



## District 7120 Foundation Newsletter - November 2018 Edition

### Please Help Those in Need with Your Donation to The Rotary Foundation



An Open Letter to All Members of Rotary District 7120.

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

When Jo and I visited each of your clubs, I asked you to consider making a commitment to put aside at least 30 cents (\$.30) each day toward your annual Rotary Foundation Giving. Doing the math this comes to \$39.90 as of November 10, 2018 but I would prefer to think of the approaching holiday of Thanksgiving as a milestone which would bring the amount to \$43.50.

I'm asking all of us to consider the blessings we have in the good times as well as the bad. I'm asking you to consider the estimated 16,000 children who die each day around the world for an estimated 5.8 million yearly. I'm asking you to consider the 138 million children who will never know what it is like to be able to play or have fun because they are "child laborers", victims of human trafficking and who have a life expectancy of 14 years. I'm asking you to think about those struggling with addictions and much, much more.

We ARE making a difference, but we have to keep up the effort. Please consider joining me in making a special contribution at this season of Thanksgiving of \$43.50. I will be giving my club treasurer my check this week. Please join me in making our vision statement real!

**“Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.”**

Wishing you and yours a healthy and happy holiday season!

Thanks,  
Take Care,

*Mike*

*I'm not here to watch the world change,  
I'm here to participate and ensure it changes for the good.  
Won't you join me? I'm a Rotarian - We Are "People of Action"!  
Mike Slovak*

Rotary International District 7120  
District Governor 2018-19





**In case you didn't realize it,  
NOVEMBER IS FOUNDATION MONTH!  
Welcome to Foundation Month for 2018.**

I hope when you read this you have registered for The Foundation Dinner on November 30, 2018. If not, even though it says by November 15, call or email Ellen **RIGHT NOW** and let her know you will be coming. Come enjoy a delicious meal, learn more about the foundation, recognize Foundation giving in our district last year, try to win 1000 recognition points and maybe get a raffle prize.

Please do join us ... you will be missed otherwise.  
Registration form is later in this edition.

Also, if your club would like to support an international project, I am looking for 4 clubs to donate \$400 each to further some good work being done in Paarl, South Africa. With 27% unemployment, a man has started a Kick Boxing School to help keep young men off the streets and out of gangs. He needs \$2,300 worth of equipment. I recently visited this project during the Friendship Exchange and was amazed at what he accomplishes with so little.

Interested in a global grant to help support? Rochester Deaf has a grant that needs funding to help deaf education in Zambia. The Perry club has a water and sanitation grant they are writing for Uganda. Remember...our second name is International. Donating to a grant others have written does not require you to be qualified...everyone can help out!

But most of all in this month, thank you all for all you do. I am often astounded at the amazing generosity at both the community and international levels that the Rotarians of this district show. I am proud to call you all my Rotary family and I am everlastingly grateful for your outstanding support of **OUR** Foundation.

Have a wonderful holiday and don't forget Giving Tuesday on November 27, 2018.

Yours in Rotary,

Ellen  
PDG Ellen Hughes  
District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair  
Email: [EllenHughes13-14@rochester.rr.com](mailto:EllenHughes13-14@rochester.rr.com)

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## Your Legacy--Rotary's Promise

Submitted by Jeff Krans

What is your Rotary Legacy? As this is Foundation Month, it is a good time to consider your legacy in terms of a gift to the Rotary Foundation that will continue to provide funds for local and global grants from the time of your passing—forever!

If that is your desire, your legacy could be as simple as “I have provided for the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International in my will.” Rotary International promises that the principle amount of your gift to the Rotary Foundation will never be spent as long as Rotary International exists. However, your gift is invested and the earnings from your gift are spent year after year, again, forever.

By adding the statement that you designate your gift to Endowment—SHARE, the earnings from your gift will allow District 7120 to help clubs here and people around the world through district and global grants. Alternatively, if you have a particular interest in one or another of the areas of focus, such as clean water or maternal and child health, a gift of \$25,000 or more allows you to create a named fund for that purpose.

