



Finally I have put together the first Foundation Newsletter for this Rotary year.

I have had the opportunity to visit Evanston as part of an International Rotary Committee for Leadership and Management. It was a thrill to go to the 17th floor of Rotary Headquarters and take in the history of what The Rotary Foundation has achieved. We must not forget that until Polio is eradicated from the world our job is not done. The attached photo is a statue commemorating Rotary's work and is outside Rotary Headquarters in Evanston.

*The Rotary Mission statement states that **"Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves"** That is what we do and need to continue to do.*

With the help of the NZ government we were the second highest giver per capita for Polio in the world last year, and I was honoured to go on stage at the International Convention to have our District acknowledged for that effort. Well done.



Comment from Ron Burton, the Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair : *"We've done incredible work, but we know the job isn't over. Once we reduce the number of cases to zero and no viruses are detected in the environment, we must wait for WHO to certify the world Polio Free. I need your help. I'm depending on you to help us keep our promise."*

So what can you in your clubs for Foundation and the END POLIO Campaign

Be the deliverers of **LICE**

L - Be a leader and champion for The Rotary Foundation

I - Be inspiring and share information

C - Communicate the wonderful rotary stories with your club and your community

E - Enthusiastically encourage the members of your club to be involved in our Charity - The Rotary Foundation.

Encourage everyone to make it your Charity of Choice

The District Chair for Polio is Lionel Wilson .

Contact him on wilsonfamily@xtra.co.nz with the stories of your work in your clubs.

Foundation Giving

All clubs contributed to the Rotary Foundation last year. Thank you for that. As the numbers in our clubs get fewer the funds contributed to The Rotary Foundation are less, and so what we can use to help others through District Grants and Global Grants is less. Think about this when planning your giving this year.

Paul Harris Recognitions

Most clubs have a number of credits they can use to recognize Rotarians and members of our community. Please make sure these are used. If you are unsure of the number available for your club get in touch with me at macboyle@xtra.co.nz

District Grants

Joan Kiernan, the District Grants Chair has signed off the District Grants for 2017-2018 and has the grants for

2018-2019 approved. This year all grants have been approved. Clubs will be hearing from Joan soon. There is still money available for District Grants. Joan will be calling for further applications later in the year.

Global Grants

Our Rotarians in action!

Gary Dennison and his team have successfully completed another VTT to Mongolia.. A 5 year programme that has been rewarding and statistically they have really made a difference. Please enjoy their journey on the following You Tube clips

<https://youtu.be/tZkPR84J5iU> - Main Video
<https://youtu.be/ShB5qTYdvfM> - Gobi Altai
<https://youtu.be/To1h513k68w> - Darkhan Presentation



Working with other Districts

Project Update Onja Madagascar

This is a three-monthly update for Rotarians involved or interested in our ONJA project, created to scale education and careers to talent-rich, opportunity-poor students in the world's poorest communities. Please let me know if you prefer not to receive these updates or if you know someone who would like to receive them.

Key Progress

Global Grant

The Rotary Club of St Johns contributed \$7,900 USD, Rotary Club of New Market \$1000 and District Foundation Chairs Willard Martin (D9920), Simon Manning (D9940), Trish Boyle (D9980) and John Rickard (D9970) each confirmed a contributions of \$5000 each. The amount received from Rotary International is \$40335 USD. Along with existing funds, this gives about \$100,000 USD to cover 15 months of operations and bring 30 students to English fluency. The following 12 months students will study coding (computer programming) and later begin working, earning a life-changing income, and pay forward their opportunity for the next wave of talented students.

This grant is a huge deal and is the key enabler of our project. I wish to thank everyone involved again.

Team

I would like to introduce you to our beautiful, focused team based in Mahanoro (a small beach town on the East Coast of Madagascar).



From left: me, Rina, Mitantsoa and Marcelline catching a tractor ride to check out a potential camp site.

Rina has recently joined us as a full-time volunteer. She has been developing our 10-day camp curriculum for the past month (Due to begin on the 10th of Sep), and has been using her legal knowledge to make sure we are meeting our legal obligations. Coming from very demanding career in consultancy, her ability to get things done quickly and to the highest standard is difficult to match! As small gesture to show appreciation to Rina, We provide accommodation and food for her. Having volunteers, especially Malagasy, I view as a real health check to an organisation -there are few organisations in

Madagascar that could attract the likes of Rina. I think we should be equally grateful and proud. Grateful to have Rina's caring and kind personality on our team, and proud that our mission and work is strong enough to attract the likes of her.

Mitantsoa, our English teacher has been with us, full time, since the beginning of the year. Once the school begins in December her main objective will be to bring students to English fluency however in the meantime she has been crucial to our recruitment process: Co-coordinating the arrival and assessment of many of brilliant students at our test sessions in 10 different locations. Mitantsoa is trained as an English teacher in one of Madagascar's most respected English universities and has years of volunteering experience. We could not be more fortunate to benefit from her commitment, integrity and positive spirit.

Marcelline, our no-nonsense assistant has been with us since late last year. She's already completed some big some big tasks: Conducting preliminary phone interviews for over 300 students and assisting me in interviewing those those selected to attend an exam session. Marcelline was not able to complete high school but watching her apply herself to new challenges is captivating. The effort she puts is very impressive, already she has become useful on a computer and is picking up some English from Myself, Mitantsoa and Rina.

