**ROTARY DISTRICT 7490 WALTER D. HEAD FOUNDATION**

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

***Who was Walter D. Head?***

Dr. Walter Dutton Head was a member of the Teaneck Rotary Club.  He served as the President of Rotary International in 1939-1940.  A world-renowned educator and diplomat, he was instrumental in the formation of the United Nations.

***When was the WDH Foundation established?***

Rotary District 7490 established the foundation at its annual district conference in 1965 and incorporated it in 1967.  1964-65 District Governor Russell Armstrong of the Englewood Rotary Club, 1966-67 District Governor Ira Mitchell of the Fair Lawn Rotary Club, and Nicholas Laganella of the Paramus Rotary Club were among the founders.

***What is the purpose of the WDH Foundation?***

The foundation's purpose is to provide scholarships to graduate and undergraduate students and offer financial assistance to two or more district clubs undertaking a joint community service project.

***How is the WDH Foundation funded?***

The foundation is primarily funded through its fellowship program.  For a contribution of $300, clubs and members may honor an individual with a *Walter D. Head Fellowship*, which includes a commemorative plaque and pin.  The foundation also conducts an annual 50-50 off-premises raffle to raise additional revenue.

***What is the guiding principle of the WDH Foundation?***

The foundation's guiding principle is to promote international understanding and good will by offering scholarships and providing assistance to clubs for community service endeavors.

***What types of scholarships does the WDH Foundation provide?***

The foundation provides two types of scholarships:

1.  Graduate scholarships for an academic year which must be part of an advanced degree program.

2.  Undergraduate scholarships in the junior or senior year of study in the areas of environmental studies, journalism and special education.

The foundation's scholarships are similar to those provided by Rotary International with these three exceptions: (a) they will not necessarily pay the entire cost for one year of study; (b) they may be awarded to Rotarians and their family members; (c) they can only be awarded to residents of Bergen, Hudson and Passaic Counties in New Jersey.

Additional information and applications may be obtained from the District 7490 website.

***How are WDH Foundation Scholarship Recipients Selected?***

A scholarship committee consisting of foundation trustees and other district Rotarians selects the recipients.  The committee interviews the applicants and verifies the accuracy of the documents they had submitted.  The committee then presents its recommendations to the trustees of the foundation for approval.

***What is the responsibility of WDH Foundation Scholarship Recipients?***

Scholarship recipients are expected to visit Rotary clubs in the vicinity of their schools and in District 7490 to speak on behalf of the foundation and Rotary International to promote international understanding and good will.