



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION SUCCESS BULLETIN ROTAY DISTRICT 5950 2014-2015

The Rotary Foundation Lights Up Rotary

Shining a Spotlight on District 5950's Accomplishments

District 5950's endeavors with The Rotary Foundation (TRF) caught fire this past year! Results show increased participation in PolioPlus, Annual Giving and the Paul Harris Society. An even greater impact came from expanding non-Rotarian giving.

PolioPlus

The District's PolioPlus effort is led by Chair Tim Mulcrone, who set a minimum goal of \$1,500 from each club. In 2013-14, Tim's relentless efforts generated \$94,213 in donations. Even better results are expected in 2014-15.

Annual Giving

District 5950 remains a leader in the amount of annual giving to The Rotary Foundation – both in per capita average and in total giving. The District raised the bar even higher this year by adopting \$365 per Rotarian as the expected annual donation from each member. This leadership led RI Director Mary Beth Growney Selene to adopt the \$365 goal for all districts in Zone 28.

Paul Harris Society

The District Foundation Committee recognizes the importance of cultivating a base of donors willing to make The Rotary Foundation their *charity of choice* by becoming members of the Paul Harris Society (PHS). The committee's long-range goal is to enroll 300 PHS members. The Rotary year began with 110 PHS members; under the leadership of PHS Chair Carolyn Pratt, the District has already added 55 new PHS members.

Non-Rotarian Partnerships

District 5950 has a long history of leveraging project funds with matching grants from non-Rotarians. Last year, \$20,000 in TRF funds was set aside to enhance local food shelves. Clubs matched that amount. Hunger-Free Minnesota was so impressed by this commitment that it awarded \$40,000. Clubs then raised more funds from non-Rotarian sources, resulting in over \$120,000 of hunger-related projects. So far this year, the \$63,000 that clubs raised for grants for local projects has been leveraged with TRF funds and non-Rotarian giving, resulting in \$210,627 in local projects.

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YOUR FOUNDATION DOLLARS AT WORK

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION'S PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS IN DISTRICT 5950

Your Dollars at Work Globally

As of March 2015, the Global Grants Committee approved 12 Global Grants involving 34 clubs from District 5950. Projects were spread out far and wide:

- A goat-raising project in western rural Tanzania will help women work themselves out of poverty and provide nutrition to the community.
- A collaboration between five clubs will provide clean water, sanitation and literacy to three schools in Honduras.

Thirty-four clubs contributed \$187,907 toward \$668,600 in total projects. Club funds were leveraged 3.5 times over. That means **each club dollar resulted in \$3.50 in spending toward these projects.**

More information: Todd Bollig, Global Grants Chair, toddb60@hotmail.com

Alumni Light Up Rotary

Last year, District 5950 created an Alumni Association so past participants of Rotary Foundation programs could network, get involved in service and become Rotarians. The association chartered with 17 members and grew this year to its current 41 members, due in part to Rotary International expanding its definition of programs considered eligible for involvement. The Alumni Association is now researching partnerships to grow its membership and engage in service opportunities. The group is also sponsoring socials to provide networking opportunities for alumni.

More information: Carol MacDonald, Alumni Chair, macdonald.ca@gmail.com

Your Dollars at Work Locally

District 5950 clubs put TRF dollars to good use this past year in local and small international projects. The District Grants Committee approved 25 grants as of March 2015. Projects sponsored by 39 clubs totaled \$210,627. One-third of the funds were contributed by District 5950, with the remainder coming from the participating clubs and non-Rotary sources. Collaborations abounded:

- Monticello spearheaded an initiative with five clubs to build a natural playground in honor of the club's 60th anniversary.
- Clubs continued to fight hunger. Area 5 led a food packing event for the second year in a row for local food shelves. Students received weekend food backpacks thanks to a collaboration led by Bloomington Daymakers. And Rogers teamed up with its local food shelf to provide crockpots, fresh meat and recipes for families in need.
- Hutchinson installed outdoor fitness stations in Rotary Park.
- Plymouth expanded its Heart Safe program goal of training an additional 1,000 individuals on how to respond to sudden cardiac arrest.
- Six grants approved by the committee targeted small, international projects (under \$35,000). Brooklyn Park partnered with Maple Grove to provide motorbikes to a Bangladesh school and Days For Girls kits to make it possible for girls to remain in school after puberty.