As just this beginning set of statements shows, the options for your legacy can be many. I have been studying those options and would be happy to share the information I have learned in a club program. Additionally, I am putting together a committee of Rotarians who are informed about those options and who would be willing to meet one on one with individual Rotarians who prefer a more private discussion.

Anyone interested in pursuing these ideas further can contact me by phone at 315-536-7180 or email: [jkrans228@gmail.com](mailto:jkrans228@gmail.com).



Jeffrey P. Krans  
Governor, Rotary District 7120, 2010-2011  
District Rotary Foundation Endowment  
Subcommittee Chair



## Hooray for District Grants!

Submitted by Bruce Spector

For the Rotary Clubs in District 7120 that meet the criteria to apply for a District Grant, much of the money donated to The Rotary Foundation in past years can return to do good work in our communities or even to support small international projects. A total of \$56,577 in District Simplified Grants were awarded for the 2018-2019 Rotary year to 37 clubs for a variety of club-designated projects. This is money returning to Rotary District 7120 that you contributed 3 years ago to The Rotary Foundation. And you have the opportunity to direct it to projects that you choose! Please visit <https://rotary7120.org/sitepage/district-simplified-grants-2> for more information, or email Bruce Spector at [bruce4rotary@gmail.com](mailto:bruce4rotary@gmail.com)

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Pittsford Rotary's District Grant for 2018-2019 supports the Woodshop of St. Michaels which started a "Doorways to Digital Woodworking" program requiring the use of laptop computers. Training students in digital techniques will give them an edge in today's job market. This will allow the Woodshop to take on more community service projects. Among many projects, they already produce up to 3000 Christmas ornaments each year to raise funds for a pediatric hospital. They also created 75 bookshelves for second graders in the City of Rochester. The Woodshop was founded in 1967 by Sister of Mercy Sr. Pat Flynn to teach the skill of woodworking while offering character building to Rochester urban youth ages 14-18. This grant is helping Woodshop of St. Michaels to help others, while giving dozens of people digital vocational skills in the process of designing and producing items in the Woodshop.

Bruce Spector

## Peace Centers To Be Revised; Bertin Mboko Available

Submitted by PRID Jack Best



Rotary Foundation trustees at their January and April 2018 meetings have approved innovative changes to the Certificate and Master's Degree programs. The three-month Certificate program at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok will expand into a year-long multi-faceted program that emphasizes peace, development, social impact and leadership. Rotary aims to establish up to four Certificate Program centers by 2030, with the first center (MENA: Middle East and North Africa) operational by 2021. The Trustees agreed to enhance the Master's degree program by 2022, to focus more broadly on peace and international development and better align elective courses and tracks of specialization with Rotary's Six Areas of Focus.



The Trustees also have agreed to consider the formation of a Rotary Peace Fellowship Alumni Association. That Association would be helpful to alumni like our D-7120 Peace Fellow, Bertin Mboko. He earned his Master's Degree in Peace and

Conflict Resolution from the University of Bradford in London. Bertin's advanced degree and his proficiency in French and five additional African languages has still not resulted in meaningful professional employment. Most Peace Center Alum work in non-governmental agencies (36%) or government agencies (15%).

Phone or text PRID Jack Best (585-261-0073) to get Bertin's resume, or to discuss opportunities or contacts you could make on Bertin's behalf.



As Rotarians we gather together to exchange ideas and take action with like minded people. November has us focused on the Foundation and all the great work we accomplish through it. While you consider your gifts to the Foundation please keep in mind our role as Rotarians in the fight to end polio. We must fundraise, advocate, raise awareness and get involved. You can help by learning more, sharing more and donating more towards polio eradication. Make a difference in the fight to end Polio. Keep watch of the number of Polio cases around the world and take comfort knowing you helped make the children of the world safe from this disease. Learn more at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) AND <http://polioeradication.org> .

Yours In Rotary Service, Laurie Vonglis, District 7120 Foundation Sub-Committee Polio Chair—2016-19

### Poliomyelitis (polio)

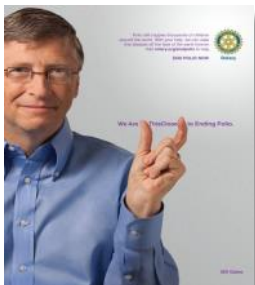
Poliomyelitis (polio) is a highly infectious viral disease, which mainly affects young children. The virus is transmitted by person-to-person spread mainly through the fecal-oral route or, less frequently, by a common vehicle (e.g. contaminated water or food) and multiplies in the intestine, from where it can invade the nervous system and can cause paralysis.

