



# Engage!

Rotary District 7620 Foundation Newsletter



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### Time Flies!

It is hard to believe that June 30 is less than 30 days away and a new Rotary Year will begin with our new Governor Ken Solow and also with our new District Rotary Foundation Chair PDG Pat Kasuda and Grant Chair PDG Bette Lewis. It has been an honor and privilege to serve our District as your Foundation Chair for the past three years.

We have come a long way from the old Foundation to the new Foundation. Our new rules and guidelines were established to help the Committee in their decision to make sure they are fair to all concerned as much as possible. So far, they have worked very well but as anything we have to depend on, they need a little tweaking here and there.

One of my goals was to make sure we were totally transparent with our DDF funds and to make sure we spent it all every year with all our District and Global projects. We have done that on our District Block Grant from the 2012-13. In the past three years, we have received from the Rotary Foundation more than \$192,000 in District Grant. From that, 13 students in our area received \$68,550 in scholarship. Clubs participated in more than 50 projects within our District and abroad for a total of more than \$200,000 including Club matches. Our Foundation is at work in our communities.

For the 2014-15 Rotary Year, we are well on our way to completely spend all of our Global Grant DDF. That is about \$155,681, not

including our Block Grant of \$67,875 which has been spent this year. It includes all the carryover from previous years, the Endowment Fund Share Earnings and the Annual Fund Share contribution from the 2011-2012 Rotary Year (which happened to be my year as Governor).

So far in 2014-15, we have funded eight Global Grant projects this year for a total of more than \$650,000 including matches from the World Funds and cash donations. We have another three Global Grant projects in draft mode soon to be submitted to the Rotary Foundation before the end of June that will bring the total to more than \$775,000 for this year alone. What an accomplishment!

But our work is not done. We are now well on our way to increase our per capita to \$200. Once we reach that goal, we will be able to have that many projects every year thereafter for the good of all the people in the world that need our help.

I thank PDG Andy Baum who has been there for all of us as our Grant Chair for many more years than I have been DRFC. He has been one of our District's greatest assets in the success of our Global Grant's program. PDG Bette has big shoes to fill but I know she is up to it and will be very successful moving forward. I also want to thank Tracey Heibel who was our District Scholarship Chair for three years and has done a fan-



**PDG Claude Morissette**  
7620 DRFC 2012-2015

tastic job. I can't forget Neil Fay who took over Tracey's position and has done a great job with our District Scholars for next year. I also want to thank all the Grant Committee members that have served during my term: Lee Derrick, Frank Faust, Ted Gregory, Nancy Young, Frank Goldstein, Bob Marin, DGE Ken Solow and DGN Anna Mae Kobbe.

Many more have done great work during my three years as DRFC and I thank everyone that has done so on behalf of our Foundation. I especially thank all our Rotarians in District 7620 who are the rock and pillars of our Foundation as they keep on giving their hard earned dollars toward our common goal of Peace in the World. Thank you for giving me the chance to serve as your District Rotary Foundation Chair. I will cherish these moments forever.

Yours,

Claude Morissette,  
2012-15 DRFC

## NEW FOUNDATION CHAIR IN THE SADDLE

BY PDG PAT KASUDA

### New Chair in the Saddle

As the incoming District Foundation Chairman taking the reins, I am taking this opportunity to inform you of great Foundation Team that will work with you in the upcoming Rotary year. The overall goal of the Foundation Team is make The Rotary Foundation (TRF) more visible by encouraging our Rotary members to get involved in local and global projects that demonstrate the six Rotary International areas of focus: Peace and Conflict Resolution; Disease Prevention and Treatment; Water and Sanitation; Maternal and Child Health; Basic Education and Literacy; and Economic and Community Development. Our members' involvement in such projects will hopefully enhance their willingness to increase their annual donations to The Rotary Foundation.

Our District is fortunate to have the leadership of PDG Bette Lewis, who has agreed to be the Grants Chair. She has recruited a grants committee of experts representing all areas of focus mentioned above.

