

## District 7090 Foundation-Related Activities – President Elect Learning Seminar -- 01/28/26

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) supports many activities that sustains lasting change. Whether you see it on-line, at Rotary events, in the Rotary Magazine, or in your club and community, TRF activities supports our ability to make a difference in the world. This sheet outlines some of the key TRF items every Rotary Club President should oversee during their leadership year. It is groundwork for a deeper dive into Foundation issues at the in-person PELS meeting, in conversation with your team, and with others across our District. Print out this document and use it as a reference during your year. Use the embedded links to find out more. If you misplace this sheet, you can find it (or an updated version) on the [D7090 Foundation page](#) in the document section.

As a baseline, you will need to maintain [MyRotary](#) and [ClubRunner](#) (or [DACdb](#)) log ins as these access fundamental club management tools that provide key data and reports that support you and your team use for planning goals for your year and running your club effectively. A mark of a [successful club](#) is setting goals within the Rotary Action Plan - and one key area is for you to lead goal setting in [Rotary Club Central](#). There is plenty of help, [media](#), and support for your learning curve. While each club is different and has its own unique culture, each club leader can update goal progress and view these reports as well as understand their club history better.

1. Club and District organization:
  - a. Make sure your club has appointed a person to be the contact or lead for Foundation activities and make this is known on your website, in ClubRunner and to the D7090 Foundation team. If you don't have this person, the contact is you. Foundation should be a standing item on your board meeting agenda. In that you can:
    - i. Review grant opportunities and status plus your goal progress on MyRotary.
    - ii. Track individual and club giving, including acknowledgement and gratitude.
    - iii. Progress on PI issues and telling your fundraising and project stories.
    - iv. Identify events and activities you want your Rotarians and friends to attend.
  - b. [D7090 has a team of people](#) drawn from across all our clubs who meet regularly plus the related side meetings. There is a full menu of activities and information on the D7090 website. [There are many activities](#), but in summary this group:
    - i. Holds a number of EndPolio and other fun events you should attend.
    - ii. Has a newsletter you should review with your club monthly.
    - iii. Any Rotarian is welcome - a great source of ideas and partnerships.
    - iv. The D7090 committee people welcome the opportunity to present to your club.
  - c. Foundation-related issues should be on the agenda when you meet with your AG and huddle with your nearby peer clubs.
2. Dig into the intel in MyRotary about your club...and start with yourself. You can look at what Rotary knows about you: your profile, your giving history, Paul Harris points, etc. and encourage your club teammates to do the same. MyRotary has the historic record of who has given what in your club and this is really good information that helps you plan an event, find out the history of your club, acknowledge significant milestones, and support goal setting for you and your club. Your club grant history is there. You can generate reports that make the job of each of your club leaders more effective
3. Learn about the Foundation (and other aspects of the greater Rotary world) via the [Rotary Learning Center](#). Ensure your team is signed up reviews your learning as a group.
4. Individual and Club Giving:
  - a. Foundation contribution scope. Rotarians are encouraged to contribute to the Annual Fund-SHARE every year. This contribution can be further directed into two subfunds: the World Fund and District Designated Funds (DDF). The World Fund provides funding for the highest-priority activities around the globe while the DDF can be used by districts to pay for Foundation, club, and district projects. Additionally, Rotarians

- can contribute to the Endowment Fund which ensures the long-term viability of the Foundation and its grants and programs. For those interested in specific areas of focus, such as the PolioPlus Fund, World Fund, or Disaster Response Fund, there are options available to direct contributions to these areas. These contributions are eligible for Paul Harris Fellowship recognition and are part of the SHARE program.
- b. It is important for Rotarians to consider their individual circumstances and the impact of their contributions to the Foundation. For example, by participating in the Every Rotarian, Every Year initiative, Rotarians can make a significant difference in the lives of others and support the Foundation's mission.
  - c. For D7090 we have the [Best of Friends Heritage Endowment Fund](#).
5. [Grants](#). TRF and the D7090 Foundation Committee supports your club's work on raising funds, creating projects, and celebrating your success.
    - a. Your club can work with other parts of the Rotary world via a Global Grant.
    - b. In your own community, besides the money your club directly contributes, you can have your Foundation contribution return as a larger amount locally by means of a District grant. If your club has its own foundation, even better, as combined you make your dollars go further.
    - c. Clubs also work together. We also have a cluster fund program where each club contributes to a pot. There is a pitch, and the winning club gets to use that money for the project. If you have never done a project before, or want to expand your club's reach, consider this as an easy option on the grants side to get involved.
  6. Ongoing change opportunities during your year. There are many events, webinars, etc. and you can encourage your team to get involved as part of their Rotary journey including the [International Convention](#). For example, it's safe to assume that each Rotarian has hobbies and cares deeply about some issues. As part of the *International* part of Rotary International, participating in the International Service Committee is welcome and you should ensure that you have appointed a club contact for the District ISC. Each Rotarian should check to see if they are interested in joining a [Fellowship](#) (based on their interest or hobbies) or an issue ([Rotary Action Groups](#)). If *value for membership* is an aim, through these groups, you meet fellow Rotarians from all around the world and connect on the same interests and issues you and your club have - and then all that comes back to you and your team - locally.
  7. Foundation and funded impact. Any project that you do can be uploaded in the [Rotary Project Center](#) This is a part of your PI work and work with club friends - a great source of project ideas, especially if you ask the other club for their planning materials.
  8. Seek further training and information. Lead your team in good habits by checking the RI Foundation parts of the Rotary website and related social media feeds for resources and updates, information on grants, and events. Pro tip: also check in from time to time with our [Zone website](#) (Districts are organized into Zones) - from time to time there are webinars plus the Zone site is a trove of good ideas for projects and emerging leaders.
  9. Acknowledge and thank people for their time and contributions. By expressing your [gratitude](#) you support the culture of a healthy club. You can also create opportunities to bestow a [Paul Harris Fellow](#) on those community and club leaders who have provided exceptional service. Rotarians can achieve a Paul Harris by making regular contributions, especially through Every Rotarian Every Year and the method of giving called Rotary Direct. You should ensure you are tracking your member's status via the reports on Rotary Club Central. Treat these occasions with high regard.
  10. Finally, lead by example. As President, your personal commitment to your club's mission and the RI Foundation goals is key to inspiring and motivating club members. You can also stretch this out by ensuring your club sets its goals over a three or more year period. This helps in mounting larger projects and deepens the relationships with your friends in the community.