



# Engage!

Rotary District 7620 Foundation Newsletter



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## NOVEMBER IS... FOUNDATION MONTH

**HISTORY OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION**

At the 1917 convention, outgoing Rotary President Arch Klumph proposed to set up an endowment “for the purpose of doing good in the world.” In 1928, it was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International.

**GROWTH OF THE FOUNDATION**

In 1929, the Foundation made its first gift of \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children. The organization, created by Rotarian Edgar F. “Daddy” Allen, later grew into Easter Seals.

When Rotary founder Paul Harris died in 1947, contributions began pouring in to Rotary International, and the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created to build the Foundation.

**EVOLUTION OF FOUNDATION PROGRAMS**

**1947:** The Foundation established its first program, Fellowships for Advance Study, later known as

Ambassadorial Scholarships.

**1965-66:** Three programs were launched: Group Study Exchange, Awards for Technical Training, and Grants for Activities in Keeping with the Objective of The Rotary Foundation, which was later called Matching Grants.

**1978:** Rotary introduced the Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants. The first 3-H Grant funded a project to immunize 6 million Philippine children against polio.

**1985:** The PolioPlus program was launched to eradicate polio worldwide.

**1987-88:** The first peace forums were held, leading to Rotary Peace Fellowships.

**2013:** New district, global, and packaged grants enable Rotarians around the world to respond to the world’s greatest needs.

Since the first donation of \$26.50 in 1917, the Foundation has received contributions totaling more than \$1 billion.



Past District Governor,  
Andy Baum  
2015-2018 District Rotary  
Foundation Chair

**CELEBRATE THE CENTENNIAL**



In 2016-17, the Foundation turns 100, and that is definitely something worth celebrating. Get ideas for holding your own centennial event, explore the Foundation’s history in our interactive timeline, and track progress toward our fundraising goal.



## DISTRICT GOVERNOR, DR. ANNA-MAE KOBBE ON NOVEMBER FOUNDATION MONTH

### 100th Anniversary of the Foundation

November is Foundation Month. Foundation Month is especially meaningful this year as we celebrate the centennial of our Rotary Foundation. What will you and your club do to celebrate this special anniversary?

I encourage you to use this anniversary to tell your club's story of humanitarian service and what you have done to eradicate polio. I often hear, "Rotary is seldom mentioned in press releases when polio eradication efforts make the news." Let's not let that dismay us or keep us from reaching the goal of a polio-free world. And, who is best to tell Rotary's story? I believe it is Rotarians. We need to tell our story of polio eradication and our other

humanitarian outreach so there is no doubt about Rotary's goals and accomplishments.

Use this entire Rotary year to highlight the great work made possible by The Rotary Foundation. November is often the time we focus on foundation programs, however, Rotary International launched the centennial year in Seoul, South Korea in May and encourages us to celebrate until the RI convention in Atlanta June 10-14, 2017. The District Foundation celebration will not be held in November as in recent years but will be an integral part of the 2017 District Conference. On Saturday evening, May 6, you will be able to participate in the Foundation Centennial Gala where we will have a huge 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party.

As we celebrate the centennial of The Rotary

Foundation, Rotary International president John Germ announced his foundation goals for clubs. President Germ has asked us to choose three of the following goals to achieve:

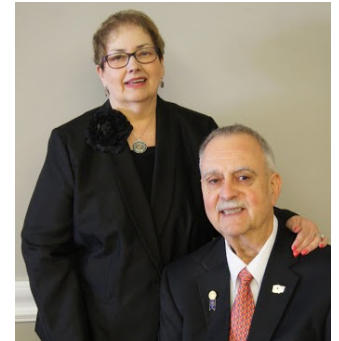
\*Attain a minimum Annual Fund contribution of \$100 per capita.

\*Support our Foundation with a contribution of at least \$26.50 from each member. I'm asking that we make this donation specifically to the PolioPlus fund within the Foundation.

\*Support our Foundation with a contribution of at least \$536 per club.

\*Attain at least \$2,650 in total giving to PolioPlus.