Initial symptoms of polio include fever, fatigue, headache, vomiting, stiffness in the neck, and pain in the limbs. In a small proportion of cases, the disease causes paralysis, which is often permanent. There is no cure for polio, it can only be prevented by immunization.



### Help us End Polio Forever

Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for over 30 years, and our goal of ridding the earth of this disease is in sight. Polio remains endemic in Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan. Until poliovirus transmission is interrupted in these countries, all countries remain at risk of importation of polio, especially vulnerable countries with weak public health and immunization services and travel or trade links to endemic countries.



### Donate to End Polio

Your donation helps Rotary and its partners reach every child with the polio vaccine. Thanks to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, your contribution will be tripled, getting us even closer to a polio-free world.

### Update as of November 6, 2018

### Wild Polio Case Counts

<u>Country</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>Date of last case</u>
Afghanistan	14	19	Oct 2, 2018
Pakistan	8	8	Oct 7, 2018
Nigeria	0	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>27</b>	





## LA PALMA WATER PROJECT

By Karen Parkhurst - Submitted by Eric Schmidt

The Victor-Farmington Rotary club first started doing humanitarian global grant work in Nicaragua in 2007. Since that time, three global grant projects have been completed and a fourth is currently in the grant application stage. This current project is a water project in the village of LaPalma. The club completed a similar water project in 2016 in the village of Salales.



Woman pumping water preparing to carry it to her home.

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.

The LaPalma Water Project is a \$67,000 project in a village in north central Nicaragua. The village already has a perforated well 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 11 years. Available potable water is a serious problem in Nicaragua and many areas are plagued with waterborne illnesses. After the success of the previous 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



Above picture shows a spigot for potable water outside a village home

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## LA PALMA WATER PROJECT

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This project has been generously supported by Rotarians in District 7120. Funds have been obtained from District 7120 DDF and 16 Rotary clubs in the district. In addition, 7 individual Rotarians in the district have donated to the project. And finally, because of contacts made through the Milt Matthews Governor Elect Hospitality program, there are also donations from 2 Rotary clubs in Paraguay and 3 Rotary clubs in Argentina.

The project is now fully funded and the grant application was recently submitted for authorizations. There has been a request for some additional information and paperwork and we are currently working on providing that material.

The Rotary Foundation is focused on providing equitable community access to safe water and sanitation. One third 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.

It is difficult for many of us to comprehend the adversities that residents of the many developing countries of the world endure. Unless you have experienced it first hand, it is almost impossible to even imagine the hardships that they experience on a daily basis:

- Water
- Sewage
- Garbage
- Utilities
- Shelter
- Transportation

All things that we consider “necessities” because they are readily available in the United States.



***NO HAY VIDA SIN AGUA!!***

***There is no life without water!***



**Come celebrate  
the 102nd Anniversary**

**of The Rotary Foundation with us!**

**What? The Rotary Foundation Dinner**

**When? November 30, 2018 6:00-9:00 pm**

**Where? Ventosa Vineyard, 3440 NY 96A, Geneva, NY 14456**

**Cost? \$35 per person for buffet dinner with cash bar,  
optional Foundation donation**

**Register by November 15, 2018.**

**Send form and check made payable to Rotary District 7120 to:**

**Ellen Hughes, 2461 Brewer Rd., Waterloo, NY 13165**

**No money will be collected at the door.**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member ID: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Club name and number: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Dietary restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_**

