

November 2010 message - District Governor Penny Offer

November is Foundation month on the Rotary calendar.

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

The Rotary Foundation is our charity supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.

Contributions to the [Annual Programs Fund](#) through the Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) initiative are the primary source of funding for Foundation programs including Polio Plus, Humanitarian projects and educational exchanges and scholarships. Read more about these programs on the RI website www.Rotary.org.

Being a Future Vision Pilot District for The Rotary Foundation is an opportunity we have fully embraced as we participate in developing the future for our Foundation. This allows the Rotarians in District 5040 to help shape the future of our Foundation.

It has been a challenge at times so far this year and a lot of work. It has been frustrating on occasion but I believe the overall vision is strong and worthwhile. Great thanks are due to District Foundation Chair [PDG Kevin Conway](#) and the Foundation Committee for their work in developing our district program and providing leadership for this important initiative.

While there has been great demand for the matching funds available to our clubs this year and most of the funds are spoken for there may still be opportunities this year for us to support your projects. Please contact District Grant Chair [Dave Hamilton](#) or Global Grant Chair [D'Arcy Warner](#) about possible funds this Rotary year. And it is not too soon to start to talk to them about your ideas for projects next year.

Please support the Annual Programs fund with your donations so that in three years time we have funds to support the projects of your club.

Thank you for all your support of our Foundation.

Penny Offer
District Governor, 2010-2011