Another fantastic Rotary year capped off by sustained giving. So allow me to ask this question….Could giving to the Rotary Foundation be considered a “value proposition?” My answer to that question would be a resounding YES! Why? It’s very simple, Rotary continues to make a solid “value” case as to why one should donate to the Rotary Foundation and thus “make a difference.” In the Fall 2017 issue of The Arbor, I noted that “……Rotary members have hundreds of health projects underway around the world at any given time, and, of course, the eradication of polio has created a system/structure for tackling a myriad of other health issues as well. Further, disease results in misery, pain, and poverty…… that’s why treating and preventing disease is so important to Rotarians. The “proposition” …… to design and build an infrastructure that allows doctors, patients and governments to work together which basically allows our members to develop programs that will lead to prevention. This premise also holds true for our District Simplified Grants program which utilizes Foundation monies for projects in our “backyard.”

So where is our District in this fund-raising effort? Our District has many consistent supporters of the Paul Harris Society where they commit to an annual contribution of at least $1000 to the Annual Fund. In addition, there are roughly 800 District Rotarians who belong to the D7120 Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member Society, each committed to donating a minimum of $100 per year to any of the funds: Annual Giving, Polio Plus or any grant. Therefore, as a District we are doing very well and you all deserve credit for that. At the end of May, 2018, our Annual Giving stands at 140% of our goal or $244,021 with Polio Plus is slightly less than $60,000.

However, in my travels throughout the District I still hear from some, begging the questions…. Why should we support the Rotary Foundation? What is the impact of my donation? Where does the money go from these contributions? The answers to these questions are very easy as I stated earlier and worth repeating…. our donations go directly into all kinds of projects. Worldwide in the form of Global Grants that provide funding for developing systems for delivery of potable water, for medicine and medical equipment, for funding the building of schools and funding to eradicate the crippling disease of polio. On the local front we fund Simplified Grants which provide funding for numerous projects in our own communities such as backpacks for children, equipment for senior programs, schools and playgrounds and support of many food shelf programs to feed the hungry. So, I can’t begin to thank those of you who have consistently supported these efforts and ask those of you that have not to look at the “value” of contributing to such worthwhile causes.

Although all of you made this a successful year for the Foundation, as noted above I would be remiss if I did not recognize some key people who led the drive for success in our fundraising this year. My first thank you goes out to our District Rotary Foundation Chair, Ellen Hughes. Among the myriad of accomplishments this year were that she spearheaded our modified Grant Management Seminar presentations. She also responded, with a smile, because of extenuating circumstances, moved the Foundation Brunch from November to April, which was not an easy task. This year it will now be moved back to November. In addition, with the help of our Foundation Area Directors conducted a record breaking auction at last month’s District Conference in Saratoga Springs. Lastly, she generally kept us all aware of what was happening with respect to Foundation activities.

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DG Don Milton
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Other chairs who also did commendable work for the District were Don Alhart for Annual Giving, Chuck Turner for Grants who will now be succeeded by Eric Schmidt, Polio by Laurie Vonglis, Dan Barletta for Stewardship Chair and Eric Parker as Foundation Trainer.

In less than a month I will be leaving the office of District Governor and leave it with a great sense of pride and pleasure. I have enjoyed what I consider the “ride” of a lifetime with each of you and your clubs during this past year. You all do amazing things for Rotary, and responded with gusto to my initiatives, i.e. child poverty and strategic planning. In my mind you all totally out did yourselves in what I consider truly “making a difference.” You all have my wishes for a great Rotary future. Thank you for all you do for Rotary. You all deserve and have my very best.

Yours in Rotary Service,

DG Don

District Foundation
Ellen Hughes, Chair

Well it has been a great year! We have surpassed our $100 per capita thanks to the generosity of Meg and Dean Huff but have still not reached last year’s level of giving. At this point we have 8 clubs you have donated NOTHING! While I know it is difficult, I do hope they can find their way to making a donation of any size to join the district in 100% Foundation Support.

