



**ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE**

# THE ROTARY FOUNDATION SUCCESS BULLETIN ROTARY DISTRICT 5950 2017-2018

## District 5950 Rotarians Continue Doing Good Through TRF

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Since its founding, The Rotary Foundation (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.

District 5950 is a world leader in TRF giving. This *Success Bulletin* summarizes the incredible work done by the District Rotary Foundation Committee and individual Rotarians.

### A Major TRF Player



District 5950's presence is felt in Uganda, Ukraine, Kenya, India, South Sudan, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Haiti, and Guatemala.

We are *People of Action* with a strong culture of giving. Thank you to each District 5950 club and individual member who makes TRF your charity of choice!

### Paul Harris Society Meets Goal

Over 300 Paul Harris Society (PHS) members in District 5950 are *making a difference* every year. We surpassed the District's goal of 300 PHS members, adding 28 new members during this Rotary year. When we reach our new goal of 310 PHS members, District 5950 will be number one (#1) in the U.S. — having the highest number of PHS members in a single district. Now that will be something to celebrate!

### Million-Dollar Gift

Last year's \$1 million contribution from an anonymous D5950 Rotarian was designated for district-approved global grants in three areas: water and sanitation, disease prevention and control, and maternal and child health. Equal shares were allotted to water and sanitation and disease prevention and control. There remains \$240,000 available for a grant in the maternal and child health focus area.

### Expanding Our Culture Of Giving

Your district leaders continue to work with clubs, encouraging *Every Rotarian Every Year* contributions to The Rotary Foundation. About two-thirds of our Rotarians donate to TRF. We'd love to increase that number. All donors are asked to be ambassadors because we know what Rotarians accomplish through our gifts to TRF.



## HOW YOUR FOUNDATION DOLLARS GIVE BACK

### DISTRICT 5950 ROTARY FOUNDATION'S PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

#### Your Dollars Make a Difference Globally

By March 2018, the Global Grants Committee had approved eight global grants involving 22 different clubs from District 5950. Here are two examples of how your TRF dollars are being used worldwide:



- A humanitarian project provides potable water to 6,600 individuals, and safe sanitation facilities to 2,200 people in 20 communities in western Honduras.
- Training and empowering the local community improves health care services to women and

children during pregnancy, birth, infancy and early childhood in Bukoba, Tanzania.

The 22 clubs contributed \$165,796 toward these eight grant projects. District 5950 leveraged donations 7.7 times for total project funding of \$1,275,011. This included funds from an anonymous donor and collaboration with other districts.

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#### Your Dollars Make a Difference on the District Level

The District Grants Committee spent \$192,538 in District Designated Funds on 45 projects, including 11 small international projects and 34 local projects. The 45 projects totaled \$430,914. They included:

- Gaylord contributed two play pieces to a large playground at the new elementary school.

- Buffalo worked with senior volunteers of the Erv Schmidt Toy Shop to create wooden toys distributed to children at special community events. The grant financed new saws and equipment so volunteers could dedicate all their time making toys rather than repairing equipment.
- St. Michael-Albertville is providing water fountains in the St. Michael parks where there currently are none.
- Edina Morningside expanded a Maple Grove project. Women refugees arrive in Uganda from war-torn countries with no means to earn a living for their children and themselves. Maple Grove provided a container filled with knitting and sewing supplies; Edina Morningside financed construction of a building where the women work.
- North Minneapolis and St. Louis Park Noon co-sponsored a Non-Rotary Partner Matching Grant. Working with the Nature Conservancy and Great River Greening, volunteers will plant 22,000 trees. Twenty-six clubs contributed to this project.



- Brooklyn Park is participating in a Non-Rotary Partner Matching Grant with KPMG LLP, a world leading professional services firm. Their reading program in Title I schools (those with a high number of children from low-income families) helps ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards.

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## End Polio Now

In 1985, Rotary dedicated itself to eradicating polio because there were 387,000 new cases in 125 countries. In 2017, there were only 22 cases in two countries. Keeping this momentum going requires telling the story. District Polio Chair Tim Mulcrone shares Rotary's polio story in depth with our clubs, college classes, and community organizations.



Club donations to The Rotary Foundation's Polio Eradication Initiative were \$125,770 in 2016-2017 and \$161,821 YTD 2018. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will match our donations 2:1 up to \$50 million USD each of the next three years. Many of our clubs find unique ways to raise money and promote the message of polio eradication in their communities.

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## Paul Harris Society – An Ongoing Gift

Welcome to the 28 new Paul Harris Society (PHS) members in District 5950! And *thank you* to all 302 of our PHS members. The District reached and is surpassing its original goal of 300. PHS membership has grown steadily across District 5950, nearly tripling since 2014.

What is the Paul Harris Society? This group of generous donors commit to giving \$1,000 every year to The Rotary Foundation for as long as they are able. Enrolling is easy. The annual pledge can be made online and in your choice of frequency options, including \$85 per month.



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## Scholarships Bestow the Gift of Education

Since 2014, District 5950 has offered Global Grant Scholarships to partially fund students seeking master's degrees related to Rotary's major areas of focus. Two scholars completed their degrees in 2017 and two more will graduate in 2018. Daniela Prigozhina will begin her master's program at the University of Barcelona, Spain in the fall of 2018.

District 5950 also participates in the Rotary Peace Fellowship program which annually offers fully-funded academic fellowships to 50 young professionals for master's degrees at Rotary Peace Centers worldwide.

District 5950 has sponsored several successful peace candidates, including Dragana Vidovic, University of Bradford, UK, 2015; Rachel Beecroft, University of Queensland, 2016; Christie Nicoson and James Petermeier, University of Uppsala,



**Global Grant Scholars** (top l-r) Marcos Carvalho, Grace Petrie, Amal Gani, Thomas Bird, Daniela Prigozhina

**Peace Fellows** (bottom l-r) Dragana Vidovic, Rachel Beecroft, James Petermeier, Christie Nicoson, Hillary Caldis, Guled Ibrahim, Gada Roba

Sweden, and Hillary Caldis, Tokyo Christian University, Japan in 2017; and Guled Ibrahim, University of Queensland, Australia and Gada Roba, Duke University, USA, both graduating in 2018.

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## BY THE NUMBERS....

### DISTRICT 5950 GIVES GENEROUSLY TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Your gifts put D5950 on top — again! In 2016-17, District 5950 repeated the feat of being first among all districts in Zone 28 in Annual Fund Giving, Per Capita Giving, and Total Giving.

#### District 5950 Donations to The Rotary Foundation

Year	Annual Fund Total	Per Capita Annual Fund Giving	Total TRF Giving
2013-14	\$663,964	\$230.94	\$896,130
2014-15	\$779,914	\$274.33	\$2,022,830
2015-16	\$768,051	\$273.13	\$943,936
2016-17	\$806,087	\$291.32	\$951,832



2015 ~ 2016 ~ 2017

#### Every Rotarian Every Year (100%) Clubs, 2016-17

Club	Members
Brooklyn Center	22
Brooklyn Park	27
Eagan Kick-Start	19
Madelia	14
South Metro Minneapolis Evenings	19

#### Top 3 Clubs in Total Giving to Annual Fund, 2016-17

1. Edina Noon	\$107,475
2. Edina Morningside	\$ 46,321
3. St. Cloud	\$ 39,282

#### Top 4 Clubs in Giving Per Capita to Annual Fund, 2016-17

1. Eden Prairie Noon	\$731
2. Edina Morningside	\$662
3. Minneapolis University	\$631
4. Edina Noon	\$621



#### 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	\$385,000
2018-19	\$375,000 (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.)