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Rotary District 7620 Foundation Newsletter



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Dear Rotarians and Friends,

November is almost over, but for us it only means one thing: Foundation Month. By the time you read this, we will have already kicked off the month with a Foundation Dinner where Rotary International Past Vice President Anne Matthews was the main speaker. Many Rotarians from the District were recognized for their dedication and support of our Foundation.

Most of you are doing a great job in holding events in your communities helping the neediest or raising funds for the many projects that are done locally or throughout the world. The needs will never be over and as Rotarians, we will always be there to help in any way we can. Polio is not yet eradicated, but it will be one day. We now have to

face Ebola as a major threat to our way of living. It has claimed many lives in Africa and two here at home. Rotarians are actively looking at ways to help in a time like this and again, I know we will rise to the occasion in one way or another.

If you are going to contribute to the Foundation sometime this year, why not now rather than the end of the Rotary year? I hope November 2014 was the best Rotary Foundation Month ever in our District and I encourage you to make your contribution now.

I know that our District can count on each of you to be one candle that will Light up Rotary.

Yours,

Claude Morissette,
PDG 2011—2012
DRFC 20



PDG Claude Morissette
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Economist Explains Why It's Worth Giving to the Rotary Foundation

Quentin Wodon, a member of the Rotary Club of Washington, D.C., writes a blog found at www.Rotarianeconomist.com.

Attached is a copy of his blog post that was featured on Rotary's blog site, Rotary Voices-stories of service from around the world. (blog.rotary.org).

Five points on why to give to the Rotary Foundation.

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Foundation Awards 2013-2014



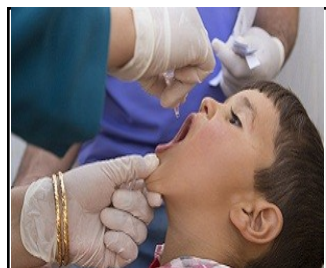
Paul Harris Society Recognized



DG Bill Fine and PDG Claude Morissette with Past RIVP, Dr. Anne Matthews



**Please Give...
to Polio Plus**



Join leaders, celebrities, and supporters across the globe – all making history together in support of polio eradication.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION GIVEN AT ROTARY FOUNDATION DINNER

More than a hundred guests enjoyed the District's Rotary Foundation Dinner on Nov. 2 at the Hotel at Arundel Preserve in Hanover, and listened to **Dr. Anne L. Matthews**, past RI Vice President, who was the event's keynote speaker. Dr. Matthews is the first woman to serve on both the Rotary Foundation Trustees and the RI Board of Directors. An educator, author, an education accreditation commissioner, and a public speaker, she is the recipient of many honors.

A highlight of the evening was the recognition of **Dr. Geetha Jayaram** who received the 2014-2015 Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award.

The dinner also featured the newly recognized Paul Harris Society members.

At the Major Donor Level 1, honorees included the husband and wife team of **Frank Andracchi**, Lake Shore-Severna Park, and **Bea Carson**, Annapolis; and **John Ramos**, Lexington Park. Major Donor Level 2 honorees were **David**



Hillery, Parole Annapolis, and at the Major Donor Level 3, **Donald Walter**, Lake Shore-Severna Park. Members of the Bequest Society included **Sean McAlister**, Capitol Hill; and **Dan Parker** and **Edward Turbush**, Lexington Park.

Paul Harris Society recognition went to **Cecilia Penzo**, Annapolis; **Evette Lewis**, Annapolis Evening; **Sean McAlister**, Capitol Hill; **Greg Light**, Carroll Creek; **Barry DeRoches**, Crofton; **James Maleady**, Fredericktowne; **Barton Goldenberg**, Metro Bethesda; **Donald Harrison** and **Vijay Khetarpal**, Potomac; and **Mark Milby**, Sykesville.

Also recognized

but unable to attend were **Jennifer Langone**, Annapolis Evening; **Kip Kudson**, Capitol Hill; **Charles McCurdy**, Glen Burnie; **Mark Humphrey**, Middle River; **Susan Steinberg**, Pikesville-Owings Mills; and **Alicia Doherty** and **Asok Motayed**, Potomac.