\*Attain a five-year high in total giving by all members with a minimum contribution of \$26.50 per member.



7620 District Governor 2016-2017

**Dr. Anna-Mae Kobbe,  
and spouse, Doug Newell**

\*Increase the total number of Benefactors and Bequest Society members in the club by at least one.

Several of these goals refer to the original donation of \$26.50 that started The Rotary Foundation in 1917. In current dollar values, \$536 is the approximately equivalent of \$26.50.

## 2018 ROTARY PEACE FELLOWSHIP INFO AVAILABLE ONLINE IN MID DECEMBER

Each year, Rotary selects up to 100 individuals from around the world to receive fully funded academic fellowships at one of our peace centers. These fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and all internship and field-study expenses. In just over a decade, the

Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 900 fellows for careers in peace building. Many of them go on to serve as leaders in national governments, NGOs, the military, law enforcement, and international organizations like the United Nations and World Bank.

[Check out the Rotary Peace Map](#) to see where our alumni are creating positive change. Two types of peace fellowships are available:

**Master's Degree** in fields related to peace and conflict resolution and prevention.

**Professional Development Certificate**, a 3 month skill enhancement program for experienced professionals. Watch [rotary.org](http://rotary.org) for more information.



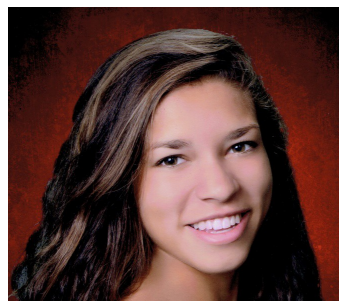
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Editor: Dawn Wittfelt (Sykesville), District Public Relations Chair



## REPORTS FROM OUR POST-SECONDARY SCHOLARS AFTER ONE MONTH AT COLLEGE, BY NEIL FAY

Our latest Post-Secondary Scholars are doing fine in their new academic challenge. Last May 2016, three of 10 finalists were awarded \$5,000 scholarships by District 7620. I asked each of them to give us a synopsis of their first month at college. What follows is evidence of your good investment in their futures. Thanks to all the club members that support the program with their local nomination, and to the members of the District Post-Secondary Scholarship Committee for their hard work and wisdom in their selection deliberations. They include Pat Kasuda, Bette Lewis, Jimmie Gorski and Andy Baum.



**Ariel Barbosa** (above), Towson club nominee now attending Eastern Mennonite University

My first month at Eastern Mennonite University has been absolutely incredible. Ever since I stood on "The Hill" here for the first time, I knew I was in love with the place. Now every time I go up there, gazing at the Blue Ridge Mountains, I remember why I came here in the first place. The curiosity, passion, openness, humility, uniqueness, and selflessness of the people have pushed me to be the best Ariel Barbosa I can be. The freedom

of thought and circulation of fascinating ideas in class and outside of it never fail to change my perspective in some way. To see our incoming freshman class already revolutionizing EMU Women's Soccer is an incredible thing to be a part of. EMU's values of peace, sustainability, and global interest have kept me grounded and intentional. And more and more I appreciate the intention of the small community, in every way (what would Jesus do? is taken seriously). Within one month, I have already met my favorite Christian speaker/author Shane Claiborne, helped to organize a peaceful artistic gathering in reaction to the latest injustices of our nation, and made friends that I already know will last a lifetime. And no, I haven't gotten nearly enough sleep but yes; caffeine is a wonderful thing :)



**Tyger Hanbeck** (above), Crofton club nominee now attending University of North Carolina

Things are going great so far! I am a major in biology and I am taking a full load including Chemistry, Spanish, English and Lab. My favorite class is my-

thology. I am proud to have joined Rotaract and we are making plans to get involved in community causes. In Chapel Hill, hunger is a specific community issue that we can help solve. I am proud to be part of the marching Tar Heels and have performed at several football games as well as other on campus events. I am also a part of the neuroscience club and recreational tennis league. I have learned that the best way to experience college is to put yourself out there and find your passions. Every day gets better and I am always learning new things.

