

This is one of The Rotary Foundation's Six Areas of Focus, so I hope your club has or will participate in a project or have a weekly program that involves this theme.

GRANTS:

On **April 20th**, the Grants Sub-committee will meet for its regular **Webinar Meeting** to review the Grant Applications and Interim and Final Reports submitted for this Rotary year (**2016-17**). In addition, it will begin the process of reviewing all of the District Grant Applications that clubs have submitted for the **2017-18** Rotary year, which were submitted by the March 31, 2017 deadline. Following this meeting, clubs will be notified regarding the approval of their application. The committee will meet again on **May 6, 2017**, for its face-to-face **2017-18 Spending Plan Meeting**. The committee will look at how much will be needed for District Grants, and how much will be needed for other District Foundation programs. Once this is complete, our District Foundation Chair, Keith Brokke, will submit that information to The Rotary Foundation and we should receive our funds in July 2017. Remember that our District receives 50% of what our D5580 Clubs donated to the Annual Programs fund in **2014-15**, and the other 50% goes to the World Fund for matching Global Grants, Global & Peace Scholars, and other Foundation-supported programs, which our District and other Districts can use. This is why we need to remember that without donations to the Annual Fund, there are no grants.



CLUB PRESIDENTS, TREASURERS and FOUNDATION CHAIRS:

If your club or members have donations to make to The Rotary Foundation, these should be sent in **NOW**. If your Club is currently holding money given by your members or has club funds designated for The Rotary Foundation, please send it in **NOW**. In any event, **please get ALL FUNDS submitted to The Rotary Foundation by June 15th in order for them to count for the 2016-17 Rotary year**. Remember that donations to either the Annual Fund or PolioPlus count toward Paul Harris credit. It might also be an excellent time for your club to use up some of its Recognition Points by offering a **2 for 1 incentive** (200 points for a member contribution of \$100 = \$300 toward a member's Paul Harris). Depending upon how many points you have to use, you can make up any incentive that you want – the idea is to get every member to contribute something.



REMINDER: Ryla Camper Applications (completed by Students) must be submitted by April 28, 2017. Visit www.district5580RYLA.org for assistance. A direct link can be found on the District Website under the District Information (Club Websites) tab.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our District Conference in Tower. It's going to be great! Your hosts of Quad Cities and Virginia Rotary Clubs have worked hard putting this event together for us, so come to Tower and join DG Herb and Bonnie in celebrating, ***"The Great Spirit in Rotary!"***

In Rotary Service,

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