



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION MATTERS

A NEWSLETTER OF ROTARY DISTRICT 9550

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Welcome to Issue # 2 for 2013/2014.

In this Issue, we're focusing on Projects. Every year, a Rotary Club can apply for either a Global Grant or a District Grant, to spend the money on a sustainable project, either in their community, or internationally.

This year, I've received a number of applications. I'll be sitting down with PDG Ian Lomas to go over the applications, and then advise the successful clubs in early December of their allocation of funds from the \$ 33 000 available this year. In 2014-15, we'll make the decisions in August, to have the money available to the clubs earlier, so the projects can get underway earlier.

PDG Ian has written a great article, outlining where the money comes from, the types of grants, with examples of projects from last year, and a weblink for other examples. Thanks for the article Ian.

I've written an article on Contributions to the Rotary Foundation, that I would like all Rotarians to take to heart.

Polio Plus movie fundraiser

I had hoped to provide details on the selected film and date. Alas final details aren't available as yet. I will email each Club, as soon as I know.

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.

Having attended PEPS and Basic PRLS in Darwin over the weekend of October 26-27, it was made clear to the Group 1 Clubs (and I'm telling all the other Clubs) that the majority of Clubs have yet to set their Rotary Foundation Goals in Rotary Club Central. As I put this newsletter together, **just 12 clubs** out of 44 have complied.

Again, to those Clubs who haven't, please go to <https://map.rotary.org/en/rcc/Pages/ClubGoalsProgress.aspx> and set up your goals. If anyone has a problem doing this task, please phone me, and I'll step you through it.

Training on Grants

By attending PEPS, PETS, District Assemblies and the annual Conference, sessions are held on the Rotary Foundation. If you want to know more, there are webinars and documentation available online at the Rotary International website www.rotary.org . Or you could email or phone us for more information. We can even arrange guest speakers for your Club.

Cheers

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

RI Exchange Rate for August 2013 – 1.06

For every AU\$1060, we are contributing US\$1,000.

Look out for Newsletter No. 3 due out in February, focusing on fundraising.

The Rotary Foundation, doing good in the world.



Contributions

Contributions are the lifeblood of the Rotary Foundation.

Like a river, the ice melting at the source and the rainfall along the route, flow through the country toward the mouth. If there's no contributions, there's no investment, and consequently there's no money at the end.

I can see already that we've been successful this year, in getting Clubs to ask for Grants, more so than in previous years. We've also got more money available to distribute. However, if we fail to contribute to our own charity, then there's no money to distribute on valuable projects.

The Rotary Foundation has a goal of \$ 100 USD per member. That's a cup of coffee every Fortnight ! Surely you could go without a cup of coffee, once a fortnight.

If every member in the District did this, we'd have over \$ 100 000 every year.

PP Greg Marlow PHS, Major Donor

PDG IAN LOMAS PHS
DISTRICT GRANTS SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR
2013-2016

ROTARY FOUNDATION GRANTS

Many Rotarians would like to better understand District and Global Grants. Many clubs and Districts across the world are taking advantage of them to do what we as Rotarians do best. Making a difference, in fact sometimes a difference that is life changing for the grant recipients.

Let's talk about these grants and how they may become available. Three years ago (2010/11) Rotarians and clubs donated money to our Foundation. Over this time the money has earned interest. Ongoing interest pays for the Foundation administration costs. So we can see that every dollar we pay into the Foundation will be used as intended. This is the money that is available this year.

So let's talk real dollars. Three years ago \$132,000 was donated to the Foundation from Rotarians and clubs in our District. Under the "share system" half of this amount, \$66,000 is available this year. This is called the District Designated Fund (DDF). This \$66,000 is divided again so that we have \$33,000 available for District Grants and \$33,000 for Global grants.

DISTRICT GRANTS

District Grants are tailored for projects that can be accomplished quickly and can have immediate results. This type of grant may be used for local or International projects, or both. District grants offer local decision making with broader guidelines for smaller-scale activities and projects. The great thing about District grants is that they are approved and administered by our District rather than by The Foundation.

So where are we this year? We advised clubs that they may apply for District Grants at the start of this Rotary year. So far we have received a number of submissions. Clubs will be notified of the result of their submission in early December. The cut off date is 17th November so you need to get submissions together now. No form required just an email will suffice.

Here are some examples of the District Grant allocation from last year. As you can see we have a range of both local and International projects.

Phonic Ear system in school classroom, Airlie Beach	\$2,800
Provide special aged care beds, Ayr	\$2,000
Support for Butterfly Wings preschool program, Cairns	\$2,300
Refurbish Adelaide River playground	\$1,800
Specialised mattress for cancer patients, Darwin	\$2,600
Sensory Garden for Early Learning Centre, Gunbalunya	\$4,000

Water bore and pump for orphanage and village, Uganda \$3,000

Specialised equipment for disabled kids, Townsville \$3,370

Train youth to prevent violence, Dili, East Timor \$5,000

GLOBAL GRANTS

These involve high impact projects that fall within one area of focus, and are carried out through international partnerships with other Rotary clubs /Rotary Districts. They must comply with Rotary's Areas of Focus and here they are.



