

# PASSPORT TO FRIENDSHIP AND SERVICE



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## DO NOT MAKE A BONSAI OF A TREE



*You cannot make a bonsai of a mighty tree.  
By pruning its spreading branches,  
By trimming its luxuriant roots;  
For it has known the glory of the heavens,  
And the tender warmth of the living earth;  
It can never become  
A conversation piece in a bowl of china blue.  
Do not try to make a bonsai  
Of a mighty tree.  
It is better,  
That the tree should die.  
'Rotary helps people to achieve their full potential'*

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## Rotary: The Seed Germinates



Work defines a man and gives him self esteem and respect. A regular vocation was one thing George Harris never had. It was this that made him and his wife leave their two little boys Cecil, 5 years old and Paul 3, with his parents, Howard and Pamela Harris.

That is where Paul Harris, our founder, grew up, with his thrifty Vermont grandfather, who ran a store. Always there for him, was his loving grandmother who taught him about a wholesome, orderly, kind, life. His grandfather conducted his business with hard work and integrity and taught him that 'Life is not measured by what you have

but what you are inside'. Here he saw that integrity, frugality, tolerance, friendship are core values.

Paul Harris wanted this small town dream to come true in big soulless cities. Rotary was born on this foundation. The little boy's longing for friendship continuity and ethics, found expression in the Rotary movement which he founded as a lawyer in Chicago. 'Comfort, happiness and solid predictability of life' was what he had with his grandparents. He found it again, when he founded Rotary and married Jean Harris.

An average, sometimes reluctant student, he would have been amazed when the Vallingford school house was dedicated in his name. He was determined to, "Work hard and live honourably" for his grandparent's sake.

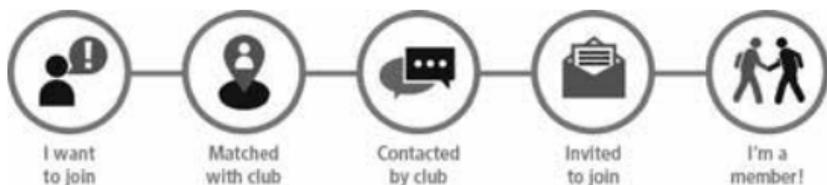
In 1896, he set up practice near Dearborn Street, Chicago. This was the very station where Swami Vivekanda had alighted when he came to speak at the Parliament of Religions in 1893. It was a dog eat dog world, a frontier town, where only the fittest survived. He was young and lonely in a

selfish, greedy world. Like the Swami, he brought a new way of life to the big city.

It was only in 1900 that he saw, through a friend, Bob Frank, that friendly neighbourhoods like Rogers Park could exist even in Chicago. In 1905 his life led him to that iconic moment when four professional men met to discuss an association of businessmen. On 23<sup>rd</sup> February, the four acquaintances, Paul P. Harris, Silvester Schiele, Hiram E. Shorey and Gustavus Loehr met at Gus's office to discuss 'a fellowship and business booster club'. The address, '711, 7<sup>th</sup> floor, Unity Building, Dearborn Street' in Downtown Chicago. And so Rotary was born!

## Rotary Membership

### THE MEMBERSHIP PROCESS



Rotary will continue to grow. The worldwide membership of Rotary now is over million Rotarians. But the challenge is to attract the best professionals who exemplify excellence in their professions and in life. Choosing a member for your Rotary club is like choosing a son- in- law or daughter- in- law. It is a choice that has to last for a lifetime. It is a choice that impacts each of our extended families. It is not just choosing whoever is available. It is choosing a person who will enrich your life. A person you want your children to look up to. Rotary is a life changing experience because of the people you meet there.

If at the end of your life you, have friends in 200 countries all over the globe, it can only be because of Rotary. You can hardly expect to remain unchanged by the experience of being melted by

the different cultures, languages and philosophies that you will encounter as a lifetime Rotarian.

Rotary teaches us that true happiness comes from serving others rather than somehow getting the better of them, by sharp practices that today go under the name of worldly wisdom. Rotary helps us to understand that business can be a pleasure rather than hard headed commerce and barter.

