

TRF-DISTRICT 7090

Your District 7090 Monthly Foundation Newsletter



Paul Harris Event-Norfolk Sunrise



Have you made your donation?

Anytime: Qualify for Global Grants online

July 1-Goals set for Foundation

Dec 31 2023-deadline to apply for VTT

April 15-District Grant report due

June 21 Webinar Foundation

June 25-District Changeover Thanks Lisa and Lionel

June 30- deadline for global scholarship applications to RI

Hello Rotarians

This month many Rotarians are looking behind to what we have accomplished in this Rotary year while others are working on preparing for the new year ahead. It is a perfect time to look at all the reports available to you on Rotary.org

Please remember your district team is here to be your support mechanism to help you achieve your club goals. We have resources available we would love to share.

On June 21 we will be having a short webinar for new Rotarians and seasoned Rotarians on the great things the Rotary Foundation does and what the Rotary Foundation can do to enhance their experience of being a Rotarian. Please sign up on the district website.

We are striving to increase our **Best of Friends Heritage Endowment Fund** that will increase our District Designated Funds in the future. Please consider inviting your club to give in District Governor Lisa's name for all the great work she has done and support she has given our clubs this year. One of DG Lisa's first signing as a District Governor was the paperwork to make this Endowment a reality. We are hoping to announce the amount at the changeover meeting on June 25th. If every club gave \$100 it would quickly become a significant "THANK YOU". You could also give in a special Rotarians name at anytime to this fund for today and the future.

Thank you to all the clubs that submitted a District grant for 2023-24 we had more applications than money available which is a first. Second grants unfortunately were not all able to be accepted. Great projects that will make the world and in your local communities better. Thank you to the team that helped with the grants under Chair Lezlie Murch.

Yours in Rotary

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District 7090 Foundation Chair

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Progress report Exceptional School project Sint Maarten Global Grant 18 68450 \$340,000USD

On 6 September 2017 Hurricane Irma hit St. Maarten with immense force. The Sister Marie Laurence Primary School suffered extensive damage due to the passing of Hurricane Irma, and consequently was entirely looted and completely vandalized, leaving behind literally just the shell of the school. Twelve International Rotary Clubs decided to support the "Exceptional School" project for the Sister Marie Laurence Primary school with funds and vocational support. The related Global Grant 18.68450 was approved by The Rotary Foundation in October 2018.

The Global Grant has three parts:

1. Outside Community Space of the school: a Multi-Functional Recreational Park with a basketball court, playground and garden community space.
2. New school designed to facilitate inclusive education and multi-functional purposes like community building and hurricane shelter. The Rotary Global Grant supports refurbishment and equipment for the new school.
3. Training and education program to enable inclusive education.

Project progress has been slow, due to delays of the agreements between the governments of The Netherlands, Sint Maarten and the World Bank, new elections, lack of resources and the Covid-19 pandemic.

Despite the delay there are now positive developments:

- The establishment of the Outside Community Space of the school has been completed. Kick-off of the construction was on 6th March 2020, the Basketball court has been realized in August 2020, maintained by the School board and in use by the youth of the community of Middle Region. Currently the playground and Garden Community Space have now been finished and the reopening has taken place on March 24th, 2023.
- On June 15th, 2022 the agreement had been signed with the World Bank. Preparations for the process of rebuilding the school have started and the tendering process is now finished so the actual demolishing and rebuilding of the new school can start in July 2023.
- The first training to 13 teachers and staff members was completed in October 2019. A second training took place in October 2022.

The twelve Participating Rotary Clubs are:

- Hosting Sponsor Club Sint Maarten (District 7020)
- Coordinating International Sponsor Club Huizen Goomeer (NL, District 1570)
- International Sponsor Club Eindhoven Zuid (NL, District 1550)
- International Sponsor Club Wuppertal (Germany, District 1810)
- International Sponsor Club Arendonk (Belgium, District 1630-10)
- International Sponsor Club Bodegraven (NL, District 1570)
- International Sponsor Club Wall Street (New York USA, District 7230)
- International Sponsor Club Singer Island (Florida USA, District 6930)
- International Sponsor Club St. Catharines (Canada, District 7090)**
- International Sponsor Club St. Catharines-Lakeshore (Canada, District 7090)**
- International Sponsor Club Niagara Falls (Canada, District 7090)**
- International Sponsor Club Waterdown (Canada, District 7090).**



Fun Facts that connect D7090 and D7020:

- The 2019 District 7090 conference was a cruise, hosted by PDG Bob Artis and one of the stops was a visit to this global grant project on the island of St. Maarten!
- Our District's 1st VTT (Vocational Training Team) went to St. Maarten and Anguilla for 3 weeks in March 2015. The area of focus was sport education and physical literacy for children.
- In the summer of 2016, D7090 supported a group of 12 youth to visit the Niagara area for 3 weeks.
- The Early Act Club of St. Maarten collects pop tabs and sends them to D7090 to raise money for wheelchairs.
- In 2017, after Hurricane Irma, District 7090 sent a container of much needed supplies to the devastated island.





