



Zone 29 Rotary Foundation News

Service from the Great Lakes



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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Our Zones 28 and 29 GETS Training and Institute meeting at the Motor City Zone in Detroit, MI was very successful. It is always good to see friends from years past and to add new friends who will serve as Rotary leaders in the future, and that future continues to look good for our great organization.

Congratulations to the following people who were recognized during the Institute for their contribution to our Rotary Foundation: Bequest Society Level Three Members Ward and Lori Garner from District 7300 and Level Six Bequest Society Member Kathryn and David Snowe from District 7360. Major Donors from our Zone included: Level One Michael Raulin from District 6650, Gerry Gortner from District 7150, David and Nancy Ford from District 7360. Major Donors Level Two Henry Dotson from District 6380. Many thanks to each of them, and to all those who support our Rotary Foundation!

As you know, October 24th is World Polio Day. Is your District planning an event to mark Rotary's involvement? Are the clubs in your Districts being encouraged to plan their own fundraising or media event? Events such as Pennies for Polio, Purple Pinkie day, Pizza for Polio are all tried and true events that have been proven to get our story out and raise funds for Polio from our communities. We all need to work together as we strive to "Be a Gift to the World".

*Yours in Rotary service,
Neil*

Let your light shine...

Whether you're a candle in a corner

Or a lighthouse on a rocky cliff.

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ZONE 29 CONTRIBUTIONS –August 2015

District Number	Number of Rotarians	Annual Program Fund Goals 2015-16	Annual Program Fund Contributions Year To Date 2015-16	EREY % YTD	Annual Program Fund Per Capita 2014-15	Annual Program Fund Per Capita 2015-16	Number Of Clubs with Goals
6290	2,780	\$188,554	\$17,578.81	6.5%	\$106.81	\$6.32	45.0%
6310	1,377	\$148,861	\$9,876.68	9.2%	\$106.24	\$7.17	87.5%
6360	2,711	\$186,217	\$34,411.39	6.5%	\$75.16	\$12.69	71.4%
6380	1,718	\$50,400	\$9,189.17	4.5%	\$125.64	\$5.35	19.2%
6400	1,593	\$373,638	\$26,343.87	16.2%	\$183.37	\$16.54	100%
6600	3,561	\$158,240	\$23,635.48	7.5%	\$63.87	\$6.64	30.2%
6630	2,099	\$162,051	\$15,648.80	5.3%	\$114.42	\$7.46	75.5%
6650	1,936	\$194,200	\$11,989.14	4.2%	\$73.69	\$6.19	100%
7120	2,357	\$170,922	\$15,566.04	6.7%	\$84.60	\$6.60	79.7%
7150	1,214	\$45,555	\$4,810.28	4.9%	\$55.51	\$3.96	34.9%
7170	1,371	\$94,151	\$10,449.84	6.0%	\$79.06	\$7.63	79.5%
7190	1,227	\$74,671	\$7,229.52	6.8%	\$91.03	\$5.89	73.2%
7280	1,400	\$161,083	\$11,076.29	9.8%	\$144.68	\$7.91	100%
7300	1,146	\$121,050	\$10,684.50	7.0%	\$158.19	\$9.32	100%
7330	1,143	\$153,818	\$14,831.00	7.3%	\$140.35	\$13.09	100%
7360	2,589	\$278,962	\$17,611.85	7.7%	\$87.85	\$6.80	71.1%
Totals	30,222	\$2,562,373	\$240,932.66	7.2%	\$105.92	\$7.97	70.9%



Congratulations to Districts 7330 for joining those Districts that already have 100% of their clubs with goals for this year. District 6400 leads the EREY percentage with 16.2% of Rotarians already giving to TRF. District 6360 is the number 1 in Total Annual fund Giving while District 6400 leads the Per Capita Giving with \$16.54.

HOW TO ENTER FOUNDATION GOALS

Rotary Club Central is the tool for Clubs to input their Foundation goals and to track their contribution progress. It is important that the leaders of every Club should become familiar with Rotary Club Central and enter their goals:

1. Browse to Rotary.org and log in to *My Rotary* with your email address and password.
2. Once logged in, click on *Manage* and proceed to *Club and District Administration*. Under *Club Activity* you will find **Rotary Club Central**.
3. Along the top you will see three tabs: *Your Club*, *Service*, and *Foundation Giving*. Click the **Foundation Giving** tab.
4. You will first see a trend graph for annual giving. Scroll down to the **Goals and Progress** section.
5. You should see three tabs labeled with last year's, this year's, and next year's dates. This year's date (2015-16) should be already selected. Click **Edit** to enter your Club's data.

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EVERYONE CAN BE AN EREY SUSTAINING MEMBER –BASICALLY FOR FREE!!

