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*Sent to all Club Presidents, AGs, and Foundation Chairs*

The following is a Rotary Foundation Minute from District Foundation Chair Roger Utnehmer (Ooot-name-er).  Please allocate just one minute per regular meeting to share Foundation facts with your club membership.  Consider inviting Roger to speak at your club, name a Club Foundation Chair if you do not have one, set goals for club Foundation giving or host a Paul Harris Society Wine and Cheese Reception.

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“This is a Rotary Foundation Minute.  Several Rotary Clubs throughout District 6220 have their own charitable trust supporting local projects.  That means a frequent question I receive is “Why give to the Rotary Foundation when I support our local club foundation?”

My response is “Do both.”  Charity begins at home is more than a cliché.

Reasons to do both include;

Rotary is an international organization.  Solely supporting a local club foundation does not recognize Rotary’s international reach.

Because those of us living in the US are blessed with the good fortune that makes it possible to support those in other countries less fortunate than we are.

Because the Rotary Foundation guarantees sustainability, avoids duplication, prevents fraud, conflicts-of-interest and corruption, and guarantees sustainability.  The Charity Navigator perfect rating proves this.

Finally, Rotary has a rich history of saving lives, promoting health, protecting the environment, advocating for women and children, and responding to disasters throughout the world.

You keep the Rotary beacon of hope shining brightly when you support the Rotary Foundation.

Thank you.”

Roger Utnehmer

District Foundation Chair

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