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Rotary District 7620 Foundation Newsletter



News from the Foundation Chairs

Raj Saini – Polio Plus Chair

We have incredible partners in our fight against Polio. At the Lisbon International Conference, they made the important announcement that going forward, the Gates Foundation will match two-to-one, up to US\$35 million per year, every dollar Rotary commits to reduce the funding shortfall for polio eradication through 2018. If fully realized, the value of this new partnership with Rotary is more than \$500 million. In this way, your contributions to polio will work twice as hard. If you don't know about the Polio Eradication "Endgame," it's time for you to take another look at how far we've come with the Polio Eradication Initiative.



Ken Solow – Annual Program Funds Chair

November is Rotary Foundation Month. Rotarians around the world will celebrate the work we do to "Do Good in the World." Don't miss this opportunity to promote the SHARE program in your club during November. It's also a good time to touch base with your Foundation Advocate. Use them to create a Foundation Fundraising campaign, do a club program, or be an invaluable resource for your Foundation giving this year.



Anna Mae Kobbe – Paul Harris Society Chair

Paul Harris Society (PHS) members are bringing positive change to communities around the world. In any given year, less than 3 percent of Rotary Foundation donors contribute at the PHS level or above, yet their contributions represent approximately 35 percent of all annual giving. Because Rotary Foundation grants and activities are largely funded by Annual Fund contributions, PHS members help determine how many individuals, families, and communities Rotary can impact each year. Call me to learn more about how PHS membership can help your club meet its Foundation goals this year.



Rich Carson – Annual Giving Chair

The Rotary Endowment fund (formerly known as The Permanent Fund) has naming opportunities where you can establish a fund for a loved one. While any amount can be placed in the Endowment

Fund, the minimum amount for a naming opportunity is \$25,000. The larger the gift, the more specificity can be afforded in the naming opportunity. Your gift to the endowment can be designate to either the World Fund, SHARE, one of the six areas of focus, or the Rotary Peace Centers. The Peace Centers have a separate schedule for endowment support including endowing fellowships for Master degrees and general support to the program.



Andy Baum – Grants Chair

We are seeing a fantastic surge of interest in District Grants as District 7620 Rotary Clubs engage with new incentives for Foundation giving. Remember that the funds your club contributes to the SHARE fund return to the District three years from now. It is an INVESTMENT in our ability to “Do Good in the World” that will pay off in three years and continue every year thereafter. However, the funds we will have for grant giving NEXT YEAR is based on the contributions we made three years ago. Please adjust your expectations accordingly. We will do our best to be “Fair to All Concerned.” It’s going to be an exciting three years in District 7620!