*“Frank L Mulholland, Rotary International President, 1914-15 served as a lawyer, who at 19 undertook an adventure on a cattle ship and a bicycle tour of Europe. He said, ‘No man is so rich, so dignified, so prominent, as to give his intimates the right to deny him the pleasure of being addressed by his first name.’”*

“Rotary is Fellowship. Real Fellowship is frank, spontaneous, full of warmth, and if you want to gauge its depth you will find that it is the difference between “Mister” and “Bill” – “Reverend” and “Jack”.

Personal Pledge: whenever I can, on dark days and sunny days, in victory and defeat, in pleasure or in pain, in the morning, at noon, at night, when I

tell my wife good-bye, when I meet my neighbour, when I pay my fare, when I speak to my employees, when I say my prayers – at all these times and at all other times, whenever I am able to be man enough, I will smile, live, laugh and love”.

‘Service is the rent we pay for our place on earth’ says an old Arabic proverb, that exemplifies our attitude to service, as a privilege and opportunity that Rotary provides, to improve our personal karma.

Rotarians address each other by their first names all over the world.

## The Big Six



Service is often dismissed as the dim vision of a dreamer. Selfishness has become an art form and a successful man is often defined as someone who has learnt to manipulate the rules. To be street smart seems to be the ultimate goal. Rotary provides a golden standard of behaviour in a world which is moving inexorably down the path of supreme selfishness. In Rotary alone, you are judged by not what you own but how much you give. All the awards in Rotary are for selflessness. Your place in this movement is judged by how much you do to the make to world a better place.

Of course the best place to serve is through your own business. Do not sell what you and your family cannot use. This is the ultimate quality statement. Certainly such a business is good for the world. For the last 113 years Rotary has also done active work

to change the human condition, as exemplified by the six areas of focus.

## **AREAS OF FOCUS**

The Trustees of The Rotary Foundation have identified six areas of focus for the new grant structure. These areas reflect critical humanitarian issues and needs that Rotarians are addressing worldwide. They will align Rotary with other international development efforts and will strategically further the Foundation's mission.

### **THE 6 AREAS OF FOCUS**

1. Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
2. Disease prevention and treatment
3. Water and sanitation
4. Maternal and child health
5. Basic education and literacy
6. Economic and community development

### **PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/ RESOLUTION**

The Rotary Foundation promotes the practice of peace and conflict prevention/resolution by

- Strengthening local peace efforts
- Training local leaders to prevent and mediate conflict
- Supporting long-term peace building in areas affected by conflict
- Assisting vulnerable populations affected by conflict, particularly children and youth
- Supporting studies related to peace and conflict resolution

## **DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT**

The Rotary Foundation reduces the causes and effects of disease by

- Improving the capacity of local health care professionals
- Combating the spread of HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other major diseases
- Enhancing the health infrastructure of local communities
- Educating and mobilizing communities to help prevent the spread of major diseases
- Supporting studies related to disease prevention and treatment

## **WATER AND SANITATION**

The Rotary Foundation ensures that people have sustainable access to water and sanitation by

- » Increasing equitable community access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation
- » Strengthening the ability of communities to develop and maintain sustainable water and sanitation systems
- » Educating communities about safe water, sanitation, and hygiene
- » Supporting studies related to water and sanitation

## **MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH**

The Rotary Foundation improves the lives of mothers and their children by

- » Reducing the mortality rate for children under the age of five
- » Reducing the maternal mortality rate
- » Improving access to essential medical services and trained health care providers for mothers and their children

- » Supporting studies related to maternal and child health

## **BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY**

The Rotary Foundation promotes education and literacy for all by

- » Ensuring that children have access to quality basic education
- » Reducing gender disparity in education
- » Increasing adult literacy
- » Strengthening the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy
- » Supporting studies related to basic education and literacy

## **ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

The Rotary Foundation invests in people to create measurable and enduring economic improvement in their lives and communities by

- » Strengthening the development of local entrepreneurs and community leaders,

particularly women, in impoverished communities

- » Developing opportunities for decent and productive work, particularly for youth
- » Building the capacity of local organizations and community networks to support economic development
- » Supporting studies related to economic and community development

This recently articulated menu of service makes it easier for the world to focus on clear areas of human life.

“The future of the Rotary Movement depends entirely upon the character and standing of its individual members.” Russel F Greiner 1913-14

## **ROTARY POLITICS**

If we are going to be true Rotarians and live up to everything the word implies, I implore you, do not declare in the hotel lobbies and the floor of the convention, with an angelic smile on your face that “No man in Rotary should seek the office,

the office should seek the man,” and then excuse yourself and rush to some candidate’s secret caucus.

