

FIVE-PART TRAINING SERIES ON THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

By District Rotary Foundation Chair PDG Rich Glover

District Rotary Foundation Chair PDG Rich Glover will present a five-part series on the Rotary International Rotary Foundation (TRF).

Building blocks for easier understanding and use – Why The Rotary International Rotary Foundation is one of most highly respected foundations in the world.

Each week an individual part of the series will be available by Zoom on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings.

The five-part series are scheduled as follows. Please register at <http://www.rotary7620.org>.

Part I - Learn the 115 Years History of The Rotary Foundation 08/25/20; Learn about the humble beginnings in 1917 to today as one of the most highly respected foundations in the world.

Thursday, August 27 @ 7:00 - 8:00pm and Saturday, August 29 @ 9:00 - 10:00am

Part II - Learning the Mechanics of The Rotary Foundation; Learn how the TRF works and why it is the “Engine” that drives our District’s giving.

Thursday, September 03 @ 7:00 - 8:00pm and Saturday, September 05 @ 9:00 - 10:00am

Part III – Grants; Learn about the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), community and global grant guidelines, where do we apply, easy steps of the application, and how do we get funded.

Thursday, September 10 @ 7:00 - 8:00pm, and Saturday, September 12 @ 9:00 - 10:00am

Part IV - Your Legacy; Rotary’s Promise: Learn the many ways to establish your own legacy in support of The Rotary Foundation.

Thursday, September 17 @ 7:00 - 8:00pm (we skip September 19 @ 9:00 - 10am as it’s our District Membership Summit)

Part V – PolioPlus: “We are that close” to eradication of Polio in the world. And what is the “Plus?”

Thursday, September 24 @ 7:00 - 8:00pm, and Saturday, September 26 @ 9:00 - 10:00am.

All members are welcome. The Club President, President-elect and the Club Rotary Foundation Chair are STRONGLY encouraged to attend the complete series.

POLIOPLUS ANNOUNCEMENT

By Bob Sartwell, Rotary Club of Lake Shore-Severna Park

2020 again brings challenges to the fight against Polio, we still have 2 nations with wild virus, Afghanistan and Pakistan. We had 176 wild virus cases in 2019 (33 total in 2018). Pakistan saw 147 cases in 2019 (12 in 2018) and in Afghanistan there were 29 cases in 2019 (21 in 2018). Primarily because of workers killed, false propaganda, and Taliban and related forces in the Tribal Regions. On June 18, WHO declared Nigeria polio-free having gone 3 years without a case. However, because of carriers, we can’t stop vaccinating in other countries until all wild cases gone everywhere. We currently have vaccination ongoing in 35-50 countries.

The COVID-19 pandemic, temporarily, paused house-to-house polio vaccinations. Pakistan resumed on

20 July. A benefit of the Polio Plus efforts are that Polio eradication infrastructure will be deployed to fight Covid-19 over next 4-6 months including tools, workforce, surveillance network, lab testing, data management, emergency operations centers, vehicles, computers, mobile phones, and other capabilities. The increase in cases and the need to maintain and support current efforts are being addressed by District 7620. We have set the following 2020-21 polio goals:

- Every club has PolioPlus goal in Rotary Club Central of at least \$45 per member;
- Every club contributes to PolioPlus;
- Every club considers a public awareness fund-raising project in its community to assist in achieving their PolioPlus goal.

Because of Gates Foundation matching \$1=\$3 and \$3 = vaccination for 1 child.

District 7620 will host a World Polio Day event at 1200 on 24 October. We have 2 exciting speakers, both knowledgeable on the world wide polio efforts. We have Mr. Chuck Davidson, Zone 33 PolioPlus Coordinator, and Dr. Michel Zaffran, World Health Organization, Director of WHO/Polio Eradication Program.

Additionally, many clubs will participate in a World’s Greatest Meal (WGM) (<https://wgmeal.com>) event. By necessity this year it will be mostly virtual. These events have Rotarians, friends, and family dining together and collecting donations for PolioPlus. Please visit their website for details on how to plan and execute an event, dedicating the contributions to the WGM program. Our PolioPlus team will be reaching out soon to coordinate directly with your clubs. We want to help you realize the goals stated above and help anyway we can. Please register for the World Polio Day Event at <http://www.rotary7620.org>.