The program noted that the highest per capita giving clubs in the District were South Anne Arundel County, College Park, and Lake Shore-Severna Park. The 100% Rotary Foundation Sustaining Club was Potomac. The Every Rotarian Every Year Club award went to Olney and Potomac.

Congratulations to all the honorees!

DR. GEETHA JAYARAM RECEIVES GLOBAL AWARD

BY MARY FELTER

Dr. Geetha Jayaram was selected by the Rotary Foundation Trustees to receive the 2014-2015 Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award. She was nominated by District 7620 and was selected as the Zone 33 recipient. Her application was forwarded to the Foundation for consideration for the award, which was granted at the Trustees October meeting. She will be recognized at the Sao Paulo International Convention.

Dr. Jayaram is a faculty member and attending physician in The Johns Hopkins Hospital Department of Psychiatry, Health Policy and Management and the Armstrong Institute for Patient Safety. She maintains a private practice and

lives in Marriottsville with her husband, Past District Governor **Jayaram (Jay) Kumar**.

She was born in India, where she initiated and established the first and only health clinic for severely mentally ill women and children in rural southern India starting in 1997 and formally established in 2002. She worked with local village leadership, overcame obstacles, established links with local Rotary clubs, and academic centers, and departments of psychiatry and community medicine; raised funds; and began free treatment and dispensing of medications. The clinic now has a case load of 1,600 patients. She visits villages annually during her vacations.



Her association with Rotary began at age 19, while a medical student, and then becoming a Rotaract charter member. She received a Rotary University Teacher's grant, allowing her to work with medical students to achieve their goals and dreams. As an active Rotarian since 1996, she served with distinction as club president and is a member of the Columbia and Howard West Club.

Her selection has particular significance for Zone 33. The Global Award has been issued for 19 years. During the most recent nine years, five awardees were nominated by Districts in Zone 33. During the most recent eight years, District 7620 has nominated four awardees. No other District in the Rotary world has nominated multiple awardees.

Excerpted from the Zone 33 Foundation Newsletter

MILES TO END POLIO: \$6M CROSSES THE FINISH LINE

BY RYAN HYLAND, ROTARY NEWS, 23 NOVEMBER 2014

Rotary General Secretary John Hewko and six RI staff members bicycled 104 miles in Tucson Arizona, USA, on Saturday, for the [Miles to End Polio](#) event, raising more than \$1.7 million for polio eradication.

The money raised by Rotary will receive a two-to-one match from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, totaling roughly \$3.4 million. The team surpassed its original fundraising goal of \$1 million.

In addition to the team from Evanston, 100 Rotary member riders took part in the ride, and raised more than \$6 million to end polio.

The fundraising ride is part of the annual El Tour de Tucson bike event in Tucson, Arizona, USA. The race attracts more than 9,000 cyclists a year, making it one of the top cycling events in the U.S. The Rotary team from Evanston will be joined by Rotary members from Arizona's District 5500, and other members from around the world.

Hewko tweeted that he finished the race in 5 hours and 2 minutes.

RECORD GIVING BY 7620 LAST YEAR, BY KEN SOLOW, DGE



In the 2013-2014 Rotary year District 7620 set an all-time record for giving to the Rotary Foundation's Annual Program fund with contributions totaling \$328,194.

Donating to the Annual Program Fund (APF) is just one of three ways to give to the Rotary Foundation. You can also contribute to Polio Plus and to the Foundation's Endowment Fund. And in fact, last year our members contributed \$117,941 to Polio Plus and \$8,090 to the Endowment.

Contributions to APF serve a special purpose in that these are the funds used in calculating the SHARE proceeds for Rotary Districts worldwide. The SHARE program distributes 50% of the contributions to the APF back to Rotary Districts in the form of District Designated Funds (DDF) after three years.

These funds are then used by Rotary Clubs in each Rotary District to

fund humanitarian programs both locally and internationally. Because of the generosity of District 7620 Rotarians, the official current amount of DDF that will flow back to our District to fund local programs in 2017 is currently \$158,534! This number will eventually be adjusted to include our share of Foundation Endowment income that is designated for our APF. This number is currently a very small amount but will grow as our Endowment fund grows in the future.