More information: Carol Parrish, District Grants Chair, cjparrish1029@msn.com



Scholarships Flourish in District 5950

Rotary annually chooses 50 of the world's brightest young professionals to study at Rotary Peace Centers on fully-funded academic fellowships. In 2014-15, District 5950 succeeded in securing Peace Fellowships for all three of its candidates. **Christie Nicosen** and **James Petermeier** will attend Uppsala University in Sweden to pursue master's degrees in peace and conflict studies. **Hilary Caldis** will study peace and conflict resolution at International Christian University in Japan. (Photos below)

This year, District 5950 inaugurated a Global Grant Scholarship program. These scholarships partially fund master's degrees in Rotary's six areas of focus at any university near a Rotary club. The District selected **Marcos Carvalho** to receive the first such scholarship. He begins his studies in fall 2015 at the Brussels School of International Studies, University of Kent.

More information: Ellen Kennedy, Peace Fellows Chair, ejkenedy@worldwithoutgenocide.org

Vocational Training Teams Travel the World

Rotary International has implemented a new program called Vocational Training Teams (VTT). VTTs are flexible because they can involve more than one Rotarian and be associated with a Global or District Grant. In 2013-14, District 5950 sent its first VTT made up of Rotarians, instructors and students from Hennepin Technical College to study the dual-vocational system in Germany. The best practices they carried home are being considered by the Minnesota Legislature for a pilot technical program. A Global Grant in Ghana included two VTTs to train teachers and instruct technicians how to operate and repair computers.

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Paul Harris Society – Supporting Life-Changing Work Worldwide

District 5950 salutes its Paul Harris Society members for tremendous membership growth this year. The District began the year with 111 Paul Harris Society (PHS) members and has expanded by 55 members, an increase of 50%.

Who can join the Paul Harris Society? Anyone who pledges to donate \$1,000 (or more) every year to The Rotary Foundation, for as long as he or she is able. Enrollment is quick and easy. An annual contribution may be made in one payment or over time throughout the Rotary year. TRF offers a convenient monthly method through its Rotary Direct credit card program.

More information: Carolyn Pratt, Paul Harris Society District Chair, carolynsings@hotmail.com

Grant Management Seminars

District 5950 offered six Grant Management Seminars this spring, training Rotarians how to apply for District and Global Grants. Nearly 100 Rotarians from more than 55 clubs attended. Each club must have a representative participate in the training in order to apply for grants.



BY THE NUMBERS....

DISTRICT 5950 SHINES BRIGHT IN GIVING TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

District 5950 Donations to The Rotary Foundation (TRF)

Year	Annual Fund Total	Total TRF Giving
2009-10	\$950,063	\$1,200,019
2010-11	\$645,698	\$833,894
2011-12	\$588,592	\$761,747
2012-13	\$647,173	\$864,232
2013-14	\$663,954	\$896,130

Top 3 Clubs in Total Giving to Annual Fund, 2013-14

1. Edina	\$68,979
2. Minneapolis #9	\$53,199
3. St. Cloud	\$36,963

Top 3 Clubs in Giving Per Capita to Annual Fund, 2013-14

1. Minneapolis University	\$554.40
2. Eden Prairie Noon	\$462.11
3. Edina	\$436.57



Every Rotarian Every Year Clubs, 2013-14

Bloomington (69 members)	100%
Brooklyn Center (18 members)	100%
Buffalo (69 members)	100%
Eden Prairie (73 members)	100%
Minneapolis University (24 members)	100%

TRF Funds for District 5950 Projects and Programs

Year	TRF District Designated Funds
2009-10	\$328,965
2010-11	\$458,714
2011-12	\$349,445
2012-13	\$476,217
2013-14	\$324,413

(Note: TRF District Designated Funds represent half of District 5950's donations to the Annual Fund three years earlier and are available for the District's use in the year listed.)