

## WEEK 45 FOUNDATION MINUTE – CHOICES FOR DDF

At the end of each Rotary year, clubs in District 6440 refocus their attention to planning for the year ahead – with incoming officers busy reading their new job descriptions and learning their new roles. Club Foundation Chairs and community service committees are finalizing plans for funding the humanitarian service projects, their scholarships and the small international grants they want to pursue, writing and submitting their applications for the 2021-2022 District grants.

With this future focus, it's easy to forget that many clubs end each year with a portion of their District Designated Fund (DDF) allocation, that portion reserved for global grants, being unused. On July 1<sup>st</sup>, the DDF availability is reset for clubs to allocate among the various global grant projects underway in the next year.

But because of the extraordinary circumstances this year related to the CoVid Pandemic, Clubs are being given a one-time opportunity to donate unused 2020-21 DDF for any of the following purposes – **THE DISASTER RESPONSE FUND, POLIOPUS OR PEACEBUILDING – WITH NO CASH REQUIRED TO MATCH THE DONATIONS! THE DISTRICT WILL PROVIDE AN OPTION FORM WHICH WILL NEED TO BE FILED BY MAY 28, 2021.** Alternatively, those clubs wishing to support a Global Grant with their unused DDF must complete the **D6440 Global Grant DDF Request 2020-21** JotForm and submit it for review by the Grants Committee no later than **June 15, 2021**, so that the Grants Committee can review and process it.

At the June Grants Committee Meeting, applications for all new District Grants, and proposed DDF allocations for projects to be used next year will be presented and approved. Hopefully every club will consider ways to utilize every single dollar of its District Designated Fund eligibility to do good in our world - **IF NOT NOW, WHEN?**