Happy Rotary Foundation Month !!

Why should we support the Rotary Foundation? The following is an excerpt from this month’s Foundation Minute that helps explain why.

“Rotary members have hundreds of health projects underway around the world at any given time. In Ghana we work with partners to provide more than 80% of its people with clean water to fight worm disease. In Liberia, Rotary helps women get tested for HIV early in their pregnancies. And, of course, the eradication of polio has created a system for tackling a myriad of other health issues such as Ebola. To date $65 million in grants to fight disease has been given by Rotary.

Disease results in misery, pain, and poverty for millions of people worldwide. That’s why treating and preventing disease is so important to Rotarians. We lead efforts both large and small by setting up temporary clinics, blood donation centers, and training facilities in underserved communities that struggle with outbreaks and health care access. We design and build infrastructure that allows doctors, patients and governments to work together.

Our members combat diseases like malaria, HIV/AIDS, Alzheimer’s, multiple sclerosis, diabetes and of course polio. Prevention is important, which is why we also focus on health education and bringing people routine hearing, vision, and dental care.”

In addition, we find great benefit in Rotary’s District Simplified Grants program which utilizes Foundation monies for projects closer to home. Some examples are specially designed picnic tables for the disabled, the painting of buildings to freshen the look of a community, benches in local parks, bocce courts, beds for children, iPads for low income children and don’t forget scholarships. Further our recent giving through the Foundation for those hurricane stricken areas was also appreciated.

Your contributions to the Foundation last year set a record...$267,000. Let’s see if we can do even better this year. Whatever we do know that I truly appreciate everything you all do, for Rotary and the Foundation.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

DG Don
November 2015
THE ARBOR
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November 2017... A New Rotary Year!
PDG Ellen Hughes, Foundation Chair

November is the time when Rotarians across the globe remember it is Foundation Month! We unite in supporting OUR Rotary Foundation by giving generously.

If I had to pick one thing I have learned from working with the Rotarians in this district, I would have to say that I have been overwhelmed by their generosity.

In PDG Gaven Hurley's year we heard at the district conference that Rotarians always say YES! And I have found that so often to be true. YOU as a group are a giving, caring people who exemplify the 4 WAY TEST and Service Above Self. YOU as a group give without counting the cost to yourselves. The Family of Rotary is like no other. I have belonged to many organizations but only in Rotary have I felt the warmth and acceptance that comes from caring.

So I am sure you will not be surprised when I ask you to continue your good works. DG Don has challenged us to continue our support of The Rotary Foundation by increasing our total giving by only $1 over last year. I laugh at your dollar DG Don! This district can surpass any and all goals, of that I am sure. While the current figures are low (and behind last year's) I am sure it is early days yet. In this the 101st year of The Rotary Foundation, let us remember to support the foundation as we see fit.

There are numerous choices...donate to The Annual Fund Share to increase your club’s average giving, choose to support solely the PolioPlus Fund, give a Paul Harris Fellow to a Rotarian you admire for their contributions, join the Sustaining Member Society or Paul Harris Society as you are able or meet the commitment you made in the past, contribute to disaster relief through one of 6 donor advised funds or start your own fund, become a major donor, ensure your Rotary legacy by becoming a Benefactor (leave $1,000 in your will) or Bequest Society member (leave $10,000 in your will).

Contact your FAD (Foundation Area Director) for a presentation. They are happy to help you. I am still looking for a FAD for Area 2, so if you are interested, please contact me. Even if you are not in Area 2, if you are willing to visit the meetings and establish relationships in that area, please let me know. A list of FADs appears on Page 3 in this issue.

Please enjoy the articles about grants in progress and see what YOUR FOUNDATION is doing to further good in the world.

Have a wonderful holiday and don't forget GIVING TUESDAY the week after. Alone we may not be able to do much but together we can accomplish great things!

Thank you for all you do.

Ellen

District Simplified Grant
District Simplified Grants Chair

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
## Foundation Area Directors 2017-2018

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The Rotary District 7120 International Service initiative has been developed to educate and support Rotarians and their clubs to work on international projects, while focusing on Rotary’s Six Areas of Focus. What does our district’s International Service focus on?

- It educates Rotarians and their clubs to understand how to engage with International Service
- It provides connections between clubs locally to help initiate and deliver service projects internationally
- It builds relationships with international partners around the world
- It provides you and your club with locally based International Service resource experts
- It provides guidance to obtain funding opportunities that include global grants, district simplified grants and Rotary Club partners

At the current time, there are 43 active international projects within our district. And 11 projects have already been completed. You’re encouraged to explore these projects and the many resources available to you on the D7120 web site by following this link pathway …

www.Rotary7120.org > District Committee Links > International Service Projects D7120

Additionally, I’ve developed a 25 minute educational awareness program, *The “How To” Roadmap of Effective International Service*, that I’d love to bring to your club. This program focuses on simple yet very effective “Action Steps” to help encourage clubs to strengthen their International Service engagement.

