



Lincoln South Rotary Club

2010-2011 Rotary Year

The Rotary Foundation Committee

Committee and Chair Job Description and Overview of Responsibilities

Description: The Rotary Foundation is the charitable arm of Rotary International and is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation. Through Foundation grants, Rotarians are able to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. The role of the club Rotary Foundation committee is to develop and implement a plan to support the Foundation through program participation and financial contributions through community and international service. The responsibilities of the club membership committee summarized below are explained further in the Club Rotary Foundation Committee Manual:

- Develop committee goals to achieve club Foundation goals for the coming year.
- Educate and train club members about the Foundation.
- Encourage and facilitate participation in Foundation programs.
- Ensure that your club and its members contribute to The Rotary Foundation.

One of the most important responsibilities of the club Rotary Foundation committee is educating club members about The Rotary Foundation. When Rotarians understand how the Foundation changes people's lives, they are eager to participate in its programs and support them financially. Educating your fellow club members about Rotary Foundation programs and why they need support will help the Foundation committee achieve its goals. This education can be provided in the various ways described below.

Club programs: Work with the club president and club administration committee to schedule at least four weekly meeting programs on The Rotary Foundation throughout the year. Strive to have the program personalize what the Foundation does to save and change lives. Spotlight Foundation programs by inviting alumni from the following programs to present their experiences:

- Group Study Exchange
- Ambassadorial Scholarships
- Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution.
- Matching Grants
- Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants
- Polio Plus National Immunization Days

Before the weekly program, ask presenters to highlight how participation in the Foundation programs benefits the recipients or the community, the Rotarians, your Rotary club, and the alumni. Foundation videos and pamphlets, available through the *RI Catalog*, may also help enhance Foundation presentations.

Foundation seminars: Encourage club members to attend the district Rotary Foundation seminar to learn about the Foundation and how they might get involved. The club Rotary Foundation committee can also hold a club Foundation seminar (Members of your district's Rotary Foundation committee and your regional Rotary Foundation coordinator can help with your club Foundation seminar). The agenda might include:

- Overview of the Foundation
- Club and district Rotary Foundation committees' roles
- Humanitarian Grants Program
- Educational Programs
- Polio Plus/ Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge
- Raising money for the Foundation
- Finding support for Foundation initiatives from the district Rotary Foundation committee
- Donor recognition and understanding club Foundation reports
- Future Vision Plan