



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION MATTERS

A NEWSLETTER OF ROTARY DISTRICT 9550

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There's a new Captain on the bridge, to take command. Yes, that's me on the USS Missouri, in Pearl Harbour, in January, where PDG Joanne Schilling and I attended the second Rotary Peace Forum. It was one of three Forums held last year, an initiative of now Past RI President Tanaka, tying in with his theme Peace through Service.



I was able to meet, once again, our new RI President Ron Burton, who introduced his theme Engage Rotary, change lives at the International Assembly, held in San Diego the week before. President Burton is passionate about Rotary Foundation. He came up with the idea of having a "First Class". When DG Tony Goddard visits your club, ask him what it means. The Rotary Foundation has two roles; raising funds and spending funds. The Board of Trustees have a third role; that of investing the funds raised.

\$\$ - RI EXCHANGE RATE - \$\$

RI Exchange Rate for August 2013 – 0.91

For every AU\$1090, we are contributing US\$1,000.

Look out for Newsletter No. 2 due out in November

There'll also be news on the latest Rotary film fundraiser and an article on Projects.

The Rotary Foundation, doing good in the world.

Greg Marlow

District Rotary Foundation Chair 2013-2016

District 9550 Rotary Foundation Committee – 2013-2016

There's been a few changes to the committee for District 9550 this year. Some have swapped roles and there's some new blood. We've set some goals which should be challenging, but achievable.

PDG Graham Koch is the Fundraising Chair

PP Susanne Rea is the Polio Plus Chair

PDG Ian Lomas is the Grants Chair

Narelle Hibberd is the Vocational Training Team Chair

Ram Vemuri is the Rotary Peace Fellow Co-Ordinator

Whilst **PDG Joanne Schilling** hasn't been lost to us, she is the new Regional Rotary Foundation Co-Ordinator for Zone 8

Graham and Susanne will have a few ideas on raising money, whilst Ian will oversee the money being spent on various projects.

Club Goals in Member Access

Last month, I asked each Assistant Governor to ask the Presidents in their Group to go to the Rotary International website, log in to Member Access, and punch in their Rotary Foundation goals for the year. Thank you to the five clubs that have done this already. I'm asking that all clubs should do this, as it allows us to assist each club achieve their goals.

Applications for Grants

There's a number of Clubs who are already asking for Grants, and we'd like to see more get involved. In order to do that, your club needs to have completed a Club Memorandum of Understanding, found later in the newsletter. So far, I've only received MOU's from five clubs !

In terms of timelines, the earlier you get the MOU back to me, or Ian Lomas, the earlier you can access grant applications. I'm aware that clubs would like to get on with their projects, so by December, I want the District Grant monies out to the clubs.

Training on Grants

Although there are webinars and documentation available online at the Rotary International website www.rotary.org, the Committee also want to beef up the training provided to Clubs regarding The Rotary Foundation, particularly in relation to Grants. We'll have more news from the District Training Team when it comes to District Assemblies and PEPS.

In this issue, we focus on Polio Plus, the number one goal of the Rotary Foundation, and I thank Susanne for her article.

PP SUSANNE REA, PHS, Major Donor

DISTRICT POLIOPLUS CHAIR

2013-2016

Polio is a tricky disease and in spite of improvements I do not feel confident that we have beaten it yet, the last steps are proving difficult.

The **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation** are offering to match Rotary Contributions 3:1. I am asking that Clubs continue or up their generosity to maximise this opportunity.

I have put together a small series of global snapshots to put the fight in perspective.

A recent polio outbreak in **Somalia and Kenya** serves as a reminder that this crippling disease still exists and is actively threatening children. While there is no cure for polio, vaccines protect children from the disease for life.

In 1988, national governments, UN agencies, and civil society groups came together to launch the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, an international effort to immunize children and end polio for good.

Here are **five numbers** you should know about the fight against polio and how you can help win it.

5 REASONS TO CARE ABOUT POLIO



1. 99 percent reduction in polio cases: In the past 25 years, the number of polio cases has dropped by more than 99 percent, from an estimated 350,000 cases in 1988 to just 223 last year - the lowest number ever.

2. 10 million walking: Since the Global Polio Eradication Initiative launched, immunization against polio has saved more than 10 million children from paralysis according to the World Health Organization.

