

By way of introduction, I am the D6860 Rotary Foundation Coordinator; and, I am writing you in your position of President Elect of your Rotary Club. If you have reviewed the Rotary Foundation material as part of the online PETS training you are aware that your club may initiate and participate in a Global Humanitarian Grant during your year as club president: 2020-21. In order to do that your club must participate in a global grant qualification training seminar sponsored by the district. In normal times this is done at a one day in person seminar held at two different locations usually in March/April. Those were already scheduled but because of the COVID 19 situation they have been cancelled.

In order to give your club an opportunity to qualify, our D6860 Global Grant Chair, Ryan Stallings, has posted an online power point presentation to accomplish this qualification requirement that you can access through DACdb. If your club wishes to participate in a global grant during your year you must complete this training. You can access this in one of two ways: 1). Go to rotary6860.org; click the District 6860 tab; click on Documents at the bottom of the drop down menu; click on the 2020 PETS Materials file; then click on the folder named 2020 Grant Training Materials; or 2) you can click on the following link that should put you there: tinyurl.com/D6860GrantTraining.

IMPORTANT: if your club is already participating in a global humanitarian grant project, it is a requirement of The Rotary Foundation that you must complete this qualification each year during the life of your grant. So, even though you may have already qualified in a previous year, you **MUST** do it again.

IMPORTANT: the **DEADLINE** for getting this done is May 31. That is a drop dead deadline. No extensions allowed for any reason. If you don't get it done by then your club will have to wait until the next Rotary.

After you have completed this training, you must notify Rotarian Joe Perez at joepa3476@bellsouth.net that your club has completed the training. Furnish Joe with the name of your club, the date of completion, the name/names of your club members who did the training along with their email, cell # and real mail address. If you don't certify this to Joe by the May 31 deadline the your club will be deemed to not be certified, so please do not forget this final step.

Obviously this is not the way that we would like to get this qualification done, but under the circumstances it is the best and only alternative available to us. We appreciate your understanding and patience as we all work through the difficulties we face as a result of COVID 19. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact wither Ryan Stallings, Global Grant Chair at: ryanstallings@Alabamaone.org--cell #205-239-9812; or me at w.drinkard@comcast.net--cell #334-216-1894.

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