



# THE ROTARY FOUNDATION SUCCESS BULLETIN

## ROTARY DISTRICT 5950 2018-2019

### District 5950 Rotarians Lead the Way

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#### The Rotary Foundation – A Major Player in the Nonprofit World

Did you know:

- The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International (TRF) is consistently rated 4 stars by Charity Navigator?
- Over 90% of TRF's expenditures is spent directly on programs and services to aid humanity?
- In 2016 CNBC named TRF among "The top 10 charities changing the world"?

#### District 5950 – A Major Player in TRF

Did you know:

- In the 2017-2018 Rotary Year, District 5950 Rotarians contributed in excess of \$800,000 to the TRF Annual Fund for the second straight year, averaging over \$300 per capita?
- Of 538 Rotary districts world-wide, District 5950 continues to be in the top 50 in Annual Fund giving?
- Of 12 Districts in Zone 28, District 5950 was NUMBER ONE in Annual Fund giving, per capita giving and aggregate giving in 2017-2018?
- In the 2017-2018 Rotary year, district clubs completed TRF grant projects (local and global) totaling almost \$1.9 million dollars?

#### Why TRF?

If you are a committed TRF giver (and we have many in this district), chances are you DO KNOW most or all the "did you know" questions above. You know that TRF is consistently a

good steward of your hard-earned dollars and that those dollars go directly to help those most in need here and abroad – for three reasons:

1. **LEVERAGE:** We turn our club and club foundation funds into dramatic multiples through the grants we obtain from TRF in the form of District Designated Funds and World Fund matches.
2. **COLLABORATION:** As a district we encourage collaborations between clubs in order to reduce the burden on individual clubs while leveraging our dollars. Collaboration also means more hands making light work, and bringing broader expertise and experience to bear on projects. Our many non-Rotary partners also bring more expertise, experience and dollars to our efforts.
3. **IMPACT:** Leverage and collaboration translate to impact – helping at-risk youth here at home, fighting human trafficking in Minnesota, bringing clean water to impoverished people around the world. These and so many initiatives funded by TRF create life-changing impacts in communities and individuals. The impact perhaps is strongest on us Rotarians, both in appreciation of the struggles of the less fortunate and our sense of gratitude for our good fortune.

All our projects are possible only because our district Rotarians give generously. You give because you know what Rotarians accomplish through TRF. Thanks for your generosity in making our District a huge success in impactful SERVICE ABOVE SELF.





## HOW YOUR FOUNDATION DOLLARS GIVE BACK

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

#### Your Dollars Make a Difference Globally

By April 2019, the Global Grants Committee had approved four global grants involving 15 different clubs from District 5950. Here are two examples how your TRF dollars are being used worldwide:

- Water and sanitation project providing safe water and bathrooms to 3,600 children in 20 schools in nine towns and six states in Guatemala.
- Maternal and child health project providing education, medical provider training, access to medical services, diagnosis and treatment to reduce mortality rates for children and mothers in Palestine.

Fourteen clubs contributed \$66,604 toward these four grant projects. **District 5950 leveraged donations 9.4 times for total project funding of \$625,385.** This included funds from an anonymous donor and collaboration with other districts.

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#### Your Dollars at Work on the District Level

District Grants are an opportunity to do good in the world – locally and internationally. Projects are usually led by a Rotary champion, a club member who convinces others to jump on board.

Examples of local projects include planting trees in a local park, installing a flagpole in a park, and creating and flying kites at an ice festival.

Small international grant projects have funded new laundry facilities at a children's home in South Africa, water and sanitation for an orphanage in Cameroon, a plumbing project in Guatemala, and a medical clinic in Kenya.

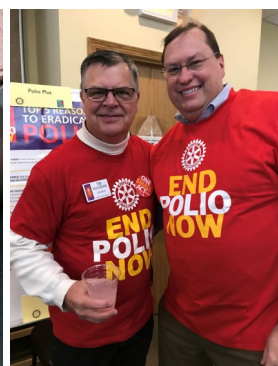
This past year, District 5950 approved 28 projects involving 39 different clubs. **These clubs contributed \$95,192 for a project total of \$323,265, or leveraging of 3.4 times.**

Thinking about starting a Rotary project can be daunting, but the District Grants Committee has experienced mentors to help you.

More information: Fred Semmer, Global Grant Committee, [fred.semmer@gmail.com](mailto:fred.semmer@gmail.com)







## Scholarships Target Rotary's Areas of Focus

District 5950 has offered Global Scholarships to partially fund students seeking master's degrees related to Rotary's areas of focus since 2014. In 2018-19, **Claire Brady** and **Kelly Meza Prado** (pictured at right with **DG Irene Kelly**) were selected for \$30,000 Rotary scholarships to pursue masters' degrees abroad.

Claire (left) is the founder and executive director of Our Climate Voices. She plans to study environmental economics and climate change at the London School of Economics. Kelly (right) is a research manager at the University of Minnesota - Humphrey School of Public Affairs. She expects to study water management and governance at the Delft Institute for Water Education, The Netherlands.

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## The Push to End Polio Now

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness."

This Charles Dickens' line seems appropriate to capture the weight of the polio story. Polio is drawing its last breath while striking back with everything it can muster. This last April, health care workers were killed trying to deliver the final blows to polio via a vaccination campaign in Pakistan. We had to retreat from that particular battle and regroup for another assault.

Every campaign is won through the consistent flow of support. District 5950 polio giving is tracking to be the #3 Rotary district in the world. Our 2017-18 year-end total was \$215,463. 2018-19 giving-year-to-date is \$265,876.

Let your excitement for this effort inspire others.

If I can be of any assistance in raising awareness and energy in your club, please contact me.

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## Paul Harris Society – An Ongoing Gift

Welcome to the eight new Paul Harris Society (PHS) members in District 5950 and thank you to all of our ongoing PHS members. The District now has **320** Paul Harris Society members, surpassing our long-term goal of 300. This number has tripled since 2014. District 5950 leads the nation with the highest number of PHS members in a single U.S. district.

What is the Paul Harris Society? A group of generous donors who commit to giving \$1,000 every year to TRF for as long as they are able. You may join this vibrant community of more than 17,000 PHS members worldwide. Enrolling is easy and your annual pledge may be paid with \$85 per month.

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## BY THE NUMBERS....

### DISTRICT 5950 GIVES GENEROUSLY TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

In 2017-2018, District 5950 was again 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
2014-15	\$779,914	\$274	\$2,022,830
2015-16	\$768,051	\$273	\$943,936
2016-17	\$806,087	\$291	\$951,832
2017-18	\$819,214	\$303	\$1,079,232

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#### Top 4 Clubs in Giving to Annual Fund, 2017 - 2018

1. Edina Noon \$116,431
2. Minneapolis #9 \$ 45,802
3. Edina Morningside \$ 44,129
4. Bloomington \$ 41,893

#### Top 4 Clubs in Giving Per Capita to Annual Fund, 2017 - 2018

1. Edina Noon \$681
2. Eden Prairie Noon \$666
3. Burnsville Noon \$583
4. Bloomington \$574



#### Every Rotarian Every Year (100%) Clubs, 2017 - 2018

<u>Club</u>	<u>Members</u>
Bloomington	65
Brooklyn Center	22
Eagan Kick-Start	27
Great River	17
South Metro Minneapolis Evenings	16

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#### The Rotary Foundation Funds for District 5950 Projects and Programs

Year	TRF District Designated Funds
2015-16	\$321,885
2016-17	\$327,318
2017-18	\$385,000
2018-19	\$376,076
2019-20	\$389,000 (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.)