



Foundation Matters



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Welcome to Issue # 9 - August 2015

In this Edition:

Polio Chair Susanne Rea provides the latest on Polio, and the great achievement reached in Nigeria and the African continent.

Even though applications for District Grants this year are now closed, there's a reminder about the Guidelines used by the Grants Committee in allocating funds.

There's news on Rotary Peace Scholarship applications and a great piece from RRFC Joanne Schilling explaining the methods of making a donation to the Rotary Foundation.

Permanent Fund Chair Craig Bowen writes a short article on the decision process when making your will and joining the Bequest Society.

And finally, an invitation to The Million Dollar Dinner. **Who's going to join me in attending ?**

Issue # 10 will be released in November 2015, Rotary Foundation Month.

Cheers

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

RI Exchange Rate for August 2015 – 1.30

For every AUD \$1300, we are contributing USD \$1,000.



THE LATEST ON POLIO

The recent declaration, that no new cases of polio have come up in Nigeria in the last one-year, should put pressure on Pakistan's efforts to eradicate polio. Afghanistan and Pakistan now remain the only two countries in the world where polio remains endemic. One could argue that every country has its own set of issues and hence Nigeria cannot be compared to Pakistan, yet when 197 countries in the world are polio free, it is quite humiliating for Pakistan to be one of only two countries that has failed.

Much of the effort that goes into the eradication of polio is dependable on external factors like militancy and illiteracy. Boko Haram, the hardcore militant group in Nigeria, has been targeting polio workers and earlier this year they killed nine polio workers. However, the anti-polio battle had enough commitment to make a real change.

Over twelve high-risk polio districts have been identified across Pakistan and will be under special focus during the low-transmission season starting September. The disease is somewhat isolated to these pockets mostly in FATA, Khyber and Quetta. The government has a good chance in eliminating the disease once and for all by targeting high-risk areas, no matter that the opposition. We must remember that apart from militancy, most the responsibility is on the parent, to demand from the state and society that their children are safe from disease.

Under the National Emergency Action Plan for Polio Eradication (2015-16), the National Emergency Operation Centre (NEOC) is strengthening cooperation between national, provincial and district level authorities, and collecting scientific data at the grassroots level to identify vulnerable segments and direct their focus on these areas. Polio cases identified in the first quarter of this year have already fallen to one quarter of what they were last year.

Maybe next year, Pakistan and Afghanistan too can be free from polio.

I will be visiting Pakistan for the World Polio Day Seminar to be held in Lahore, D.3272 and would greatly appreciate District Clubs supporting the Cause by holding a World's Greatest Meal to help End Polio. Please remember this Project originated as a Project of the Rotary Club of Cairns Sunrise is now one of the largest Rotary projects by participation with in excess of 77 thousand Rotarians taking part.

In Pakistan, I will also immunise children and attend Worlds Greatest Meals apart from learning more about the condition first hand.

Sign up your Club to make a difference go to www.wgmeal.com and fill in the Before Event Form, have your meal, take some photos and fill in the After Event Form...most importantly send your proceeds to the Rotary Foundation Polio Fund where it will be tripled by Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The minimum donation is \$10 USD and this tripled will vaccinate 50 children.

PP Susanne Rea, Polio Chair

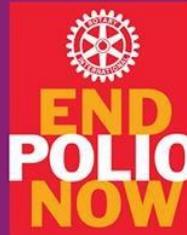
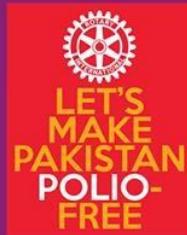
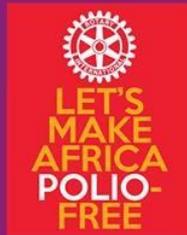
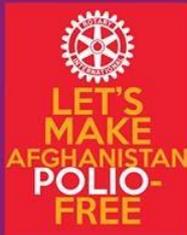


Be a gift to the world

World's Greatest Meal as of 31 July 2015:

- 1,314 events registered;
- 64 countries;
- 74,800+ participants worldwide;
- US\$1,264,469.75 raised;
- US\$3,793,409.25 thanks to matching funds from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation)
- Enough funds to buy more than 6,322,000 polio vaccinations

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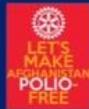
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END OF JULY POLIO UPDATE

POLIO ENDEMIC COUNTRIES



Pakistan - No new Polio cases reported in Pakistan in July. Twenty-eight Polio cases reported in 2015 compared to 102 at this time last year (a total 306 in 2014).



Afghanistan - Six Polio cases reported in 2015 against 28 cases recorded in 2014 and 1 case reported this week.



Nigeria - Zero Polio cases reported in 2015 with 6 cases recorded in 2014. The most recent case was reported more than one year ago, on 7/24/14.

Importation countries where there were Polio cases last year: Ethiopia (1 case in 2014), Cameroon (5 cases in 2014), Somalia (5 cases in 2014), Iraq (2 cases in 2014), Syria (1 case in 2014) and Equatorial Guinea (5 cases in 2014) — all have reported no new Polio cases in 2015.

On July 24 Nigeria completed the first full year without any reported Polio cases. The fight continues. But we have never been so close to Polio eradication in Africa.



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District Grants 2015 – 16

The policy of the District Rotary Foundation Committee is that applications for the following year shall be opened at the District Conference, held on the Mayday weekend, with a closure date of 31 July of the new year.

It is the aim of the Committee to review the submissions made from the Clubs and the District, to then allocate the available funds, and have the money distributed by 30 September.

