District 5080 Rotary Foundation News

October 24, 2020

- 1. The **Annual Fund** has received goals from 98% of our clubs and 86% of the club have already made some donation towards their goal. Overall, we're at 33% the cumulative District goal.
- 2. If your club is seeking to earn a **Foundation Banner Recognition**, remember the minimum donation to be counted is \$25 US; we have a couple of clubs which are extremely close already.
- 3. The **PolioPlus Fund** still needs almost 50% of our clubs to select and post their goal. We hope to see the rest of our clubs post their goal very soon. In spite of that, some 54% of our clubs have made a donation of some amount, so that's encouraging.
- 4. **Express Grants** have been really chugging along. To date we've received 31 applications and that means we're getting close to the limit of that funding.
- 5. We will be posting the details of **Grant Qualification** on the District website in the coming days. We have worked hard on operational policy, to make it both easier to understand and simpler to manage for you and for us. The essence is: We are asking that two (or more) who are *contact signators*, on a grant application, successfully complete a Grant management course. Watch for more details to be posted in the Foundation section of the District Website.
- 6. Since Grant Management training is starting to creep up on us: for Global Grants, you still need to take the Grant Management Seminar suite of courses from the Rotary Learning Center. They require about 9 hours of time and can be covered over several sessions, to fit your time available. If you've already successfully completed that program, there's the recertification program available, now. It is required annually (as per TRF rules) and is virtually painless. For District Grants_we will have our own qualification program, designed by and for District 5080. It will be available and presented on ZOOM, in February. It too will be an annual requirement. Look for it to be advertised in the EVENT panel and in the calendar. It will require preregistration.

We continue to be amazed and grateful for the generosity of our fellow members. In times as challenging as we are experiencing, it is heartening to see we are even more responsive to the needs of others.

THANK YOU.