Russel F Greiner 1913-14 Publishing and Lithography.

## The Four Way Test



The year, 1955, marked RI President Herbert J Taylor’s declaration of the 4-way Test, in Rotary’s 50<sup>th</sup> year celebration in Chicago.

A sports writer, who became vice president of a tea company, he bought and undertook the risk of turning around the nearly bankrupt Club Aluminium. It was here that he applied the 4-way test to all the aspects of the business and turned it around. He conveyed the copyright to Rotarian, so that business men could apply it to their own work. He was the one who said, “the finest slogans are useless without action”. Also the famous ‘freedom is not free’.

‘The fundamental principles contained in the 4 way test are Truth, Justice, friendliness and helpfulness to others. Rotarians are makers of friendships and builders of men. Extend neighbourliness around the world.’

## Polio Plus – Crusade to save children



The masterpiece on Polio, by novelist Phillip Roth, won him the Booker prize. In 1916, the polio epidemic which started in New York, 27,000 people were paralyzed and 7,000 killed. Rotary became synonymous with helping disabled children with wheel chairs, vocational training and Handy camps. President Franklin D Roosevelt was one of the rich and famous, affected by Polio. Children crawling for life, was a common result of polio in those days.

The story became more hopeful in 1955, when Dr. Jonas Salk discovered and had the Polio vaccine licensed for vaccinating thousands of children. Jonas Salk refused to patent his invention, saying that his discovery belonged to the whole world.

We in India can be proud that the idea of wiping out Polio arose in South India and Chennai. It started in May, 1977, when District Governor S R Govindarajan of 320, went to Canada. He was from the Rotary club of Madras West, my father, Late PDG Bhoja Shetty's club. He came back with an agreement with Districts 701, 704, 707. This resulted in 21 projects worth almost a million dollars.

Jai and I were part of the dinner table conversation that followed, on that landmark year which was the International year of the child. The Canadian Measles Vaccine project, was the signature project of the Rotary club of Madras to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> year. The club President V. Chidambaram formed a team with Rotarian Sarathy and Krish Chitale.

RI President Clem Renouf of Australia urged by his Ann, got a special grant approved to start the project when he launched 3H, the Health, Hunger and Humanity grants, to honour Rotary's 75<sup>th</sup> year. The program became a long term one.

Canadian Rotarians Ken Hobbs and Eva Hobbes

made it more permanent by working with Indian Rotarians for torturous government permission, for community, for education, for advocacy with religious leaders and a million other things that led to India being declared polio free in March 2014. The work of Rotarian Dr. Jacob John of Vellore, PDG Krishnaswamy, in this whole process along with PDG Purushottaman remains part of Rotary history.

Today there are only three countries with Polio – Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria. Nigeria was polio free till recently when they were put back on the list due to a fatal lapse in focus. As they say, polio is just a plane ride away. We in India, cannot afford to relax our vigilance for a single moment.

Our National immunization days when children in the remotest corners of our country are regularly immunized had filled the world with awe. The drama and excitement created to attract children and parents, will surely go into the annals of advertising and social action.

Polio infected over 350,000 children a year. Since our initiative was launched in 1988, more

than 2 billion children have been immunized in 122 countries, saving 5 million children from paralysis and 2,50,000 from death.

Rotary club members worldwide have contributed more than US\$1 billion and countless volunteer hours to the polio eradication effort. In January, Rotary leaders announced Rotary clubs had raised more than \$200 million in response to a \$355 million challenge grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, which in turn contributed an additional \$50 million in recognition of Rotary's commitment. All of the resulting \$605 million will be spent in support of immunization activities in polio-affected countries.

“Rotary continues to be the heart-and-soul of polio eradication,” Gates Foundation Co-Chair Bill Gates wrote in his annual letter. The other spearheading partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative are the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

## Rotary's Strategic Plan



Rotary's strategic plan provides a clear structure for a new century of growth as a professional organization. This plan has three clear strategic priorities supported by 16 goals. The whole plan is based on solid bedrock of unchanging principles: Fellowship, integrity, diversity, service and leadership.