All this and more is intended to inspire Rotarians like you to visit international projects and see first-hand how Rotary is Serving Humanity. We’ll help expose you to the many projects our clubs are involved with and opportunities for YOU to participate on international projects. You’ll soon understand how you can become part of the solution for a better world.
Global Scholar Winner, Alina Urbanic
Submitted by David Luitweiler
Victor Farmington Rotary

The Rotary District 7120 Global Scholarship recipient, Alina Urbanic of Victor, has reported back on the final phase of her program leading to a Master of Public Administration degree from the Bosconi School of Management in Milan, Italy. Alina, a Victor Senior HS and George Washington University graduate, was the recipient of a $30,000.00 Rotary Global Scholarship award for the 2016-2017 academic year. She is a former Peace Corps volunteer with service in Morocco.

After spending her academic year in Milan, Alina was required to engage in an internship program in her field of study. She has been fulfilling her internship requirement in Geneva, Switzerland with the United Nations Office for Project Services, where she has worked for the Stop TB Partnership. She has engaged in a variety of projects with a focus on the procurement of anti-TB drugs and diagnostics. Alina also assists in travel management for international consultants, arranging meetings and the monitoring of grant installment payments.

In September Alina took advantage of a long weekend to visit fellow students from Bosconi who are based in Vienna. She reports that it was a quick trip but the city was stunning, with many ornate palaces. With less than two months remaining in her internship she is beginning to search for employment opportunities and advises that she, “would really like to stay in Geneva.”

Pictured at left: Alina in Geneva, Switzerland
Pictured at right: Alina in Vienna, Austria Schönbrunn Palace in background
Foundation Annual Fund  
By PDG Don Alhart

Plan to Give
Plan to give during this Rotary year. That is all I ask - please plan to give to the Annual Programs Fund of our Rotary Foundation.

Our 70 clubs have already indicated a willingness to do so. ALL clubs in District 7120 have submitted Annual Giving Goals for the 2017-2018 Rotary year. They total just over $176,000 - and as of November 9th clubs had already donated about $46,000 - or about 26% of our goal.

Our true goal, of course, is $100 per Rotarian, and with 2311 Rotarians in the district that translates to $231,100.

As history showed us during the past year, it is an attainable goal, and one which I hope you will embrace again this year. It’s possible - if you Plan To Give!

- Set aside $2.00 a week during the Rotary year.
- Donate to the Rotary Foundation in someone’s memory. They will get a beautiful letter from the Rotary Foundation - letting the family know how you remembered their loved one.
- Donate in honor of someone. What a wonderful way to say “I think so highly of you and what you have accomplished that I am celebrating with a gift that will DO GOOD IN THE WORLD - in your name.
- Start a Spontaneous Moment - at one of your club meetings - and collect dollars - just for fun - for the Rotary Foundation.
- Share the work of the Rotary Foundation on Twitter and Facebook - and encourage others to give.
- Use Rotary Direct - and you can donate funds automatically through your checking account or credit card.

Most of all - give because you want to give - and have some fun doing it.

The Rotary year can pass quickly. With the holidays coming what better time to express all that you are thankful for.

So please don’t forget the Rotary Foundation!

We can only reach our goal of helping others - if you - PLAN TO GIVE!

PDG Don Alhart  
Foundation Annual Fund Chair

The Rotary Peace Centers Scholarship  
By PDG Jack Best

The Rotary Peace Centers Program trains highly qualified professionals to become agents of peace. Since 2002, the Rotary Peace Centers have trained over 1,000 Rotary Peace Fellows in six world-wide universities who are now working as leaders in government and non-government organizations, education, law enforcement and corporate human relations divisions.

Each year, up to 100 Fellows are selected to receive full funding to earn either a professional development certificate in peace and conflict resolution or a Master’s Degree in a range of disciplines related to peace and security.

The Rotary Peace Fellowship is designed for professionals who already have three to five years experience in careers related to international relations or peace and conflict resolution. The fellowship is not intended for recent college graduates with little or no relevant professional experience.

Interested candidates should review the entire application on line to ensure that they understand all the requirements and steps: www.rotary.org/peace-fellowships. The application is available only between January and July and may change each year. Applicants benefit by having a local Rotary club recommend their candidacy. District interviews will take place in May for all candidates. The District deadline for submitting endorsed applications to The Rotary Foundation is July 1. Fellowship finalists will be notified by November of The Rotary Foundation’s decision.