Thanks to you and the Rotary Club for your generous contribution to my college success.



**Hannah Lobell** Pikesville-Owings Mills nominee attending the University of Maryland

My name is Hannah Lobell and I have just finished my first month of my freshman year of college at University of Maryland as a Chemical Engineer. My first weeks of college have been a very fun and educational experience and I love the immense spirit, diversity, and opportunities on Maryland's campus. As an engineering student I am taking many rig-

orous courses such as multi-variable calculus (Calculus 3), chemistry lecture and lab, honors English, and an introduction to engineering design class. Although the transition has been hard, balancing difficult engineering courses with a social life, I am a part of many groups that have made this transition easier. I am in the FLEXUS women in engineering living learning community in which I live on the same floor with other female engineers and take a 1 credit seminar for four semesters, learning professional development and engineering skills. This program has made adjusting to college life much easier, as it has allowed me to collaborate, study, and become friends with other girls who are hardworking and have similar passions to me.

I am starting to become involved in a few clubs on campus such as the Society of Women Engineers (SWE), the Terrapin Leadership Institute, and Maryland's Engineers without Borders team, an organization that partners with disadvantaged communities to improve their quality of life through sustainable engineering projects. Lastly, I have also been chosen as a first year Flexus representative to work with the second year students on the executive board to help plan social and study events for the Flexus community. I have already had a great experience in college thus far, and cannot wait to see what will happen in the coming months.

# DISTRICT 7620 GLOBAL GRANTS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

BY JIMMIE GORSKI, SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR

Now, in the month of October, Rotary clubs officially begin the process of selecting their **2017-2018 nominee for the Global Grants Scholarship**, a \$30,000.00 scholarship to be used for one year of graduate studies abroad.

You can find complete information about the Global Grants Scholarship program on the District 7620 website at [www.rotary7620.org](http://www.rotary7620.org).

Click on Foundation, then Scholarships. You will find a link to the Timeline and the Global Grants Scholarship application, and there is also a PowerPoint to guide you.

Please contact Jimmie Gorski, District Scholarship Chair, at [jimmiegorski@comcast.net](mailto:jimmiegorski@comcast.net) if you have questions.

We hope your club will become involved in this outstanding opportunity.

Here are the highlights about our most recent scholars.

**David Sanders, Global Grants Scholar for 2016-17**, began his studies at Oxford in September. He sends greetings from the Said School of Business where he pursues a M.B.A. with an emphasis in Responsible Leadership and Social Entrepreneurship.



David in Hyderabad, India, where he worked on impact investment.



David at work in Nepal



David, wife Jana, and infant son Henry at Hertford College, Oxford



Said Business School, Oxford

**Katie Northcott, Global Grants Scholar for 2015-16**, has completed her year of study at the London School of Economics and Political Science and has received a Master's degree in Population and Development. Global Grants Scholar Sundus Ahmed received a Master's degree in Public Health-Epidemiology from the University of Cambridge and immediately entered medical school at St. George's University School



of Medicine in Grenada. At the London District 1130 Conference in Eastbourne, England, Global Grants Scholar Katie Northcott (center of the stage) leads the group of scholars in a rousing rendition of "We Are the World".



Katie gives her first presentation to her Host Club, the Rotary Club of Kensington.



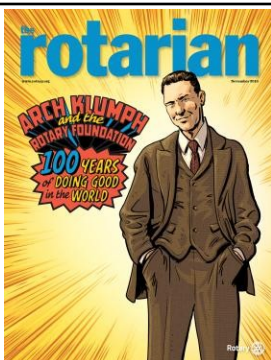
Katie (second from left) and other scholars participate in a 5KM Fun Run supporting local Rotary clubs.



Banner Exchange with Host Club



Katie joins scholars from Great Britain and Ireland in Warwick for Link Weekend.



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## DISTRICT 7620 GLOBAL GRANTS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

### BY JIMMIE GORSKI, SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR, (CONTD)

**Sundus Ahmed, Global Grants Scholar for 2015-2016** received a Master's degree in Public Health-Epidemiology from the University of Cambridge and immediately entered medical school at St. George's University School of Medicine in Grenada.