Claire. Although not in Mahanoro I need to mention Claire. A fully qualified accountant working for KPMG in Auckland, Claire manages our finance and accounting, along with the many other tasks that need to be done from New Zealand. She was in Madagascar earlier this year, and aims to come over each year. Having volunteered for years, I don't know where we would

be without her loyal assistance.

Recruitment final round

We spent a sleepless month on the road conducting the final test sessions and have now examined and interviewed 132 top performing students who lack opportunity to continue their studies. Some students travelled for up to three days to attend the sessions! We reimbursed their travel costs and gave additional allowance for food on the road, to make sure that it doesn't cost them anything to attend these sessions. Special thanks to our team who spent the month working tirelessly to keep our fixed schedule and for sleeping on the sometimes freezing concrete floors of the local classrooms that the ministry of education kindly provide for us, wherever we go.



Camp

From the recruitment sessions we have identified 44 students who demonstrated very sharp logic ability, good English learning aptitude and who don't have the means to study further. We are inviting these students to attend a leadership and chess camp. The leadership training is a gift to these students who have potential to change their communities and outcomes and could benefit greatly from some leadership knowledge. The Chess section will further probe student's their logic capacity and also give us a chance to see how they work. We will run two separate camps with 22 students in each, the first starting on the 10th of September.

The 44 students who received exceptional marks in our aptitude exam will now attend a 10 day camp.

Global Grants District 9980 is involved in or leading as at today

Draft Grants in Process – 2

Submitted Grants– 3

Approved Grants – 15

These include:

- Gretchen Druliner and Remaya Campbell who are Global Grant scholars. They are living in Dunedin. Get in touch with Claire Ramsay milocatclaire@outlook.com to have these amazing students speak to your club members
 - An across NZ Districts project - The purchase of a Mobile medical health Clinic for Rarotonga
 - Emergency surgery in the South Pacific – all Districts of NZ are working together on this
 - The Madagascar Global Grant outlined above which involves a number of NZ Districts
 - An across NZ Districts project – Tavenui Project – Providing expert eye surgery to remove cataracts for some of the poorest people from the remote villages of Fiji.
 - Uganda – Adopt a Village. Led by the Gore Club and including support from, Gore, Invercargill, Invercargill North, Dunedin Central, Balclutha, Winton
 - Two grants in District 3060 initiated by the Waimate club. These are providing essential basic surgery facilities at Rotary Hospital in Sarigam – a place where club members have visited and providing training for staff
 - Involvement of Invercargill East in a school sanitation block in Zambia with Districts 9210 and 9710
 - Dunedin Central working with District 3201 in India - a place where club members visited. The grant is to provide a primary school for disadvantaged students.
 - Graham Beach from the Mosgiel Club is working with District 9685 on providing water to the people of the NW District of Africa – Hippo roller project. Clubs involved with this project include: Balclutha, Milton, Mosgiel and Taieri
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The Rotary Foundation – Our Charity of Choice
Is it yours?



A gift to The Rotary Foundation allows Rotary to improve communities at home and around the world by strengthening peace efforts, providing clean water and sanitation, supporting education, growing local economies, saving mothers and children, and fighting disease.

You can choose to make a one-time gift, or enroll in Rotary Direct, Rotary's recurring giving program, to support the Rotary Foundation's efforts year round.

The Rotary Foundation recognizes donors to express its gratitude for your commitment and offers individual and club recognitions, as well as naming recognitions that let you honour a friend or family member with a named or endowed gift.

Individual recognitions levels are detailed below:

Centurion member	When you give NZ\$100 per year for as long as that level of donation can be made. Members receive a Rotary Centurion lapel pin.
Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member	When you give US\$100 or more per year to the Annual Fund.
Benefactor	When you include the Endowment Fund as a beneficiary in your estate plans or when you donate US\$1,000 or more to the fund outright. Benefactors receive a certificate and insignia to wear with a Rotary or Paul Harris Fellow pin.
Paul Harris Fellow	When you give US\$1,000 or more to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant. To recognise someone else as a Paul Harris Fellow, you can give that amount in their name. You are recognised as a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow with each additional gift of US\$1,000.
Paul Harris Society member	When you give US\$1,000 or more annually for as long as that level of donation can be made. Donations can be made to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant. Members receive a certificate and insignia to wear with a Paul Harris Fellow pin.
Bequest Society member	When you give US\$10,000 or more via your estate plans. All society members receive recognition from the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation, and donors can choose to receive an engraved crystal recognition piece and a Bequest Society pin.
Major Donor	When your cumulative donations reach US\$10,000. You can choose to receive a crystal recognition piece and a Major Donor lapel pin or pendant.
Arch Klumph Society	When your cumulative giving reaches US\$250,000. You will be invited to an induction ceremony at the Rotary International headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA and your picture and biography will be included in the Arch C. Klumph Society interactive gallery. You will also receive invitations to society events, along with membership pins and crystals that commemorate giving at various levels.

Information on donating to The Rotary Foundation is available at: www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/take-action/give

If you would like further information or payment forms relating to any of the individual recognition levels detailed above, please contact:

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