3. Only 3 endemic countries: Polio remains endemic in just three countries - Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan. This means that transmission of the disease has never been stopped in these countries. Until this happens, other countries are at risk of importing this highly contagious disease.

4. Failure could result in up to 200,000 new cases annually: As long as polio remains anywhere, it's a threat everywhere. According to the World Health Organization, failure to eradicate polio could, within 10 years, result in as many as 200,000 new cases worldwide every year.

5. \$40 billion - \$50 billion in savings: Economic models estimate that ending polio would save between US\$40 billion to US\$50 billion over the 20 years following eradication.



In the Horn of Africa, an outbreak of WPV1 is continuing, centred around Banadir, Somalia. The majority of cases associated with this outbreak developed paralysis before the start of the comprehensive emergency outbreak response activities.

In any case, WPV3 continues to be at the lowest ever recorded levels. Globally, WPV3 has not been detected anywhere since November 2012 in Yobe State, Nigeria.

He [Sokoto] noted that there has been a gradual and consistent improvement in the coverage of the OPV administration and that the last three rounds had been particularly impressive with 63 per cent of the local areas achieving over 79 per cent coverage.

The last round, he said, recorded the highest coverage of 1.59 million children out of the targeted population of 1.6 million children. On the Emergency Operation Centre (EOC), which started this year, Sokoto said that when polio finally disappears from the state, the centre, which was built by developmental partners, would focus on other childhood killer diseases.

Emergency in the Horn of Africa

The race is on to put a stop to polio in the Horn of Africa. Earlier this month an emergency outbreak response meeting was convened jointly by the Regional Directors of the of WHO in Cairo, Egypt, to ensure inter-country and inter-regional coordination, analyse the risk of further spread and consolidate robust cross-regional response plans.

Vaccination rounds have already been held in the vicinity of recent cases in Somalia and Kenya and plans are in place for further rounds, including in nearby Ethiopia, South Sudan and Yemen. In Somalia's Banadir Region – which includes the capital Mogadishu, where the first case was identified – adults as well as children are being given polio vaccines in an effort to stop the outbreak rapidly. So far 45 cases have been reported in Somalia and 7 in Kenya.

You can see the problem and though few of us travel to Immunisation Days we are part of the answer. Your continued help is therefore sought.



Nigeria Records Nine New Polio Cases in One Week by Chukwuma Muanya (Lagos) and Eric Meya (Sokoto) Source: The Guardian – 11 July 2013

After about two weeks without recording any case of Wild Polio Virus (WPV), Nigeria Thursday reported nine new cases of the crippling virus, bringing the number of cases for 2013 to 35.

According to the latest edition of Weekly Polio Update published by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), this is despite a sub-national Immunisation Plus Days (IPDs) held from July 6 to 9, 2013 in northern and middle-band states.

However, Sokoto State is now on the verge of becoming one of the polio-free states in the country, Special Adviser to the Governor on Primary Healthcare, Ibrahim Jibril Sokoto, has said.

While fielding questions from newsmen yesterday, Sokoto said his optimism was based on the fact that though eight cases of WPV were reported in the state last year, no single case had been reported so far this year.

Sokoto attributed the progress made in the polio eradication fight to the concerted effort of all stakeholders, including the Sultanate Council, following the special measures evolved to achieve maximum coverage.

Those measures, he noted, included the use of medical doctors in a house to house campaign, and taking polio victims around to testify to people that their condition was as a result of non-compliance, as well as encouraging Quranic teachers and influential individuals to talk to the people about the safety and efficacy of the Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV).

Meanwhile, a breakdown of the figures means that, of the 108 cases recorded globally in 2013, Nigeria ranks behind only Somalia, which recorded 41 cases earlier in the year after not reporting any case for a while, and besides Afghanistan and Pakistan, Kenya has seven cases. According to the GPEI report, the most recent polio case was type one (WPV1), from Bauchi, and had the onset of paralysis on June 18, 2013.

The report read:

No new cases of circulating Vaccine Derived type two Polio Virus (cVDPV2) were reported in the past week. The most recent cVDPV2 case had onset of paralysis on November 24, 2012, from Kebbi.

Traces of Polio Continuing To Appear in Israeli Sewage by Hana Levi Julian

Source: israelnationalnews.com - 11 July 2013

Traces of the poliomyelitis virus are continuing to appear in sewage treatment facilities in southern and central Israel according to the Health Ministry.

