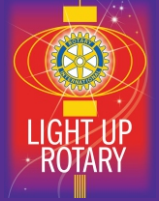




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## NOVEMBER- ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

### The Rotary Foundation

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. 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. This support is essential to make possible Foundation grant funded projects that bring sustainable improvement to communities in need.

**Polio eradication** is Rotary's top philanthropic priority. When Rotary launched the PolioPlus program in 1985, there were more than 350,000 polio cases in over 125 countries. Since 1988, Rotary has worked with its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative to help immunize more than 2.5 billion children and reduce the incidence of polio by 99 percent. Rotary has contributed more than US\$1 billion to the global eradication effort.

**Rotary Peace Fellowships** enable individuals to pursue a graduate degree in international relations, peace, conflict resolution, and related subjects, or a professional development certificate in peace and conflict studies at one of the six Rotary Peace Centers.

**Rotary Foundation** grants support Rotarians' efforts to change lives and serve communities. Rotary's grant model includes:

#### District grants

District grants are block grants that enable 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 (see "Annual Fund and SHARE" in this guide). Districts manage and disburse these funds to support district- and club-sponsored activities, including vocational training teams, scholarships, humanitarian service projects, and cultural exchanges, provided they are aligned with the Foundation's mission.

#### Global grants

Global grants offer clubs and districts opportunities to participate in strategically focused, high-impact activities. These grants fund large-scale international humanitarian projects, vocational training teams, and scholarships that have sustainable, measurable outcomes in one or more 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. Global grant projects must have a total budget of US\$30,000 or more. This includes the World Fund award, which is based on a 100 percent match of DDF allocations or a 50 percent match of cash contributions from the sponsors. All 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 that country. When planning a global grant project, sponsors should conduct a thorough needs assessment that explores the pressing concerns in the project location along with the club and community resources available to address them.

#### Packaged grants

Packaged grants support predesigned projects developed by the Foundation and its strategic partners, which are organizations that work in one or more of Rotary's areas of focus and can offer financial support, technical expertise, or advocacy. The Foundation and the strategic partner provide 100 percent of the funding; Rotarians implement the grant project. Packaged grant options and current strategic partners are detailed online. Note: Effective 1 July 2013, District Simplified Grants and Matching Grants are no longer part of the grant model.

#### Areas of focus

All projects, scholars, and vocational training teams funded by global grants and packaged grants work toward specific goals in one or more of the following areas of focus:

#### Peace and conflict prevention/resolution

- ▶ Providing training for leaders, including young potential leaders, in prevention and mediation of conflict
- ▶ Supporting peace-building in communities and regions affected by conflict
- ▶ Supporting studies related to peace and conflict prevention/resolution by career-minded professionals

#### Disease prevention and treatment

- ▶ Improving the capacity of local health care professionals
- ▶ Supporting disease prevention programs, with the goal of limiting the spread of communicable diseases and reducing the incidence of and complications from noncommunicable diseases
- ▶ Enhancing the health infrastructure of local communities
- ▶ Educating & mobilizing communities to prevent the spread of major diseases
- ▶ Preventing physical disability resulting from disease or injury
- ▶ Supporting studies related to disease prevention and treatment by career-minded professionals

#### Water and sanitation

- ▶ Providing equitable access to safe water, improved sanitation, and hygiene
- ▶ Strengthening the ability of communities to develop, fund, and maintain sustainable water and sanitation systems
- ▶ Supporting programs that enhance communities' awareness of the benefits of safe water, sanitation, and hygiene
- ▶ Supporting studies related to water and sanitation by career-minded professionals

#### Maternal and child health

- ▶ Reducing mortality and morbidity rates for children under the age of five
- ▶ Reducing maternal mortality and morbidity rates
- ▶ Improving mothers' and children's access to essential medical services, trained community health leaders, and health care providers
- ▶ Supporting studies related to maternal and child health by career-minded professionals



## Basic education and literacy

- › Involving the community to support programs that strengthen the capacity of communities to provide basic education and literacy to all
- › Increasing adult literacy
- › Working to reduce gender disparity in education
- › Supporting studies related to basic education and literacy by career minded professionals