**(unless special diets are noted above, they cannot be accommodated)**

**Email: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Dinner reservations \$35 x \_\_\_\_\_**

**Optional Foundation donations \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_**

**Total enclosed (Checks only to District 7120) \_\_\_\_\_**

**(Member ID can be found on your Rotarian Magazine)**



## IRA Charitable Rollover

Many of our Rotarians who at age 70 ½ or older can take advantage of the IRA Charitable Rollover by transferring up to \$100,000 annually from their IRA accounts directly to charity without having to recognize the distribution as income. Most Rotarians take advantage of this opportunity by meeting their yearly philanthropic goals with transferring a contribution to The Rotary Foundation. Perhaps this is used for their Paul Harris Society membership or it's used for a Major Gift. Either way, an IRA transfer is an easy process that can be completed in a few days by your Financial Advisor. Refer to the following instructions. If you have any questions contact:

PDG Jeff Krans - District 7120  
Endowment Chair  
[jkrans228@gmail.com](mailto:jkrans228@gmail.com)

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### **Thank you for helping Rotary Do Good in the World through a gift from your Individual Retirement Account!**

The pages that follow this one will help you make a transfer directly from your IRA.

**Page 10.** “From Plan Owner to IRA Administrator”  
Please complete the underlined portions of the attached letter and send it to your IRA Plan Administrator to initiate the transfer.

**Page 11.** “From Donor to The Rotary Foundation”  
Upon initiating the transfer, please complete the underlined portions from the attached letter and send (as addressed) to:

Vicky Perez, Senior Gift Administration Specialist  
1560 Sherman Ave., FN120  
Evanston, IL 60201-3698  
FAX: (847) 556-2181

For assistance please contact Vicky Perez at [vicky.perez@rotary.org](mailto:vicky.perez@rotary.org) or (847) 866-3401.

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**For more information on how IRA “charitable rollover gifts”  
and other tax-advantaged ways to give can further your  
philanthropic and financial goals, please contact:**

Peter Doetschman, Sr. Planned Giving Officer

**[Planned.Giving@Rotary.org](mailto:Planned.Giving@Rotary.org)  
(847) 866-3100**

FROM PLAN OWNER TO IRA ADMINISTRATOR

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
IRA PLAN ADMINISTRATOR

\_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

**RE: Request for Charitable Distribution from Individual Retirement Account**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please accept this letter as my request to make a direct charitable distribution from my Individual Retirement Account # \_\_\_\_\_ pursuant Sec. 408(d)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. I am 70 1/2 years old or older.

Please issue a check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to:

**The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International (FEIN 36-3245072)**

And mail it as soon as possible, but to arrive no later than 31 Dec 2018, to:

**Attn: Vicky Perez, Senior Gift Administration Specialist  
The Rotary Foundation  
1560 Sherman Avenue, FN120  
Evanston, IL 60201-3698**

In your communication to The Rotary Foundation, please include my name and address as listed below as the donor of record in connection with this transfer. Please copy me on your transmittal. If you have questions, please contact Vicky Perez at (847) 866-3401.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINTED PLAN OWNER NAME                      ROTARY ID NUMBER

\_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY    STATE                      ZIP CODE

\_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE NUMBER(S)

FROM DONOR TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

Vicky Perez, Senior Gift Administration Specialist  
The Rotary Foundation  
1560 Sherman Avenue, FN120  
Evanston, IL 60201-3698

Dear Ms. Perez:

It is my pleasure to inform you that I have requested a qualified charitable distribution from my Individual Retirement Account payable to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ from my plan trustee/administrator,

\_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME OF PLAN TRUSTEE/ADMINISTRATOR)

It is my intent to comply with Sec. 408(d)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, in connection with this gift. Accordingly, upon your receipt of payment from my trustee/administrator, please send me a written acknowledgement that states the amount of my gift, that no goods or services were transferred to me by your organization in consideration for this gift, and that my gift will not be placed in a donor advised fund or supporting organization, nor will it fund a life income agreement.

I intend that this gift be allocated to:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Endowment Fund – World Fund;           | <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Fund – World Fund |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Endowment Fund – SHARE                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Fund – SHARE      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Endowment Fund – Rotary Peace Centers; | <input type="checkbox"/> Area of Focus _____      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PolioPlus                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, to be discussed.  |

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINTED PLAN OWNER NAME ROTARY ID NUMBER

\_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS

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CITY STATE ZIP CODE

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TELEPHONE NUMBER(S)

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E-MAIL ADDRESS/FACSIMILE NUMBER