Keep in mind that the District Governor, working in concert with the District's Rotary Foundation Chair, can elect up to half our DDF each year for District Grant programs. The maximum grant size for any one club is currently \$3,000 and all eligible clubs can apply for a \$1,500 District Grant.

Clubs are required to meet different matching requirements for District grants depending on the size of the grant. District leaders have traditionally elected to take the maximum 50% of DDF for District grants, so more than \$79,000 will be available for District grants in the 2017 Rotary year. The remaining DDF will be available to fund global humanitarian programs initiated by our

Rotary clubs, as well as funding Global Scholars, the Endowment for Rotary Peace Fellows, and Polio Plus. In fact, each year's contribution to the APF represents a three year investment in ourselves, because the SHARE program returns the funds to our District after three years.

When you think about it, the Rotary Foundation may be the only major philanthropy you can contribute to that asks you to become involved in how your contributions are used to reach the objective of the charity. In our case, broadly defined, our goal is "to do good in the world." And in the case of Global Grants, we can use the funds to meet the Rotary Foundations six areas of focus, including Peace and Conflict Resolution, Disease Prevention, Maternal and Child Healthcare, Water and Sanitation, Literacy, and Economic Development.

So thank you for supporting the APF last year. As we begin the 2014-2015 Rotary year, let's remember that our work of promoting world peace through humanitarian programs is not done. And that our contributions to the APF provide the funding for Rotarians here in the District, and around the

world, to create humanitarian programs both at home and abroad that truly change people's lives.

If you are unaware of the interesting and creative projects here in District 7620 that have been funded by District and Global Grants, ask your Rotary Club or Rotary District leaders for the details. It will make you proud to donate to our Foundation.

SANDLER EVENT RAISES 50K FOR POLIO PLUS BY DG BILL FINE

Thank you to all who attended or otherwise supported our great Sandler Training - Rotary End Polio Now event!

Seventy nine people attended this full-day seminar and with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation match to the money we raised we will have raised close to \$50,000 in the fight to End Polio Now!

Dr. Allen Craig, Africa Polio Lead for CDC gave a very inspiring talk.

Great effort and a great result for a one day District event. Let's commit in our clubs to add to this great District effort.



PDG Rich Carson

7620 District Governor 2007-

A Foundation Project Can Change Your Life as well as the Recipients

Most Rotarians never experience the life changing event of implementing a Foundation Project and seeing the look of appreciation in the recipients' eyes. For those of us who have had this heart-warming experience, we speak with great pride and of the achievements of the Foundation dollars. On a personal basis, I will never forget the look of appreciation in the children's eyes in Quito, Ecuador, as we implemented the literacy project which enabled them entry into the world we know.

Will You Voluntarily Contribute to the Rotary Foundation with Enthusiasm?

We hope so!!.



ROTARY FOUNDATION—LITTLE KNOWN FACTS *BY RICH CARSON*

As Rotarians we are aware of the power and reach of the Rotary Foundation. From the time we join Rotary and as we progress in our Rotary experience and responsibilities, we receive a steady stream of foundation news and appeals for our continued contributions to make the important foundation work possible.

As I have participated in the Foundation activities as a major donor, project initiator, and Rotary officer, I have learned some interesting and little known facts about the foundations and wanted to pass them along.

Was the Foundation a Big Success in the Beginning? **NO**

In 1913 Paul Harris was ill and reluctantly left the Presidency of the International Association of Rotarians. Rotary had no foundation at that time. In 1917, RI President Arch C. Klumph proposed that an endowment be set up "for the purposes of doing good in the world."

The reaction was not entirely spontaneous and six years later the fund amounted to only \$709.92. In 1928 when the endowment fund had grown to more than \$5,000, it was renamed The Rotary Foundation and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International.

Two years later, the Foundation made its first grant of \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children. The organization,

created by Rotarian Edgar F. "Daddy" Allen, later grew into Easter Seals. It took 11 years to formally establish the Foundation.