## Economic and community development

- › Building the capacity of entrepreneurs, community leaders, local organizations, and community networks to support economic development in impoverished communities
- › Developing opportunities for productive work
- › Reducing poverty in underserved communities
- › Supporting studies related to economic and community development by career-minded professionals

## Sustainability

Sustainability means different things to different organizations. For The Rotary Foundation, sustainability means providing solutions to community needs that ensure that the benefiting community can maintain the activities after grant funding ends. Global grant projects must be sustainable and display the following characteristics:

- › Community needs - The host community and Rotary project sponsors develop projects based on the host community's assessment of its needs and strengths
- › Appropriate technology - Project materials are appropriate for the community and, ideally, are purchased locally
- › Sustainable funding - The community is able to sustain the project without ongoing financial support from The Rotary Foundation or other Rotary sources
- › Knowledge transfer - The project includes teaching beneficiaries how to address their ongoing needs after the completion of the project
- › Motivation - The community is able to assume ownership of the project upon its completion
- › Monitoring and evaluation - The project includes a measurement plan to confirm significant improvement, ideally for at least three years

## Vocational training teams

Vocational training teams can be supported by district grants, global grants, and, in some cases, packaged grants. Teams sponsored by district grants have no restrictions on participant age or the duration or focus of the exchange. Global grants, as well as some packaged grants, address humanitarian needs by supporting teams that travel abroad to provide or receive robust training in one or more areas of focus. At least one team leader, preferably a Rotarian, and two members are required per team. There is no maximum team size or age restriction, but all team participants should have relevant professional skills and experience.

Global grant-sponsored teams may provide or receive training in various settings, including universities, hospitals, and companies, and may stay in a range of places, such as Rotarians' homes, university dormitories, and hotels. Training may last for any length of time, and more than one team may travel on a single grant. Training team costs must meet the US\$30,000 global grant minimum for total project cost including team member expenses and other grant activities.

## RI President and the Board of Directors Statement on Ebola

Rotary International President Gary C.K. Huang and the Board of Directors express their deepest concern and empathy for those countries and individuals impacted by the Ebola outbreak.

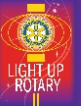
We recognize that public health professionals and community health workers working on polio eradication, particularly in West Africa, will be called upon to help respond to the Ebola crisis. Nevertheless, despite this redeployment of resources, polio eradication efforts to boost the immunity of children in the area continue, and synchronized polio immunization campaigns were held in September across 18 west and central African countries during which 94 million children were immunized against polio.

Rotary continues to closely monitor the latest developments, and work with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and other partners to respond to both polio and Ebola. Fighting disease is a priority of our members, who have organized countless projects around the world aimed at educating and mobilizing communities to prevent the spread of major diseases such as polio, HIV/AIDS, and malaria.

While our response to Ebola continues to evolve, much has already been accomplished:

- › Through our investments in the polio eradication infrastructure in Nigeria, the government was able to help stop the outbreak of Ebola. The polio surveillance network – used to monitor cases for polio – is being employed to identify and track suspected Ebola cases and has contributed to Nigeria's successful response. It is important to remember that Nigeria is still one of three polio endemic countries and we must continue our efforts on eradicating polio to prevent new outbreaks.
- › Rotary leadership continues to reach out to Rotarians in affected regions to determine how we can strengthen our response. Additionally, Rotary has created a working group to review the results of our findings, and help guide our outreach efforts.
- › In addition to our global organizational plans, Rotary members are being mobilized on the ground to help prevent the spread of Ebola and other major diseases. The Rotary Club of Monrovia, for example is working directly with the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare in Liberia to enhance local support for Ebola patients, health workers, and support personnel. Rotarians are soliciting funds to buy locally available items, providing much needed transportation, tracking potential Ebola cases, and supporting the reintegration of those who have recovered from the virus. Funding for the Monrovia project will also be used for local vehicle repair, fuel, medicine, mattresses, buckets, and other supplies. The Monrovia club has asked for donations of gowns, gloves, face masks, shoe covers, plastic boots, and, sadly, body bags. Please contact Yoquai Lavalala with copy to David Frankfort for more information on where to send items, and read more about the club's project in Rotary Ideas.