Just a few reminders...we have 9 clubs who have donated something but have not reached their $25 average per member giving. This means that they will not be able to apply for a District Simplified Grant next April. One reason this really bothers me is that I do not like to see clubs making that decision now. It closes a door to them that they may regret. I am hoping those clubs and all Rotarians will take the next two weeks to rethink your giving and decide that a donation is in order. We also have many Sustaining Members and several Paul Harris Society Members who have not fulfilled their commitment. If you are able to do so, please remember to send that in NOW! I am guessing that many of you do not have a husband such as mine who says, "Ellen, I need a check for $1000!!!". To the many of you who know him, subtlety is not his greatest strength. But the upshot is that I wrote the check, if only so he would stop bugging me!

So if you don't have a husband like mine, I am just sending a gentle reminder that if your donation has simply slipped your mind, I will bring it back to the forefront.

I need to thank some people: to Eric Schmidt who is moving up from DSG chair to Grants Sub Committee Chair; to Bruce Spector who is moving from a Foundation Area Director to DSG Chair; to the Foundation Area Directors who are leaving that position: Elisa DeJesus (who will be replaced by Dave Gratzer from the Rochester Deaf Club); to Barb Harper (for whom I cannot find a replacement...anyone in area 12 interested?); and to Chuck Turner, PDG and Grants Subcommittee Chair Extraordinaire who has been on the Foundation Committee since before the inception of the New Grants Program in 2013. His wisdom and counsel have been greatly appreciated throughout the years. And welcome to Shirley Leverinner who will be a FAD for Friendship, Belmont and Wellsville...or area 2.1 as we are currently calling it. Still need Foundation Area Directors for Areas 2.2 (Canisteo and Hornell), Area 4 (Nunda, Mt. Morris, Dansville, Perry and Geneseo), as well as Area 12 (Sodus, Clyde, Lyons, Red Creek and Wolcott).

But most of all, I want to take this opportunity to THANK each and every one of YOU! You are what makes the Rotary Foundation the success it is today. You are the reason the foundation can work through us and with us to do good in the world. It is OUR Foundation and by working together, we MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Thank you!

Ellen
GG 1757157 Lyonda, Democratic Republic of the Congo
Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Project, $ 54,256
Project supported by Clubs of Penn Yan, Corning, Dundee, Palmyra –
Macedon, Perry, District 7120, and several international partners

The primary goals for this WASH project, as developed by Leon Fontier, current President of
the Penn Yan Rotary Club, are as follows: beginning in Lyonda, we will be drilling wells in
Lyonda (@2,000 beneficiaries) and the neighboring villages of Ceci Wendji (@5,000
beneficiaries), Nkalamba (@2,000 beneficiaries), the Parish of Besenge (@3,000
beneficiaries), and the town of Bikoro (7000 residents). Latrines and placenta pits for clinics
will be constructed as needed. Hygiene education for hand washing, as well as hygienic
maintenance of wells and latrines, will be conducted.

To tackle the problem we need to develop a sustained water supply operation with the
objective to create new sources of safe water and to rehabilitate broken pumps. The production
of a well requires two distinct sets of skills, the actual boring, casing and development of a
well is one set. The other set of skills is the plumbing, installation, maintenance and repair of
the water extraction systems (pumps and other components). The proposed project would
make the skills and tools necessary available in the region by creating, supporting and
sustaining an ongoing well-drilling program.

GG 1525063 follow-up. In that grant we provided the Bolenge hospital with running water as
one of our activities. Today, the hospital itself lacks proper latrines and has no facilities to
properly dispose of medical and biological waste. We would build latrines and placenta pit
and provide an incinerator for safe disposal of placenta and other biological waste at the
Bolenge hospital. In addition, we will provide the hospital with a chlorine generator that will
create an ongoing supply of chlorine for sanitation purposes. These contributions would
complete that sanitation aspect at the Bolenge hospital.