For more information contact:

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Global Grants Report 2017-2018
November 2017
By PDG Chuck Turner

Each Rotary year District 7120 has funds available from the Rotary Foundation to apply toward Global Grants. The funds are available based upon the contributions of District 7120 Rotarians and clubs to the Rotary Foundation.

A global grant is larger in size than a District Simplified Grant with a budget of at least $30,000. A Global Grant requires a partnership between the host club or district where the project is being implemented and an international partner from another country that assists in financing, planning, and monitoring the project. The project must come under one of the six (6) areas of focus to be eligible for a global grant.

This Rotary year (2017-18) the global grants committee has authorized DDF to several worthwhile projects as follows:

**A disease prevention and treatment project in Turkey** to provide cancer therapy. The total budget for the project is approximately 41,000 and the District 7120 is contributing $5,000 in DDF. This project has been approved by TRF and is now in the implementation stage.

We have approved another **water and sanitation project in the Congo**. The budget is $54,256 with District 7120 contributing $7,500 in DDF. This project has been approved by TRF and is now in the implementation stage. See separate article on this project from Jeff Krans.

**A water and sanitation project is being planned in Nicaragua.** This project has a budget of $52,000 with District 7120 contributing $7,500 in DDF. The application has not yet been submitted to TRF. See separate article on this project from Karen Parkhurst

**A disease prevention and treatment project** for the purchase of dialysis equipment in district 3201 in India. The budget is approximately $40,000 with the District 7120 approving the contribution of $7,500 in DDF. The application has been submitted and the partners are awaiting approval to proceed.

**A maternal and child health project** to provide ultrasound equipment in Turkey. The budget is approximately $51,000 and District 7120 agreed to contribute $2,750 in DDF. The application is pending authorizations by all parties prepatory to submittal to TRF.

**A project for the hearing impaired** is being developed by the Rochester Deaf club in Zambia. The budget is $35,000 with District 7120 contributing $5,000 in DDF.

**A disease prevention and treatment project** for Guatamala for the purchase of x-ray equipment. District 7120 is contributing $5,000 in DDF and the project has been approved by TRF.

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Global Grants Report 2017-2018
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Club contributions to global grants are encouraged and welcome. Projects No. 3 and 6 both are in need of funding. If your club is interested in being a part of a global grant please contact District Grants Chair, Chuck Turner, chamartturner@rochester.rr.com or 585-703-9174.

Available District Designated Funds (DDF) 2017-18

Under the share formula the amount of funds available for global grants is based upon the contributions for District 7120 Rotarians and clubs to the Rotary Foundation three years prior. The available funds (called District Designated Funds or DDF) for the Rotary year 2017-18 is calculated as follows:

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The Victor-Farmington Rotary club has undertaken another global grant project in Nicaragua. The project is a water project in the village of LaPalma. The club completed a similar water project in 2016 in the village of Salales. And the club has done 2 previous projects in Nicaragua.

The LaPalma Water Project is a $65,000 project in a village in north central Nicaragua. The village already has a perforated well approximately 185 feet deep and available electricity. The project will supply a pump and chlorinator, a tank and distribution piping to run water to the homes in the village. Rotarian Karen Parkhurst has visited this area of Nicaragua many times in the past 10 years. Available potable water is a serious problem in Nicaragua and many areas are plagued with waterborne illnesses. After the success of the Salales water project, Rotarian Parkhurst was asked to do a similar type of project in a larger village. LaPalma is a village of approximately 700 people and has 2 schools and a large health outpost. Once again, the Victor-Farmington Club will be working with the Rotary Club of Estelí, a partner in 2 previous projects.

The villagers will be digging trenches and laying distribution piping to the village homes. The municipality will supply the labor to install the pump, chlorinator and tank. An NGO, Enlace Project, will manage the project and provide engineering expertise. Each home will receive a spigot outside their front door. (Homes in the villages of Nicaragua generally do not have any indoor plumbing.) Currently, women typically walk up to 1.5 kilometers to carry water home in 5 gallon buckets. In addition, a hygiene program has been developed and will be taught in the 2 schools in the community.

The water will be metered. A community group will be trained to manage and maintain the well and equipment. The metered usage will provide modest water fees that will be used to maintain supplies and provide repairs. Thus, sustainability will be long lasting.

Nicaragua is a beautiful small country about the size of New York state. It has one of the largest tropical forest covers north of the Amazon. It also has 17 active volcanoes. However, the beauty of the country is overshadowed by the destruction of their infrastructure by repeated civil wars. Now the country is the 2nd poorest country in the Western hemisphere (Haiti is the poorest).

