



District 7120 Foundation Newsletter - June 2019 Edition

A brief note of thanks!



As we come to the close of our 2018-19 "Be The Inspiration" Rotary Year, I would like to thank all of you who contributed to The Rotary Foundation. As of June 27th 36 clubs had an average giving per member for this year of more than \$100. Thanks to the generosity of our District Rotarians the per capita giving for these clubs ranged from \$100 to \$2,638. This included donations to the Annual Fund (Share), the Polio Plus Fund as well as other Rotary Foundation funds. Our Total District giving as of June 25th was **\$238,938.88**.

Regardless of what the final figure is, you should be proud that, together, we make a difference in the lives of those in need in our local communities and around the world day in and day out. We saved the lives of thousands of children this year. Let's begin the new year knowing we have the ability to do more. Please make a commitment to give more next year than you gave this year!

It has been our pleasure to work with you this past year. We look forward to our continued participation. Please don't hesitate to call upon us.

Yours in Rotary Service,

DG Mike & Jo





Message from Ellen Hughes - Foundation Chair

With the beginning of June comes the yearly obsessive checking to see how the giving stacks up. This June is particularly difficult as this is my last article as the District Rotary Foundation Chair. My term ends on June 30. I would like to go out with 100% club participation in Foundation giving...but to date that is not happening. Neither have we achieved so far \$100 per capita giving. BUT I still have hope. If you have been waiting to send in your donation or it has simply slipped your mind (after all, life happens), please use this gentle reminder to make your donation either by check or on line and make it NOW.

As I think back over the last three years, I think of all we have accomplished by working and giving together. The district now has 3 Endowment Funds, instead of 1. Endowment Funds are never spent...they are our legacy. If the person creating the account indicated SHARE when it began, part of the interest will come to the district every year from now on. We have started a Paul Harris Society (there are 38 members) which gives us donations we can count on. Pretty good for a society I was told would never work in our district! We started the Sustaining Member Society when I was governor which promises \$100 a year from over 600 members in the district. This year alone we have 8 Major Donors and 2 Bequest Society Members. Our generosity is overwhelming to me as we have achieved better than \$100 per capita district wide for the last two years and we are not far off for this year...we currently have \$95 per capita with this last month to go. I am so proud to be part of this district!

We use our District Designated Fund (DDF) prudently...we do not bank it but rather put it into grants that will make the world a better place for everyone. Using \$60,000 of DDF we have helped make over \$360,000 worth of projects happen worldwide. Imagine the people that money has helped!

And we could not do it without YOU and your generosity. You see what the Foundation can and does do and you help make that happen.

Before I go, in addition to thanking you, I must thank Tom Rogers who will be the new DRFCC, Eric Schmidt...as Grant Chair you have been wonderful to work with, Bruce Spector who stepped up as District Grants Chair and loves the job and still speaks to me, Don Alhart for his work as Annual Fund Chair (and who checks the monthly donations as obsessively as I do!), Jeff Krans who always is available to help and mentor, Howard Selleck who agreed to publish The Arbor for me and always makes the articles look good, Linda Wyse who never says no, the rest of the Foundation Committee and the Foundation Area Directors (FADs) for their work with their clubs. You have done a spectacular job in raising awareness and encouraging giving and I cannot thank you enough.

Please remember that I am always available to speak about the Foundation and please continue as you have been **to be the inspiration!**

Yours in Rotary service,

Ellen





POLIOPLUS

Dad, Are We There Yet?

By DGE Dave Hannan,

We have all experienced the child in the backseat inquiring, “Dad (or Mom), are we there yet?” We are now past 30 years in the Rotary campaign to eradicate polio worldwide, a campaign originally estimated to take five, or maybe 10, years. Will we ever get there? Is it worth continuing the trip?

Rotarians who have witnessed the PolioPlus efforts over three decades can feel the frustration of that child in the backseat, growing impatient with the journey. Have faith! We will succeed!

Poliomyelitis is a devastating disease caused by three similar viruses, and we have successfully eradicated Wild Polio Virus (WPV) types 2 and 3. WPV 1 remains, but only in limited geographic areas in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Nigeria’s last case of WPV was on August 21, 2016, so we expect Nigeria to be declared polio-free at the end of this summer. The rest of the world is polio-free. When Rotary took on this mission there were 350,000 cases of polio per year. Last year there were 33. You can infer that there are about 10 million people who would have had polio, if not for Rotary’s efforts.