So in an educational way, the slow start and now powerful current state of the Foundation is a lesson to all of us in the strength of perseverance for the good of others.

Which Country Contributes the Most and Who are the Next Four?

In terms of the 2012 Fact sheet, it is not surprising that the US is the major foundation giver. The US was followed by Japan, India, Korea, and Canada. The amounts given are summarized below:

US	\$73M
Japan	\$17M
India	\$14M
Korea	\$10M
Canada	\$7.7M

I think we should all feel proud to be in the country which gives the most to the Rotary Foundation.

How Does the Rotary Endowment Fund Compare?

Rotary's current endowment fund has \$284.4 M in net assets. The endowment produces interest income to be used in various worldwide or local projects. It produces approximately \$9M a year to be used in projects. The corpus grows each year and is left untouched. The majority of the endowment fund is provided by bequests in a Rotarian's will. The expected future

funding from current bequest's is approximately \$530M. A major reason Rotarians leave money to the endowment in their will is to create an everlasting legacy. A Rotarian can become a member of the Bequest Society if he/she pledges over \$10,000 to an endowment. If the pledge is over \$25,000 the Rotarian can create a named fund and many do this to honor their loved ones.

There were over a hundred named funds created last year. The distribution of last year's named funds is as follows;

- 60 Share Fund
- 32 Peace Centers
- 7 Global Grants
- 6 World Fund

Although the Rotary Endowment has a goal of \$1B in Net Assets by 2025 it is a relatively small endowment fund as compared to other institutions. Because of this, extra emphasis has been given to raising the amounts.

Shriners	\$7B
Harvard	\$31B
Gates	\$34B
Tulane	\$1B
Walton	\$1.7B
Rotary	\$284M

I had the honor of participating in our Zones \$1M dinner last year where our goal was exceeded with pledges to the endowment.

If you would like more information on leaving Rotary in your will, please contact me.

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RAISING A NEW GENERATION OF PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY FELLOWS

Excerpted From Rotary Voices,
By Brent D. Rosenthal, Rotary Club of
Westerville, OH

As a Major Donor to our Rotary Foundation and Paul Harris Society Member, I have accumulated a lot of recognition points over the years and have sought every opportunity to give them away. I have made my wife, three daughters, and son-in-law Paul Harris Fellows. I have also used my points to promote Foundation giving. But I still have a lot of points and have waited for grandchildren to come along to bring more Paul Harris Fellows to Rotary.



Finally, my wife and I became first-time grandparents on 3 October. When you are a Rotary nerd you think of things like this: *I wanted my granddaughter to be the youngest Paul Harris Fellow ever.* So when my daughter was in labor, I faxed my [Paul Harris Fellow Recognition Transfer Request Form](#) to RI Headquarters in Evanston so that when little Lark was born a couple hours later, she came out a Paul Harris Fellow! I think it's safe to say she is among the youngest ever to become a Paul Harris Fellow (or at least tied for it)! More importantly, I can't wait to tell little Lark what that money did and what a life of Service Above Self means.

So I have a challenge to other "expectant grandparents" for Foundation Month in November: Follow my lead so we can raise a new generation of Paul Harris Fellows. Visit Rotary's website to learn more about [recognition](#), and [how your giving to The Foundation](#) helps us make a difference in the lives of millions of people around the world!

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION WILD POLIO VIRUS—WEEKLY UPDATE

POLIO HEADLINES 12 NOVEMBER 2014

In Madagascar, a circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus 1 (cVDPV) has been confirmed. The virus was isolated from one case of acute flaccid paralysis (AFP) with onset of paralysis on Sept. 29 and from three healthy contacts. An estimated more than 25% of children remain under-immunized against polio in the country. Madagascar was previously affected by a cVDPVs outbreak in 2001-2002 resulting in five cases and in 2005 resulting in three cases. Emergency outbreak response is being finalized with campaigns to be held in December and January.

Afghanistan: No new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases were reported in the past week in Afghanistan. The total number of WPV1 cases for 2014 remains at 18.

