

## District Foundation Committee Bimonthly Report - October 11, 2016

### **Grants:**

Global Grant 1635028 to provide literacy training for Syrian refugees residing in Jordan was approved by TRF. Total grant is valued at \$186,501 including \$36,000 from five D-7780 clubs and \$20,000 in District 7780 DDF. International lead club is Biddeford-Saco, and Roland Gagne is chairing the effort.

Global Grant 1637992, a follow-on grant to support the Healthy Kids/Brighter Future initiative in Zambia, was also approved by TRF and has been partially paid. This \$122,332 grant was initiated by D-7930 and includes \$11,000 in cash from nine D-7780 clubs plus \$10,000 in District 7780 DDF.

\$35,032 in District Grant funds have been delivered to the 13 clubs that were awarded these grants. Meanwhile, 2015-16 District Grants are being closed out.

### **Anniversaries:**

October is Polio month; chair Lawrence Furbish is promoting all clubs to do something locally to mark the day.

November is Foundation month. Our big celebration is the 100-for-100 event, chaired by Ann Lee Hussey. We are very fortunate that President-nominee Sam Oworu will be headlining the event, to which all Rotarians are invited and encouraged to attend. Registration is open on the District website.

Additionally, a list of potential Foundation speakers has been distributed to the clubs via the District newsletter.

### **Getting out the word:**

I am scheduled to speak to four clubs on the Foundation/Foundation activities during this two-month period. Meanwhile, the newsletter articles continue ...

### **Planning for next year:**

In discussion with Dave:

I will present on the Foundation via Go-To-Meeting on Nov 15 and at a "live" PrePETS meeting Feb 11.

Next year's Grant Management Seminar will be available online only. Committee members involved are currently working to update the slides; that will be completed by end of the

month and then the next step will be to update the video and voiceover. Curt Combar's goal is to have the new Seminar up and available as of February 1. Part of the plan is to have the updated grants management folder delivered to all Rotarians who complete the online course.