There are two kinds of polio vaccines, the Sabin (live but attenuated) oral vaccine and the Salk (inactive) injectable vaccine. The oral vaccine is used in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and other high-risk areas because of its ease of administration and, as a live vaccine, it passes from person to person, thus providing immunity to other family members and neighbors. The major risk of the live, attenuated, oral vaccine is that a small percentage of these viruses revert to a virulent form while circulating in the community and cause polio. This is called circulating Vaccine Derived Polio Virus (cVDPV). Although less effective in producing immunity, the injectable vaccine is now preferred in the developed world because there is no risk of cVDPV. This inactive vaccine is now combined with those for a number of other childhood diseases and given in a sequence five times before the age of 5 years. After the eradication of WPV, there will be a worldwide transition to injectable vaccine only, thereby eliminating the risk of cVDPV.

There are a couple of key points that make eradication possible. The polio virus does not survive for long outside the human body, unlike anthrax spores which survive for decades in soil. Like smallpox, which was eradicated in the late 1970’s, there are no non-human carriers of the polio virus. Once polio is eradicated, it is gone forever. (The exception, ironically, is that the polio virus has been investigated for treatment of glioblastoma, a form of brain cancer, so it will probably remain in strictly controlled research centers.)

Rotary and our partners in this endeavor (the World Health Organization, the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation) have developed The Polio Endgame Strategy 2019-2023, which outlines the process of eradication, integration, containment, and certification. Polioeradication.org provides more details on this strategy. Getting to every last child among the nomadic families in the mountainous terrain of Afghanistan and Pakistan, as well as gaining the support of tribal leaders in those areas, is neither cheap nor easy. However, in the end, the legacy of Rotary, and every Rotarian, will be a polio-free world!



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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 Pennsylvania, we shared and learned of the many ways our clubs are "Being the Inspiration". 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 29 new cases of wild polio virus this year? Eight of which are in Afghanistan, 21 in Pakistan. During the month of April, Pakistan saw a significant increase in the number of missed children due to refusals which can be attributed to the anti-vaccination propaganda circulating on social media. The Government of Pakistan has launched an aggressive perception management campaign regarding vaccines, which includes working closely with Google, Facebook and Twitter, among others, to remove damaging anti-vaccine content from their channels. Stay tuned into rotary.org and gpei.org for up to date information. Our support of the PolioPlus fund continues to be important and Polio eradication remains Rotary's top priority.

Congratulations to the top six District 7120 Rotary Clubs for your generous contributions to the PolioPlus Fund. Avon, Geneva, Greece, Newark, Red Jacket and Victor-Farmington for a combined total of \$35,838.16 (as of 6/6/19). Total giving to PolioPlus for the district is \$58,942.76. Thank you clubs and Rotarians for making this a priority! With District Designated Funds included, our total giving is \$81,324. That's the good news. However, as of June 6 we still have 29 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 is to eradicate polio and it is our responsibility to finish what we have started.

My role as the District's Foundation subcommittee polio chair is coming to a close. Many thanks to the clubs that invited me to share my Polio updates with them. It was a pleasure meeting so many people around the District. My very best to each of you and thank you for all that you do in the name of Rotary.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Laurie Vonglis, Avon Rotary Club

International Service Workshop

*By PDG Bill Gormont,
D7120 International Service Chair*

Rotarians from around the district learned first-hand about the Resource Networks available to support international service projects. This first International Service Workshop occurred at the 2019 District Conference. The workshop demonstrated Resource Networks that included the benefit of using Regional Grants Officers, Rotary Action Groups, the Cadre of Technical Advisors, Rotary Fellowship Groups and more. The Basic Education & Literacy “Simple Schools Pilot Program” was used to demonstrate the Resource Networks application at RI Levels and District (Host & Int’l Partners) levels. The attendees worked in small groups to discover the value of applying these resources to real life international service projects.



Information and tools are available on the district web site www.Rotary7120.org to help your projects become bigger, bolder and better. To learn more about the District Resource Network and how those services can assist you with International Service projects contact the District International Service Chair PDG Bill Gormont at 585-227-9760, billgormont1@gmail.com.

Rotary Blood Bank Grant - GG 1979054
Rotary Club of Kothamangalam, Kerala State, India
and Rotary District 7120
with support from Meg and Dean Huff
Submitted by PDG Jeff Krans

At the charitable hospital of Mar Baselios Medical Mission, there is a rudimentary blood bank, but there is a shortage of blood and blood components needed by accident victims, pregnant women, cancer patients, patients with dengue fever and many others with life-threatening situations. The Rotary Club of Kothamangalam decided to address this need with an improved Rotary Blood Bank. The grant aims to meet the requirement of precious blood by providing state of the art technologies and service in blood banking.