Thanks DG Lisa for all you do



JENNIFER JONES
2022-23 President
Rotary International

LISA BISHOP
2022-23 Governor
Rotary District 7090



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Please consider honoring the amazing heritage and leadership in this district that DG Lisa has been doing this year by donating. Make your check payable to: Rotary International District 7090, Inc, Inc, write in memo "Endowment Fund" and mail it to: C/O Donald DeMeo 9 Pinegrove Park, Hamburg, NY 14075.

For Canadians we also accept Canadian Funds sent to Sandi Chard 133 Lakeshore Road, St. Catharines, Ontario L2N2T8 or bring to Changeover meeting June 25th

USA only can use the Venmo account Rotary District 7090 Grants Business username @dadsad3 (note it is not a personal account but a business account)

What better way to thank DG Lisa and partner Lionel for all they have done this year than donating to the Best of Friends Heritage Endowment Fund

A FOUNDATION MOMENT



An effective practice to keep fellow members informed and engaged is to share short Foundation infomercials in your meeting.

To have someone from the Foundation Committee attend your club please contact us

We also love to attend Paul Harris events

The Rotary Foundation is the engine that transforms and supports projects that change lives in our local communities and around the world.

WHAT ARE PROGRAMS OF SCALE?



The Programs of Scale process awards funding to successful member-led programs so they can implement larger, higher-impact initiatives in our areas of focus.

Each year, The Rotary Foundation grants one Programs of Scale award of US\$2 million to a club- or district-sponsored program that has proven its effectiveness and is ready to expand.

The programs need to use sustainable, evidence-based methods and have outcomes that can be measured. This allows us to track our progress and share what we learned in order to increase our impact – one of our Action Plan priorities.

WHAT CAN A \$100 GIFT TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION DO?

A \$100 donation to The Rotary Foundation provides textbooks for one elementary school in Zambia, hearing aids for a child in Pakistan, de-worming tablets for 112 children in the Philippines, cataract operations for three people in India, or 230 blankets for elderly people in Korea

Tells us what small projects your club has done with Rotary Foundation dollars

Can you commit to donating \$100 or more per year to the Foundation to do good in the world?

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION REPORTS



This is the month to look at your club and individual reports. If you need help please contact Annie or Glen

This is a great month to send thank you cards to the members that have achieved sustaining member status (\$100 US to Annual Fund)

CONTRIBUTION RECOGNITION

Sincerely acknowledging a donor's gift is the first step toward additional financial support. The Rotary Foundation recognizes donors for financial contributions or commitments for future contributions. Find more information on [Rotary.org's Recognition page](#).

RECOGNITION FROM THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Recognition for Individuals	Recognition for Clubs
Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member	100% Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member Club banner (awarded annually)
Paul Harris Fellow	Every Rotarian, Every Year banner (awarded annually)
Multiple Paul Harris Fellow	Top Three Annual Fund Per Capita Club banner (per district; awarded annually)
Memorial Paul Harris Fellow Certificate	100% Paul Harris Fellow Club banner (upon request)
Paul Harris Society	PolioPlus Certificate of Appreciation (for clubs giving \$1,500 to PolioPlus)
Certificate of Appreciation (also available to corporations)	
Benefactor	
Bequest Society	
Major Donor	
Arch Klumph Society	



What's so important about being under five?

Poliomyelitis (polio) is a highly infectious viral disease that largely affects children under 5 years of age.


The virus is transmitted by person-to-person spread mainly through the faecal-oral route or, less frequently, by a common vehicle (e.g. contaminated water or food) and multiplies in the intestine, from where it can invade the nervous system and cause paralysis.

There are roughly 678,290,000 children under age five worldwide.


We must reach every child with the polio vaccine.