## Reasons to join a Rotary Club



1. Friendship and fellowship
2. Business development and prestige
3. Personal growth and self development
4. Collaborative leadership skills among leaders
5. Building social capital
6. Fun and a better quality of life
7. Public speaking skills
8. Prestige/world Citizenship
9. See the world and experience different cultures  
and help by joining hands with loving Rotarians
10. Entertainment
11. Develop social skills

12. Programs involving the family
13. Vocational skills through meeting top professionals
14. A model for dharmic living
15. Building cultural networks
16. The opportunity to serve

### **Women in Rotary**



As a Rotary Ann in the Rotary club of Ambattur, since 1980, I can honestly say that being an Ann of a club is almost as much fun as being a Rotarian. The name Ann was coined in 1914, when the wife of San Francisco club Rotarian Henry J. Brunnier came on that journey. Her name was Ann. Thereafter all wives were called Rotary Ann.

Rotary Anns in Rotary club of Madras West, where I was an Annette since 1965, were a driving force in fellowship and fund raising. Everyone listened

to what the Anns coffee party decided. Dad with his three daughters was cheerfully rumoured not only to be 'hen pecked' or Anne pecked but also chicken pecked.

In 1985, the Rotary conference had a debate on whether women should be allowed to join Rotary. Having enjoyed myself as an Annette, Rotaractor and Anne since 1965, I was squarely on the side of those who said no. But fate had other plans.

The admission of women members to the Rotary club of Chicago would appear to be unthinkable. "Rotarians are family men whose wives are home-makers and mothers" – Circa, 1934. They had not foreseen a time when women would be both professional business leaders and great home makers as well!

Men worried that they would not be able to tell off colour jokes! In 1978 the Rotary club of Duarte, California admitted three women as members. The club charter was revoked. The club filed a law suit. For years, many clubs had been sending proposals to admit women to the council of legislation. The

motion was rejected with monotonous regularity but by progressively smaller margins. On May 1987, the Supreme Court ruled 7: 6 for women to be admitted. The 1989 Council on legislation adopted it.

Today the 2,33,955 women Rotarians have kept our membership steady at 1.2 million Rotarians. Most Rotarians believe that diversity has added value to our wonderful movement.

### **Inner wheel**

When wives of Rotarians were banned from using Rotary in their name, the British ladies coined the word Inner Wheel. Their first meeting was at Herriot's Turkish Baths on 15<sup>th</sup> November 1923. They elected, Margarete Goldrij as their first President. To this day, when Inner wheel has spread all over the world, they continue to make Baby Bundles and send them to children at risk all over the world.

Today, especially in India, they are equal partners in all our major projects in Literacy and WINs. During the war, Norwegian Inner Wheel members kept meeting as a bridge club during the German

occupation. Inner Wheel is now one of the largest women's organisations in the world with 1,03,000 members in 103 countries and 3895 clubs.

## RI Presidents and Themes

Till 1956 there were no themes as we know them today. From 1957, the themes were in the form of guiding principles and descriptive paragraphs or a set of themes. However since 1957, we have specific Rotary Themes for each Rotary Year.

1986	MAT. Caparas	“Rotary Brings Hope”
1987	Charles C. Keller	“Rotarians- United in Service- Dedicated to Peace”
1988	Royce Abbey	“Put Life into Rotary-Your Life”
1989	Hugh M. Archer	“Enjoy Rotary”
1990	Paulo V.C. Costa	“Honor Rotary with Faith and Enthusiasm”
1991	Rajendra K. Saboo	“Look Beyond Yourself”
1992	Clifford L. Dochterman	“Real Happiness is Helping Others”
1993	Robert R. Barth	“Believe in What You Do-Do What You Believe In”
1994	William H. Huntley	“Be a Friend”
1995	Herbert G. Brown	“Act with Integrity, Serve with Love, Work for Peace”
1996	Luis Vicente Giay	“Build the Future with Action and Vision”

1997	Glen Kinross	“Show Rotary Cares”
1998	James L. Lacy	“Follow Your Rotary Dream”
1999	Carlo Ravizza	“Rotary 2000 :Act with- Consistency, Credibility, Continuity”
2000	Frank J. Devlyn	“Our Mission-Create Awareness, Take Action”
2001	Richard King	“Mankind Is Our Business”
2002	Bhichai Rattakuls	“Sow the Seeds of Love”
2003	Johnathan Majiyagbe	“Lend a Hand”
2004	Glenn Estess	“Celebrate Rotary”
2005	Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammer	“Service above Self”
2006	Bill Boyd	“Lead the Way”
2007	Wilt Wilkinson	“Rotary Shares”
2008	D.K.Lee	“Make Dreams Real”
2009	John Kenny	“The Future of Rotary is in your Hands.”
2010	Ray Klingensmith	“Building Communities, Bridging Continents”
2011	Kalyan Banerjee	“Reach Within to Embrace Humanity”
2012	Sakuji Tanaka	“Peace through Service”

