Foundation Matters
A NEWSLETTER OF ROTARY DISTRICT 9550
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Welcome to Issue # 1 for 2014/2015.

In this issue, we're going to discuss Rotary Foundation Goal Setting for your Club, and why it is important. It seems that a lot of Clubs are not using Rotary Club Central, and some Rotarians aren't using My Rotary. Any Rotarian can sign up to My Rotary. The President, Secretary and Treasurer of every club have access to Rotary Club Central to set goals. All members can view the set goals.

Thanks to Mark Anderson at the RI Parramatta office, there's a two page pictorial on how to sign up to My Rotary, and enter your Club's goals.

We're also going to talk about the District Grants for this year. Those who attended District Conference in Ayr were told that there was an earlier deadline. The message was repeated in my Newsletter in June. Unfortunately, some clubs still didn't get the message.

There's not too many guidelines for District Grants, and through the experience of last year and this, it's appropriate that some be put in place.

Finally, there's an opportunity for your Club to raise funds for the PolioPlus campaign by hosting a function on World Polio Day. With the swimming pool in Tennant Creek opening for Summer next week, training can begin for the Global Swimarathon in February. It's time this whale became a dolphin. For those who prefer staying dry, there's always World's Greatest Meal

Issue # 2 will be issued in November

Cheers

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$$ - RI EXCHANGE RATE - $$
RI Exchange Rate for September 2014 – 1.07
For every AU$1070, we are contributing US$1,000.

Entering Foundation Goals into Rotary Club Central

Rotary International is moving towards having more information online and away from paper based reports. You only have to click on Learning & Reference tab to see the amount of information that's available. But how do you get to click on the tab? First, you need to register for My Rotary.

With the ever increasing demand for funds to finance projects and Grants around the World, the Rotary Foundation needs to invest the money it has, to grow. It also needs to know what contributions it will receive.

With an online tool, the Foundation can see what each Club and District is committed to, without the need to send in paper. It's much more efficient, but it relies on Clubs to enter their goals.

The following, is a quick and easy guide on how to sign up to My Rotary, then go in and set your Club's goals.
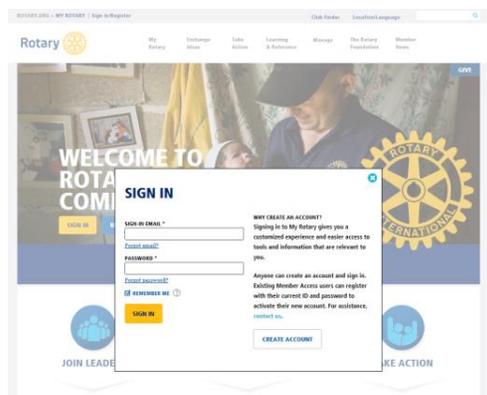
Entering FOUNDATION Goals New Rotary Website

Step 1

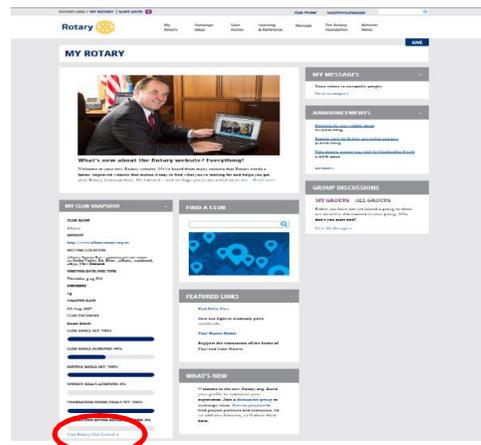Go to www.rotary.org to log in. Then click *My Rotary.*
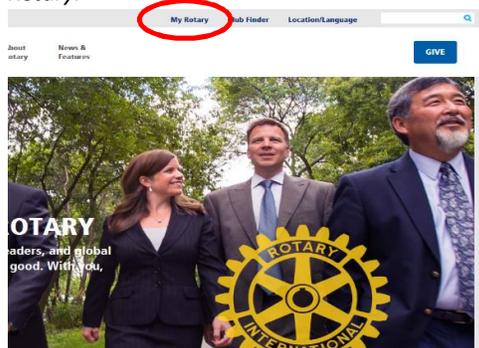
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Click on yellow sign in box and the sign in screen appears. Log in using your e mail address. Create an account if you don't already have one.
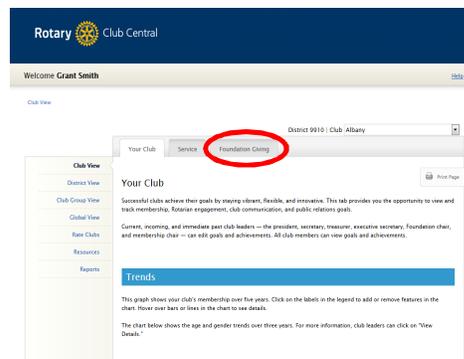

Step 3

Click on *Visit Rotary Club Central*.

Step 4

Click on *Foundation Giving* to open.

Step 5

Enter Goals using the EDIT BUTTONs. Then Save.

Step 6

To clarify terminology, **Every Rotarian Every Year** is what we refer to as **Centurion**. In this box enter the amount as $US100 and enter the number of Centurions you want to achieve.