How polio effort is helping battle malaria


Health workers in Pakistan go door to door administering the polio vaccine. Volunteers in Zambia perform a dramatic skit showing how malaria spreads. These efforts may seem very different, but they're deeply connected. A global partnership has mobilized millions of workers, reached underserved populations, and gathered unprecedented amounts of health information in the fight to end polio. That work by Rotary and its partners is also proving crucial in the battle against malaria.




Vaccines
vaccines & distribution costs




Technical Assistance
health workers, professionals & cold chain managers




Research
new ways to eradicate polio




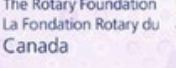

Surveillance
disease detection & lab network



Social Mobilization
raise awareness & promote campaigns



Operational Support
stipends for vaccinators & admin

END POLIO NOW

What does your POLIO donation fund?

OUR BEST CHANCE TO ERADICATE POLIO IS NOW!

BEST PRACTICES FOR SUBMITTING GLOBAL GRANT APPLICATIONS

- Request a preliminary review prior to submission
- Include the community assessment results in the grant application
- Submit a signed MOU if partnering with a cooperating organization
- Submit a sustainability component, usually a robust training plan that aligns with the proposed Area of Focus
- Submit bank account information once the application is submitted
- Utilize our resources on the website:
 - <https://my.rotary.org/en/take-action/apply-grants/global-grants>



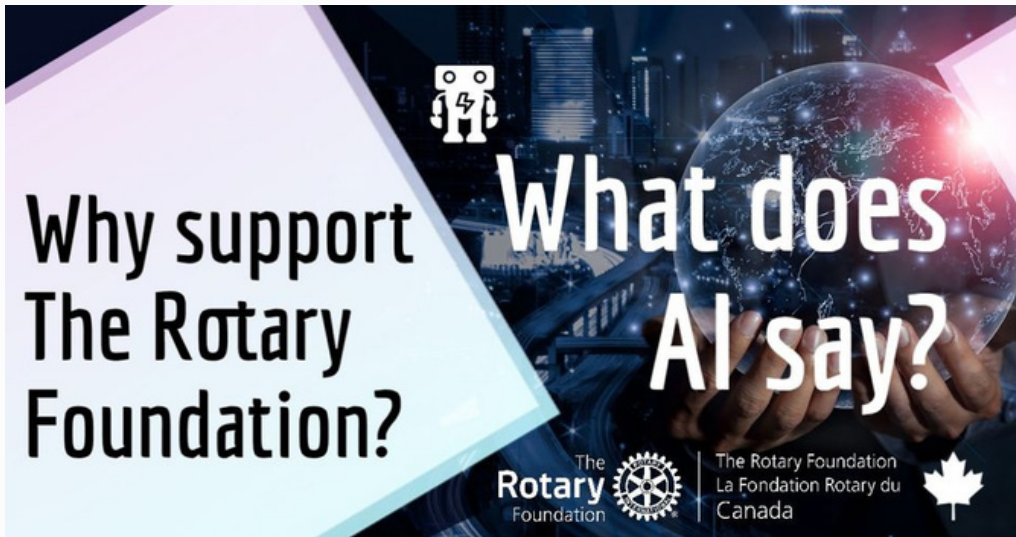
What is a Rotary Foundation Global Grant Scholarship?

The original Rotary Scholarship was established in 1947. The Rotary Grants model of scholarships are used by clubs and districts to fund study by graduate students whose career goals support one of the 7 areas of focus. Pursuing a career in an area of focus means the scholar has a long-term commitment to measurable, sustainable change. The funding is the same as a humanitarian global grant with a minimum scholarship amount of US\$30,000. Funding supports graduate-level coursework or research for one to four academic years. A key feature of global grant scholarships is the partnership between the district or club in the study location (host sponsor) and the district or club in the scholar's home country (international sponsor).

The Rotary Club of St. Catharines is currently seeking funding from D7090 clubs for a PHD student, going to Brock University. The area of focus is The Environment and the research is in the area of coral reef sustainability in the Philippines. Brock U has recently founded the program of environmental sustainability and this student will be their first PhD graduate. If your club is interested in contributing please contact President Rick Evans at: jrevans@sympatico.ca The total grant funding will be \$42,000USD and the application will be submitted by May 31, 2023.

For further information see <https://my.rotary.org/.../global-grant-scholarship...>
or District 7090 Grants Chair Lezlie

Support Global Grant Scholarships by donating to the Annual Fund SHARE www.Rotary.org/donate



Rotary Foundation of Canada asked the AI (Artificial Intelligence) program Chat GPT “Why support The Rotary Foundation?”.