In the photos above, notice that each well has a chain and a lock: the president of the first
well committee and the local Catholic priest agreed that each well needed such security and
would be open only certain hours of the day so that the committees in charge of the well
could assure no abuse of the wells takes place! Interestingly, Leon Fontier (current President
of the Penn Yan Rotary Club) found on arrival in nearby Bolenge in February this year that
one of the wells his team set up in 2015 had a broken pump. The team he has now trained
fixed the pump and the well now has a chain and lock!

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In early February, Leon was in Kinshasa purchasing necessary supplies and hiring a recent Congolese college graduate to manage the project. By the end of April, the training has been accomplished. We now have both teams of workers, an administrative assistant to manage record keeping and a project manager to guide well drilling and pump operations activities.

The teams have completed well drilling (five new wells), latrine construction, and hygiene education in the village of Lyonda and made progress on the follow-up activities at the hospital in Bolenge. In addition, five other wells that had been constructed by other organizations but were out of order have been fixed by our workers.

Each well has a committee consisting of a president, treasurer and secretary responsible for operating the well, maintaining funds from families for the maintenance and repair fund. Each family contributes fifteen cents per week. Remember, this is a dollar a day economy. For well number one, serving 30 families (157 people total), that totals to $3.80 per week. Over time, this amount should cover operating and maintenance costs for the well, making the project sustainable. Other wells are serving over 100 families with almost 700 people in them.

Our grant partner, HTS Congo (an independent 501 c3) hired a local woman already working part time for WHO and Doctors without Borders to teach every family the importance of hygiene. She uses her laptop computer to show each family a hygiene video explaining how cholera is transmitted as part of the instruction. The villagers have no normal access to such technology and pay rapt attention to this hygiene educator as a result. Through her efforts and the existence of available clean water now and appropriate hygiene facilities, we hope one consequence of our grant will be a significant reduction in childhood deaths due to water borne diseases!

Article submitted by PDG Jeff Krans

If your club would like to see a video showing one of the current grant’s well drilling operation as a program, please contact Jeff Krans at jkrans228@gmail.com.
Rotary Dialysis Project Completed
Submitted by PDG Jeff Krans

This year one of our trusted partners in India, DRFC Jay Jayasankar in District 3201, offered to support one of our district projects and asked if we would support a project for one of his clubs. District 3201 is in the State of Kerala in southwestern India. Our grants team agreed and we partnered with the Rotary Club of Thodupuzha to provide low cost dialysis treatment facilities at the government hospital in their city for four hundred patients too poor to travel long distances to the available facilities. The grant paid for three new dialysis machines. In addition, the grant provided for the training of fifty nurses and twelve technicians who will be monitoring the dialysis machines and helping patients.

Global Grant 1862430

The total grant for this project was $40,000. The contributions and matching dollars were as follows:

District 7120: $7,500
TRF Match: $7,500
District 3201: $5,000
TRF Match: $5,000
Rotary Club of Thodupuzha: $10,000
TRF Match: $5,000

The resulting patient care will improve the quality of life for those being treated and reduce the incidence of renal failure for those with diabetes.
Dear District 7120 Rotarians,

This wonderful Rotary year is coming to a close. Our projects, fundraisers, socials and goals are wrapping up and hopefully we’re all able to celebrate many accomplishments. At our District Conference in Saratoga, we shared and learned of the many ways our clubs are “Making a Difference”. Kudos to the clubs making a difference in all of our areas of focus including: literacy, community & international projects, improving club membership and especially those supporting the Rotary Foundation.

