



## **Highlights from the August 2018 Rotary Foundation Trustees Meeting**

The 2018-19 Rotary Foundation Trustees held their first meeting of the year on 13-15 August 2018 in Evanston, IL, USA. At this meeting the Trustees reviewed reports from three committees and recorded 28 decisions. The following are highlights of actions taken.

The Trustees

- adopted the 2019–20 annual goals for Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation as follows:

### **GOALS FOR PRIORITY 1 – UNITE PEOPLE**

1. Strengthen the process for activating leadership in clubs and districts.
2. Increase club membership by attracting new and retaining existing members.
3. Start new clubs.
4. Increase the number of female members, members under 40, and Rotaractors joining Rotary.
5. Enhance the engagement and collaboration among Interact, Rotaract and Rotary club members and other Rotary participants.

### **GOALS FOR PRIORITY 2 – TAKE ACTION**

6. Publicize the role of Rotary and Rotarians in polio eradication.
7. Increase local and international projects by fully utilizing District Designated Funds to fund district grants, global grants, PolioPlus and the Rotary Peace Centers.
8. Increase contributions to the Annual Fund and PolioPlus while building the Endowment Fund to \$2.025 billion by 2025.
9. Build awareness of Rotary, and promote the People of Action campaign.

### **GOALS FOR PRIORITY 3 – INTERNAL/OPERATIONAL MATTERS**

10. Analyze the effectiveness of our current volunteer leadership levels.
11. Focus and potentially narrow our program efforts.

- approved the acceptance of cash flow plans for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) India contributions of US\$100,000 or more, provided that installment payments are at least \$32,000 or more and that each project is fully funded before commencement;
- adopted revised Terms of Reference for the Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force for the United States and National Advocacy Advisers, to reflect current roles and responsibilities;
- approved up to US\$46 million in PolioPlus grant funds to
  - World Health Organization African Region
  - World Health Organization Eastern Mediterranean Region
  - World Health Organization Southeast Asia Regional Office
  - World Health Organization Core Grant Extension Requestfor social mobilization, technical assistance, operational support and surveillance support;
- agreed to provide funding for the period 1 January 2019 through 31 December 2020 for a team of polio eradication technical experts, to include four positions at the global level and two positions in



two of the World Health Organization's six regions and allocated US\$4.6 million from the PolioPlus Fund for this purpose;

- agreed to the establishment of a National PolioPlus Committee in Myanmar and appointed Dr. Sandii Lwin as 2018–19 National PolioPlus Committee Chair;
- The Trustees expressed their appreciation to the 170 districts that have allocated 20 percent of their DDF annually towards Polio eradication efforts and agreed to extend the program of providing recognition to those districts that have contributed 20 percent of their DDF for Polio eradication efforts from 2013–14 through the certification of polio eradication on a plaque to be hung at Rotary World Headquarters, and further agreed to allow districts to contribute additional DDF toward Polio eradication efforts that will bring their contribution to a cumulative 20 percent from 2013–14 through 2019–20;
- approved the transfer of Districts 5790, 5810, 5840, 5870, 5890, 5910, and 5930 from regional leader region 33 to region 36 (Canada & USA: IA, IL, KS, MI, MN, ND, NE, OK, SD, WI), effective 1 July 2020;
- amended their policy regarding regional leaders to better ensure cooperation and effective outcomes from all regional leader teams.