

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

District 5000

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Our Foundation

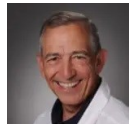
by PDG Laura Steelquist

Aloha, Wonderful Foundation TEAM!

We are all passionate about the service that Rotarians provide utilizing the incredible POWER of The Rotary Foundation and our connections with other Rotarians and organizations throughout the world – and in our communities here at home. We hope this bi-monthly newsletter will give you information and ideas you need to help your club members rise to levels of service they have only dreamed about. We'll be highlighting a different Foundation area in each newsletter – this month our star attraction is END POLIO NOW and a lead up to World Polio Day on October 24th. So enjoy – learn – make suggestions. We're all part of the TEAM to DO GOOD IN THE WORLD!



Rotary International
WORLD POLIO DAY:
OCTOBER 24, 2020



Polio Plus

by Dr. Rich Courson

“Hope lies in dreams, in imagination, and in the courage of those who dare to make dreams a reality!” Dr. Jonas Salk

Polio Plus—what it means

Just the word POLIO, back in the early 50's would strike fear in your heart if you heard it in reference to someone you knew, just like the word COVID-19 does today. There was no cure, no vaccine and it would strike anywhere, anyone without warning. It is a virus, much like COVID-19 and had similar early symptoms. Many people with the virus could be asymptomatic and pass it along to others unknowingly. Sound familiar?

The difference then was that this POLIO virus would affect mainly young children and often leave them paralyzed for life or worse yet cause death due to paralysis of the lungs. Whereas we know that the COVID-19 affects everyone, but often times older people, especially those with other health issues.

So today, the Rotary International **Polio Plus** program does much more than inoculate thousands of children every year to prevent polio. An estimated 1.5 million childhood deaths have been prevented simply through the administration of vitamin A during polio immunization activities. The global infrastructure that the polio effort has put in place is helping to fight other infectious diseases also such as Ebola, malaria and now COVID-19. In most countries, Rotary has helped build effective surveillance and immunization systems that will undoubtedly be used to help in the immunization for the coronavirus in the near future. This is just part of what the “**Plus**” in Polio Plus is all about. More than 18 million people are able to walk today, who would otherwise have been paralyzed by Polio. And now only two countries in the world still have cases of the Wild Polio Virus. We can be very proud to be a Rotarian for many reasons, not the least of which is because everyone of us is participating in one way or another in **Polio Plus**. We are 99.9% of the way there. Let's close the gap and eradicate Polio and other infectious diseases for our future generations.

We will wipe out Polio from the earth, soon, with your help. **Just remember that with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation 2: 1, match, every dollar will be tripled.** You CAN help now by making a contribution at: <https://my.rotary.org/en/take-action/end-polio>

World Polio Day Events

COMING SOON!
WORLD POLIO DAY EVENT,
Saturday, October 24th

Your District 5000 Polio Plus Committee will be hosting an awesome event spotlighting various Hawaii Medical Centers and their role in the COVID-19 efforts. A real inside look at our front-line heroes and the risk they are taking to care for all of us.

There will be various breakout rooms you can visit to hear Rotarians talk about the history and current status of the **END POLIO NOW** campaign. You will hear how Polio eradication efforts are now supporting the fight against COVID-19.

You will, also, be able to play bingo, win prizes, buy a cool t-shirt or bid on our auction items, donate to Polio Plus and just kick back and listen to our great local music.

This will all be coming to you virtually, so you can join us in the comfort of your own home, do good in the world and enjoy tuning in with your fellow Rotarians. See you there!

Pupukahi i holomua

District Polio Plus Giving Progress to Goal:

2020-2021 Goal: \$75,000

Donations to Date: \$15,000

Idea: Switch your Amazon Smile account to D5000 Foundation and your contributions will go to End Polio Now... ask James Ham how.

In 1985, there were
350,000 polio cases
in 125 countries.