SEPTEMBER: The 4 Second Rule! Whenever you leave a room or area and will be gone for more than 4 seconds turn the switch off. This is the break-even point for saving money on energy costs for lights. Naysayers will mention -- “dumb idea because it wears out bulbs more often”, or “it takes more money to start up a light bulb than you can save”, or “I heard you need to leave lights on for at least an hour before you can save money by turning them off.” Many studies of lights and how to save indicate 4 seconds is the time where you begin to save money! Small increments of pennies are saved every time you do this. It must become a habit that you model at home for anyone who lives there. These pennies add up to dollars. Dollars add up to more dollars (pretty profound statement huh?). And soon you will have saved between \$10-25 per year just by changing your habits and turning off those switches EVERY time you leave a room. Tough to do this every time, but who said saving money was easy?! Our Foundation needs these pennies you save by turning lights off! Have a teenager at home? Good luck with this one – maybe you can split the savings with them! They get a small bump in allowance and you save some extra Foundation money! Win-Win!

Why Rotary Foundation!

Each Rotary year marks the beginning of club and Club President preparation for district and global grants. These grants have become a catalyst for developing and sustaining local and international projects.

Project impact is global and takes many forms. Locally, past projects have included feeding the poor, shoes to fit kids, Christmas meals to needy families or million meals. Internationally, we help families gain access to clean water, increase literacy, build homes, and send a Vocational Training Team to support Alzheimer's.

A few weeks ago I had the chance to join the Zone 28-29 “Rollin with Rotary Team on a visit to Rotary International headquarters in Evanston. During our stay, we visited the Evanston Rotary Club. Our days were consumed with meeting staff, doing service projects such as weeding gardens sponsored by the Evanston Rotary Club as well as handing out recyclable shopping bags as a Random Act of Kindness. In the midst of all the work we enjoyed General Secretary John Hewko joining us in the garden and at the train station where the projects took place.

On the 17th floor, where our Rotary Foundation support group hangs out, we sat in the “Idea Room” where everyone kicks back and works together.

On reflection, the element that kept its presence throughout the trip was the knowledge, passion, and love of Rotary.

I encourage all of you to visit Evanston and take the tour. You can see how the Rotarian Magazine is developed or visit the RI President's Office where the world is the platform for service. It will not only amaze you to see how our efforts come together, but it will inspire you to continue your work. You never know, you might actually run in to the RI President while roaming the halls.

I close this letter with a final thought, a memory of my first International project in Anamabo, Ghana and our refurbishment of the local medical clinic. The outpouring of gratitude and connection surrounded us – opening our hearts to the lives we were changing.

Etched in my memory is the basement area that Rotarian Arnie Charlton and I undertook to completely refurbish with benches and a teacher's desk, a TV and Video system so that the community youth would be able to have a gathering place as well as learn about health related topics that would make their lives

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safer. When we opened this room to the public for the first time it was amazing to see the astonishment on the faces of the people present that these Rotarians from America would want to do something for them. Holding back my own tears, I recognized that this is what Rotary is all about; and, it is why I am proud to be a Rotarian.

Change the life of someone in need and Be a Gift to the World - Support The Rotary Foundation.



We are *this close*, but we must finish the job!

August provided more wonderful news with the announcement that 11 August marked the date of a year without a case of polio in Africa. As of 10 September, there were 39 cases of wild polio reported globally while last year on the same date there were 169 cases. Pakistan is now showing the results of its' renewed commitment to ending polio with only 30 cases this year while on the same date last year they had 137 cases. Significantly, the last case reported in Pakistan was on 30 June 2015. WHO updates the case count on the website <http://www.polioeradication.org/casecount.asp> every Thursday.

Please include in your September communications with your district leadership team the importance of having clubs do something to create awareness of the polio effort either on 24 October or on a day near that date. The World Polio Day tool kit <http://bit.ly/WorldPolioDayResources> is now available. It contains ideas on how your club or district can celebrate World Polio Day. Among the suggestions: hosting a viewing party, contacting your local news media about the importance of eradicating polio, advocating government support for ending the disease, and organizing a fundraising event. The tool kit also contains sample Facebook and Twitter posts that you can share. The live event begins at 6:30 on Oct 23rd.

Have each of your clubs fill out their Polio goals for the year 15-16? Please follow up.

This will ensure that we meet our US\$35 million goal for the year and the Polio eradication effort will receive US\$105 million when the Bill and Melinda Gates double match is added to our effort. There is no better leverage than that provided by the Gates' Foundation double match for every dollar given.

Rotary gets even greater leverage when a DDF gift is made. The Trustees match DDF at fifty cents to the dollar for up to US\$3.5 million from the World Fund and then the gift is matched twice by the Gates' Foundation. This added match signals the importance the Trustees place on using DDF for Rotary's top priority as well as the Trustees interest in reducing the amount of unused DDF accrued by districts each year. The best-managed districts will end the year with most all DDF used. In 2014-15 we fell short of using the entire US\$3.5 million. Please remind district leaders that DDF has already been invested for three years and should be used. There is no better cause than supporting Rotary's top priority. As of 31 August nineteen districts have already given 20% of new DDF. Once again, every district that gives 20% of DDF will receive Trustee recognition at the end of the year.



THANK YOU for DOING GOOD in the WORLD!

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