Rotarians and friends of Rotary can also support our broader efforts to address public health concerns by contributing to the Rotary Foundation's disease prevention and treatment fund. Contributions can be made securely online at [www.rotary.org/give](http://www.rotary.org/give) by selecting the Annual Fund option. They can be made in a variety of currencies, and are eligible for Paul Harris Fellow recognition. While these gifts may not contribute directly to current Ebola relief efforts, they will be put to effective use to support Rotary's ongoing commitment to prevent disease and improve access to health care around the world.



## Secretary's Diary



- 09<sup>th</sup> Nov - Rtn. M. P. Mathew
- 10<sup>th</sup> Nov - Dr. Achuthan Nair, Annet of Rtn. PAG PHF Dr. K. Ramakrishnan Nair
- 12<sup>th</sup> Nov - Gopika Shankar, Annet of Rtn. Sudheesh Shankar
- 12<sup>th</sup> Nov - Adithya J Kumar, Annet of Rtn. Anil Kumar
- 13<sup>th</sup> Nov - Vinu, Annet of Rtn. PHF. A. Sunil Kumar
- 14<sup>th</sup> Nov - Abhilash, Annet of Rtn. PP. PHF Dr. MSR Dev.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Nov - Dr. Jyotheedra Kumar, Annet of Rtn. PP. PHF V. Krishnan Nair
- 16<sup>th</sup> Nov - Rtn. PAG. MPH R. Sivaramakrishnan
- 16<sup>th</sup> Nov - Lizzy, Ann of Rtn. PP. K. P. Thomas
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov - Raji, Annet of Rtn. Gopa Kumar
- 26<sup>th</sup> Nov - Dr. Jobin Mathew, Annet of Rtn. PHF. P. M. Jose



- 02<sup>nd</sup> Nov - Rtn. PHF Prathap Pillai & Rty. Ann Meena Prathap
- 06<sup>th</sup> Nov - Rtn. PP. Dr. K. Balakrishnan Nair & Rty. Ann Saraswathy
- 10<sup>th</sup> Nov - Rtn. Mohanan Nair & Rty. Ann Deepa Nair
- 15<sup>th</sup> Nov - Rtn. PP PHF K. N. Sivan Kutty & Rty. Ann Sethu
- 19<sup>th</sup> Nov - Rtn. PHF C. K. Mohan Kumar & Rty. Ann Indira Kumari
- 29<sup>th</sup> Nov - Rtn. PP PHF V. Krishnan Nair & Rty. Ann Saradamma

## Jokes

### Polish Divorce

A Polish man moved to the USA and married an American girl. Although his English was not perfect, they got along very well. One day he rushed into a lawyer's office and asked him to arrange a divorce for him. The lawyer said that getting a divorce would depend on the circumstances, and asked him the following questions:

Have you any grounds? Yes, an acre and half and nice little home.  
 No, I mean what is the foundation of this case? It made of concrete.  
 I don't think you understand. Does either of you have a real grudge?  
 No, we have carport, and not need one.  
 I mean what are your relations like? All my relations still in Poland.  
 Is there any infidelity in your marriage? We have hi-fidelity stereo and good DVD player.  
 Does your wife beat you up? No, I always up before her.  
 Is your wife a nagger? No, she white.  
 Why do you want this divorce? She going to kill me.  
 What makes you think that? I got proof.  
 What kind of proof? She is going to poison me. She buy a bottle at drugstore and put on shelf in bathroom. I can read English pretty good, and it say: POLISH REMOVER

## DISTRICT CONFERENCE

District Conference "Mahotsav-2015" to be held at Hotel Le Meridien, Kochi on 13, 14, and 15th of February, 2015. Rare opportunity to enjoy the exotic location, enchanting ambience, delicious food. And listen to renowned speakers. Please keep these days free. Book on advance to serve you better.

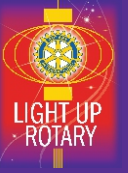
## Medical Camp at Govt. LPS, Aruvikkara





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## Prize Distribution - Dr. MRR Menon Memorial Painting Competition



## Felicitation to Rtn. Dr. K. Balakrishnan Nair on his Lifetime Achievement Award Received from Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons of India



## Induction of Mr. T. S. Mahesh

