We’re Back!

There is a lot happening today in the world of The Rotary Foundation, and the TRF NewsToday will be bringing you the news each month, including the latest happenings in District 5170, a world-wide leader in supporting the humanitarian efforts of TRF. So stay tuned for how you and your Club can join the action in the new Rotary Year!

Starting Your Foundation Year!

JULY is where a GREAT year begins. These steps should be on your calendar for the month:

- Fill any open positions on your Club Foundation Committee.
- Mail Initial Letter and Pledge Cards to Club members (see below).
- Collect Pledge Cards.
- Establish Records for all contributions.
- Receive Payments. Please note members checks should be made out to The Rotary Foundation and not to the club. Do not comingle Foundation monies.
- As frequently as possible mail checks and the TRF Forms to the Foundation.
- Have at least one Foundation Speaker.
- Establish a Foundation Report in your Club Newsletter or Bulletin.
- Prepare a list of Paul Harris Society Members, Super Sustainers, Double Sustainers, and Sustainers for the Governors visit. Notify the District Governor so that he will be able to present pins and recognitions.
Rotary International President Ian H.S. Riseley announced his theme for the year—Rotary: Making a Difference. District Governor Orrin Mahoney expanding on the theme by adding: Through Rotary you will "build life-long friendships while making a difference". I can think of no better way to "Make a difference" then when we "Do Gods work on Earth", as Past RI President Rick King often says, when we give to The Rotary Foundation. When we give to The Rotary Foundation we: help the blind to see, give mobility to those who can't walk, immunize the children of the world against disease, purify the drinking water, and save lives, to name just a few. We are all members of a Rotary Club, but when we raised our hand and became a Rotarian, we also became member of Rotary International. When we give to The Rotary Foundation, we satisfy that obligation. My goals for this 2017-18 Rotary Year are to: (1) Make it possible for every Rotarian in our District to be able to achieve the next level of Paul Harris Recognition by matching every contribution up to $500 with Recognition points; (2) Encourage Rotarians to go on TRF humanitarian projects to see first-hand the "good works" that are done by The Rotary Foundation; and (3) Make sure that our club members have the Legacy tools they need to assist in planning for the future.

Meet Your District TRF Team!

District TRF Chair:  PDG Russ Hobbs (r4hobbs@aol.com)
District Grants Chair:  Cecelia Babkirk (rotariancecelia@gmail.com)
Polio Plus Chair:  PDG Dwight Perry (dwp5334@aol.com)
Annual Giving Chair:  Deb Knowles (Deb.knowles@edwardjones.com)
Paul Harris Society Chair:  Phil Dean (pndean@comcast.net)
Legacy/Major Donor Chair:  Liz Gallegos (ergallegos@aol.com)
TRF NewsToday Editor:  Tim Lundell (tlundell@earthlink.net)

Always available to answer your Foundation questions!
In 2017-18, Rotary District 5170 will strive like never before to be an EREY District – and that effort starts in the CLUB. Ask every Rotarian to become a TRF donor – in whatever amount he or she can afford.

From Your Polio Plus Chair...

The Gates Foundation and Rotary Pledge $450,000,000 More to End Polio

Beginning July 1, the Gates Foundation will match Rotary's commitment to raise $50 million a year over the next three years, two-to-one. That means another $450 million could go to eradicating the disease by 2020.

The progress on polio is a reminder of what people can accomplish when they are bold, determined and willing to work together. When the Global Polio Eradication Initiative was started in 1988, polio paralyzed more than 350,000 children annually in more than 125 countries. Now the number of cases has decreased by 99%. Now the disease is considered endemic, or prevalent, in just three countries: Nigeria, Afghanistan and Pakistan. So far this year, there have only been five new diagnoses in Afghanistan and Pakistan; none in Nigeria.

So far, total global donations have reached about $12 billion to eradicate polio. Once the disease is stopped, there's expected to be $40 to $50 billion in net health savings by 2035.

We are this close...

Wild poliovirus type 1 and Circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus cases – as of July 12, 2017

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-- Dwight Perry,
Polio Plus Chair
Monthly Fundraising Report
July Report – Final Results for 2016-17 as of June 30, 2017

### Contributions to TRF NewsToday

All contributions regarding the District TRF Program or The Rotary Foundation are more than welcome for publication in this Newsletter, including fundraising as well as grants. We will endeavor to cover all aspects of both the giving side and the spending side of TRF topics, including “How to” articles, data reporting, grants projects, and generally how Rotary does good in the world. Contributions should be sent, by the 12th of the month, to Tim Lundell at tlundell@earthlink.net.
From “The Rotarian”...

World’s Greatest Meal generates $7 million to fight Polio

When Susanne Rea became polio chair of Rotary District 9550 in Queensland, Australia, she was living a quiet retirement of reading books and gardening.

But as she brainstormed ways to engage her fellow Rotarians in the campaign to end polio, she had an idea, and her life changed completely.

Susanne Rea, Rotary Club of Cairns Sunrise, Australia, has raised more than $7 million to fight polio. In 2014, Rea founded World’s Greatest Meal, a program in which Rotarians host meals, anything from two people having lunch to elaborate gourmet dinners, and ask for donations. WGM started small but has grown enormously, and, with matching funds from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, WGM has raised over $7 million to date. To keep the momentum alive, Rea reverse-mortgaged her house and embarked on a world tour, speaking, vaccinating, and motivating across 32 countries.

She pays her own way, and local Rotary members host her whenever possible. “We raise awareness as well as funds,” she says. “I spend a lot of time explaining what goes on in Pakistan with the training of the polio workers.”

Rea is a childhood polio survivor herself, but she doesn’t focus on that. Instead, her motivation is to make an impact during her retirement.

Some meals bring in a lot of money, but Rea says the number of participants is more important.

“A big donation is wonderful,” she says. “But my idea is that it’s giving back polio eradication to the ordinary Rotarian, or grassroots Rotarian as I like to call them, because no Rotarian is ordinary.”

– Jacob Meschik