The most recent WPV1 case had onset of paralysis on Oct. 4 from Kandahar province.

Nigeria: No new case of WPV1 was reported in the past week. Nigeria's total case count for 2014 remains 6. The most recent case had onset of paralysis on July 24 in Somalia, Local Government Area (LGA) in southern Kano state.

Pakistan: One new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) case was reported in the last week from Khyber, Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA). The total number of WPV1 cases in 2014 is now 236, compared to 50 at this time last year. The most recent WPV1 cases had onset of paralysis on Oct. 20 from South Waziristan, FATA.

From Floyd Lancia

NEW AND EASIER WAYS TO JOIN THE PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY BY ANNA-MAE KOBBE, DGE AND DISTRICT PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY COORDINATOR

The Paul Harris Society (PHS) recognizes Rotarians and friends of The Rotary Foundation (TRF) who pledge to donate \$1,000 or more annually to TRF. It is easier to become a Paul Harris Society donor than ever before. There are a number of ways to make your contributions and make a difference in the work of the Foundation.

Simply go to www.rotary.org/paulharrissociety to pledge to donate at the Paul Harris Society level. Or sign up through Rotary Direct. Your payment is charged to your credit card allowing you to budget your gift to the Foundation. Payments can be as low as \$85 monthly. If you prefer to call or email your intentions to join the Paul Harris Society, contact the Rotary Contact Center at contact.center@rotary.org or call [1-866-976-8279](tel:1-866-976-8279).

You can also work with your District Paul Harris Society Coordinator to join the PHS or to obtain additional information about this level of Foundation support. Contact District PHS Coordinator Anna-Mae Kobbe at amkobbe@aol.com or [301-277-0414](tel:301-277-0414) if you have questions or need assistance. Paul Harris Society members are recognized at the District level with a certificate and PHS emblem that is worn with Rotary pins.

Rotary Voices

STORIES OF SERVICE FROM AROUND THE WORLD



Economist explains why it's worth giving to The Rotary Foundation *By Quentin Wodon, a member of the Rotary Club of Washington D.C.*

This is November — Foundation month for Rotary. As the co-chair of my club's Rotary Foundation committee, together with my other co-chairs Nancy Riker and Kenneth Kimbrough, I have been asking members to donate. As an economist, I had to give clear reasons why. So here are my top five reasons to donate:

1. The Rotary Foundation allows clubs like mine to have a much larger impact than we could ever have on our own. My club had the privilege of taking part in many great projects over the years. Recently, we have partnered with a nongovernmental organization that is working to reduce malaria-related child mortality in an area of Mali. They have had a ten-fold impact in the target area. Your giving helps qualify your club to take part in global grant projects like these.
2. Donations to the Rotary Foundation are tax deductible for US taxpayers.
3. The impact of every dollar you give is multiplied thanks to the grant system and Rotary's partnerships with other organizations. For instance, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is matching every dollar committed to polio eradication 2:1, tripling your donation.
4. When you give to The Rotary Foundation, you know your money is in good hands. In the United States, Charity Navigator is a trusted evaluator of nonprofits, measuring charities on their financial health, accountability, and transparency. [The Rotary Foundation has consistently received four stars](#), the highest possible rating. It does well on both financial performance (rating of 89.76 out of a maximum of 100) and accountability and transparency (rating of 97.00).
5. The above four reasons spell out why giving to the Foundation is the smart thing to do. It is also the right thing, as Rotarians, to do. We are committed to making a difference in our communities and putting service above our own ambitions. And there is no better way to do that than by supporting our Foundation. As members of Rotary, we ought to give.

We tend to give to charities we know, and we often give on the basis of events or stories that move us. As Mother Theresa once said, *"it's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."* How could we not agree? But giving with love does not imply giving blindly.

Giving to the Rotary Foundation is both right *and* smart. If you are not convinced, browse the many projects Rotarians have shared on [Rotary Showcase](#), read about projects Rotary members have written about on this blog, or check out the project stories on [Rotarian Economist](#), a blog I started. You will be convinced to [support our Foundation](#).