- Encouraging an increase in Annual Giving will be Chair Mike Twigg.
  - PDG Rob Brown will work to increase giving via the Endowment and Major Gift Programs.
  - The Paul Harris Society will be the responsibility of Larry Leahy.
  - As we continue to fight the dreaded disease of Polio, PDG Claude Morissette will provide opportunities for all clubs to enhance their contribution to the Polio Plus Program.
- Club Foundation Chairs will be hearing from these folks and have access to their expertise and assistance.

• While giving is an important focus of The Foundation, being good stewards of this funding has been the responsibility of other members of our Team. Jimmie Gorski will take the reins in awarding Global Scholarships as Neil Fay continues his work with Post-Secondary Scholarships. Dr. Patsy Ezell continues her position seeking Peace Fellows, and Debbie Harris will focus on Foundation Alumni. These folks have been in training for the past several months and will be supported by their committee members and a team of Foundation Advocates. If you have an interest to assist or gain information about any of these areas, please feel free to contact me at [Pjkasuda238@gmail.com](mailto:Pjkasuda238@gmail.com) or call me at 410-242-2257



Past District Governor,  
Pat Kasuda  
2015-2018 District Rotary  
Foundation Chair

Your Foundation Team is eager and ready to serve.

DRIF Chair 2015-2018

In closing, I would like to recognize and sincerely thank PDG and DRFC Claude Morissette and PDG and Grants Chair Andy Baum for their outstanding service to the District over the past three years. Their strong leadership has enabled our clubs to change lives around the world through directing numerous projects and scholars. Hours of their time and sharing their expertise have been endless.

Pat Kasuda, DRFC 2015-2018

## \$69,152 DISTRICT BLOCK GRANT SHARE

BY PDG CLAUDE MORISSETTE

The total amount our 2015-16 District Block Grant Share is \$69,152. Recently the 2015-16 District Grant Committee heard live presentations for 14 District Grants from 12 Clubs totaling \$32,995. All were approved contingent of the formal approval from TRF, which should be by the second week of July, and the final amount given by each

Club as of June 30.

In addition two District Scholarships of \$5,000 each were given in April for the 2015-16 academic year.

The good news is that there is \$24,083 left to be awarded to Clubs that have not reached their maximum eligibility spending yet and for Clubs that are eligible but have not yet sent in an

application.

Any new application will have to wait until the end of July or later before being reviewed by the DRFC and Grant Chair for approval and then to The Rotary Foundation for its formal approval.

Claude Morissette  
7620 DRFC, 2012-2015



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## GIVE NOW AND BEAT THE END OF YEAR DEADLINES

### Give Now Before End of Fiscal Year

The fiscal year ending is fast approaching, so clubs and members are invited to get out your check-books and “Light Up Rotary” by giving now.

We know Rotarians want to serve, and the Foundation enables that service. Continue to “do good in the world” with your gift. Leave a legacy to help others by becoming a Sustaining Member, a Paul Harris Fellow, a Benefactor, and/or Major Donor. Continue to support Polio Plus.

Thanks for helping to make a better future for mankind. Talk to your club’s foundation chair, or visit [Rotary.org](http://Rotary.org) for information.

**Recurring Gift** - Support our efforts year round by making a recurring gift. You choose how much and how often you want to give—it’s a simple and secure way to make a big impact.

Online contributions can be made monthly, quarterly, or annually. If you prefer, you may enroll by phone at 866-976-8279.

To update your existing recurring giving, contact us at [rotarydirect@rotary.org](mailto:rotarydirect@rotary.org) or call 866-976-8279. For secu-

rity reasons, changes to your credit card information should be made by phone.

**Check, Draft, or Wire Payments**—Can be made with the attached donation form.

**Securities**—Your gift of marketable securities to The Rotary Foundation provides tax benefits and helps make an impact in lives both at home and around the world.

**Planned Giving**—The Foundation offers several ways to structure your charitable gift that may provide tax and other financial benefits, including estate gifts, charitable gift annuities, and trusts.

**Named Gift**—With an endowed or term gift, you can designate a specific name for your contribution. Endowed gifts are invested in perpetuity, while a portion of their earnings is spent on a designated program. Term gifts are spent in their entirety on a specific program over an agreed period of time.