Our Foundation is vital and it is indeed making a difference around the world. I encourage all clubs and individuals to make contributions to the PolioPlus fund before our Rotary year ends. There is still much work to do for our eradication efforts. Did you know that there are only nine new cases of wild polio virus this year? Eight of which are in Afghanistan, one in Pakistan. While the number is at an all-time low, it is still too many! During the month of May, immunizations campaigns occurred where vaccinators worked to reach over 9.6 million children in Afghanistan and 20 million children in Pakistan, with bivalent oral polio vaccine. That is a monumental effort that includes thousands of volunteers, equipment, vaccines and resources. So you can see that our support is as important now as it was 30 years ago.

Congratulations to the top six District 7120 Rotary Clubs for your generous contributions to the PolioPlus Fund. Avon, Geneva, Newark, Pittsford, Rush-Henrietta and Sodus combined for a total of $28,633 (as of 5/28/18). Total giving to PolioPlus for the district is $59,296.59. Thank you clubs and Rotarians for making this a priority! With District Designated Funds included, our total giving is $79,397. That’s the good news. However, as of the end of May we still have 28 clubs that have not contributed to PolioPlus… YET. There is still time and I’m hoping to see the numbers change. Our pledge to the children of the world to eradicate polio is Rotary International’s number one goal and it is our responsibility to finish what we have started.

To learn more and keep up to date on the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, please visit polioeradication.org for weekly updates. My very best to each of you and thank you for all that you do in the name of Rotary.

Sincerely,

Laurie Vonglis
Ten Reasons to Support Polio Plus

1. It’s the #1 priority of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation
2. Polio is only a plane ride away
3. It’s unselfish – the U.S. has been Polio free since the 1950’s
4. To help the very important, yet dangerous job of the volunteers who administer the vaccine
5. To support the eradication efforts of the World Health Organization (WHO), Centers for Disease Control (CDC), UNICEF, Gates Foundation and Rotary International (RI).
6. You know where the money goes – straight to eradicate polio
7. Since 1984 Polio cases have been reduced from 350,000/year worldwide to 22 cases in 2017
8. We are 99.9% close to eradicating Polio, that’s how far we’ve come in 30 years
9. The children of the world are counting on you
10. It’s the right thing to do
Grants Report 2017-2018
June 2018

The grants committee each year manages the distribution of District Designated Funds (DDF) available for that Rotary year. The funds available are based upon the contributions of District 7120 Rotarians and clubs to The Rotary Foundation.

In 2017-18, approximately $148,000 was available (see detailed accounting below) and was allocated to three major areas:

- District Grant
- Polio Plus contribution
- Global Grants

The District Grant funds, the District Simplified Grants available to clubs to help fund smaller local or international projects, and the grant may not exceed $4,000. The total DSGs awarded for 2017-18 was $51,163 to 34 clubs.

The District traditionally supports the Polio Eradication Initiative with a contribution of 20% of the annual DDF allocated to the District. In 2017-18 this amounted to $20,100.

The balance of $77,536 in DDF was available for global grants which are larger in size than a DSG and must have budget of at least $30,000, requires a partnership between a host club/district and an international club/district that are located in different countries. The project must also fit in one of the six areas of focus.

The Global Grants Committee (Ellen Hughes, Don Milton, Mike Slovak, Dave Hannan, Tom Rogers, and Chuck Turner) allocated $62,750 to projects that met the criteria of the Rotary Foundation. Six of these projects were authorized in 2017-18 and are summarized below and have been approved by the Rotary Foundation and are in the implementation phase.

In addition to DDF contributions clubs have contributed $21,122 in cash donations which is very commendable. The total value of the projects is $343,311.

The following is a brief summary of these grants.

  DDF by D.7120  $5,000
  Total Project cost  $67,574

GG 1753920. Cancer radiation applicators for hospital in Istanbul Turkey.
  DDF by D. 7120  $5,000
  Total Project cost  $39,000

GG 1757157. Water, hygiene and sanitation project in Lyonda Congo.
  DDF by D.7120  $7,500
  Total Project cost  $54,256

GG 1862430. Dialysis machines for India.
  DDF by D.7120  $7,500
  Project cost  $40,000

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GG1863355. Ultrasound equipment for Turkey.
  DDF by D.7120 $2,750
  Project Cost $51,000

GG 1869940. Blood bank in India.
  DDF by D.7120 $5,000
  Total Cost $91,500

We have a couple of projects still in the planning stage which have not yet been submitted to The Rotary Foundation to which the District has allocated DDF funding.