The Victor-Farmington Rotary club is currently trying to raise funds for the project and has several pledges from individual Rotary clubs in the district. In addition, there is a corporate sponsor donating funds and District Designated funds have been earmarked for the project. Because of contacts made through the Milt Matthews Governor Elect Hospitality program, there are also donations from the Rotary Club of Asuncion, Paraguay, the Rotary Club of Posadas Norte in Argentina and the Rotary Club of Encarnacion, Paraguay. Additional funding is needed and any club in the district is welcome to join in on this project. Rotarian Parkhurst is willing to do a presentation at any District 7120 club and she can be contacted at karenparkhur@gmail.com.

The Rotary Foundation is focused on providing equitable community access to safe water and sanitation. It provides strong support for community access to safe water, improved sanitation, and hygiene. 1/3 of Nicaraguan people do not have access to clean water. This project will provide clean water to the LaPalma community along with a hygiene program for the students in the 2 schools.

Nicaragua is an extremely needy country. Unless you have experienced it first hand, it is almost impossible to comprehend the hardships that they face and endure on a daily basis.

Water
Sewage
Garbage
Utilities
Shelter

All things that we take for granted because they are readily available in the United States. These are not available in Nicaragua.

NO HAY VIDA SIN AGUA!!

There is no life without water!
Dear District 7120 Rotarians,

We are well on our way into November, Foundation month, not to mention this 2017-2018 Rotary year. Our theme this year; Rotary Making a Difference is one of my favorites. So simple yet powerful and clearly, exactly what we do. How is your year as a Rotarian going? Are you busy with projects and fundraising? Are you having fun working side by side with your fellow Rotarians? I certainly hope so. Working hard and having fun doing it sure makes a big difference.

During this month, a month dedicated to the Foundation I’d like to challenge everyone to learn more about it. Utilize the resources available on Rotary.org and keep up to date on our progress in the fight to end Polio. Visit the Global Polio Eradication Initiative website for weekly reports at http://www.polioeradication.org. Polio eradication is and continues to be Rotary International’s #1 priority.

Did you know that at the International Rotary Convention in Atlanta, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation pledged to continue their partnership to help end Polio? They will continue matching Rotary contributions 2:1 making our dollars go much farther. As you plan your charitable giving this year, please consider the PolioPlus fund as your top priority. To date there are 14 new cases this year which is less than half (37) in 2016. Volunteers are working harder than ever in the endemic countries of Afghanistan and Pakistan to reach every child and administer the Polio vaccine. Your donations are as important as ever!

Here is a ‘status’ report as of November 1 on our Polio giving…

- Reminder that the goal set by DG Don Milton for giving to Polio is $1,500 for each club
- 44 clubs have set a goal, 11 of those are $1500 or more
- 6 clubs have met their goal
- 26 clubs have contributed to PolioPlus
- To date the clubs & members in our district total giving to Polio is $13,082.61
- Year to date we are $4,000 behind in contributions to PolioPlus compared to last year at this time

If you would like a visit to learn more about Polio and the current status, please contact me. I’d be happy to give a program for your club.

As we face this holiday season, let us be thankful for all the gifts we have and share. Let us keep the needs of others at the forefront of the work we do in Rotary. Be generous as you support Rotary’s #1 goal and truly make a difference.

Sincerely,

Laurie Vonglis, District 7120 Polio Chair
Avon Rotarian

(See additional information about Polio on Page 12)
Polio this week as of 8 November 2017

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**Headlines:** New on polioeradication.org: Michel Zaffran, Director of Polio Eradication, spoke to Gavi about where we are on the road to eradication, whilst we documented the story of Abdullah Khalid, a hard working vaccinator protecting children from polio at the Afghanistan-Pakistan border.

Health Ministers at the G7 summit in Milan this week reaffirmed their commitment to polio eradication, recognizing “the importance of continuing our efforts to succeed and keep the world sustainably polio-free”.

**Afghanistan:** One new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) case was reported this week in Batikot district in Nangarhar province, with onset of paralysis on 11 October 2017. The total number of officially reported WPV1 cases in Afghanistan in 2017 is now nine.

**Pakistan:** No new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases were reported in the past week. The total number of WPV1 cases in 2017 in Pakistan remains five. No new wild poliovirus 1 (WPV1) positive environmental samples were reported in the last week.

**Nigeria:** No new cases of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) were reported in the past week. The total number of WPV1 cases for 2016 remains four and no cases have been reported in 2017. The most recent case had onset of paralysis on 21 August 2016 in Monguno Local Government Area, Borno.

Nigeria continues to implement an emergency response to the detected WPV1 strain and circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) strains affecting the country (last detected in 2016).

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Case Breakdown by Country

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