**Donor Advised Fund**—The Rotary Foundation donor advised fund is a convenient way to simplify charitable giving and take advantage of U.S. tax savings. A Donor Advised Fund account is similar to a charitable checking ac-

count. You make contributions and recommend grants to the Foundation and other preferred charities at your convenience. An account may be established by individuals or Rotary-affiliated groups.

**Personal Property**—The Rotary Foundation accepts gifts of tangible property, such as jewelry or artwork, with the approval of the Gift Acceptance Committee. At this time, gifts of automobiles, boats, airplanes, and motorcycles are not accepted by the Foundation. See The Rotary Foundation's Gift Acceptance Policy for a complete list of criteria, along with the required documents and information, or to learn more.

**Real Estate**—The Rotary Foundation accepts gifts of real estate with a minimum appraised value of \$25,000 (undeveloped property) to \$100,000. When a donor makes an outright gift of real estate that is approved by the Gift Acceptance Committee, the Foundation takes immediate possession of and title to the property. The donor is entitled to a U.S. charitable tax deduction based upon the fair market value of the property when donated as determined by a qualified appraisal and may receive tax benefits in other countries as determined on a case by case basis. The net pro-

ceeds from the sale of the real estate support the Foundation. Please see The Rotary Foundation's Gift Acceptance Policy for a complete list of criteria, along with the required documents and information.

**Employee Matching Gift** Double the impact of your gift by asking your employer to match your contribution to The Rotary Foundation. More than 15,000 companies match gifts to the Foundation, including many international corporations. Find out if your employer does at [www.rotary.org/matchinggifts](http://www.rotary.org/matchinggifts)

Contact your human resources department to learn if your company is eligible for the program.

You can send your company's matching gift form directly to us at: Rotary Foundation of Rotary International Attn: Corporate Matching Gifts 1560 Sherman Avenue Evanston, IL 60201 USA Email: [apf@rotary.org](mailto:apf@rotary.org) Fax: +1-847-328-5260

Learn more about Rotary's employee matching gift program, including recognition opportunities.



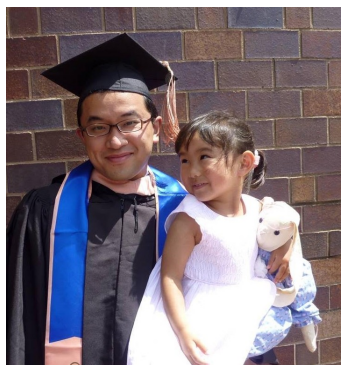
# GIVE NOW



## JAPANESE GLOBAL SCHOLAR GRADUATES

BY ANNETTE MERZ, ROTARY CLUB OF TOWSONTOWN

### Global Scholar Achievements



Jun Sugihara, our Global Scholar from Japan made it: in May he was inducted into the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Honorary Public

Health Society (Delta Omega Alpha Chapter) and one day later he graduated from the 11-month program (focus: infectious diseases) for which he received a Global Scholarship from Rotary International.

Please join me in congratulating Jun to this extraordinary achievement. We can all be extremely proud of him. I hope the smiles on your faces are as captivating as the ones Jun and Marie's daughter Mahana display!

Back in Japan, Jun will join the Japanese Depart-

ment of Health to build a specialty unit focusing on infectious diseases and afterwards he plans on joining the World Health Organization to help fight infectious diseases on a much broader scale. The Ebola outbreak in Africa is just the most recent example of how desperately such service is needed.

Jun's story is a wonderful illustration of how the Rotary International Foundation supports around the globe education for deserving students and young professionals who are committed to making this world a healthier and safer place for

all of us.

The RI Foundation could not do it without the individual financial contributions of all Rotarians. Please consider making a donation - \$1 a day would be terrific, but any amount other than "zero" that fits your budget is so greatly appreciated. Your making a difference is one click away at [www.rotary.org/give](http://www.rotary.org/give)

Thank YOU for taking action!

Yours,

Annette Merz, Rotary Club of Towson

## ROTARY RECOGNITION RECEPTION

FROM KEN'S READY, FIRE, AIM BLOG

*Editor's Note:*  
Our incoming District Governor, Ken Solow, writes a blog on his Ready, Fire, Aim ([kensolowrotary.com](http://kensolowrotary.com)), as frequently as he can create amusing ways to share really good news. He even writes about a reception with Congressmen and makes you glad you read it.