Polio
1985

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EVERY
ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR
EVERY GIFT OPENS OPPORTUNITIES



Foundation Annual Fund by Rich Zegar

The Foundation Will Help Your Club Succeed and Your Club will Thank You

The most successful Clubs are usually the ones that support the Rotary Foundation generously. WHY IS THAT? Because the distribution of District Designated Funds(DDF) that comes back to your Club for both International and Community Projects, which your Club selects to participate in is in direct proportion to the support your Club provides for TRF.

When you combine your DDF with Club cash and matching funds from TRF your Clubs "buying" power increases by 300%. I know many of you think this is too complicated but it can be easily explained. Many are also reluctant to get involved with a Global or Matching Grant because there also too complicated. It's just a matter of getting your toe in the water.

First, generate support for the Foundation in your Club, Secondly if you are reluctant to start your own Grant, talk to the many experienced members on the District staff or other Clubs that have more experience and dove tail with their efforts. Your Club members, once involved, will Thank You. Nothing unites a Club more than good projects

Come and Join the White Hat Society

You'll be in Good Company

By Rich Zegar

because of very generous Rotarians achieving as high as 10 levels in the past several years, with two of D5000 White Hats achieving a 12th level.

District 5000 has been among the leaders in the Society since PDG Ayman El Dakhakhni became the First District 5000 White Hat. District 5000 now has 39 single members of the Society as well as 9 Couples who are joint members. These 48 members have made a total of 116 individual contributions totaling \$580,000.

The White Hat Society was founded to encourage giving to The Rotary Foundation(TRF) and recognize generous contributors. To become a member you must contribute \$5000 to TRF in one Rotary Year, it can be a lump sum or cumulative and there is no continuing obligation. You get full Paul Harris Fellow or Paul Harris Society credit as well.

Originally starting with just one Charter Member level for a single \$5000 contribution, the bar was raised to 5 levels capped as a Lifetime Member achievement for 5- \$5000 contributions. Those levels have now been exceeded

If you or any member of your Club qualifies just notify D5000 White Hat Chair, Rich Zegar, Remember to be a member you need a \$5000 contribution to any part of the Rotary Foundation, if a bequest it must be an instrument of some sort or irrevocable insurance policy, a simple pledge does not count. Remember you get full Paul Harris credit as well, COME JOIN US.

To see a full list of all members go to: www.taptrain.com/rotary

Any Questions feel free to contact Rich Zegar

*"Alone we can do so little...
together we can do so much!"
Helen Keller*

District Annual Fund Giving Progress to Goal:

2020-2021 Annual Fund Goal:
\$171,175.00

District Giving to Date:
\$45,280.00

District Per Capita to Date:
\$31.00

Idea: Sign up for Rotary Direct!
Ask Sally Blanchard how...

EVERY
ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR



The Paul Harris Society

by Paul Jurcsak

Joining the Paul Harris Society is as easy as 1, 2, 3!

1. Make the commitment to give \$1000 to TRF every Rotary year
2. Enroll either with the Brochure (099-EN) or online (even easier.)
3. Contribute \$1000 to the Annual Fund (SHARE), Polio Plus, or an approved global grant in each Rotary year. Try Rotary Direct!

WHY?

- 1, You get lots of neat "stuff"
2. You get to hang out with great people
3. You build awareness with Rotarians and mostly

YOU CHANGE LIVES!

If you have questions, contact Paul Jurcsak, Rich Zegar, your club Foundation chair or any member of the District Foundation Team.



QUESTION: Are you a major donor? A Paul Harris Society member? A Bequest Society member?

Then you ARE a TRIPLE CROWN! And you should be recognized! Not sure?

Contact Dave Mozdren to find out.



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The Endowment Fund

A living legacy

by PDG Win Schoneman

The Rotary Foundation established an endowment in 1982, now known as the Endowment Fund, to ensure a strong future for the Foundation by providing a continuous stream of income to meet the increasing demand for Foundation programs in perpetuity. Contributions to the Endowment Fund are invested and a portion of the income, as determined annually by the Trustees, is made available for spending. In the Rotary year 2018-2019 D5000 received in excess of thirteen thousand dollars in DDF from the Endowment Fund. Gifts may be testamentary as a Foundation Benefactor or as a Bequest Society Member as part of your estate planning. Donations may also be made now to build a living legacy. Donations made now are made in a similar fashion to the annual fund and are, generally, marked "share". Donations and bequest that exceed \$25,000 offer donors certain privileges such as naming rights. For instance you could create a named endowed fund for your club and future club members could grow your club named fund annually ensuring funding into perpetuity. Contact Rotarian Win Schoneman for assistance in creating your club named endowed fund today. D5000Win@Hawaii.rr.com or (808) 383-6632.