- Water Project in Nicaragua $10,000
- Deaf education project in Zambia $5,000
- Nepal project (being revised) 15,000

An accounting of DDF available and allocated for 2017-2018 is as follows:

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| Balance remaining (carryover to 2018-2019)     | 14,786|

Thanks to everyone that worked so hard to make the global grant program so successful particularly Ellen Hughes, chair of the Rotary Foundation Committee and Don Milton as District Governor. Their leadership inspired many to work hard on behalf of the grant program.

2018-2019 promises to be another exciting year for the grant program including a visiting scholar from Japan who will be studying at the U of R and hosted by the Geneva Rotary Club. Hopefully we will get to see her at many of district and club functions.

Best wishes to Eric Schmidt who has done a fantastic job as chair of the District Simplified Grants Committee and will now be taking over as the overall Grants Chair for the District.

Chuck Turner, PDG
District 7120 Grants Subcommittee Chair
Rotary District 7120
2017-2018 District Designated Funds: end of year reports
May 4, 2018

50% of 2014-15 Annual Program Fund SHARE contributions $100,304.85
50% of Endowment Fund SHARE Earnings $2,246.54

TOTAL DDF received in 2016-17 $102,551.39

Carry forward from 2016-17

DDF carried forward $42,649.81

TOTAL DDF available in 2017-18 $145,201.20

District Designated Funds Commitments

District Grant Approved

2017-2018 Awards to Clubs $51,163.00

POLIO $20,100.00

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Rotary Global Scholar Graduates
By David Luitweiler

Alina Urbanic of Victor, the 2016-2017 Rotary Global Scholarship recipient, has completed her program of studies at the Bocconi School of Management in Milan, Italy. Alina received a Master of Public Administration degree after completing her studies and a required internship at the UN Office for Project Services (UNOPS), in Geneva, Switzerland. UNOPS is an operational agency of the UN, focusing mostly on project management, infrastructure and procurement around the world.

Alina’s internship focused on the Stop TB Partnership, a partnership of many organizations and groups including The Global Fund, the WHO, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, dedicated to ending tuberculosis around the world.

Alina’s graduation ceremony took place at the Bocconi School of Management and her parents, Carol and Tom Urbanic of Victor, were present at the graduation ceremony to see her receive the degree. Alina noted, “It was great to have them there.” The graduation ceremony included graduates participating in an Italian tradition of wearing a laurel wreath/crown after finishing their graduation presentation.

Now that she has completed her internship, and received her advanced degree, Alina has been offered a short-term contract to stay with the UN in Geneva as an Associate Portfolio Analyst. She will be working in the same field as her internship but will be taking on more responsibilities. In her new position she will continue to support the Stop TB Partnership and expects to be in Geneva, at least for the duration of her new contract.

Alina is a 2010 graduate of Victor Senior High School, a 2013 graduate of George Washington University and a former Peace Corp volunteer in Morocco. She was selected to receive the $30,000.00 Rotary Global Scholarship award by a scholarship committee of Rotarians from District 7120.

Pictured above at left: Alina (at right) with the director of the masters Program. Pictured above at right - Alina wearing the ceremonial wreath.

Pictured below is Alina (front row, third from the right) with her graduation class at the Bocconi School of Management in Milan, Italy.
We are on the “Home Stretch” for another Rotary year— and, like our theme for the year, we’re Making a Difference throughout the world and in our communities with our donations to the Rotary Foundation’s Annual Fund.

With just a few weeks to go, Rotarians in our district have contributed $244,000 to the Annual Programs Fund. This includes a onetime special gift of $30,000—which means our comparative giving is $214,000.