"My (recent) visit to the U.S. Capitol was to attend an event honoring

Rotary Polio Eradication Champions. According to Kris Tsau, Advocate Specialist at Rotary International, Rotary has only one award for officials (non Rotarians) who have demonstrated commitment to global polio eradication – the Polio Eradication Champion Award. The U.S. is a bit unusual in that we recognize Members of Congress. In other countries, we (Rotary) typically recognize Heads of State and Ministers."

See <http://kensolowrotary.com/2015/05/24/chillin-at-the-congressional-reception-for-polio-eradication-champions/>

to find out who was honored, and learn who's making outstanding gifts to polio eradication. It's not just Rotary, the Gates Foundation and WHO. You'll be surprised to see what other countries are contributing, and how much. Rotary has great partners!

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## DISTRICT POST SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

BY PDG PAT KASUDA

Under the Chairmanship of Neil Fay, past DGs Pat Kasuda and Bette Lewis interviewed and selected two graduating seniors to receive Post-Secondary Scholarships. Seven outstanding applicants were interviewed on April 25. The following candidates were unanimously recommended for awards of the \$5,000 District scholarships.

Kiranpreet Kaur, nominated by the Rotary Club of Towson-towne who will attend the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) to pursue a double major in biology and psychology in preparation for medical school study in neurology.

Annette Merz writes "The Ro-

tary Club of Towson-towne is extremely proud and humbled that in recognition of Kiranpreet's accomplishments and potential the committee unanimously decided to support her high educational aspirations by nominating her for the District Scholarship. Through RYLA and the scholarship program, together we introduced a very promising young student to our worldwide community of Rotarians which she will join in the Fall to make a difference in the world for a long time to come."

Andrew Liu, nominated by the Sykesville South Carroll Rotary Club who will attend the University of Maryland,

College Park to study electrical engineering and business with the goal of social entrepreneurship.

Doug Metz writes "As a member of our local scholarship committee for Sykesville South Carroll, and therefore as someone who knows how difficult the selection process can be, let me thank you and your committee for your participation in this program...it is indeed one of the many things that makes Rotary a great organization—we are all proud to be Rotarians. We were gratified to have Andrew Liu as our candidate—he is a very special student and we thank you for the diligence and effort you gave in recognition of his candidacy and corresponding qualifications."

Thanks to all the participating clubs for their selection process and their advocacy of their students. All were strong and worthy candidates making this selection process all the more difficult.

Both Kiranpreet and Andrew will begin college in the Fall. Their awards will be sent directly to their colleges in late October contingent on receiving funds from the Rotary Foundation.

Making these scholarships available is just another example of our Rotarians making a difference in the lives of others through their contributions to The Rotary Foundation.

## ROTARY FAMILY HEALTH PROJECT APPROVED

Rotary District 7620 approved \$3000 DDF funds to the Ghana Family Health Project. This contribution combined with funding from 22 other Districts will provide a total of \$109,000 for the 2015-16 project.

Rotary Family Health Days is the signature program of Rotarians for Family Health & AIDS Prevention (RFHA). The program promotes healthy living and disease prevention by implementing a massive, annual campaign in four countries in Africa that provides comprehensive, free health care services tens of thousands of people in underprivileged communities.

The services include lifelong immunizations to children, such as polio and measles vaccines and comprehensive life-saving annual screens such as HIV, TB, Malaria, Diabetes, Hypertension and more.

This program is Rotary-led but

leverages the power of partnerships that include The Coca-Cola Africa Foundation, the U.S. Mission – including the Centers for Disease Control, USAID and the health service delivery expertise of their Implementing Partners -- plus each of the in-country Ministers of Health (Department of Health) who provide services and supplies at the sites. Equally important in each country are the primary media partners that include the SABC and Caxton in South Africa, plus other media centers in each of the other countries.

