

ROCHESTER LATINO ROTARY

LA ROTARIANA

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Sweet temptations baked by the RLRC members for fundraising on Thanksgiving Day to benefit the Polo Plus campaign

Elisa DeJesús talked about The Rotary Foundation

Area 13 Foundation Area Director Elisa DeJesús spoke about The Rotary Foundation and the work it does to advance the mission of Rotary. One of the major endeavors of the Foundation has been the eradication of polio and the promotion of peace. Rotarians worldwide contribute their time, resources, and expertise to combat illiteracy, illnesses, poverty, poor water quality and sanitation, and many other challenges faced by communities. Grants from The Rotary Foundation empower Rotarians to undertake service projects that change conditions for the best.

The birth of The Rotary Foundation happened at the 1917 convention of Rotary International. Outgoing RI President Arch C. Klumph proposed to set up an endowment “for the purpose of doing good in the world.” In 1928, it was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International. The first gift of \$500 was done in 1929 to the International Society for Crippled Children, that later became Easter Seals.

The fight against polio began in 1985 when more than 1,000 cases were reported each day. Today, only Pakistan and Afghanistan have not been able to get rid of this paralyzing disease. Rotary has contributed more than \$1.5 billion and innumerable volunteer hours to immunize over 2.5 billion children in 122 countries. In 2014, less than 370 cases were confirmed worldwide.

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“ WHATEVER ROTARY MAY MEAN TO US,
THE WORLD IT WILL BE KNOWN BY
THE RESULTS IT ACHIEVES.”

–*Enriquece el mundo*



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Elisa DeJesús, continued

TRF establishes specific programs

1947: The Foundation established its first program, Fellowships for Advanced Study, later known as Ambassadorial Scholarships.

1965-66: Three programs were launched: Group Study Exchange, Awards for Technical Training, and Grants for Activities in Keeping with the Objective of The Rotary Foundation, which was later called Matching Grants.

1978: Rotary introduced the Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants. The first 3-H Grant funded a project to immunize 6 million Philippine children against polio.

1985: The PolioPlus program was launched to eradicate polio worldwide.

1987-88: The first peace forums were held, leading to Rotary Peace Fellowships.

2013: New district, global, and packaged grants enable Rotarians around the world to respond to the world's greatest needs.

Since the first donation of \$26.50 in 1917, the Foundation has received contributions totaling more than \$1 billion.

Mission statement of The Rotary Foundation is to

support the efforts of Rotary International in the fulfillment of the Object of Rotary, Rotary's mission, and the achievement of world understanding and peace through local, national, and international humanitarian, educational, and cultural programs.

It is important for Every Rotarian Every Year to support The Rotary Foundation with a contribution. Even if a \$100 per year is not possible for you, any donation in any amount made to TRF, under the Annual, SHARE, or World funds help carry out local and international humanitarian projects. At the end of every Rotary year, contributions directed to the **Annual Fund-SHARE** from all Rotary clubs in the district are divided between the World Fund and the **District Designated Fund**, or DDF. At the end of three years, the district can use the DDF to pay for Foundation, club, and district projects that the club and others in the district choose. Districts may use up to half of their DDF to fund district grants. The remaining DDF may be used for global grants or donated to PolioPlus, the Rotary Peace Centers, or another district.

Projects are required to be self-sustaining, meet an identified need in the community, have connection with a local Rotary club, and obtain equipment locally as much as possible. It is important to have local people who can take care of required maintenance.

There are many ways to contribute. Club members can make donations directly by visiting rotary.org, clicking on My Rotary, then The Rotary Foundation, Ways to Give, Give – and the site will guide you to the steps. You need to create an account in order to access My Rotary. Your donation can be one time or recurrent. You can also write a check or donate via the club. In this case the treasurer uses a Multiple Donor Form to report donations. A \$1,000 donation earns a Paul Harris Fellow Award. This can be a one time donation or made of donations done over time.

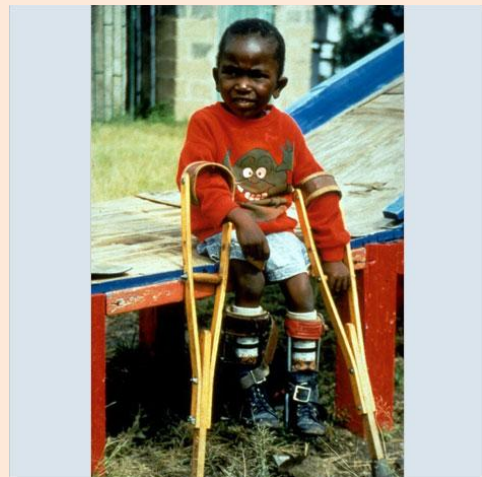
Members were encouraged to visit Rotary's website to find out more about TRF and to make donations. Our club has benefited many times from district simplified grants and matching grants that have enable us to fund projects locally and internationally. **GIVE NOW!**

We are very close to ending polio!

Photos



Top: Elisa DeJesús spoke about The Rotary Foundation during TRF Month (November)
Above: Child who suffered polio walks with difficulty and has several deformities



A life of crutches and braces wait for this boy affected by polio. A vaccine that costs a few cents can save other children from this paralyzing, and even fatal, disease. Donate now to finish the job of eradicating the poliovirus once and for all!