Other Contributions is what we refer to as **Club Annual Giving**, which should be $US100 x the number of club members.

In addition you should enter a PolioPlus Fund goal of $US30 per club member, or $ 1500 for the Club as a whole.

Then hit SAVE.

> Click on Edit button to enter data.
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> This will then take you to the next screen (examples to the right).

The President, Secretary and Treasurer of every Club have access to the Goal Setting section. All members of your Club can view the goals. Just think what happens when a new member to your Club, looks at your Club's goals, …… and sees nothing ?

It can be used to keep track of the success of your fundraising and other projects that your Club is running. If all members, not just your Board, know what you're aiming to do, then the whole club gets behind the goals. They all take ownership, and you become more successful.

If you have any issues using the tool, contact Greg Marlow at foundchair@d9550rotary.org.au

Positions Vacant

There are a few vacancies on the District Rotary Foundation Committee for next year:

Fundraising subchair
Paul Harris Society Co-Ordinator
Stewardship subchair

Anyone in the District who's interesting in filling the positions listed above, should contact Greg Marlow on 08 8962 2322 during business hours or email me at FoundationChair@d9550rotary.org.au

Applications are now open for Rotary Peace Scholarships. You can find the application here as well as find more information about the Rotary Peace Fellowship here (ex: eligibility requirements, center locations, etc) Send your Applications to WPF@d9550rotary.org.au
by 15 June 2015.

D9550 2014-15 District Grants

At the Paul Harris Breakfast held on the Sunday morning of District Conference in Ayr, I announced the opening of applications for District Grants for 2014-15, with a closing date of July 31.

There was a follow-up by sending the Powerpoint presentation to all Assistant Governors to distribute to their clubs, as well as an announcement in my Newsletter # 4 in June.

Why did I choose July 31 ? All President-Elects are required to prepare Goals and Objectives for their year, in time for PETS in February, and the District Governor's visit currently under way. By July 1, when the new President takes over, the Club knows what it is going to be doing over the next 12 months.

In some cases, fundraising events are held, so that the money can be used for other projects, or for donations. For some projects, outside help is required, such as a District Grant. You can't do a project in November, if the funds aren't available until May. But you can, when the funds become available in October.

With $ 47404 USD available this year, the Grants subcommittee received 16 proposals from Clubs around District 9550. Four Clubs applied for a second grant. In addition, a contingency of 20 % was set aside for a proposed Group Study Exchange team. A total of 21 applications were received, which was up on last year's 11 grants to 10 Clubs.

PDG Ian Lomas and I decided to notify the four clubs with two applications that they could have one, and to choose which one. There was one application that was funded by a corporate sponsor, therefore fully funded.

Two applications were for District activities; Rotary Youth Leadership Awards and the Rotary Youth Exchange program. After a month of discussion, it was determined that the RYE program had enough funds to run their activities and that Clubs should be funding the second exchange student from Timor L'Este to Brazil. The grant for RYLA is to set the program up for the next three years.

DG Moorthy, Ian and I also looked at the contributions made by the applicant clubs over the past four years, and whether they had set Foundation goals for contributions.

What we found was that of the 16 Clubs, only three had set goals for 2014-15. Six clubs hadn't completed a Club MOU. Two Clubs had averaged less than $ 500 in contributions over the previous four years. Two clubs had averaged over $ 12000. On a per-capita basis the average was anywhere from $ 25 to $ 392 over the four years. Remembering that our goal is $ 100 for Every Rotarian Every Year.

Turning to the proposed Group Study Exchange, DG Moorthy has been trying to partner with another District overseas since attending the International Assembly at San Diego in January this year. If a match can be found, then a visit time will need to be established, and a Team selected. The money is available.

Currently, there's no deadline on this, however if the Exchange doesn't go ahead, then the contingency funds can be made available for further District Grants. I already have one late application from the first round. We're yet to figure out the process, but it's likely to be a second round of applications.

Again this year, we had to scale back the allocations to the applications, which will disappoint some clubs. It would be nice to fully fund all the applications, but we don't have the finances to do that. With more clubs applying for a District Grant, there comes a time when limits need to be placed upon the process.

What is proposed for 2015-16, is that a Club:
1]   Has to contribute a minimum of $ 100 per capita in the previous year to Annual Programs.
2]   Must have Foundation Goals set in Rotary Club Central before submitting an application.
3]   Must submit a Club MOU to District together with their application.
4]   May receive a maximum of $ 3000 to any one Club.
5]   Will receive funds on a strictly pro-rata basis, if a scale back is required.
6]   Can use a Corporate donation, three years after the donation is received.

Where are we up to with regard the $ 47404 in 2014-15 ?

The Draft Grant has now been Submitted to Evanston for review. Once Approved, the money will be paid into our District's Grants account.

Ian and I will be asking the successful Clubs to make sure they have submitted their Club MOU. We'll also ask them to set their Foundation Goals for 2014-15 in Rotary Club Central.

The funds will then be distributed to the Clubs.

Details of the successful District Grants will be published in the District Governor's Newsletter, and reported again at District Conference in Townsville.

DRFC Greg Marlow

Here's what's happening in India.

What's your Club planning for World Polio Day ?

The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust
of Rotary International

I wish to donate to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International through *The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust*

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