

District 6890

TRF Newsletter

District Foundation Chair - PDG Mark G. Scolnick

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Giving Thanks~

Thanks to those of you who attended our recent All Florida Rotary Foundation Gala. We had 425 registered guests and we appreciated all those that came to spend the evening with Incoming RI President, Stephanie Urchick. We hope you enjoyed meeting Stephanie and other Rotarians from around our state. It was great to see so many people stand when we recognized all those who are PHF, PHS, Major Donors, etc. What a wonderful feeling in the room sharing our love of giving to The Rotary Foundation!

So now is the time to remind your members to make their year end donations to The Rotary Foundation. If sending a check please have it sent to RI as soon as possible. Also, remind members that the easiest way to give is through the Rotary website: it's secure, easy, and effective. If they sign up for automatic payments, so much the better. This is a great way to keep members engaged. We know it works---members mean to send in their donation but 80% put it off and forget. Below are the easy steps to enroll. To sign up for Rotary Direct, use this link - <https://my.rotary.org/en/donate>

What impact can one donation have?

- \$15 helps protect children from the paralyzing threat of Polio
- \$50 can provide a water filter in many underserved areas
- \$100 provides Vocational Training for young people with intellectual and developmental disabilities

Thank you to all our Rotarians and clubs that give \$1500 a year to continue the fight to eradicate Polio and to those clubs that give their District Designated Funds to get to the \$1500 or more level. We have never been closer than we are now to eradicating this disease. If we don't, it will be at our doorstep before we know it. With 1,000,000 unvaccinated children in Florida we could have Polio in our own backyard as it is only a plane ride away!

The easiest way to keep your members engaged and giving on a regular basis is to ask them to sign up for automatic payments. We know this works---members mean to send in their donation but 80% put it off and forget. Below are the easy steps to do it. To sign up for Rotary Direct, use this link - <https://my.rotary.org/en/donate>

How To Enroll For Recurring Donations to The Rotary Foundation

- 1.Go to Rotary.org
- 2.Click on DONATE Button in the top right corner of your screen
- 3.Choose Annual Fund - This gives our club DDF, District Designated Funds, which means that half your donation will come back to our club after 3 years.
- 4.Choose Recurring Donation
- 5.Select Frequency- choose from Monthly, Quarterly, or Annually
- 6.Choose Amount- \$10, \$50, \$100, \$200, or Other
- 7.Personal Information, Payment Details, and Billing Address
- 8.Click on Submit
- 9.Print your Confirmation

TALKING POINTS FOR DECEMBER-

- ~Is your Clubs' giving ahead of last year? Or is it behind? If you don't know feel free to ask Mark Scolnick (markscolnickdistrict6890@gmail.com)
- ~Do you need to schedule a speaker about Foundation, Grants, Polio, etc. for your Club? We can supply you with one!
- ~Please remember to tell your members where your DDF comes from. This can promote more giving now, so your club can continue giving later. Make sure everyone clearly understands that!
- ~Be sure to encourage continued giving, but also be sure to show appreciation for that giving and thank members for their support. It is crucial to express thanks and have members understand how vital their contributions are. They make an impact by funding transformative projects in communities around the world.
- ~If anyone is interested in going to or having a speaker about Honduras talk to Jim Weaver(jimweaver@lakewaleslaw.net), Ed Odom(EdOdom01@gmail.com), or Irma Cole(irmacole26@gmail.com). There are at least three opportunities to go in 2024 to help change lives by building houses, installing latrines and water filters, painting schools, and more.
- ~Rotary magazine senior staff writer Diana Schoberg explains how the evolution of the GPEI's surveillance system during the COVID-19 pandemic can bring us closer to polio eradication, in this episode of the Rotary Voices podcast.
- ~What is GPEI? The Global Polio Eradication Initiative is an initiative created in 1988, just after the World Health Assembly resolved to eradicate the disease poliomyelitis. Led by the World Health Organization, it is the largest international public health initiative in history.

The Foundation Committee wishes you, your family, your Club members and their families good health and an abundance of happiness in the coming year! Here's hoping the rest of our Rotary year will be fun and productive. What will your legacy be and what will your club be known for?

POLIO CASES

AFGHANISTAN: 6

PAKISTAN: 5

YEAR TO DATE = 11

2022 TOTAL WAS 30



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