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ROTARY CLUB OF TRIVANDRUM NORTH

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# November- The Rotary Foundation Month

#  President’s message

Dear members

Month of November has enhanced the image of the club further.

The fifth Board meeting held at Erumeli on the banks of Manimala river amidst rubber plantations has appreciably bettered the fellowship among Rotarians and I thank Rtn Anil Kumar for hosting the Board.

On 4th November we disbursed the prizes won by children in the painting competition held on 4th October. Cine and TV actor and a former Rotarian Dinesh Panicker gave away the prizes. All prize winners were present. On the same day we admitted two former Rotarians- Padmakumar and Viswanathan- to our club.

On 15th November Seminar on The Rotary Foundation was held in the G V Raja Convention Center, Kovalam.26 members of our club participated in the seminar- a record for the club. We had very senior rotary leaders – Rtn Dr Deepak Kapoor, Rtn Ravi Valdamani and Rtn Rajiv Bansal- attending the seminar and giving scintillating lectures on various aspects of TRF.

The offer by Rtn and Arch Klumph society member Ravi Bansal to the Rotarians a PHF or MPHF for a contribution $250 was enthusiastically received by our members. A clear picture as to the number of Rotarians becoming PHF or MPHF will emerge in a fortnight or so. I profusely thank Rtn Dr B K Easwara Pillai for motivating the Rotarians to attend the TRF seminar in large numbers and for contributing substantially to TRF.

On 26th PRID and National coordinator for WinS Rtn Sushil Gupta visited the UP school at Pojappura accompanied by Governor C Luke, PDG Raghunath and other senior rotary leaders. He interacted with the head master and students. He was very much impressed by the works carried by our club and declared that they belonged to the Three Star category.AG G M Pillai, Rtn Dr P Madhava Kaimal and Rtn Chandramohan were also present.

The same evening in our club meeting Sri Suresh Babu CEO and MD of Vizhinjam International Sea Port gave an excellent talk on the progress of the works at the project site.

The month ended with a Poli Plus workshop at Kottayam on 29th November where four of our members attended.

Warm Rotary Greetings

Rtn Ashok P Menon

# History of The Rotary Foundation

 

 Arch C. Klumph, founder of The Rotary Foundation,

**I** n 1917, RI President Arch C. Klumph proposed that an endowment be set up “for the purpose of doing good in the world.” In 1928, when the endowment fund had grown to more than US$5,000, it was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International.

Five Trustees, including Klumph, were appointed to “hold, invest, manage, and administer all of its property . . . as a single trust, for the furtherance of the purposes of RI.”

Two years later, the Foundation made its first grant of $500 to the International Society for Crippled Children. The organization, created by Rotarian Edgar F. “Daddy” Allen, later grew into the Easter Seals.

The Great Depression and World War II both impeded the Foundation’s growth, but the need for lasting world peace generated great postwar interest in its development. After Rotary’s founder, Paul P. Harris, died in 1947, contributions began pouring into Rotary International, and the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created to build the Foundation.

That year, the first Foundation program – the forerunner of Rotary Foundation [Ambassadorial Scholarships](http://www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/EducationalPrograms/AmbassadorialScholarships/Pages/ridefault.aspx) – was established. In 1965-66, three new programs were launched: [Group Study Exchange](http://www.rotary.org/en/ServiceAndFellowship/Fellowship/GroupStudyExchange/Pages/ridefault.aspx) , Awards for Technical Training, and Grants for Activities in Keeping with the Objective of The Rotary Foundation, which was later called [Matching Grants](http://www.rotary.org/en/ServiceAndFellowship/FundAProject/MatchingGrants/Pages/ridefault.aspx) .

The [Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants](http://www.rotary.org/en/ServiceAndFellowship/FundAProject/3-HGrants/Pages/ridefault.aspx) program was launched in 1978, and Rotary Volunteers was created as a part of that program in 1980. [PolioPlus](http://www.rotary.org/en/ServiceAndFellowship/Polio/Pages/ridefault.aspx) was announced in 1984-85, and the next year brought [Rotary Grants for University Teachers](http://www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/EducationalPrograms/RotaryGrantsForUniversityTeachers/Pages/ridefault.aspx) . The first peace forums were held in 1987-88, leading to the [Foundation's peace and conflict studies programs](http://www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/EducationalPrograms/RotaryCentersForInternationalStudies/Pages/ridefault.aspx) .

