

## WEEK 18 FOUNDATION MINUTE – WHY DONATE TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

November is Foundation month for Rotary. During this month, Rotarians worldwide are encouraged to support the humanitarian efforts of OUR Rotary Foundation through its many projects, scholarships and philanthropic partnerships around the world.

- The Rotary Foundation allows individual Rotarians and clubs to have a much larger impact than they could ever have on their own
- Donations to the Rotary Foundation are tax deductible for US taxpayers.
- The impact of every dollar you give is multiplied thanks to the grant system and Rotary's partnerships with other organizations.
- When you give to The Rotary Foundation, you know your money is in good hands. In the United States, Charity Navigator is a trusted evaluator of nonprofits, measuring charities on their financial health, accountability, and transparency. The Rotary Foundation has consistently received four stars, the highest possible rating.

The above four reasons spell out why giving to the Foundation is the smart thing to do. It is also the right thing, as Rotarians, to do. As members of Rotary, we ought to give.

As Mother Theresa once said, *"it's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."* How could we not agree? But giving with love does not imply giving blindly. Giving to the Rotary Foundation is both right *and* smart.

*From Rotary Voices – 11-11-14 - By Quentin Wodon, Rotary Club of Washington D.C.*