

District 7780 Foundation Committee Report
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Dollars Expended

District Grants. The District had \$44,032 available to expend on District Grants in 2016-17. Thirteen clubs applied for District grants, each of these applications were approved.

Looking ahead to 2017-18, 34 clubs have completed the grants training and 13 applied for District grants. The District will have a total of \$51,798 available for District Grants. Of that sum, \$9000 will be set aside for a District outreach; \$42,798 is available for District grants initiated by the Clubs. Please note that the funding available is substantially increasing because the amount of funding we as a District are donating to Annual Giving is also increasing.

Global Grants. Clubs in our District led three Global Grants approved in 2016-17. These are:

- Biddeford-Saco led a multi-club effort to provide literacy opportunities to Syrian refugees in Jordan. *Note that this is the first GG in the Rotary world to support refugees on the front lines!*
- Portsmouth led a project to send medical equipment to Tanzania.
- Sanford-Springvale continued its good work to build check dams in India.

In addition:

- A follow-on GG for the Guatemala Literacy Project was initiated in another District and actively supported by our clubs.
- A Global Grant to provide health materials to children in Zambia was initiated in District 7930 and actively supported by our clubs, led by Brunswick.

The total amount of District DDF spent to support these five grants was \$43,429.

Two more Global Grants are currently in process:

- Brunswick-led master's level scholarship to Oxford for Lonnie Hackett (instrumental in the two Zambia grants). Expected DDF spend: \$10,000. *Note: This promises to be the District's first Global Scholar grant.*
- Westbrook-Gorham-led water and sanitation project in Guatemala (extension of this year's District Grant). Expected DDF spend: \$10,000.
- Grant led by 7950 to support literacy efforts at Safe Passage in Guatemala. Based on donations from four of our clubs, expected DDF spend: \$10,000.

Dollars Raised: *Please note that all 2016-17 data represent interim results!*

Annual Fund. With one week to go in the Rotary year, our Annual Giving has reached \$216,696, or \$132 per capita. These numbers are still incomplete -- TRF will not be able to close the books until several weeks into July. Even so, every club in the District has given at least something to the Annual Fund, and 22 clubs have already reached the benchmark \$100 per capita figure. These include our two largest clubs -- Portsmouth and Portland. As clubs grow in size, so does the challenge of reaching large per capita numbers, and our District is indeed fortunate that our largest clubs are proven leaders in Foundation giving. Another two clubs are all EREY. The clubs that have reached the benchmark \$100 per capita are:

Bath Sunrise (all EREY club)

Bethel

Boothbay Harbor

Brunswick Coastal

Damariscotta-Newcastle

Exeter

Freeport

Kennebunk

Kennebunk-Portside

Kittery

Oxford Hills

Portland

Portland Sunrise (all EREY club)

Portsmouth

River Valley

Saco Bay

Saco Bay Sunset

Sanford-Springvale

South Portland-Cape Elizabeth

Westbrook-Gorham

Yarmouth

York

Polio Plus. With one week left to go in the Rotary year, 39 of our clubs have donated a total of \$62,846 to PolioPlus. The Trustees ask each club to donate \$1500 each year to PP; 10 clubs have already reached that mark. One club's donations have not yet been counted, but we are assured that the "check is in the mail." The clubs that have donated \$1500 are:

Bridgton-Lake Region

Hampton

Kittery

Portland Sunrise

Portsmouth

Saco Bay

Sanford-Springvale

Seacoast Portsmouth

South Portland-Cape Elizabeth (*which gave a remarkable \$18,274 to PP!*)

York

In addition to club/individual giving, the Trustees ask each Rotary District to donate 20% of their DDF to polio eradication. District 7780 has done so with a gift of \$17,616.

Endowment and Major Gifts

The District is marking the 100th anniversary with a concerted effort to increase planned giving and major gifts. Since the initiative started in 2015-16, the District has inked well over \$1 million in gifts. This initiative will continue through the 2017-18 year, and we expect more good news. Note that Rotarians who contribute \$10,000 or more since the beginning of the initiative will be invited to a special evening with Rotary vice president Jennifer Jones in November 2017.