Peace and Conflict Resolution; Disease Prevention and Treatment; Water and Sanitation; Maternal and Child Health; Basic Education and Literacy; Economic and Community Development.

They must be long term and sustainable. The minimum award is \$15,000 from the World Fund which must be matched, resulting in a minimum of \$30,000 per project cost.

Does a Rotary Club have to find the \$15,000 themselves?

No. Because they can partner with another club, or District to achieve their goal.

EXAMPLE

To supply a long life insecticide treated net to all expectant mothers in Timor Leste for the period of 1st May 2014 to 31st October 2014.

In this case a Rotary Club in our District has asked for funds from our District DDF (\$15,000) and will partner with another District who will give \$40,000 of their DDF to achieve funding of \$55,000 to be matched by the World Fund resulting in over \$100,000 for the project.

To ensure sustainability it needs to be shown how the program will be funded in future years and also the training of responsible officers to ensure continued viability.

So you can see that a club with a big idea can accomplish a very large global project with little or no monetary contribution itself.

There are many projects available under all Areas of Focus and they may be seen by going to this link.

<http://ideas.rotary.org/Project/Find>

Global Grants also support Vocational Training Teams and Rotary Scholarships and much more.

If you require assistance don't hesitate to contact myself or Foundation Chair Greg Marlow.

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PDG Ian Lomas PHS

District 9550 Grants Subcommittee Chair

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**An example of a Global Grant that has been taken up by District 9550 this year,
an article by PDG Ashok Agawal, District 3240 India**

The genesis of the Heart to Heart program in District 3240 goes back to 2008-2009 when 8 children were operated in Delhi from our District with the help of the Kolkata Mahanagar Rotary Club.

Rotarian Dr. B.B.Sen has been associated with this programme from the very beginning along with Rtn. Kiran Joshi of Shillong and PDG Kalpana Khound.

PDG Ajit from Imphal RC took up this programme and formed a partnership with Asansol RC, raising funds from local resources. Operations were done for the first time in The Mission Hospital, Durgapur with 27 surgeries performed.

A film was made depicting the impact of the program on the life of a child and his family and this film was awarded the silver lotus award by the President of India. This is when I saw the program when I visited the The Mission Hospital with PDG Ajit Irom. I was really impressed by what these two clubs had achieved and thought of taking this program further during my year as District Governor, so that it would become a signature program of our District.

I fixed in my mind that the program required a Global Grant as by then Future Vision had been announced and our District was declared one of the 100 pilot Districts. To give shape to this program we needed a new International sponsor from another pilot District which was the biggest challenge I faced prior to becoming District Governor in 2010-2011.

We had been doing matching grants in our District through Group Study Exchange, but all the District with whom we were doing M.G. were now non pilot districts and you needed to establish your credential as a trustworthy partner to do a M.G. specially when the grant size now would be so large.

I was looking for a suitable sponsor at the International Assembly like mad and wasn't seeing anybody showing interest. I was getting extremely frustrated. Then Dr. Hong from District 3660 in South Korea showed some interest but language was becoming a barrier when he started asking questions about the facility of the hospital which was even more frustrating. But it is said 'God helps those who help themselves'. All of a sudden a lady appeared from nowhere who wanted to help us and who was a Korean-English translator. That helped me to explain the project in detail to my

friend Hong and he assured me the next day that he would be an International Partner. The rest is, as they say, history.

In the first phase we received \$70000 from The Rotary Foundation. Our International partners were Districts 3660 and 3620 both from South Korea and we could do 57 surgeries with this funding, along with money from our District Foundation funds, donations from various individuals including that from The Mission Hospital. The next year we requested Meggin Sullivan of RC Vista of RI Dist 5340, who showed interest in our project to see the possibility of raising fund for this project. And she worked like a person possessed. She not only got the support of her own club but arranged a series of lectures to get support from 6 other clubs including one from Canada. As a result we were able to get nearly \$55000 from TRF through another Global Grant with which the present surgeries are going on. Although our application mentioned that we shall be doing 39 surgeries, we have done 42 surgeries, and hope to take up another 4 children from Pakistan. We have been able to take up 11 more cases with the help of contribution from different clubs and our own District Foundation funds.

When I went to the International Assembly in 2010, I developed keen liking for my batch mate Allan Church of RI Dist 9550 of Australia. Ever since then we have been discussing to do some project jointly. When we met at Bangkok convention, he introduced me to Moorthy Kuruna, who is the current DGE of your District. We discussed joint projects as we were both pilot districts. This effort bore fruit when Allan passed on the information to the current Governor Tony who agreed to do a joint project worth US\$60000 with our District of which RC Ayr is the International Host club. Besides, our old friend Hong and his District has once again agreed to come together to be our International host for another grant of US\$80000 for the same cause. We expect to do about 120 surgeries with this money. We expect that more money will come from voluntary donors enabling more than 150 surgeries.

A large number of people have helped us in continuing this programme and in your District I wish to thank, my friend PDG Allan Church, DGE Moorthy Karuna, DG Tony Goddard, DRFC Greg Marlow, Robert Antoniazzi and Bevan List of RC Ayr.

We hope to keep this program going and the interest shown by different clubs prove that we shall be able to continue with this programme in the future also.



Regards and many thanks, **PDG Ashok Agawal, District 3240**

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).

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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