

## **Future Vision update**

We are getting closer and closer to the rollout of Future Vision – the new grants model of The Rotary Foundation (TRF). This new model is designed to make the grants process simpler and more straightforward. This new grant model takes effect with the 2013-2014 Rotary year: beginning July 1, 2013.

Some of the very basics of Future Vision were discussed at the PETS I training last month, attended by club presidents-elect and other club leaders. Future Vision will be covered in much more depth at the upcoming PETS in Kalamazoo, to be attended by club Presidents-Elect, and at Grant Management Seminars, to be held in our District later this spring.

## **Club input on District Spending Plan**

As part of Future Vision, our District, and indeed every District worldwide, is required to make a Spending Plan as to how we will use the funds that come back to us from The Rotary Foundation in 2013-2014.

Remember that one-half of all our contributions to TRF are available for use by our District following TRF's three-year investment cycle. In other words, the money available to us in 2013-2014 is half of what our District contributed to TRF in 2010-2011.

Our District's Spending Plan should reflect the priorities of our District. To that end, each President-Elect received a ballot slip at PETS I asking what the priorities are of his/her club. Several options were listed:

- \* Club projects
- \* PolioPlus
- \* District-wide scholarships (could be established by our District, no international requirement)
- \* Global grants (large-scale international humanitarian projects, etc., with an international partner)
- \* Vocational Training Teams (teams of Rotarians and non-Rotarians that travel abroad to provide or receive robust training in one or more of RI's six areas of focus)
- \* Rotary Peace Centers
- \* Local contingency fund (to be used in case of an emergency situation, i.e., a tornado in our District, etc.)

Presidents-Elect were asked to discuss these options with their clubs and boards, and to determine the priorities of his/her club. Presidents-Elect will return the completed ballot slips when they attend PETS in Kalamazoo later this month. Our District's TRF Committee will use input from clubs, via these ballot slips, to determine our District's spending priorities for TRF funds for the 2013-2014 Rotary year.

### **Grant application dates:**

Each President-Elect will receive a grant application form at PETS in Kalamazoo. In addition, applications will be available on our District website at that time.

Deadline for grant applications, which had been March 31 in previous years, has been pushed back this year, and currently stands at May 15.

### **Club qualification**

Each club applying for a grant must become “qualified.” This is part of the Future Vision Plan, and insures that club leaders understand fully the details and responsibilities of the grant process.

To become qualified, each club must:

- Have two members attend a Grant Management Seminar (GMS).
- Have its club leaders sign a club Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). These will be available at the GMS.
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### **Future Vision Timeline for District 6360:**

- **March 14-16:** Club Presidents-Elect receive grant application forms at PETS in Kalamazoo.
- **April/May:** Grant Management Seminars (GMS).
- **May 15:** Deadline for grant applications.
- **June/July:** Learn whether your grant application was approved.
- **July 2013 through June 2014:** Work on your project!

If you have any questions about the new Future Vision Plan, please feel free to contact our District's Rotary Foundation Committee Chair, Teresa Milliman of the Delta-Waverly Rotary Club. Her email is: [Milliman.t@gmail.com](mailto:Milliman.t@gmail.com).