Throughout this time, support of the Foundation grew tremendously. Since the first donation of $26.50 in 1917, it has received contributions totaling more than $1 billion. More than $70 million was donated in 2003-04 alone. To date, more than one million individuals have been recognized as [Paul Harris Fellows](http://www.rotary.org/en/Contribute/DonorRecognition/IndividualRecognition/Pages/PaulHarrisFellowRecognition.aspx) – people who have given $1,000 to the Annual Programs Fund or have had that amount contributed in their name.

Such strong support, along with Rotarian involvement worldwide, ensures a secure future for The Rotary Foundation as it continues its vital work for international understanding and world peace.

The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.

Supporting The Rotary Foundation is one of the four pillars of an effective club in the [Club Leadership Plan](http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/245en.pdf). It is recommended that each club have a club Rotary Foundation committee to develop and implement a plan for supporting the Foundation through program participation and financial contributions.

Clubs are expected to appoint a club Foundation chair and as many subcommittee chairs as are appropriate to the size and membership of the club. Contact your district governor or district Rotary Foundation committee members for more information on how your club can best support the Foundation.

The Foundation’s programs are:

* [PolioPlus](http://www.rotary.org/EN/SERVICEANDFELLOWSHIP/POLIO/Pages/ridefault.aspx)
* [Educational Programs](http://www.rotary.org/EN/STUDENTSANDYOUTH/EDUCATIONALPROGRAMS/Pages/ridefault.aspx)
* [Humanitarian Grants Program](http://www.rotary.org/en/ServiceAndFellowship/FundAProject/HumanitarianGrants/Pages/ridefault.aspx)

Ways to involve club members in The Rotary Foundation include:

* Spotlighting a Rotary Foundation program each quarter by asking alumni presenters to highlight the benefits of their participation
* Encouraging club members to get involved by volunteering for a project
* Inviting a different Rotarian to make a short presentation at each club meeting about their personal involvement in The Rotary Foundation – a Rotary Foundation moment – to show how The Rotary Foundation saves and changes lives
* Encouraging club members to attend the district Rotary Foundation seminar

Club members can financially support The Rotary Foundation by making contributions to:

* [Annual Programs Fund](http://www.rotary.org/en/Contribute/Funds/AnnualProgramsFund/Pages/ridefault.aspx) (Every Rotarian, Every Year)
* [Permanent Fund](http://www.rotary.org/en/Contribute/Funds/PermanentFund/Pages/ridefault.aspx)
* [PolioPlus Fund](http://www.rotary.org/en/Contribute/Funds/PolioPlusFund/Pages/ridefault.aspx)

## Annual Fund

Make a difference. Make a contribution.

**T**he Annual Fund makes it possible for Rotary clubs to transform lives worldwide. Your generous support funds local and international projects that advance The Rotary Foundation’s mission. All contributions to the fund are spent on [quality Rotary projects.](http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/091230_news_5reasons.aspx)

The Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) initiative encourages all Rotary club members to help us reach our goal to support The Rotary Foundation financially each year.

**Designating your gift**

You can direct your Annual Fund gift to *SHARE,* the World Fund, or an area of focus fund.

**SHARE** is the primary source of funding for Rotary Foundation programs. It's also the only Annual Fund designation that generates funding for the District Designated Fund. Rotary districts use their DDF to pay for the Foundation activities they choose to participate in.

**World Fund** contributions provide the Foundation’s portion of funding for approved grants. Through the World Fund, the Foundation Trustees can allocate funds where the needs are the greatest.

**Areas of focus** contributions provide the Foundation's portion of funding for activities addressing critical humanitarian issues and needs.

## The Permanent Fund: The Rotary Foundation’s endowment fund

 This fund enables individuals to combine their gifts into a significant force to address the world’s greatest needs for generations to come.