Legacy Giving Progress to goal:

2020-2021 Endowment Fund Goal: \$600,000.00

As part of this years District Conference, celebrating The Rotary Club of Hilo's 100th Anniversary, DG Naomi will be honoring the individuals and clubs that have the generosity to contribute towards a combined Rotary Foundation giving goal of 1 million dollars for the Rotary Year 2020-2021. Stay tuned for event info.

Idea: Ask Sally Blanchard how to sign up for Rotary Direct for contributions to the Endowment Fund—Share!

Testamentary Gifts

"Doing Good in the World" is the motto of The Rotary Foundation, which was conceived by Rotarian Arch Klumph.

Benefactor and Bequest Society

A Rotary Foundation **Benefactor** is a person who has notified The Rotary Foundation that he/she has made provisions in his/her final estate plans, or who has made an outright gift of \$1,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation's Endowment Fund.

The **Bequest Society** was established to recognize our support for the Endowment Fund of The Rotary Foundation through bequests – gifts at death. The Bequest Society's growing membership includes Rotarians, family members, and friends who have each committed to give \$10,000 or more in their estate plans to The Endowment Fund of The Rotary Foundation.

Email Win Schoneman for assistance in establishing your testamentary gift to the Endowment Fund today. D5000Win@Hawaii.rr.com



More than 100 years ago, Rotarians took bold action to ensure your success and the empowerment of generations still to come — they established The Rotary Foundation to secure a better future.

Your Legacy, Rotary's Promise

Doing Good In The World!

Give to the Endowment Fund/Share

Fact: The Rotary Foundation has voted to add "Supporting the Environment" as a new area of focus!



Rotary Gives Thanks Day

By Pili Valderama
President Eco Rotary Club of Kaka'ako

In 2019 the Eco Rotary Club of Kaka'ako joined D5000 and the Rotary world as a newly chartered club. The nexus behind such a club was to serve as a catalyst for environmental service in Hawaii. Within a year of chartering The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International approved adding "Supporting The Environment" as an area of focus. This year The Eco Rotary Club, with the support of many clubs in Hawaii, is leading a statewide initiative to plant 10,000 trees; with 5000 being planted on Oahu's North Shore during Rotary Gives Thanks Day November 28, 2020. Through CO2 absorption, planting 10,000 trees will mitigate the impact that 480,000 pounds of carbon emissions has on climate change. For this project, all equipment and trees are provided, free onsite parking is available, holes are pre-dug so volunteers won't dig holes and the event will comply with all COVID-19 safety guidelines. Funding is still needed to provide security, food and water. We appreciate all contributions of District Designated Funds.

We're currently seeking two different types of volunteers: Leadership Team & Tree Planters. The leadership team will handle logistics and manage the event. Jobs assigned will vary based on the volunteer's interests and abilities. To volunteer visit www.ecorotary.org click on Tree Planting 2020.



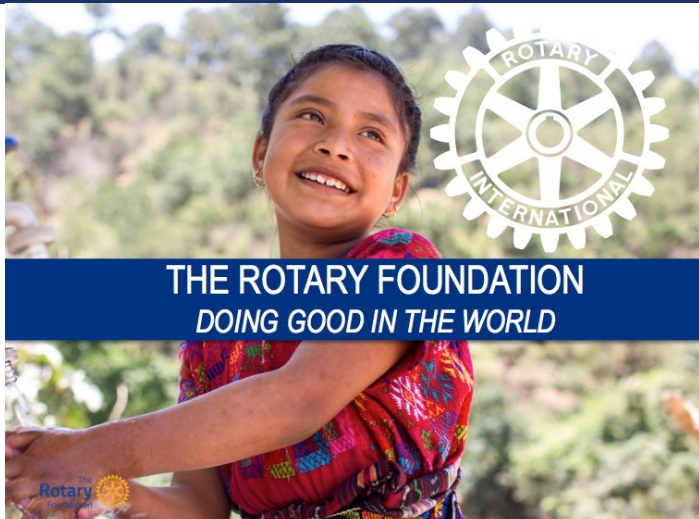
No one can tell us what Rotary will be tomorrow, but one thing is certain: what Rotary will be tomorrow depends upon what Rotarians do today.

