



District 5580 Annual Fund
Message from Jim McDonald
Annual Fund Chair

As at March 27, 2017

We have just 3 months to go, for each of us to reach our clubs goals. Every club should be striving to obtain more total donations, more per capita donations and to include more club members into the list of those who support the Annual Fund this year.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of The Rotary Foundation, it is hard to understand why after 100 years, less than 40% of our members choose to support RI main vehicle **to do good around the world.**

How are we doing district wide;

1. As of the end of March 2017 our district total giving to the Annual Fund was \$154,255, compared to \$252,331 the prior year, we are down **almost \$100,000.**
2. The district wide per capita giving in at the end of March was \$50.93 compared to \$82.19 the prior year, a decrease of \$31.36.
3. 15 clubs have made **no** donations to the Annual Fund this year!
4. 11 clubs; (Cloquet, Detroit Lakes Breakfast, Detroit Lakes, Duluth Harbortown, Fargo-Moorhead AM, Fergus Falls Sunrise, Grand Rapids, Nipigon, Park Rapids, Perham, Superior Sunrise & Thunder Bay (Lakehead)) have over 50% of their members donating to the Annual Fund. **Fergus Falls Sunrise has 100% participation.**
5. 11 clubs; (Central-Pequot Lakes, Detroit Lakes Breakfast, Detroit Lakes, , Duluth Harbortown, Fargo-Moorhead AM, , Fergus Falls Sunrise, Grand Rapids, Nipigon, Perham, Superior & Thunder Bay (Port Arthur) have over \$75 per capita giving. **Central-Pequot Lakes has \$568.16 per capita in donations.**

In order for the district to have the necessary funds, to continue providing matching grants to the many community and international projects that our clubs are undertaking, we need every club and every member to support the Annual Fund.

Those clubs listed above keep up the good work, but continue to strive for more participation and donations. Those other clubs must take up the challenge shown by those listed above and make sure your clubs is on this list before the year end (June 30, 2017).

Jim McDonald – District Annual Fund Chair