With the experience gained from the past two years, it was felt that some guidelines should be established. Those proposed were discussed with DG Moorthy and DGE Mike and adopted for introduction in 2015-16. In order to receive funds from a District Grant,

the Guidelines are:

- 1] Each Club will need to sign and return a Club MOU to the Grants chair or the Rotary Foundation Committee chair.
- 2] Each Club must set their Rotary Foundation goals in Rotary Club Central at My Rotary. The goals should be at least \$ 100 per member for Annual Programs and \$ 1500 for PolioPlus.
- 3] Has to contribute a minimum of \$ 100 per capita in the previous year to Annual Programs.
- 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.

These are guidelines, and will be used when considering the allocation of funds to Clubs who've submitted a proposal.

How detailed does the proposal need to be ? We just need a brief description of what you want to do, and how much money you're asking for. It can be done by email in a paragraph or two and sent to:

DRFC Greg Marlow at foundchair@d9550rotary.org.au or
DGSC PP Col Lawson at FoundGrants@d9550rotary.org.au

ROTARY PEACE SCHOLARS



In late June, Scholarships Chair Ram Vemuri and I, together with PP Debbie Smith from Townsville RC interviewed two applicants for Peace Scholarships in 2016. The deadline for these applications is 30 June each year.

Both applicants, **Lorne Anderson** from Townsville and **Vidal Campos Magno** from Dili, have been recommended by the District Scholarships Committee and forwarded to Evanston. Successful nominations will be advised in October.

PROCEDURES FOR MAKING DONATIONS TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Procedures for making Rotary Club Donations to The Rotary Foundation **ONLINE:**

Log in to the Rotary International website under Rotary.org > My Rotary Under the headings at the top - go to Manage From the drop down menu under Manage, click on Club Administration Scroll down to Club Giving > Click on: Contribute On Behalf of Club or Club Members Donation Type > On behalf of Club > On behalf of Members (if donating on behalf of members, click on the name of your club, then proceed (this will generate a tax receipt for individuals) Follow the instructions from there. For making Annual Fund contributions, when the heading: Select a Fund comes up, Under Annual Fund choose Annual Fund - SHARE Only one type of donation can be made in one transaction. Follow the same procedures to make a contribution to the PolioPlus Fund

Procedures for Rotary Club Donations to The Rotary Foundation via **DIRECT DEPOSIT:**

Below are the bank account details for Australian club and individual donations. Please send the deposit details to attention of The Rotary Foundation staff at the Parramatta Office via email to **risppo@rotary.org** once you made the deposit/fund transfer so that they can watch out for it in their accounts and credit your Rotary Club. Should you require further information, please contact the staff at TRF Parramatta. **For Club Donations:** St. George Bank Account Name: **The Rotary Foundation** BSB No: 332 084 Account No: 100345225 Level 1, 60 Phillip St. Parramatta NSW 2150 **For Individual Donations:** St. George Bank Account: **The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust** BSB: 332 084 Account: 551038195 Level 1, 60 Phillip St. Parramatta NSW 2150

Procedures for making Rotary Club Donations to The Rotary Foundation via **CHEQUE:**

Mail cheques to:

The Rotary Foundation
PO Box 1415
Parramatta NSW 2124

The Rotary Foundation Contact Details:

Rotary South Pacific & Philippines Office Phone: 02 8894 9800

Email: **risppo@rotary.org**

Joanne Schilling, PDG

Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator Pt Zone 8 2013-16

Trustee, The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust

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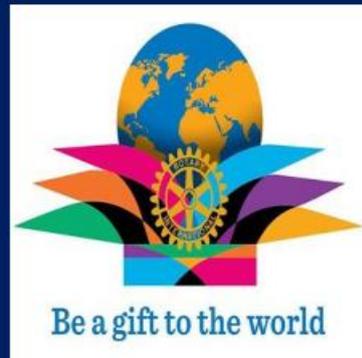



MILLION DOLLAR Dinner

DONORS WHO MAKE A NEW GIFT, PLEDGE, OR BEQUEST OF AT LEAST US\$10,000 BY 31st JANUARY 2016 WILL BE INVITED TO THE ROTARY MILLION DOLLAR DINNER, TO BE HELD AT HILTON HOTEL: 190 ELIZABETH ST, BRISBANE, QLD 4001, ON SATURDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2016.

OUR GOAL IS TO RAISE IN EXCESS OF \$1,000,000.00 FOR OUR FOUNDATION THROUGH THIS EVENT.

Please consider making a significant gift to our foundation



For more information contact: Darryl Iseppi | M: 0408 189 211
| E: darryl.iseppi@satellite360.com.au

A dinner was held in Brisbane on February 28 this year, aiming to raise \$ 1 million for the Rotary Foundation. **It was so successful, they raised \$ 1.6 million !** Hosted by Districts 9600 and 9630, more than a million dollars was pledged by individuals through their will, thereby making them Bequest Society members with gifts of \$ 10 000 USD or more.

From the advert, the next dinner will be held on 27 February 2016. It will be hosted by all Rotary Districts in Queensland, including 9550. If you'd like to join Greg Marlow at the Dinner, attendees need to make a new contribution this year of \$ 10 000 or more, or make a provision in their will.

To find out more, please contact either Craig Bowen, FoundFund@d9550rotary.org.au or Joanne Schilling, jschilli@bigpond.net.au

CLUB MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Rotary Foundation Grants ROTARY DISTRICT 9550 - 2015-16

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 – 2015-16

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

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NAME
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