Club's projects bring Rotary to the community

Aida Veras and Charol Ríos-Davis, co-chairs of the Service Projects Committees, planned and executed a project consisting of food baskets to be delivered to families in need during the holiday season. The families were identified at the Eugenio María de Hostos Charter School. Several club members lent a hand to deliver the baskets.

Every Christmas season the Salvation Army sets red kettles outside stores in shopping malls to collect donations to support their many programs. This year, club members rang the bell in front of the TOPS Supermarket in Brighton.

Club donated funds to the House of Mercy for the purchase of food to feed the many homeless persons served by this shelter. This has been an ongoing project for the club over the years.

The holidays can be a very trying time for many people who are struggling to put food on the table. Sharing with the less fortunate our resources is one way to alleviate hunger and brighten the days that otherwise could be bleak.

New board of directors elected

At a club meeting held on December 2, 2015, the new members of the club's board of directors were elected. The results are shown below.

President: Julio Vázquez

President Elect: Miriam Vázquez

Secretary: Luisa E. Baars

Assistant Secretary: Wim Baars

Treasurer: Idalia Chang

Service Projects Committee: Aida Veras/Charol Ríos

Program Committee: Orlando Rivera

Membership Committee: Orlando Rivera

Fund Raising Committee: Antonia Scott

Foundation Committee: Elisa DeJesús

International Committee: Tim McGrath

Vocational Committee: Timothy Malia

Bulletin Editor: Luisa E. Baars

Website: Orlando Rivera/Tera Rivera

Historian: Luisa E. Baars

Meeting schedule changes

After many years of meetings at PathStone Corporation it was necessary to change locations since club meetings would be moved to evening only. We were fortunate to find our new home at the Ibero American Action League, located at 817 E. Main Street in Rochester.

It was agreed that changing to evening meetings would facilitate attendance for working members. The schedule is as follows: First Wednesday – Regular; Second Wednesday – E-meeting; Third Wednesday – Board (all members welcomed); Fourth Wednesday – Committees. All meetings start at 5:30 pm.

Focus on Rotary

Last issue of La Rotariana dealt with the second area of focus for Rotary: Disease Prevention and Treatment. The discussion was not completed and it will be continued in this issue. The third area: Water and Sanitation is particularly critical in many countries.

Specific action steps can be adapted to local needs

- Support health education programs that explain how diseases are spread, and promote ways to reduce the risk.
- Help immunize people against infectious diseases.
- Support continuing education and training for health workers through scholarships, stipends, and public recognition.
- Improve and expand access to low-cost and free health care in underserved areas.

Lack of clean water and poor sanitation pose great risks to health

According to RI, **2.5 billion people** lack access to improved sanitation. **1,400 children** die each day from diseases caused by lack of sanitation and unsafe water. **6 hours per day** is what women in some rural parts of Africa spend collecting water from a remote source. **748 million people** don't have clean drinking water.

What can be done?

- Avoid prescribing a solution for a community. Instead, work with the community to determine what is most appropriate.
- Remember sanitation and hygiene: Very few people die from thirst; millions die from preventable waterborne diseases.
- Work with the community to establish a water committee and a fee system to allow for ongoing operation and maintenance of the water system.
- Before digging or drilling a new well, plan carefully to ensure that the water will be safe and the well is environmentally sustainable.
- Utilize government-approved technology and equipment so that spare parts and repair work will be readily available.

Specific action steps

- Improve sanitation facilities by providing toilets and latrines that flush into a sewer or safe enclosure.
- Promote good hygiene habits through education. Proper hand washing with soap and water can reduce diarrhea cases by up to 35 percent.
- Implement rainwater harvesting systems to collect & store rainwater for drinking or recharging underground aquifers.
- Build wells to extract groundwater from underground aquifers.
- Promote low-cost solutions, such as chlorine tablets or plastic bottles that can be exposed to sunlight, to improve water quality.

Stay tuned for Maternal and Child Health...

Board of Directors

President – Orlando Rivera
 Immediate Past President – Luisa Baars
 President Elect – Julio Vázquez
 Treasurer – Dr. Miriam Vázquez
 Secretaries – Wim Baars
 Luisa Baars
 Club Service Chair - Aida Veras
 Charol Ríos-Davis
 Vocational Service Chair - Dr. Constantino Fernández,
 Dr. Timothy Malia
 International Service Chair – Diana Hernández,
 Mackenzie Malia
 Youth Service Chair - Tim McGrath
 Membership Chair - Diana Hernández
 Foundation Chair - Elisa DeJesús
 Public Relations Chair - Tricia Cruz
 Literacy Chair – Dr. Miriam Vázquez
 Club Webmaster – Orlando Rivera
 Tera Rivera
 Bulletin Editor - Luisa Baars
 Program Chair – Orlando Rivera
 Julio Vázquez
 Fund Raising - Antonia Scott
 Sergeant-At-Arms - To rotate among directors
 Gopher – Tim McGrath

Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
2. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
3. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
4. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Rotarian Code of Conduct

The following code of conduct has been adopted for the use of Rotarians.

As a Rotarian, I will

1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life
2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect
3. Use my professional skills through Rotary to: mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world
4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians.