Arch Klumph



Rotary's strength lies in the commitment of its members...

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The Rotary Foundation Disaster Response Fund

Here in Hawaii, we know that it's not a matter of if but when a natural disaster will strike...and how bad will it be. The Rotary Disaster Response Fund supports Immediate Response, Short term assistance and long term rebuilding. Donate at:
<https://my.rotary.org/en/disaster-response-fund>

District Grants

The just completed first round of Rotary District Grants was tremendous! 48 clubs throughout Hawaii submitted grant applications and will be funded very soon. The projects Rotarians in District 5000 will be spearheading provide amazing service to our community. Grants range from tree planting, providing Personal Protective Equipment to local schools, giving scholarships to young people heading to college and Rotary Youth Leadership Academies, shoring up provisions at food pantries, giving books and dictionaries to children, helping victims of domestic abuse and so much more! Rotarians make these efforts every year to help those in need, and we all should be proud of the work that embodies our vision of Service Above Self. Mahalo to each of you!

The next step is to make sure all the Club Funds budgeted in this year's grants are deposited into your clubs District Grant Account. Upon confirmation checks will be issued (or a direct deposit made) then the work and purchasing of supplies may begin.

A second round of District Grants is planned – please watch for that announcement in the coming weeks. Questions? Please call me at (808) 375-3283.

Aloha, Dave Hamil – District Grants Chair



Adventures in Int'l Service by Murray Visser

Chronic respiratory diseases such as asthma, allergic rhinitis (AR), chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) result in significant morbidity and mortality worldwide. The burden of these diseases greatly affects the quality of life of affected individuals. An estimated 4 million deaths annually are attributable to chronic respiratory diseases. In most parts of the world, including Thailand, the prevalence of respiratory diseases such as asthma and COPD are increasing. This is leading to increased disease burden among the popula-

tion as well as increased economic burden for the country. In Northern Thailand respiratory disease is driven by exposure to open fire cooking in a enclosed environment, pesticides, smoking and general pollution. In 2013 Rotarians from the Rotary Clubs of Windward Oahu, Kaneohe, Kahala Sunrise and Pearl Harbor partnered with the Rotary Clubs of Doirabahrt and Maechn in Thailand to provided needed respiratory therapy equipment to the Lampang Hospital in Lampang Province, Thailand. Rotarians from District 5000 have traveled to the hospital for a site inspection on several occasions. Recently the Rotary Club of Windward Oahu received follow-up communications indicating that Rotary's efforts continue to provide support and care for many patients suffering respiratory distress. What an amazing story and valuable feedback from Thai Rotarians during this time of Covid19. Four small clubs making a huge difference through their contributions to the Rotary Foundation.



Patient w oxygen concentrator



Patient with oxygen bottle



With Past President Lori Williams

DISTRICT 5000 ROTARY FOUNDATION TEAM 2020-2021

District Governor Naomi Masuno	Annual Fund Rich Zegar	Legacy Giving PDG Win Schoneman	Polio Plus Rich Courson	Scholarships Alan Kusunoki
DRFC PDG Laura Steelquist	Paul Harris Society Paul Jurcsak	Global Grants James Ham	Rotary Direct Sally Blanchard	Audits PDG Ron Young
Asst DRFC Mark Harbison	Triple Crown/Major Donor Dave Mozdren	District Grants David Hamil	Grant Stewardship PDG Phil Sammer	

Island Representatives: DGN Randy Hart—PDG Ron Mabry—Kerry Glass—Mark Harbison

The Rotary Foundation is one of the greatest expressions of Rotarian generosity...