

WEEK 36 FOUNDATION MINUTE – CONNECTING TO SERVE

Now that most of us are heeding the self-quarantining instructions of government and health officials, we have a unique opportunity to continue to be of Rotary Service supporting local organizations and projects which continue to need our help. This week's Foundation Minute suggests some ideas to keep us connected with our global and district projects while identifying new ways to help in situations where original plans cannot be carried out:

- Contact local charities supporting the needy – food pantries, senior centers, and your own local government to see what they need – your Rotary Club might be able to send kind messages, make phone calls, donate to a nearby food pantry – without leaving home;
- Consider sponsoring a blood drive in your community – without actually manning it! Blood is in desperately short supply and there are safe ways through established blood donor organizations to donate;
- Connect with your international project partners if you have a grant in progress. Reassure them that they are not forgotten – and that while the grants may not come to fruition right away, once this emergency has passed, their grant will be funded and proceed;
- And for your own club, set up a phone tree to keep in touch with ALL of your members – especially those who attend meetings less frequently. This is a terrific time to engage them to identify new project ideas and get their opinions about how they wish to support Rotary service in our world community.

Let's make this an opportunity to get our Foundation plans going for 2020-2021!