Meg and Dean Huff made a significant contribution to the Rotary Foundation as a Term Grant to be used for just this sort of vital need. As a result, District 7120 was able to partner with District 3201 in India and the Rotary Club of Kothamangalam. Dr. Mani Raghavan, as the

primary contact in that club, developed the needs assessment and organized all necessary pro-forma invoices to support the grant.

In the Winter and Spring of 2019, the equipment was purchased and installed and training of hospital staff began. In particular, the component separation unit will make desperately needed blood components available not only in the hospital in Kothamangalam but also in area hospitals. The Rotary Club of Kothamangalam will also be hosting blood donation camps promoting voluntary blood donation and educating community members regarding blood donation and the uses of blood components.

The following pictures show the signage and some of the equipment installed at the hospital:



From left to right: Club President Rotarian Soni Kuriakose, Club Secretary Rotarian Bobby Kuriakose, Primary Contact Rotarian Dr. Mani Raghavan and Project Coordinator Rotarian George Abraham.

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Rotary Blood Bank Grant - GG 1979054 (continued from Page 6)



District Governor (RID 3201) Rotarian A.V. Pathy (at right) looking at the blood component separation centrifuge during his visit to the project site.



Members of the Club and District Governor with the public signage at the blood bank giving credit to the Rotary Foundation and Rotarians who made it possible.

Update on the Puerto Rican Potable Water Project Global Grant Lessons Learned

By Dan Barletta

In December 2018, our Global Grant for the wells in Puerto Rico, had been authorized by all required signatories and sent to Rotary Foundation for their review and acceptance. At the end of January 2019, the Foundation sent out a list of questions to which the Host club needed to answer before the process could move forward. The questions mainly revolved around aspects of sustainability that is required of all Rotary Grants whether Global or Local (DSG). The Foundation reopened the grant so the Host club could add their answers to its questions. My counterpart in the Host Club has written answers to the foundation questions.

The grant was originally about \$100K and was to help three nearby communities in the southwest mountainous area of PR. In Mid-march, the Host club eliminated one of the villages because the distance between it and the other two would not have economically feasible.

Recently the Host club was informed that one of the two remaining villages in project had its water system rebuilt by another agency. The grant as it stands now is to help one village in the order of \$68K. However, we will be doing items planned for a phase two for this village. We will be improving the water storage tank with better monitoring and controls. The water distribution system will be improved and all the houses in the village will have meters installed so each home will be billed for the use of the water thus making the project sustainable. The community will be educated and trained on how to keep the project going on into the future without more help from Rotary.

The grant application has been updated and recently resubmitted to the Foundation for hopefully a final approval. It is hoped that it can start early in next Rotary Year.

The Honeoye Lake Rotary Club's DSG Project OWWL2GO

Submitted by Bruce Spector

The HLRC has received DSG funding for some of our projects the past few years. From installing a ramped sidewalk at our local beach area to providing "Books for Breaks" to our Kindergarten through second grade students, we have extended our reach to communities well beyond the Honeoye area with our "OWWL2GO" community service project.

What began as a local support program for the Honeoye Public Library evolved to the Pioneer Library Consortium and then to the "OWWL" system. This means the eBooks and audio books purchased with grant money are available to any library patrons within Ontario, Wayne, Wyoming and Livingston counties. Readers can access these titles by visiting libraries directly or remotely (using computers, tablets, iPods, etc.)

Our club was able to purchase 54 titles (29 audio and 25 eBooks) suitable for adults and children which have been added to the "OWWL2GO" system as of October 2018. This means 42 libraries with 200,000 plus patrons have access to these materials. This benefits a wide span of users with a good impact on low income families who may not have the means to purchase reading materials. Those with disabilities also benefit greatly from this project as they have access to materials that are suitable for their needs.

Proof that the effort we put into this grant was worth it can be supported by the results we have already seen. The eBooks and audio books were uploaded into the OWWL2GO system in October 2018. As of February 2019, these 54 titles have already circulated 576 times.

We had several club members involved in the creation of the grant as well as the local librarian and the director of the Pioneer Library System. Working together we were able to put together the history and background of the OWWL library system and create projections and goals for future

initiatives and projects. Information we reviewed was very informative and educational to our club.