This is the answer AI generated.

“There are several reasons to support The Rotary Foundation (TRF):

Positive impact: TRF's programs have a positive impact on communities both locally and globally. The Foundation supports a wide range of initiatives, from providing clean water and sanitation, to promoting peace, fighting disease, and supporting education.

Efficient use of funds: TRF has a strong reputation for being efficient and effective in its use of funds. The foundation has consistently received high ratings from charity watchdog organizations, such as Charity Navigator and BBB Wise Giving Alliance, for its financial accountability and transparency.

Rotarian involvement: Rotary members are actively involved in TRF's programs, which ensures that the funds are being used in the most effective way possible. Rotary members work closely with local communities to identify their needs and develop sustainable solutions.

Legacy of service: TRF has a long history of service, with a legacy dating back to 1917. Supporting TRF is a way to continue that legacy and contribute to a century-old tradition of humanitarian service.

Tax-deductible contributions: Contributions to TRF are tax-deductible, which means that donors can receive a tax benefit while supporting a worthy cause.

Overall, supporting The Rotary Foundation is a way to make a meaningful difference in the world and contribute to positive change.”

If you agree donate at www.Rotary.org/donate

**Raise for
Rotary**
**FUNDRAISE FOR
THE ROTARY FOUNDATION**

You can use this tool to fundraise for your favorite Foundation cause and share how you are Doing Good in the World with your social networks!

Start your fundraiser at rotary.org/raise

PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY

The Paul Harris Society recognizes Rotary members and friends of The Rotary Foundation who elect to contribute \$1,000 or more each year to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus Fund, or approved global grants.

The purpose of the Paul Harris Society is to honor and thank individuals for their generous, ongoing support of The Rotary Foundation.



What your giving supports

Supporting families and changing lives! By giving from your heart each and every year, you'll support families and change lives.

Paul Harris Society gifts have helped provide:

- Vocational training for teachers establishing an early childhood education centre in South Africa
- Water filters, toilets, and hygiene training to prevent fluorosis, diarrhea and other diseases in India
- A scholarship for a medical professional in Italy to research treatments that minimize mortality rates among premature babies
- Peace-building seminars for 200 teachers and 1,300 students in Uganda
- Treated mosquito nets and medical services that prevent malaria in Mali and so much more

In District 7090 Rotarian Paul Lehman is the District Paul Harris Society Chair.

- In District 7090 we are proud to have 57 members in our Paul Harris Society.
- We have over 35 of our clubs that have members that are eligible for the Paul Harris Society
 - For information please contact our District 7090 Co-ordinator, Paul

District 7090 Rotary Foundation Committee

2022-2023

District Rotary Foundation Chair - Sandi Chard

Past Rotary Foundation - Pat Castiglia

Fundraising Chair -Glen Christensen

Subcommittee:

Annual Fund - Annie Holtby

Paul Harris Society - Paul Lehman

Endowment Fund - Sandi Chard

Polio Plus Chair - June Mergl-sabbatical

Subcommittee:

Polio Plus Ride - PDG Frank Adamson

Stewardship Chair - Paul Saskowksi

Grants Chair - Lezlie Murch

Subcommittee:

Club Grants Chair - TBD

Global Grants Chair- Lezlie Murch

District Grants Mentor - John Boronkay

Vocational Training Team - Dan Smith

District Scholarships - Carol DeNysschen

Ontario Cluster Fund - Dave Berry

New York Cluster Fund-TBA

Voting Members from District Governors:

District Governor: Lisa Bishop

District Governor Elect: Scott Marcin

District Governor-Nominee: David Alexander

District Grants Review Committee:

John Boronkay, RC Orchard Park

Margaret Andrewes, RC Lincoln

Don Lawrence, RC Amherst

Jim Ellison, RC LeRoy

Cameron Johnson, RC Brantford Sunrise

Lezlie Murch, RC St. Catharines

Ken Schander, RC Niagara on the Lake

John Teibert, RC St. Catharines South

Peace Scholarships committee

Chair-Liz Fisk-RC of Grimsby

Tony Agnello, RC Orchard Park

Kathy Starodub, RC Dundas Valley Sunrise

Bob Monroe, RC Hamilton Tonic

Allyson Wenzowski, RC Hamilton Tonic

Rotaract Member -Minnoli Aya, UB Rotaract Club

If you are interested in joining a committee, contact: Sandichard@gmail.com