I spent the past year studying for my Masters in Public Health at the University of Cambridge in the U.K. as a Rotary International Global Grant Scholar. I am happy to say that I had one of the best and most memorable experiences of my life, one in which I was able to experience immense personal and professional growth as well as experience living in a different country and traveling around Europe.

I arrived in Cambridge in mid-October and left at the end of June. The coursework kept me quite busy during the week. My primary interests within public health were in epidemiology, which is the quanti-

tative science of studying disease at the population level with the aim of improving the health of the community as a whole. Through my coursework, I was able to gain a broad overview of many different fields within public health and through my thesis project towards the end of the year, I was able to focus on a topic I was really interested in. My thesis project looked at the impact of travel on the epidemiology of malaria in Zanzibar, Tanzania.

Beyond academics, there were a number of things I was involved with throughout the year. I had a very close relationship with the Rotary Club of Cambridge (my host club), particularly my two hosts, Rob Ransom and Jenny Shaw (pictured below). I delivered 12 presentations at local clubs around Cambridge and East Anglia throughout the year, all of which various members of my host club accompanied me to. In addition to the scheduled talks, I accompanied members of my club to other events such as the Welcome Dinner and District Council Meeting. Through these events, I was able to meet many different Rotarians from all walks of life and

make worthwhile connections. I was also able to learn about every club I visited and the various projects they were doing.

Throughout my year at



Cambridge, I was very involved with a number of extracurricular activities, one of which was rowing for my college (Fitzwilliam), which I very much enjoyed. I was also involved in the Pakistani Student Society as well as the Cambridge Calais Refugee Action Group, an organization that provides aid to the refugee camp in Calais, France. I was able to spend a weekend in May volunteering at the camp myself with other people from Cambridge, which was a very eye-opening experience. I also spent 2 weeks working for the China UK Development Centre Winter Program, in which I hosted a group of college students

that were visiting from China. I was able to show them around Cambridge, Oxford, and London and give them a taste of British culture. Fortunately, I also had time during the weekends and school breaks to travel around Europe. Some of the countries I visited included Italy, France, Belgium, Holland, and Wales. I was also able to spend quite a bit of time travelling around England as well.



Overall, I had a very productive and exciting year studying at Cambridge! I have now just begun my first year of medical school and in the future hope to merge medicine with my background in public health and work on both the prevention and treatment of diseases, particularly in resource-poor settings. I am tremendously grateful to Rotary for making this experience possible for me as it has definitely shown me what direction I would like to take in shaping my future career.

# WORLD POLIO DAY—OCTOBER 24, 2016

FROM POLIO ERADICATION.ORG

## Polio this week as of 19 October 2016

On 24 October, World Polio Day provides an opportunity to celebrate progress towards a polio-free world and the tireless efforts of many towards our goal. Join Rotary and the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention for a [live-streamed event](#), check [polioeradication.org](#) for the launch of a new series celebrating the innovations helping us reach the endgame and join in the

conversation on Twitter and Facebook using the hashtags #WorldPolioDay and #EndPolio.- See more at:

<http://www.polioeradication.org/dataandmonitoring/poliothisweek.aspx#sthash.CgexDriz.dpuf>

# GIVE NOW

## WILD POLIOVIRUS TYPE 1 AND CIRCULATING VACCINE-DERIVED POLIOVIRUS CASES AS OF OCTOBER 19, 2016

Total Cases	YTD 2016	YTD 2016	2015	2015
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
GLOBALLY	27	9	74	32
-In Endemic Countries	27	1	74	3
-In Non-Endemic Coun-	0	8	0	29

## JOIN “THE WORLD’S GREATEST MEAL CONTINUES” FROM WGMEAL.COM

For as little as US60 cents, a child can be vaccinated against polio for life. Your donation now works even harder!

From 2013 to 2018, every US dollar Rotary commits to polio eradication will become three dollars, thanks to a 2-to-1 match from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Rotary District 7620 will be promoting such events throughout the Rotary Year.

