*Sent to all Club Presidents, Foundation Chairs and Assistant Governors*

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“This is a Rotary Foundation Minute.

Recently I had an opportunity to hear Michael J. Fox speak on his journey living with Parkinson’s disease. Fox mentioned that “gratitude makes optimism sustainable” and is what has kept him in a positive mindset.

His comments made me think about why I enthusiastically support and endorse The Rotary Foundation.

For me, personally, the most profound expression of gratitude for a life well-blessed is working to make lives of others better.  It’s why I donate to The Rotary Foundation and ask others to do so also.

Rotary provides a significant opportunity to pay back a local and world-wide community for good fortune, fulfillment and success.

My motivation for membership and engagement is the gratitude that sustains the optimism of Michael J. Fox.  And the good works of Rotary make me as optimistic as a hungry mosquito at a clothing-optional beach.

This has been a Rotary Foundation Minute.”

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