The initial target of US$200 million for the Permanent Fund was met in 2005, six years ahead of schedule. The next target is $1 billion by 2025.

# In a Rotary year, about $8 million from the Permanent Fund is made available to support Foundation

#  PolioPlus Fund

Since the [PolioPlus](http://www.rotary.org/en/ServiceAndFellowship/Polio/Pages/ridefault.aspx) program's inception in 1985, more than two billion children have received oral polio vaccine. But Rotary's work is not done: The disease has not yet been eradicated More is needed to end polio.

**Future Vision** The Future Vision Plan is The Rotary Foundation’s new model to support district and club humanitarian and educational projects.

**Grants** Under Future Vision, the Foundation offers two types of grants: district grants and global grants.

**District grants**: District grants are block grants that allow clubs and districts to address immediate needs in their communities and abroad. Districts may request up to 50 percent of their District Designated Fund (DDF) for one grant annually. Districts that request less than 50 percent may use the remaining DDF to support PolioPlus or participate in a global grant. The district manages and disburses the funds to support district- and club-sponsored activities, including vocational training teams, scholarships, and humanitarian service projects, provided they are aligned with the Foundation’s mission.

**Global grants**-Global grants offer opportunities to participate in strategically focused, high-impact activities with support from the Foundation ranging from US$15,000 to $200,000. These grants fund large international humanitarian projects, vocational training teams, and scholarships that have sustainable, measurable outcomes in one or more of the areas of focus. Activities may be carried out individually or in combination — for example, one grant may support a vocational training team and a related humanitarian project. Clubs and districts can either create their own grant projects or sponsor packaged grants developed by the Foundation with its strategic partners.

*Club- and district-developed global grants*

These grants offer a minimum World Fund award of $15,000, for a minimum project budget of $30,000. The World Fund award is based on a 100 percent match of DDF allocations or a 50

percent match of cash contributions. Global grants must be sponsored by two clubs or districts: a host partner in the country where the activity takes place and an international partner outside the country. When planning a project, sponsors should conduct a thorough needs assessment that explores the pressing needs in the project location along with the club and community resources available to address them.

**Areas of focus**

After examining the range of humanitarian issues that Rotarians address worldwide, the Foundation Trustees identified six areas in which clubs and districts could best achieve substantive, quantifiable results. All projects, scholars, and vocational training teams funded by global grants should work toward specific goals within one or more of the following areas of focus:

**Peace and conflict prevention/resolution**

**Disease prevention and treatment**

**Water and sanitation**

**Basic education and literacy**

**Economic and community development**

To be eligible for a global grant, projects must be sustainable — that is, they must keep on giving, long after the funds have been disbursed and Rotarian involvement has ended. Sustainable projects help as many people as possible, respect the environment and the local culture, involve grassroots organizations such as Rotary Community Corps, seek input from the community served, and pass on the lessons learned. Global grants also prepare scholars and other individuals to contribute to new and innovative methods in fields related to an area of focus. When developing new projects, clubs and districts should emphasize training and the exchange of information so communities can maintain results and solve problems on their own.



10th Nov Dr Achyuthan nair 9Annet of Dr Ramakrishnan Nair)

12th Nov Gopika Shanka ( annet of Sudhish Shankar)

12th Nov Aditya J Kumar ( annet of Anil Kumar)

13th Nov Vinu (annet of Sunil Kumar)

14th Dr Jyothindra Kumar ( annet of Krishnan Nair)

16th Rtn R Sivaramakrishnan

16t Rtyn Lizzy Thomas ( ann of K P Thomas)

22nd Raji ( annet of V Gopakunmar)

26th Dr John Mathew ( annet of P M Jose)



2nd Nov Rtn Pratap Pillai and Ann Meera

6th Nov Rtn Dr Balakrishnan Nair and Ann Saraswathy

10th Nov Rtn Mohanan Nair and Ann Deepa Nair

15th Rtn Sivan Kutty and Ann Sethu

19th Rtn C K Mohan Kuar and Ann Indira

29Th Rtn Krishnan Nair and Ann Saradamma