

## **Wanted: Numbers People**

As you know, each year the District receives a significant amount of District Designated Funds (DDF) from the Rotary Foundation based on our giving to the Annual Fund. We use it for District Grants and our annual International Outreach trip.

The Rotary Foundation is one of the top-rated charities in the world and Evanston continues to do all that it can to retain that rating. Therefore they conduct random spot check audits of districts and require each district to establish an audit or financial review committee. Our district Bylaws establish a "Financial Oversight Committee" for the Foundation Committee consisting of three members serving staggered three-year terms. This committee must conduct an annual financial assessment of Foundation Committee Grant funds.

For the last few years, Aileen Dugan of the Portsmouth RC has chaired the committee. She will continue for this year but we need someone to be in training to take her place and two additional members. The committee meets for a very short time in late fall or early winter to review the Foundation Committee's records, so **the work obligation for these members is for only a very short and specific duration**. It is a great opportunity for otherwise busy people to become involved in a limited way with the District and to help and support the wonderful work being done by our clubs with Foundation money.

The work of the committee mainly involves reading reports that are filed upon completion of District Grant projects and verifying receipts for grant expenditures. Past committee members have found it to be very rewarding to learn more about all the great work that clubs in our District have been doing with Rotary Foundation funds.

An accountant or someone with accounting experience is great but not necessarily a requirement as a business person familiar with financial documents could easily do the job. If you have questions about what is involved you can speak to either Aileen (603-502-4005) or Nancy Hawes of the South Portland-Cape Elizabeth RC who chaired the committee before Aileen (207-232-2689).

It is critical that we find the necessary committed Rotarians to take on this important task. If you are interested, please contact District Governor Peggy Belanger (207-423-7497) or Foundation Committee Chair Lawrence Furbish (207-490-6840). Thank you .