

The Rotary Foundation

District 5890

Mid-Year Report

1. What's Rotary's # 1 Priority? **Worldwide Polio Eradication! India has been certified as Polio Free!** - with zero Polio cases since 01/13/11. We really are "This Close". Over ¾ of the \$5-1/2 billion needed to take us to the end of Polio has been pledged. But, Rotarians must continue to increase public awareness and to raise funds to the end. Fifty-one of our 60 clubs have donated to Polio since July 1, 2013. District PolioPlus Chair Wayne Staton (Sharpstown) is encouraging every Rotarian to ask each of their friends for \$1 to help fund our cause and to raise public awareness (the Because We Can initiative) with David Frishman (Katy) as Co-Chair. Each Rotarian is asked to personally donate \$20 to PolioPlus this Rotary Year as we strive to donate \$75 million Rotary-wide over the next 3 years. Our District has given over \$2.2 Million to PolioPlus since 1985 and \$53,974 + \$10,000 in District Designated Funds since 07/01/13.

2. **District Grants** – Funding for the 2013-14 District Block Grant has been received and clubs are being reimbursed for their matching funds on receipt of their final report. Thanks to Grants Chair Martin Bailey (Galleria), District Grants Chair Lisa Pauls & Co-Chair Barbara Franklin (both Brazosport) and District Grants Trainer Wally Kronzer (West U).

3. **Global Grants** – Five Global Grant Scholar Applicants selected on 11/16/13. Over \$1.5 Mil in Global Grants in the works – including projects in: Swaziland – Water (Northshore & others), Mexico – Water (University Area), Orphans-S. Africa (Willowbrook), Water/Power – Kenya (Humble), 2 Medical Eqpt. Projects - India (Sharpstown, Ft. Bend), Malaria Bed Nets – Togo (Bear Creek & many others), School Computers – Ghana (Baytown), Mammogram Machine – Brazil (Humble), Water – Philippines (Pasadena), VTT – Uganda (West U), and AIDS –Botswana (West U) among others. Thanks to Bill Davis (Humble Int.) for all of his Global Grant match making.

4. **Giving - The 2012-13 RI & TRF Annual Report and Audited Financial Reports** now available on-line. TRF received an A+ rating from the American Institute of Philanthropy and 4 Stars from Charity Navigator for TRF's financial stewardship record. Worldwide Annual Fund giving was a record \$115.1 million + \$20.4 million to Rotary's Endowment + \$23.6 million from Rotarians & \$69.6 million from the Gates Foundation for PolioPlus. Our District's Annual Fund giving average for 2012-13 was \$156 per capita. I was surprised to read that **USA Rotarians were 6th in per capita giving at \$116 behind Taiwan's \$207, Canada's \$170, Korea's \$168, Japan's \$137, and Australia's \$122.** The D5890 2013-14 Goal is \$165 per member. We will not make it without several Major Gifts (see M\$D below) and almost 100% of clubs over the \$100 level. Congratulations to PDG Charlie & Barb Clemons (Seabrook) on committing to

join John & Rose Moon (Pasadena) as Arch Klumph Society Members. All 60 clubs (& their members) have made a donation to TRF since 7/1/13.

Thirty D5890 Rotarians have joined the Paul Harris Society (pledging to give \$1,000+ per year in which they are financially able to TRF (Annual Fund or Polio) since 7/1/13 bringing us to a total of 150. Contact District PHS Chair Dee Ullrich dcullrich@gmail.com to join. Rotary Direct – automatic billing of \$85+ per month to a credit card - makes it easy.

5. **Rotary Endowment** (formerly Permanent Fund) - Do you have GEPPs in your club? That is Gift and Estate Planning Professionals. If so, have them contact me or go to www.rotary.org/plannedgiving to receive the most current TRF planning tools. Randy Thompson (Willowbrook) Chair, Stu Levin – District Major Gifts Advisor, PDG & PRIB Member Don Mebus – Zone Major gifts Advisor, Graham Sharp – Benefactor Chair

EVENTS & MATCHES

An anonymous donor is matching the first \$1,000 of all new Paul Harris Society Members in our Zone – but the donor’s \$500,000 in matching money will run out soon, so join the PHS soon.

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is matching all donations to The Rotary Foundation’s PolioPlus Fund \$2 to each \$1 contributed – up to \$35 million per year.

6. **Multi-District Training Seminar** – 8/2/14 – Round Rock, TX – Many Rotary Foundation areas are discussed.

7. **Foundation Seminar** –8:30 AM to 12:30 PM on a Saturday in October – HCC West – All Rotarians are invited!

8. **World Polio Day** – October 24, 2014

9. **Foundation Dinner** - November 2014 (Maggiano’s – 2019 Post Oak Blvd, Houston, TX 77056) – All Major Donors, Bequest Society Members and Paid Paul Harris Society Members (inc. Rotary Direct users @ the \$85/Mo. level) to be invited.

10. **Zone Institute** – 09/09/14 thru 09/14/14 – Denver. Instruction will be available for future DGs, current DGs, DGEs, & DGNs and The Rotary Foundation.

11. **Million \$ Dinner** – June 22, 2014 (at PDG Rhonda Walls Kerby’s home) - All new Bequest Society Members (pledging \$10,000+ in will) or ones that “move up” to the next level of Bequest Society and those who donate \$10,000 in cash in the 2013-14 Rotary Year or pledge to donate \$10,000 over the next three years (with initial donation) will be invited to attend.

Thanks for your support of Our Rotary Foundation!
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