



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION SUCCESS BULLETIN ROTARY DISTRICT 5950 2016-2017

District 5950 Rotarians Continue Doing Good Through The Rotary Foundation

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This year, we celebrate the 100th anniversary of The Rotary Foundation (TRF). In 1917, RI President Arch Klumph articulated the idea of the foundation at the RI Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. Since then, TRF has:

- Spent over \$3 billion on humanitarian programs
- Educated hundreds of scholars in the area of peace and conflict resolution
- Promoted international understanding and good will
- Led efforts toward the eradication of polio.

As we celebrate the foundation's centennial year, we look forward to its second century — with District 5950 leading the way!

A Major TRF Player

District 5950 boasts a culture of TRF giving and humanitarian action that makes it one of the shining lights of Rotary. For the second consecutive year, Annual Fund contributions amounted to approximately \$275 per Rotarian. In addition, clubs donated in excess of \$100,000 to End Polio Now. Total Annual Fund contributions from District 5950 in 2014-2015 were \$779,914, and in 2015-2016 were \$768,051.



Paul Harris Society Growth

The District 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. This Rotary year began with 232 members; under the leadership of PHS Chair Carolyn Pratt, the District has added another 24 new PHS members for a total of 256 as of March 2017.

Million-Dollar Gift

In 2015, an anonymous District 5950 Rotarian donated \$1 million to TRF with the stipulation that it be administered locally and used as a matching fund for District 5950 humanitarian projects. This generous contribution matched District-approved global grants for water, maternal health, child nutrition and disease prevention projects in Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Panama, Zambia, Sierra Leone, Jamaica and Dominican Republic.

A Culture Of Giving

Your district leaders continue to work with clubs toward our goal of encouraging EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR to contribute to TRF.



HOW YOUR FOUNDATION DOLLARS GIVE BACK THE ROTARY FOUNDATION'S PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS IN DISTRICT 5950

Your Dollars Serve Humanity Globally

By March 2017, the Global Grants Committee had approved ten global grants involving 36 clubs from District 5950. Here are two examples how your TRF dollars are being used worldwide:

- Training and education for breast-feeding mothers to fight infant malnutrition in Puno, Peru.
- Humanitarian project empowering 100 young women trapped in the vicious cycle of poverty and prostitution to help them afford decent and sustainable livelihoods in Gayaza, Uganda.

As of March 2017, 36 clubs contributed \$206,238 toward these ten grant projects. District 5950 **leveraged donations 7.5 times for total project funding of \$1,556,817**. This included funds from an anonymous donor and collaboration with other districts.

More Information: Mary Kurth, Global Grants Committee Chair 2017-18, kurthpm@msn.com



Your Dollars Serve Humanity on the District Level

The District Grants Committee spent \$163,659 in District Designated Funds from June to September 2016 on 22 projects including 11 small international and 11 local projects. The 22 projects totaled \$325,798, with clubs and other organizations contributing \$162,139. They included:

- Orono, Plymouth and Wayzata added an outdoor kitchen pavilion to an Orono park.
- Burnsville's clubs improved their local skate park.
- Brooklyn Park and their Interact Club and Maple Grove collaborated to assist a leprosy colony in Cameroon.
- Math and science projects in India received two grants involving Bloomington Daymakers, Bloomington Noon, Eden Prairie AM, Eden Prairie Noon, Minneapolis #9, and Richfield.
- Eagan initiated a project for chicken coops in Panama.
- Food packing projects for families without weekend food were supported by three grants involving Bloomington Daymakers, Bloomington Noon, Buffalo, Edina Morningside, Edina Noon, Monticello, St. Michael-Albertville, Sauk Centre and South Metro Minneapolis Evenings.





Scholarships Bestow the Gift of Education

Since 2014, District 5950 has offered Global Scholarships to partially fund students seeking master's degrees related to Rotary's areas of focus. **Marcos Carvalho** and **Grace Petrie** are completing their degrees in Summer 2017.



Two new candidates start their \$30,000 scholarship programs in Fall 2017. **Thomas Bird** (above) will study public policy in Hungary and Spain and **Amal Gani** will study international law and human rights in the Netherlands.

District 5950 also participates in the Rotary Peace Fellowship program, which annually offers fully-funded academic fellowships to 50 young professionals to study at Rotary Peace



Centers worldwide. District 5950 has sponsored several successful peace candidates, including **Christie Nicoson** and **James Petermeier** (left) who are graduating from the University of Uppsala, Sweden this year.

More information: Ellen Kennedy, Global Scholarship and Peace Fellowship Chair, ejkennedy@worldwithoutgenocide.org

End Polio Now

Club donations to The Rotary Foundation's Polio Eradication Initiative were \$104,350 in 2015-2016 and \$71,232 through March 2017. When matched by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, five-year contributions totaled over \$1 million!

The District continued its End Polio Now efforts through city proclamations, speaking engagements, news articles, and high profile promotional opportunities. This year, Clear Channel provided electronic billboard space on World Polio Day.

In 1985, there were 387,000 new cases of polio in 125 countries, an average of 1,060 cases each day. By 2016, there were only 37 cases all year in three countries.

More info: Tim Mulcrone, End Polio Now Chair, timmulcrone@aol.com



Paul Harris Society – An Ongoing Gift

Welcome to the 24 new Paul Harris Society members in District 5950 and thank you to all of our PHS members. The District now has 256 members in the society. This number has steadily grown, up from 108 in 2013, toward our goal of 300 members.

What is the Paul Harris Society? A group of generous donors who commit to giving \$1,000 every year to the foundation for as long as they are able. Enrolling is easy and the annual pledge may be paid over time for \$85 per month.

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

BY THE NUMBERS....

DISTRICT 5950 GIVES GENEROUSLY TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

In 2015-16, District 5950 was again first among all districts in Zone 28 in Annual Fund Giving, Per Capita Giving (\$273), and Total Giving.

District 5950 Donations to The Rotary Foundation

Year	Annual Fund Total	Total TRF Giving
2010-11	\$645,698	\$833,894
2011-12	\$588,962	\$761,747
2012-13	\$647,173	\$864,232
2013-14	\$663,964	\$896,130
2014-15	\$779,914	\$2,022,830
2015-16	\$768,051	\$943,936

Top 3 Clubs in Total Giving to Annual Fund, 2015-16

1. Edina Noon	\$89,155
2. St. Louis Park Noon	\$48,365
3. Minneapolis #9	\$35,105

Top 4 Clubs in Giving Per Capita to Annual Fund, 2015-16

1. St. Louis Park Noon	\$1,180
2. Minneapolis – University	\$721
3. Eden Prairie Noon	\$599
4. Edina Noon	\$544



Every Rotarian Every Year (100%) Clubs, 2015-16

Club	Members
Bloomington Noon	71
Brooklyn Center	20
Buffalo	66
Cokato-Dassel	30
Crystal-New Hope-Robbinsdale	30
Eagan	81
Eagan Kick-Start	21
Eden Prairie AM	74
Great River	16
Minnetonka	45
South Metro Minneapolis Evenings	24

The Rotary Foundation Funds for District 5950 Projects and Programs

Year	TRF District Designated Funds
2011-12	\$349,445
2012-13	\$476,217
2013-14	\$324,413
2014-15	\$293,439
2015-16	\$321,885
2016-17	\$327,318
2017-18	\$384,000 est.

(TRF District Designated Funds represent about 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.)