As of **Oct 20th 2016**:

· There have been **3,212 events** registered in **72 countries**.

· More than **176,400 participants**

worldwide  
· USD **\$2,190,974.20** has been raised, a total of USD **\$6,572,922.60** with matching funds from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

· This translates to **enough funds to buy more than 10,954,000 polio vaccinations!!**

The idea is so simple. Your Club can arrange an event any time. By joining together in a world-wide event many have greatly enjoyed international fellowship via Facebook....all monies collected go straight to The Rotary Foundation/End Polio Now account with full credit going to your Club.

Just 6 weeks left to reach \$6.75 million by 12/1/16.



2015-16 Rotary President, K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran, and wife Vanathy



# ROTARY DIRECT

Rotary's recurring giving program



## ROTARY DIRECT SAVES...

- ✓ **Time** — Sign up once to give continuous support
- ✓ **Money** — Lower administration costs means more money for programs
- ✓ **Lives** — Give to The Rotary Foundation to do good in the world

### EFFICIENT.

Contributions go directly to The Rotary Foundation, resulting in faster processing and achievement of your club and personal charitable goals.

### CONVENIENT.

Minimize work for you and your club's leadership by setting your own schedule of contributions that count toward Paul Harris Fellow, Paul Harris Society, and Major Donor recognition, as well as your club recognition banners.

### SECURE.

It's the safest and most secure way to contribute to The Rotary Foundation.

## DOING GOOD JUST GOT EASIER!

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### GIFT DESIGNATION (choose one)

Annual Fund-SHARE  PolioPlus Fund  Other \_\_\_\_\_

### RECURRING GIFT AMOUNT (minimum US\$10)

\$25  \$85  \$100  \$250  \$1,000  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Currency (if not US\$) \_\_\_\_\_

### FREQUENCY

Monthly  Quarterly  Annually (specify month) \_\_\_\_\_

### CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD

Visa  MasterCard  AmEx  Discover

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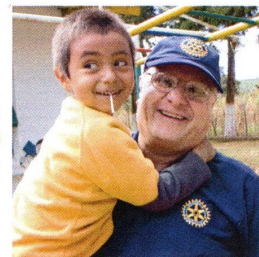
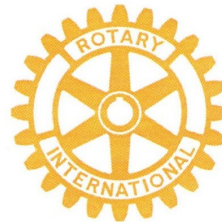
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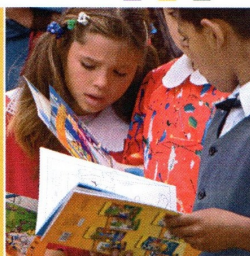


## District 7620 Vehicle Donation Program

# Rotary



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## Is Your Club Part of the District 7620 Vehicle Donation Program?

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### WHY PARTICIPATE?

Proceeds Benefit: ■ Club Charitable Projects ■ End Polio Now Campaign Rotary ■ RI Annual Fund

### How the Vehicle Donation Program works ...

- Rotarians generate vehicle donations through family, friends, and associates
- Melwood Charity Car Donation Center (District 7620's Partner) accepts cars, trucks, motorcycles, and RV's
  - As a rule there must be a clean vehicle title; towing is free to donor
- To donate simply call the Rotary 7620's toll-free number 1- 844-686-7620, or go online to: <http://goo.gl/dL3Pji>
- Donor names Rotary Club to be credited for the donation
- Melwood's Call Center assigns the vehicle to a local towing and auction company
  - Donor provides vehicle title and keys to the tow truck operator; towing receipt left with the donor
- Once the vehicle has been picked up a receipt will be issued to the donor using District 7620 Trust Fund letterhead
- Vehicle sale information recorded and reported monthly to District 7620 Trust Fund; Club is advised by Trust Fund
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- Melwood processes donor acknowledgement letter along with required IRS 1098C tax forms
- Melwood provides ongoing promotional support for District 7620 Trust Fund and participating Clubs
- Donation files are maintained by Melwood for a period of three years

**MORE CASH, MORE MISSION!**

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