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District Governor Katie Burke

Governor's Message— What is a house without a Foundation??

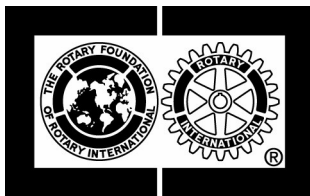
November is such a dreary month – leaves falling, rain, cold winds and regrets over the fair weather tasks that are still not completed It just seems to be such a depressing time of year Why on earth would Rotary International determine that November should be Foundation month?? And why would International Interact Day and Rotary Day at the UN be slotted in for the first week of such a downbeat time? The question encourages some thought Maybe this lacklustre intermediate month is an ideal

time to reflect. The rain would be a blessing in some parts of the world, the cool winds a relief and the tasks not completed should remind us that there is plenty for Rotarians to do around the world. Having an International Interact Day reminds us of the future of community service and the need to involve our young people in the philosophy of Service above Self; and certainly Rotary Day at the United Nations reminds us of the contribution of Rotary to World Understanding and Peace, that there are better ways to



solve problems than by taking up arms. November is a month of reflection – Remembrance - and perhaps the best time to consider where we are and where we are going – as people, as Rotarians, as nations.

November is Rotary Foundation Month—by PDG Peter Bashaw



History of the Foundation

In 1905 Paul Harris founded what has now become Rotary International. Although fellowship was the first objective, It did not take long for the new club to participate in community projects in the Chicago area - purchase of a horse for a local doctor and public latrines.

In 1917, RI President Arch Krumph proposed that an endowment be set up 'for the purpose of doing good in the world'. This endowment grew slowly. The first grant was \$500 to the International Society of Crippled Children in 1928, now known as Easter Seals. In 1947, after the death of Paul Harris, donation increased dramatically to honor the founder. Donations have increased to over \$70 Million annually with total contribution exceeding \$1 billion. The Rotary Foundation, while not the largest, is one of the most respected charitable foundations.

As the Foundation prepares for its 100th anniversary, it is in transition with the Future Vision Plan.

However, the basic programs we know today will remain including Group Study Exchange, Ambassadorial Scholarships, World Peace Fellows, Health, Hunger, and Humanity 3H Grants, Matching Grants and District Simplified Grants. While these programs may be modified, the Foundations focus on Health, Hunger, Water and Literacy will remain.

The Foundation's greatest commitment is the eradication of polio. New cases of polio have been reduced from 300,000 annually in 1985 to slightly over 1000 last year. Since the Polio-Plus program started, over 10.5 million children have not contracted polio.

Make the Rotary Foundation your charity of choice.

Contributions may be sent to the Rotary Foundation or TRF Canada, or online at www.rotary.org or www.trfcanada.org.

What's happening in the district?

Our Youth- Our Future by Doug Champ, District Interact Committee Chair



As part of Rotary's commitment to youth we have a responsibility to nurture healthy social values such as civic consciousness, caring for others and concern for the environment. Interact Clubs fulfill this responsibility but with only 22 Interact Clubs in a District with 65 Rotary Clubs we could greatly improve. In order to strengthen the program an 6

member Interact Committee has been formed to provide stronger leadership. Linkages between Clubs are being improved through publication of a bi-monthly Newsletter written largely by Interactors on a regional rotation basis. Linkages are also strengthened through the presentation of District Interact events such as the Interact Workshop at the District Conference. Inter-club service project opportunities such as the El Salvador mission will be continued and new opportunities for inter-club service projects on a

regional or District basis are being evaluated.

To encourage the growth of the program we are reaching out to all Rotarians by distributing the Newsletter and other Interact communications to all Rotary Clubs. The response to the Newsletter has been very positive. One new Interact Club has been chartered this year and interest has been expressed in forming several others. As Rotarians we can sustain the magic of Rotary by continuing to make an investment in youth through support for the Interact program. Wouldn't you like to invest in a sure thing?

Today's Foundation

District 7040 has actively participated in the programs of the Foundation. We have had 7 World Peace Scholars; annually select an Ambassadorial Scholar; and participate in the Group Study Exchange Program. We have a 3H project in Ghana and Matching Grant projects in Africa, Central and South America, Middle East and India. This year's 12 DSG approved projects involve the participation of 18 district clubs. These projects focus on local and international literacy, hunger, and water needs as well as local community improvements.

The Foundation cannot continue without the contribution of Rotarians and friends. Contributions of cash and other property may be given to the Annual Program Fund (APF) or Permanent Fund. The APF is invested and the principle and return used for programs of the Foundation. The Permanent Fund was established to assure the continued viability of the Foundation. Contributions to the Permanent Fund are invested and only the return on investment is used for Foundation Programs.

The district also needs your commitment of time to support the Foundation. Two regional Foundation Walks are being planned for Northern New York and the Ottawa Area. One more regional walk is desired. The new Future Vision Plan will require additional manpower commitment at the district committee level. Your assistance will be appreciated. Contact District Chair Peter Bashaw at peter.bashaw@rotary7040.com.

Matching Grants by PDG Bette Miller, Chair of Grants Committee

The Rotary Foundation's Annual Program Fund (APF) is the lifeblood of the District Simplified and Matching Grants programs. Three years after funds are received, 50% is returned as District Designated Funds (DDF) the use of which is directed by the district .

Successful Matching Grants Involve

- Precise applications
- Transparency and careful accounting
- Active partnerships
- Good communication
- Prompt and accurate reporting

The Rotary Foundation contribution =

D7040 Club funds $\$6,400 \times 0.5 = \$3,200$
+ DDF $\$6,400 \times 1.0 = \$6,400$
+ Intl. Partner $\$100 \times 0.5 = \50

Sample Financing

Total Value of Proposed Humanitarian Project =
\$22,550 USD

Rotary Club(s) D7040 Contribution = \$6,400

Rotary District 7040 DDF contribution =
Up to \$6,400 USD

International Partner must contribute minimum
\$100 USD