COUNTRY	# of SITES	# ROTARY VOL.	# BENEFICIARIES SERVED
South Africa	130	4,000	66,500
Ghana	30	400	23,100
Uganda	88	1,000	113,166
Nigeria	154	2,751	140,856
<b>Total</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>8,151</b>	<b>343,622</b>

This program was initiated in 2011 when PDG Stephen Mwanje (Uganda) asked Marion Bunch of RFHA for partnership support in obtaining funding and other resources for this program. It was his vision for all Rotary clubs in his district to work together on a common cause, specifically focusing on HIV/AIDS but including other disease prevention measures at the same time. The program has grown from serving 38,000 citizens in one day in 2011 to the current 2014 statistics shown above.

Measurement and Evaluation of impact to prove sustainability is critical to the success of this program. A template was created in 2014 to do a 90 day follow up impact study. This will be implemented in all four countries in 2014.

It is the vision of RFHA to expand the health campaign each year across Africa's continent as well as do a pilot in India in 2015.



## WHAT'S UP WITH POLIO? W.H.O. PROVIDES AN UPDATE

**Headlines:** Ministers of Health from around the world met recently in Geneva, Switzerland, for the annual World Health Assembly. The Ministers discussed a number of topics related to public health, including polio eradication. The Global Polio Eradication Initiative prepared a status report for the delegates. The report and an accompanying resolution were expected to inform the discussions.

### Liberia and Sierra Leone

were scheduled to conduct polio and measles vaccination campaigns during the first week in May. These are the first campaigns conducted in those countries since 2013 (due to the Ebola outbreak). Polio staffs in these countries continue to assist in the Ebola outbreak response efforts.

**Afghanistan:** No new cases of wild polio virus type 1 (WPV1) were reported the week ending May 20.

The most recent case had

onset of paralysis on Jan. 21 in Reg district of Hilmand province.

The total number of WPV1 cases for 2014 remains at 28, and 1 for 2015. Most of the cases from 2014 were linked to cross-border transmission with neighboring Pakistan.

**Nigeria:** No new case of WPV1 was reported the week ending May 20. Nigeria's total case count for 2014 remains at 6. The most recent case had onset of paralysis on July 24 in Sumaila

Local Governor Area, southern Kano state.

**Pakistan:** One new case of WPV1 was reported the week ending May 20, with onset of paralysis in Charsada district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. This most recent case had onset of paralysis on April 20. The total number of PWPV1 cases for 2015 is now 23 (and remains under 306 for 2014).

Floyd Lancia, Zone 30  
Regional RF Coordinator

## PARTNERSHIP WITH MELWOOD TO RAISE FUNDS

FROM THE FINE LINE JUNE EDITION

### New District 7620 Rotary Project Trust Fund Vehicle Donation Program

*Letter to use with Potential Donors:*

Dear Donor(s),  
Please accept our heartfelt appreciation for your generous support of the \_\_\_\_\_ Rotary through the District 7620 Rotary

### Project Trust Fund Vehicle Donation Program.

The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. As the charitable arm of Rotary, we tap into a global network of Rotarians who invest their time, money, and expertise into our priorities, such as eradicating polio and promoting peace. Foundation grants power Rotarians to approach challenges such as poverty, illiteracy, and malnutrition with sustainable solutions that leave a lasting impact.

Donated vehicles are sold at auction. We strive to ensure that donated vehicles receive the highest value possible,

much a vehicle will sell for since each used vehicle is different and the prices at auto auctions vary from sale to sale.

As soon as your vehicle is sold, we will mail you an official acknowledgement letter and IRS Form 1098c. The letter will include the date you donated the vehicle and the sale price of the vehicle at auction. We are required to provide the sale information to the IRS on vehicles when the gross proceeds from the sale of your vehicle exceed \$500. As of January 1, 2005, tax law limits a donor's deduction to the amount of the sale of the vehicle. This law applies only if you intend to claim a deduction of more

than \$500 on your tax return. If you intend to claim \$500 or less, you may claim the fair market value of the vehicle.

Again, thank you for supporting the District 7620 Rotary Project Trust Fund Vehicle Donation Program.

For questions, please contact Jarvis Grigsby,

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1-844-686-7620.

Sincerely,  
William Fine  
2014-2015 7620 District Governor  
2015-2016 President District 7620 Rotary Project

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