible?

Yes.

9) How can I give?

a) Checks should be made payable to “The Rotary Foundation”. It is easiest to give the check to the club Foundation chair who will fill out the necessary paperwork and mail your check. Designate the gift as PolioPlus or Annual Fund,

b) contribute via credit card through www.rotary.org.

c) mail your check with the information form to TRF in Chicago.

10) Will my gift remain anonymous?

You and the club Foundation chair will be the only local people aware of your gift.

11) Is there a minimum gift?

No because TRF wants to encourage a pattern of regular annual giving.

12) How can I get information about my TRF giving history?

There are two ways.

- a) Contact your club Foundation chair,
- b) go to www.Rotary.org – member list,
you will need to know.

District 7120

Club number 4798

Personal ID number – see Foundation chair or Rotary magazine address label for your ID number.