

Foundation Note for District Newsletter, August 1, 2016

First Set of 2016-17 District Grants Approved, Second Review Cycle in August

The first three District Grants approved for 2016-17 will utilize \$4,500 in district grants to deliver \$11,900 in community benefits including

- **Cooking lessons, crockpots , and cookbooks** which will benefit an estimated 200 people in year 1 and 1,000 people over the next five years through the efforts of **the Marlborough Rotary Club** under **DG 1701**;
- **Increased awareness of domestic violence and supplies for healing arts and garden** to benefit 100 people in year 1 and 500 people over the next 5 years through the efforts of the **Brookline Rotary Club** under **DG 1702**; and
- **Solar PV panels to provide assured power to the computer lab in a school in India** to benefit 200 students in year 1 and 1,000 students in the next five years through the efforts of the **Needham Rotary Club** under **DG 1704** with the support of the **Waltham Rotary Club** and the **Jubilee Hills Rotary Club** in District 3150 in Hyderabad India,

During the July review cycle the **Grants Subcommittee (GSC) members** used the scoring rubric to evaluate 5 district applications (DG 1701 through 1705) over the first two weeks in July which led to the approval of the three grants above by the District Foundation Advisory Board (FAB) comprising **Co-DG Pat/Skip Doyle, DGE Karin Gaffney and DGN Steve Sager** upon the recommendation from **Grants Subcommittee Chair Jorge Yarzebski**. So far the process has worked reasonably well and a few areas of improvement have been identified for action in the August review cycle and beyond.

DG 1702 submitted by the **Athol-Orange Rotary Club** is awaiting final action pending the submission of their executed 2016-17 Club MOU. **DG 1705** submitted by the **Sturbridge Rotary Club** is pending changes and further details and will be reviewed in the August or September cycle, depending on when the Club resubmits the revised application.

The status of the 23 district grant requests is shown on the accompanying Table (pdf file). Note that there are five applications (DG 1706-1709) which will be reviewed by GSC members in August and will be approved, hopefully. There are 13 grant requests that are awaiting application submission by the Clubs and one grant request from **Shrewsbury Rotary Club** was cancelled at the club's request; **Shrewsbury** will be submitting a replacement project through a new request soon.

Based on the requests and applications received so far, **the 22 active projects will leverage up to \$33,000 in district grants to deliver \$95,659 in benefits to the communities** where these projects will be implemented.

Stewardship Subcommittee Chair PDG Ed King has pointed that only 10 clubs have submitted executed 2016-17 Club MOUs among the 23 that have grant requests listed in the attached chart. To avoid delays in approval of District Grant applications and enable participation in global grants, an email was sent to 41 Club Presidents and their Foundation Chairs to urge submission of their executed 2016-17 Club MOUs ASAP; four clubs did do so last week.

The Grants Subcommittee will initiate efforts to persuade at least 8 more clubs to submit grant requests so that the \$45,000 available DDF is fully awarded during 2016-17.