As a result, we may eventually add this "project" to our annual club foundation budget.

As we continue to apply for DSGs annually, we find the process to be "friendlier" and easier to accomplish. We continue to grow more comfortable with the steps and timing involved so we can complete the paperwork and process the grant projects within the necessary timelines. Attending the required workshops refreshes our thinking and promotes further exploration as to how we can utilize grant money – the hardest part is being patient as we await notification as to whether or not we have been awarded funds and then waiting for the definite amount. Our successes encourage us to establish future projects such as the one we are working on for 2019-20 when we will restore signs at Sandy Bottom Beach in Honeoye and add to/expand the kiosk areas.

The HLRC now has an official grant writer and team to work with this process --- this alleviates a lot of the concern and tension as to how we will apply for upcoming grants.

Most importantly we have learned there are projects out there we can work on and with which we can be creative. This year's project is proof of that --- what started out to be a tiny project for Honeoye Lake grew to encompass **four counties!** Working with the library system to accomplish this task opened our eyes to many factors about our libraries and the range of cardholders who will utilize what we have provided.

DISTRICT 7120 DDF 2018-2019												
TRANSACTION	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	BALANCE	NOTES	STATUS	CLUB						
50% of Annual Fund Share Contributions from 2015/16		\$111,908.44	\$111,908.44									
50% of available Endowment Fund Share Earnings		\$2,348.24	\$114,256.68									
Carry forward from 2017-18		\$45,788.20	\$160,044.88									
Polio Plus District Contribution 2018-19 20%		\$22,381.00	\$137,663.88									
DSG Project Funding 2018-19		\$57,077.00	\$80,586.88									
GLOBAL GRANTS	GG1870022	\$5,000.00	\$75,586.88	DEAF EDUCATION PROGRAM	DRAFT	Roch. Deaf						
GLOBAL GRANTS	GG1876840	\$10,000.00	\$65,586.88	PUERTO RICAN CLEAN WATER	DRAFT	Greece						
GLOBAL GRANTS	GG1978095	\$7,000.00	\$58,586.88	KIDNEY HEALTH TURKEY	APPROVED	7120						
GLOBAL GRANTS	GG1868316	\$9,000.00	\$49,586.88	LAPALMA PURE WATER PROJ.	SUBMITTED	V/F						
GLOBAL GRANTS	GG1876589	\$4,000.00	\$45,586.88	PORTABLE WATER & REHAB. SCH.	DRAFT	Bath						
GLOBAL GRANTS	GG1979054	\$3,000.00	\$42,586.88	INDIA BLOOD BANK (J. KRANS)	APPROVED	Penn Yan						
GLOBAL GRANTS	GG1872693	\$4,000.00	\$38,586.88	WATER JUGS GHANA	NEW	Bath						
GLOBAL GRANTS	PENDING	\$2,000.00	\$36,586.88	TELEMEDICINE EQUIPMENT & TRAINING	NEW	7170						
GLOBAL GRANTS	GG1984328	\$8,119.00	\$28,467.88	UGANDA WASH PROJECT	DRAFT	PERRY						
GLOBAL GRANTS	GG1980512	\$0.00	\$28,467.88	NGO HOSPITAL	SUBMITTED	ELMIRA						
GLOBAL GRANTS	PENDING	\$3,000.00	\$25,467.88	CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, LATVIA	PARTNER	7120						
GLOBAL GRANTS	GG1978274	\$5,000.00	\$20,467.88	SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION, GHANA	PARTNER	7120						



Our Rotary Foundation (TRF)... ways to make it work!

Submitted by PDG Eric Parker

- Make it Happen:**
- I. Rotary is 1.2+ million members.
TRF raises \$240+ million per year.
So: TRF raises over \$200/member.
What's your number?
 - II. A Sustaining Member gives \$100. / year.
That is \$2. / week.
How often do we spend that for far less value?
 - III. "Every Rotarian, Every Year"
At the "sustaining" level.
A conservative, attainable goal.
Where does your club membership stand?
 - IV. A Sustaining Member Society for recognition.
A \$100. / year commitment ... when you can.
Rotary District 7120 has several hundred enrolled.
How many club members have earned our District's pin?
 - V. District 7120 has a goal:
Let's increase that number every year.
Take the lead in your club and report to me.
Can your club add 2? Or 10% more of your members?
 - VI. Belonging is easy...
Send me your form.
Receive your Sustaining Member Society pin.
 - VII. Staying current is easier...
Send TRF your check during the Rotary year.
Or automatic: Set up **Rotary Direct** on line.
Or by mailing credit card # or voided check to TRF.
 - VIII. Doing good in the world.
A little at a time.
30 cents a day or \$27 / quarter or a little less.
More or less if you are able!

