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Fellow Rotarians:

Entering "**Foundation Month**", we can look back at our kickoff event—The Foundation Dinner Fundraiser with pride. What an evening. Fellowship filled the room and PRIP Bill Boyd presented us with a highly inspirational talk. District 6540 is grateful for the many that contributed their *TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE*. The Foundation has once again become the winner and for those in need—we can continue our effort.

Funds contributed to The Foundation will enable Rotary International, but more specifically District 6540 to continue the programs that have been successful and well received in past years. When thinking about the benefits received—think about the Group Study Exchange, or the Ambassadorial Scholarships and the many grants that have enhanced our communities. Think about the good in the world that The Foundation is able to do with contributions from Rotarians. A child in India will have heart surgery---surgery that the parents cannot afford, or a man in Zimbabwe that has learned to maintain a well at a school so that children can now attend, or the administration of the polio vaccine to children in Nigeria. These and so many other benefits are the outgrowth of the generosity of Rotarians like you. We in District 6540 have once again joined in the effort to help those in need.

You most likely will never meet the recipients of this generosity, but knowing that the quality of their lives is improved will enhance yours. Remember, "Our blessing are the biproduct of our giving".

Where do we go from here? For those who would like to learn more about The Foundation, and especially of the various funds/programs, or the grant writing process, should attend the seminar on Saturday, November 21 at Ancilla College. This half-day learning experience will be designed to be interactive. Presenting will be Zone 30 representatives as well as a representative from the RI Foundation staff

"The Future of Rotary is in your Hands" and you have demonstrated that there are no more capable hands in which to entrust that future.

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