While this already exceeds the goals for our clubs this year, we are still trying to achieve an average gift of $100 for every Rotarian in District 7120— which would be $231,100. That means we are just $17,000 away from our goal—or about $250 per club. Please make an effort to donate by June 30th, so we can maintain our record of per capita giving!

We also wish to thank the 435 Rotarians who donated a Dollar a Day during the month of February. It was fun to record the many $28 donations. We chose one of them at random—and Peter Vogt - of the Dansville Club received 1,000 recognition points to use as he wishes for a Paul Harris recognition.

As we near the end of this Rotary year, thanks for your support of the Rotary Foundation. Remember— your gift to Annual Giving-SHARE—means you are doing good in the world- as well as local communities which benefit from projects funding by our District Grants.

As we embark on a new Rotary year, a reminder you can hear from the incoming Rotary International president at the annual Eastern Cities Fellowship Dinner, sponsored by the Rochester Rotary Club. It will be Sunday, October 28th at the Joseph A. Floreano Rochester Riverside Convention Center.

We hope you will embrace the theme of Barry Rassin for 2018-2019—when it comes to supporting the Rotary Foundation— Be the Inspiration!

Once again it is Rotary Foundation month. I have enjoyed serving as your District Simplified Grants Chair for the last three years. It is always exciting to see the projects that district Rotarians perform for their communities and small international projects. It really is the easiest way to support people through the Rotary Foundation.

This year’s projects included projects for handicap accessible picnic tables, back packs stuffed with school supplies. One club upgraded a community meeting building for the Boy scouts. Two clubs provided support for bicyclists with bike racks and repair stations. Other clubs provided scholarships for students. Several clubs provided community support with projects to provide equipment, and funds to provide food for people in their communities. One club is embracing technology by supporting a solar power lab for their school’s high school.

To participate in this very rewarding process the following is required. Support the Rotary Foundation through the Share program with a contribution of at least $25.00 per capita in your club. Have two members attend a GMS Seminar every year. Provide a District MOU and Addenda with your properly filled out application. So please take this month to identify needs in your community that your club can participate in your community during the 2018-2019 Rotary year and get your applications to the new District Simplified Grant Chair Bruce Spector, by the required date on the application found on the District Rotary Foundation District Website.

Once again thank you for the honor of serving as your District Simplified Grants Chair.

Eric Schmidt
Rush-Henrietta Rotarian
The Rotary District 7120 International Service initiative was developed to educate and support Rotarians and their clubs in their work on international projects, while focusing on Rotary’s Six Areas of Focus. This initiative is finishing its second year in its newly reinvigorated format. This year alone, Rotary clubs from every corner of our district have sponsored a presentation of The “How To” Roadmap of Effective International Service at one of their club meetings. The result has been more engagement, targeted funding and direct involvement with International Service.

There is no one-way to carry out an International Service project. When it comes to implementing a project, creativity and imagination are the keys to success. Projects may be as diverse as helping establish a medical complex or blood bank to serve thousands of people; drilling potable water wells for a school or small village or even assisting in a donkey-breeding program to provide a less expensive means of farming. Sadly, none of that will happen unless someone is willing to take that first step. That’s where Rotary’s International Service provides the opportunity to make an extraordinary global difference. And the Rotarians in our district are answering the call to action.

So this begs the question, “What makes International Service work?” It’s simple. The answer is people. People like YOU who are willing to …

- See things not as they are, but as they can be
- Not just make “a” difference, but make “the” difference
- Invest their spirit, talents and skills with energy and excitement
- Collaborate with other individuals, clubs, districts, organizations and even governments in and around the world
- Give themselves “Permission to Win”, make the commitment and “Decide to Go”

Everyone knows that Rotarians Join Leaders to Exchange Ideas and Take Action. Please don’t wait. The people of the world are counting on us.
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