The virus, which can cause paralysis, was once considered eradicated. But nearly one million doses of the "live attenuated" oral vaccine were ordered at a cost of several million shekels after the live virus was first detected in February in routine samples of sewage extracted from Rahat.

Israel is one of only five countries in the world that routinely tests stool samples, via 16 sewage treatment plants around the country.

Health Minister Yael German stressed there is "no reason to panic," saying that not even one case of clinical poliomyelitis has appeared thus far.

But the ministry is continuing to monitor and examine stool samples around the country, and traces are continuing to spread. The areas where the virus has been detected include the Lev Hasharon area, Modi'in, Ramle, the Negev Bedouin city of Rahat, Be'er Sheva, Ashdod and Tel Aviv. According to some experts who testified before the Knesset Health Committee last month, some 10 percent of Negev residents have not been inoculated against the virus.

An advanced form of the oral polio vaccine is to be administered to some 150,000 children in the south this month, following last month's visit to Israel by officials from the World Health Organization and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

Some rabbis in Jerusalem have begun to announce their recommendation to vaccinate all children under the age of six.

Five vaccination stations were opened in Jerusalem for the purpose of distributing polio vaccines to the hareidi- religious population, which includes families who choose not to immunize their children at all.

As a result, he warned, thousands of children in the country could be at risk.

Injectable Polio Vaccine may be Introduced by Asif Choudary

Source: *Dawn.com* – 4 June 2013

In a major development, the injectable/inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) is likely to be introduced for the first time in Pakistan to help overcome the crippling disease more effectively, Dawn has learnt.

The IPV is said to be highly effective in preventing paralytic disease caused by all three types of poliovirus and is currently being used by a majority of the polio-free clinic, or provider's office. Pakistan is one of the three polio-endemic countries which have been using oral polio vaccine (OPV) since the disease has hit the country.

The Polio Eradication and Endgame Strategic Plan 2013- 18 of Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) had hinted at the new scheme in its April 2013 report of introducing IPV for the first time in three polio endemic countries -- Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria.

"The polio programme in Pakistan is collaborating with the Aga Khan University, Karachi, to pilot the use of IPV with OPV in 2013 as an additional tool to rapidly build an immune response in children who have not been easily reached through regular polio campaigns or routine immunization", the report said.

It says Pakistan will investigate the operational feasibility of using IPV with OPV in campaigns in the areas of Fata and Balochistan where difficult access and management issues have prevented the programme from building immunity to the levels needed to interrupt transmission.

These efforts will be combined with other health promotion activities and the mobilization of pediatricians to address other health concerns of families.

Relevant support activities will include training of health worker communications development, cold-chain management and development of vaccine management strategies.

developed and countries.

The inactivated vaccine is injected into a muscle or under the skin and is usually given by a healthcare professional in a hospital.



Susanne Rea
District 9550 Polio Chair
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Telling you how

In the last issue of the Newsletter in May, I promised to tell you how easy it is to raise money for The Rotary Foundation.

By now, most members of Rotary are aware that The Rotary Foundation would like each member to contribute \$ 100 USD per year. It actually has a theme, Every Rotarian Every Year, and a logo.



District 9550 has a Strategic Plan that aims for at least half the membership to be achieving EREY, by 2015.

How do we do it ?

There are a number of ways that can be fairly painless on the hip pocket.

- 1] Simply ask for the whole \$ 100. As Treasurer, I asked every member of Tennant Creek Rotary Club for an additional \$100 on top of their annual club dues. No-one objected.
- 2] Break it down into weekly or monthly amounts. \$ 2 per week or \$ 8.50 a month is a cup of coffee or a salad sandwich. For most of us, a missed coffee or sandwich would help our waistlines too.
- 3] Put out those cardboard moneyboxes, either at work or at home. The loose change each week, will soon overflow. At work, your workmates will help you, and you can tell them a bit about Rotary and the Foundation.
- 4] Miss a meal. Each week, members pay anything from \$ 15 to \$ 25 for a meal at their regular meetings. Miss four or five meals during the year, and put the money into The Rotary Foundation.
- 5] Have a fun(d) night like a Progressive Dinner, or even having an invited guest talk about an interesting topic, then “pay” the speaker, by donating the proceeds.

Let your own imagination come up with other ideas.

