

District Foundation Committee  
Bimonthly report - April 19, 2017  
Marty Helman, Chair

**Training/Prep for 2016-17**

Webinar: for Club Fdn Chairs and others held March 29.

In-person Training: open Q&A about Grants held at District Training Assembly April 8.

Grants Modules: went online Feb 12; deadline to take course is April 30. As of this date (April 19):

- 20 clubs have successfully had two or more members take training.
- 8 clubs have had one member take training
- 12 clubs have not had anyone take training. Multiple “reminders” have been sent.

Note: The first member of each club to complete training has received the updated 2017-18 Grants Folder.

Interesting finds: One Rotarian (from Kennebunk) listed in rotary.org but not rotary7780.org. One Rotarian (from D-N) whose asked for Folder to be sent to address different from that listed in rotary7780.org. Suggested to both that they update their Clubrunner info ...

Interesting connection: I have been invited to join a panel to speak on “How to Conduct an Effective Grants Training” as a result of our ground-breaking LMS.

Grants Screening Committee: Four new members have been recruited; meeting is set for Jun 17. Note: Because Mae Bradshaw will not yet have returned from Atlanta, Mary Tennant has agreed to sit in as the non-voting GG representative. Also, because Betty will be away on the rescheduled Jun 29 District Foundation Committee meeting, Mary and Marty will present the findings/recommendations of the Screening Committee.

MOUs: as of this date, three clubs have submitted their MOUs. Deadline is May 31.

New email: All MOUs, grant applications, other are being sent to dedicated email account: [grants@rotary7780.org](mailto:grants@rotary7780.org). From there, member of Foundation Committee will upload to appropriate folder on Google drive. All this set up by Scott Irving, bless him! And all is designed for better accountability and end-of-year closeouts.

**Annual Giving, PP and Rotary Direct**

As of April 20, District-wide we have raised:

Annual Giving: \$168,006 (only non-giving club is Sebago Lake).

This compares with \$148,078 at this time last year.

Clubs that have reached \$100 per capita are: Bath Sunrise, Bethel, Freeport, Kennebunk, Portland, Portland Sunrise, Portsmouth, Saco Bay, Saco Sunset, Sanford-Springvale, SP-CE, Westbrook-Gorham. Yarmouth, York. Awesome!

Polio Plus: \$52,331 (with seven non-giving clubs).

This compares with \$40,815 at this time last year.

Clubs that have reached \$1500 in giving are: Bridgton-Lake Region, Portsmouth, Saco Bay, Sanford-Springvale, Seacoast, SP-CE (\$17,691!), York.

“Business cards” with Rotary Direct instructions have been printed and are beginning to disburse via AGs.

### **Ongoing grants**

2015-16 DG closeout: Despite heroic efforts by Tony Wagner, Falmouth’s closeout is still awaiting a signature from the club. I think what we are experiencing is a larger issue.

2016-17 DG reporting: Everyone is up-to-date on their interim reporting; four clubs have submitted final reports and Betty has read them/sent queries as appropriate.

Ongoing GGs:

*In draft:*

Safe Passage (led by D-7950). Three 7780 clubs involved, for total of \$7000 club cash and \$7000 DDF

Global Scholar (Lonnie Hackett) led by Brunswick club. This would be 7780’s first Global Scholar grant. And if it comes through, would require \$10,000 in DDF.

*Submitted to TRF:* Guatemala Literacy Project (led by another District). Four 7780 clubs involved, for total of \$2,100 club cash and \$2000 DDF.

*About to be canceled:* Sauka literacy project in Nigeria. This will free up \$7000 in DDF that has been set aside since 2014-15 for this project. Note: This is the last GG to be developed before we changed our District training and “rules” two years ago.

*Approved this Rotary year:* 4 GGs, in Guatemala, Tanzania, Jordan and India, for total of \$41,429 DDF.

*Available DDF:* At this point in the Rotary year, including draft GGs and subtracting GG that is about to be canceled, we have approx. \$22,000 DDF available. Of that, approx. \$12,000 is committed to Rotary Peace Centers, leaving us with approx. **\$10,000** available.

### **MD reception at DisCon**

All 7780 MDs, BS members, PHS members (those who have email addresses in Clubrunner, at least) have been invited to a reception Friday night at the District Conference via “Greenvelope.” As of this date, of the 86 invitations sent:

41 are opened; 13 are unopened.

30 have responded.

19 are attending; 12 not attending; 56 pending (this count includes couples as a single entity)

With this software, auto-reminders, et cetera will be forthcoming ...