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Foundation Friday Blog - August 14, 2020 - Meet Steve Bordes, Annual Fund Chair

By Alfred C. Current III

It is my great pleasure to introduce you to Steve Bordes, Past-President of the Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch. Steve is our District Foundation Annual Fund Chair. Please read and share his comments with your club members this week.

◆The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotary members and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world. This support is essential to make possible projects, funded with Foundation grants, that bring sustainable improvement to communities in need.

In our District, your gifts to the Annual Fund each year provide funds for District Grants in the future. 50% of your donations this Rotary Year will be available in three years through District Designated Funds (DDF). Those gifts are transformed into service projects that change lives both here in our district and around the world. District Designated Funds empower our district to undertake the projects that are most important to Rotarians in our District. Saturday, August 15, our District Share Committee will meet to determine funding for submitted grants through the DACdb system.

We have projects in our clubs that are extremely important. By giving to the Annual Fund this year we can plan for future grants, as well as, ensure multi-year projects become sustainable. So, I humbly ask you to continue your support to the Annual Fund this year.

Last year our district members generously gave over \$1 Million to the Annual Fund. This year as your District Annual Fund Chair, my goal is \$1.1 Million to the Annual Fund. We can achieve this goal with everyone's help. We can start with club Presidents entering their club's foundation goals into Rotary Club Central. Another way to help is with Club Foundation Chair reports. The Foundation Chairs can run their foundation reports and see which club members are close to achieving Paul Harris Fellow or next level PHF+. Many members do not know where they currently stand regarding Paul Harris Fellow or Major Donor. Informing your members where they stand could encourage them to make their donations to meet the next level of giving and receive their new pins to display.

We can also make it easy for our members to give through a direct giving auto draft called Rotary Direct. For as little as \$85 per month our members can achieve PHF Status in 12 months, as well as qualify as a Paul Harris Society member. I am here to help, by providing education to club members via your club zoom meetings. My contact information is below for your convenience.

I am grateful to be part of Rotary and this district and with your help we can continue to make a difference. I believe giving freely in support of others is our gift to our community, humanity, and the world. Through your generous donations to the Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund we can leave behind a better world than what was given to us. A single Rotarian can change the world with an idea, or the introduction of a new project. One Rotarian with a vision and inspiration can lead fellow Rotarians to work together for the benefit of humanity and change the human condition for the better. So, thank you for your continuing generous support to the Annual Fund this Rotary Year.◆

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One Day. One Focus: Ending Polio

Start Your Planning - World Polio Day, October 24

Join us for World Polio Day as global health experts and partners share our progress on the road to polio eradication. Goto <https://www.endpolio.org/world-polio-day> to Ideas & Resources and Do Not Forget to Resiger Your Event.