PP Greg Marlow PHS
Major Donor

CLUB MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Rotary Foundation Grants ROTARY DISTRICT 9550 - 2013-14

This document is the official Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) provided by The Rotary Foundation (TRF) for clubs participating TRF Grant programs. It is an agreement between the club and its district, explaining what measures the club will undertake to ensure proper implementation of district and global grant activities and management of Rotary Foundation District and Global Grant funds. By authorizing this document, the club agrees that it will comply with all Foundation requirements.

District 9550 has determined that clubs that receive grant funds from The Rotary Foundation District Grant, will be held responsible for implementing the club MOU.

1. Terms of Qualification

2. Club Leadership Responsibilities for Qualification

3. Financial Management

4. Document Retention

5. Report on Use of Grant Funds

6. Method for Reporting and Resolving Misuse of Grant Funds

1. Terms of Qualification

- A. Upon successful completion of the qualification requirements, the club will receive qualified status for a period of one year.
- B. By entering into this agreement and receiving Rotary Foundation grant funds, the club understands and confirms that the club, as an entity, is responsible for the use of grant funds, regardless of which individual(s) or group controlled the funds.
- C. The club must disclose any potential conflicts of interest and must comply with the Conflict of Interest Policy for Grant Participants as outlined in section 7.030. of the Rotary Foundation Code of Policies.
- D. The club must cooperate with all district and TRF audits.

2. Club Leadership Responsibilities for Qualification

- A. A club member must be appointed to manage club qualification and ensure that stewardship measures and proper grant management practices are implemented for all TRF grants.
- B. The club must establish a succession plan for the transfer of grant records to ensure retention of information and documentation.
- C. The club president-elect or a club-designated appointee must attend grant management and qualification training arranged by the district.

3. Financial Management

- A. The club must maintain a bank account to be used only for Rotary Foundation Global Grant funds in accordance with applicable laws.
 - 1. The account should be low or noninterest-bearing, and any interest earned must be documented and used on eligible, pre-approved grant activities or returned to TRF or the district.
 - 2. Grant funds may not be deposited in investment accounts including but not limited to: mutual funds, certificates of deposits, bonds, and stocks.
 - 3. Two Rotarian signatories are required on cheques and withdrawals.
- B. The club must create a financial management plan that includes measures to:
 - 1. Maintain a standard set of accounts, including a complete record of all receipts and disbursements, and maintain receipts for all expenditures equal to or over US\$75 or more (or those of any amount required by applicable law).

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2. Disburse grant funds, as appropriate, directly to Rotarians, vendors, and beneficiaries as approved in the grant application. Grant funds not immediately disbursed must be kept in the established project account without diversion, except for direct payment for grant activities or to return funds to the district or TRF.
3. Maintain separate statements of income and expenses, noting interest earned and recoveries if applicable.
4. Maintain a general ledger that separates funds according to each project.
5. Establish an inventory system for the control of equipment and other assets purchased with grant funds, and maintain records for items that are purchased, produced, or distributed through grant activities.
6. Perform monthly bank reconciliations.
7. Maintain a plan for transferring the custody of the bank accounts in the event of a change in leadership.
8. Ensure all grant activities, including conversion of funds, are in accordance with local law.

4. Document Retention

A. The club must create a document maintenance system or club archives to maintain original documents for a minimum of five years or longer if required by applicable law, including, but not limited to:

1. Documents relating to qualification.
 2. All records and documentation of policies and procedures required by the club MOU.
 3. Documentation related to grants, including original documents for all grants, copies of proposals and applications, copies of grant agreements, copies of reports submitted to TRF and the district, receipts and invoices for all purchases made with grant funds, written or electronic correspondence.
- B. Documents must be stored in a known location that is accessible to club Rotarians and must be provided to TRF or the district upon request or in the case of an audit.

5. Report on Use of Grant Funds

The club must report on the use of grant funds as outlined in the Terms and Conditions for Rotary Foundation District Grants and Global Grants.

6. Method for Reporting and Resolving Misuse of Grant Funds

The club must report any potential misuse or irregularities in grant-related activity to the district.

7. Authorization and Agreement – 2013-14

We, being responsible for administering grant activities for the **Rotary Club of** _____, certify that the club adheres to the requirements listed in this Memorandum of Understanding and will notify **D9550** of any changes or revisions to club policies and procedures related to these requirements.

CLUB PRESIDENT

TERM
NAME
SIGNATURE
DATE

CLUB PRESIDENT ELECT / OR SECRETARY

TERM
NAME
SIGNATURE
DATE



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