

Rotary District 7780

Carolyn Johnson, District Governor

November 5, 2013

November is Rotary Foundation Month

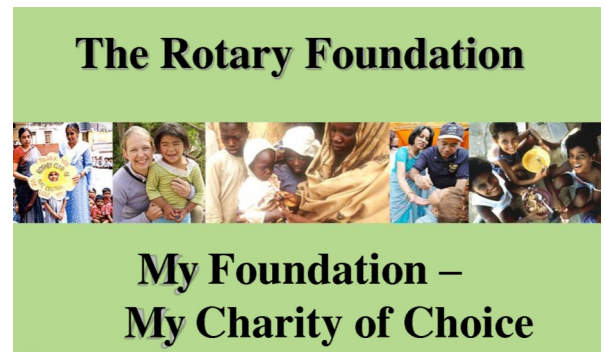
This week we take a look at the big picture. In its most basic form, The Rotary Foundation is a big non-profit with a very small endowment. Its assets are spent by its members, not by its leadership. Its members are over 34,000 Rotary clubs and their districts.

Our Foundation's history begins in 1917, but the institution only started to come of age in 1947, the year Paul Harris died, as Rotarians wanted to salute his vision by way of memorial gifts. The grants opportunities we know today didn't begin until the 1970s, eventually leading to an overhaul of the grants program which began this year. We may be just beginning this new grants process, but its initial goals are already being met: sharpened focus, increased district flexibility, and reduced administrative costs.

I like to refer to the Foundation as our charitable credit union. We have a board of directors (Trustees, in Rotary-speak). We have a branch manager (District Foundation Chair). We have a local commercial loan officer (District Global Grants Coordinator), and a local retail loan officer (District Community and Springboard Grants Coordinator). Our local loan officers are in place to help you and your club make things happen.

But to make it work, we need depositors. That means you. And me. And our clubs. Remember that Every Rotarian Every Year is a *participation* goal, not a dollar amount. More on this later.

—PDG Peter Johnson, District Foundation Chair



Oxford Hills Rotary Builds Community Garden

Completed just a few weeks ago, the Oxford Hills project to make improvements to a local community garden, supported by a District Community Grant, resulted in the following comments from the club Foundation Chair: "... And I wish I could convey how much this means to the garden people. [This project] has been a dream and a seemingly insurmountable obstacle...If I could express the look in their eyes, near tears, and the appreciation they have for Rotary for supporting their dream..."

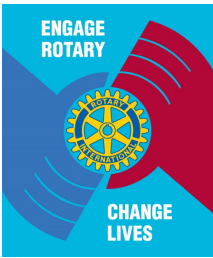


**The Rotary Foundation.
Our Foundation.
Your Dreams.**

MidCoast Clubs Send Cribs to Haiti

Topsham, Freeport and Portland clubs combined their resources, and through the non-profits Family Focus and Konbit Sante's Cap-Haitien Health Partnership Project, helped deliver 12 cribs to Haiti, where they will make 12 tiny tots and their families very happy! The 12 cribs, mattresses and all, filled two pickups to overflowing, creating a Rotary-style Beverly Hillbillies parade down I-295.





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Call for Nominations!

The District Nominating Committee announces that nominations for the positions of District Governor (2015-16) and member of the District Budget and Finance Committee (Area B: Oxford and York Counties, ME) may be submitted. All nominations must be received by the District Governor by January 10, 2013.

Qualifications for **Governor-nominee** include:

- ◆ Be a Rotarian in good standing as a member of a functioning Rotary club in District 7780
- ◆ Have served a full term as president of a Rotary club
- ◆ Demonstrate willingness, commitment, and ability to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of Governor

Qualifications for member of the **Budget & Finance Committee** (three-year term) include:

- ◆ Service as club president or treasurer, and/or
- ◆ Accounting or finance as a component of their vocation or profession.

Serving on the B&F committee is an excellent opportunity to be involved with other District leaders to help oversee the fiscal responsibilities of our District. The committee is made up on three immediate Past District Governors, Governor, Governor-elect, District Treasurer, and three additional members who each serve three year terms.

Serving as Governor for our District is a great honor and responsibility. Clearly, a passion for Rotary and an ability for leadership are of primary importance. The opportunities that accompany this role are incredible; the opportunity to work with Rotarians who want to make a difference in their communities and internationally, the opportunity to meet Rotarians from all over the world, the opportunity to help clubs and individuals grown and develop their potential for service. If you are interested in knowing more about the expectations of Governor, call one of our past Governors and have a conversation. We need good leaders in Rotary — could one of them be you?

Application forms for Governor-nominee and Budget Committee are on the District website. For more information, contact Brad Jett, Chair of the Nominating Committee, bradjett@comcast.net.



So ... You Want to Affect the Future of Rotary?

Do you have suggestions for changing the rules for Rotary? Recommendations to change the frequency of meetings? Allowing snowbirds to join a club in both their summer and winter residences? A new Avenue of Service? You can shape how Rotary operates by proposing rules changes for the 2016 Council on Legislation.

Rotary International must receive proposed legislation, including confirmation of the district's endorsement, by Dec. 31, 2014. Note that this deadline is strictly enforced and proposed legislation received after the deadline will not be considered. Details can be found in [How to Propose Legislation](#). Proposed legislation should be submitted to Rotary through the online form here: https://rotary.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_86x9bQkfU8vwXlh.

For more information, contact our District Council on Legislation rep: PDG Peter Johnson, peter.johnson@ubs.com.

District Will Participate in Rotaplast Mission



Three District Rotarians have been accepted to go as non-medical volunteers on the District Rotaplast mission to Guatemala in early 2014. Congrat-

ulations to Dalit Wolfe from Brunswick Coastal, Cate Rafferty from Dover and Ellie Andrews from Bethel. They will be take part in a busy mission, during which over 100 children will have facial deformities corrected and their lives changed forever.

To help support the mission, the District Rotaplast Committee is raffling a beautiful Guatemalan quilt. The drawing will be held February 22 at our District World Peace and Understanding Dinner.