

Listed below are some Frequently Asked Questions along with their Answers. If you do not see a question and answer below that you are looking for, please contact JD Simpson directly via email - jdsrotary5930@gmail.com.



Q) What is the purpose of the Million Dollar Dinner?

A) *To recognize donors who have made or will commit to make a new contribution of \$10,000 or more to the Rotary Foundation. The donors will be thanked for their support.*

Q) When and where will the dinner be held?

A) *On Saturday, October 12, 2013 in Brownsville, Texas at the home of AG Bob White. The location, time and other details will be available soon and will be emailed to invitees.*

Q) How do I get invited?

A) *Complete the pledge card for the Million Dollar Dinner. Send or give the card to PDG JD Simpson. (Postal Address: JD Simpson, PO Box 388, Fulton, TX 78358) You should feel free to contact JD Simpson or David Hall (david.hall@rotary.org) if you have questions about ways to give.*

Q) What is the deadline for submission of pledge cards in order to attend the Million Dollar Dinner October 12?

A) *Saturday, October 5, 2013.*

Q) How long do I have to fulfill my pledge?

A) *You have until June 30, 2014 to fulfill the requirements you agree to meet on the pledge card.*

Q) I am an existing Major Donor. Will my spouse & I get invited to the Million Dollar Dinner?

A) *The purpose of this Million Dollar Dinner is to raise NEW funds for the Rotary Foundation. This is your opportunity move to a higher level in contributing funds to TRF or to a higher level with a bequest, charitable trust, etc.*

Q) I am already a Bequest Society member. How can I attend the dinner?

A) *By increasing your bequest by \$10,000 or more, or making a gift of \$10,000 or more.*

Q) What are the ways I can give?

A) *You can contribute (a) cash, (b) appreciated stock, (c) make a pledge to give \$10,000 or more over 1 years, (d) create a Life Income Agreement, or (e) transfer ownership of life insurance. You can also make a bequest through your (a) will or living trust, (b) retirement plan, or (c) life insurance policy. Your district representatives have more details on the various options and can connect you with Foundation staff who can help with your specific situation.*

Q) What programs can I support with my gift?

A) *You can donate to any of the following:*

1. *Endowment Fund: Gifts are held in perpetuity and earnings can be designated to supplement your district's Annual Fund, support grants, or the Rotary Peace Centers. With a gift of \$25,000 or more, you can establish a named fund and earnings can be designated to support a broader set of your priorities. Your options increase with the size of the endowment, so please consult with your district representative or TRF staff to learn more.*
2. *Rotary Peace Centers: Your options on how funds are used will increase with the size of your gift.*
3. *PolioPlus: Gifts to this fund are spent on the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. Thanks to the current Gates matching fund opportunity, your gift will be matched 2 for 1. Therefore, a gift of \$10,000 will result in \$30,000 worth of polio eradication funds.*
4. *Annual Fund: Gifts to this fund support district and global grants and are allocated and spent through the SHARE System.*
5. *Term Gifts: Donations are spent on a designated Rotary project or area of your choice, depending on the size of your gift. Please consult your district representative or RI staff for more information.*
6. *Paul Harris Home Restoration Fund. This is a special fund to support the restoration and preservation of Paul Harris's home in Evanston, IL. Details for assisting with funding on this new project are being worked out now. If you would like to assist with this project, please contact Vice President Anne L. Matthews.*

Q) I am a Paul Harris Society member. Can I give another \$9,000 this year and qualify to attend the Million Dollar Dinner?

A) *Yes, if you already have made or will make by May 15 this year's \$1,000 gift. Another way to accomplish this is to make a Bequest of \$25,000 which will generate \$1,000 (assuming earnings of 4% per annum) in perpetuity in either your name or in the name of a family member or friend.*

Q) I am a Paul Harris Society member and will give \$1,000 in cash to the Annual Fund as I normally do. I also want to support PolioPlus with a cash donation of \$1,000 (especially since the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will match it with another \$2,000). Finally, I want to donate \$8,000 in securities to the Endowment Fund to support the Peace Centers. Will my total contributions of \$10,000 count toward the minimum and result in an invitation to the Million Dollar Dinner?

A) Yes.