I'm here to help your club build its support for TRF. I'd love to visit your club and review, promote, and enroll internationally spirited and committed members to "a great feeling" of helping meet vital needs throughout the world. Contact **Eric Parker**, PDG, 585-237-3001 (H), or 585 519 5899(C), or esparker@frontiernet.net



Paul Harris Society (PHS)

Submitted by PDG Eric Parker



As most members are aware, a Paul Harris Fellow is someone who has given \$1000 to The Rotary Foundation (TRF), (or someone in whose name \$1000 has been given). The members of the Paul Harris Society have stepped it up to a higher commitment level...that if able, they pledge to give \$1000 annually to TRF for the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or a Foundation Grant. Once each Rotary year a \$1000 gift, \$250 each quarter, or \$85 each month makes a giver a Society member. Choose your method...the ease of automatic gifts at the schedule the giver prefers (credit card or check)...or sporadically if by check or occasional visit to the website.

We currently have 38 PHS members in D7120 and another 22 members eligible (having given \$1000 for two consecutive years). Those eligible only need to inform TRF to be recognized as a member of the PHS.

For more information on the procedure for making the step to the Society giving level, I will be glad to visit any D7120 Rotary club and present information on this Society or "recognition" wings for your PHF pin. Contact Eric Parker, PDG, 585-237-3001(H), or 585- 519- 5899(C), or esparker@frontiernet.net

District Simplified Grant Experience

Submitted by Jodi Kaufman
Canandaigua Rotary Club

When the Grant Chair announced that the District Simplified Grants deadline was coming up in a couple of weeks, I thought about one of my favorite organizations, Lap Robes for Veterans, who is always in need of materials to make the lap robes with which they honor Veterans. Lap Robes for Veterans distributes hand quilted lap robes to Veterans returning from their Honor Flights. They also distribute comfort blankets to veterans in care homes and hospice. We decided the grant should be for a new sewing machine, cutting boards, and rotary cutting blades as well as enough fabric to supply lap robes for one Honor Flight. There was just one small problem, I didn't know a thing about grants!

After a getting some direction from my Chair, I obtained the online forms and off I go with no training and very little guidance from the committee! I managed to submit the forms and received approval. I then asked my club's charitable request committee for matching funds not realizing I should have put the request into the annual budget! The committee allocated \$500.00, not quite matching the \$1,500 district grant but we had enough funds from

our grant partner, the Victor American Legion, so we were able to fund the honor flight and buy new equipment.

Some of our club members had an inspiring afternoon on May 5, 2019, (a years after the original submission), at the Rochester International Airport handing out lap robes and thanking the WWII, Korea, and Vietnams war Veterans for their service.

This experience came with a steep learning curve and I have since taken the official District Grant training and will now be on our club's grant committee! I could not have done this without the guidance of Bruce Spector who mentored me through the entire process!

I was greatly relieved when the District presented our club with the \$1,500.00 grant check! I was prepared to take out a loan if it didn't work out!

Jodi Kaufman
Canandaigua Rotary



Your Rotary Legacy: Rotary's Promise

PDG Jeff Krans

Our Foundation subcommittee on the endowment has been active this spring making presentations on Rotary's endowment to six clubs and answering questions from more. Our purpose is strictly educational. Clubs are surprised when we visit and the first thing we do is congratulate them on their overall historical giving to the Foundation with a tag line: And no one is asking you to dig into your wallet today!

It has been interesting to field questions as we make our presentations. People are asking about grants, Paul Harris recognition for endowment gifts, options for steering an endowment commitment to one or another of the areas of focus for grants or polio eradication, using an IRA to make a tax free gift, and many other subjects. One person said, somewhat facetiously, "wish *I* could get a \$1,000 plus return for a \$25,000 investment" and was *surprised* to learn Rotary could do that for him with a Charitable Gift Annuity!

At any rate, our presentation turns out to be a good introduction to the Rotary Foundation in general and many members appreciated the opportunity to get some questions answered! Any club interested in a presentation can contact someone on our committee and we will be happy to oblige! The members and their contact information is as follows:

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