2013	Ron D. Burton	“Engage Rotary Change Lives”
2014	Gary CK Huang	“Light Up Rotary”
2015	Ravindran.K.R	“Be a Gift to the World”
2016	John F Germ	Rotary Serving Humanity

## Rotary Milestones

1905	First Rotary club organized in Chicago, Illinois, USA
1908	Second club formed in San Francisco, California, USA
1910	First Rotary convention held in Chicago
1912	The Rotary Club of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, becomes the first club outside the United States to be officially chartered. (The club was formed in 1910.)
1917	Endowment fund, forerunner of The Rotary Foundation, established
1932	4-Way Test formulated by Chicago Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor
1945	Forty-nine Rotarians help draft United Nations Charter in San Francisco

1947	Rotary founder Paul Harris dies; first 18 Rotary Foundation scholarships granted
1962	First Interact club formed in Melbourne, Florida, USA
1965	Rotary Foundation launches Matching Grants and Group Study Exchange programs
1970	May 1970 The Rotary Club of Te Atatu North Rotary Club Chartered (Now Known as The Rotary Club of Waitakere City) (Name Changed 1990)
1978	RI's largest convention, with 39,834 registrants, held in Tokyo
1985	Rotary announces PolioPlus program to immunize all the children of the world against polio
1989	Council on Legislation opens Rotary membership to women worldwide; Rotary clubs chartered in Budapest, Hungary, and Warsaw, Poland, for first time in almost 50 years
1990	Rotary Club of Moscow chartered first club in Soviet Union
1990 to 1991	Preserve Planet Earth program inspires some 2,000 Rotary-sponsored environmental projects
1994	Western Hemisphere declared polio-free
1999	Rotary Center for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution established
2000	Western Pacific declared polio-free

2001	30,000th Rotary club chartered
2002	Europe declared polio-free; first class of 70 Rotary Peace Scholars begin study
2003	Rotarians raise more than US\$118 million to support the final stages of polio eradication
2004	Rotary International hosts its largest Convention in Osaka, Japan. A record 45,881 Rotarians from 113 Countries attend
2005	Rotary Celebrates its 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
2006	Only 4 Countries remain polio endemic: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria and Pakistan. New Zealander Rotarian Bill Boyd inducted as RI World President.
2007	Rotary Foundation celebrates millionth Paul Harris Award
2008	Rotary launches the Gates Foundation “End Polio” Challenge
2009	Rotary celebrates the 100 <sup>th</sup> Rotary International Convention in Birmingham, England The worlds’ largest artificial reef was built by a Rotary Club in the Philippines - in the shape of a Rotary wheel
2011	India entered The Polio Free World Club with no cases of polio.  <b>ENDPOLIONOW</b>

2012	Rotarian contribution for Polio Plus now total over \$800 million dollars. Rotary met the \$200 million dollars challenge by the Bill and Melinda gates Foundation in 2013 and received a matching #355 million dollar grant plus a \$50 Million bonus. More than 2 billion children have been immuised and the disease has nearly been eradicated from the world. Only a few reported cases exist in remote areas of Nigeria, Pakistan, and Afghanistan. India has just been declared to be free of endemic Polio.
2013	India is officially certified as Polio Free

## ROTARY PROGRAMS

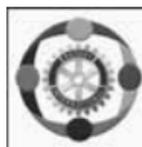
**Interact** is a service club for young people ages 14-18. Sponsored by local Rotary clubs, Interact clubs give young people an opportunity to participate in fun, meaningful service projects while developing leadership skills and meeting new friends.



**Rotaract** - is a service club for young people ages 18 to 30. Sponsored by local Rotary clubs, Rotaract clubs conduct community and international service projects, and participate in professional and leadership development activities.



**Rotary Community Corps – (RCC)** is a group of non-Rotarian men and women who share Rotarians' commitment to service. Under the guidance of a sponsoring Rotary club, RCC members put their own skills to work to improve the quality of life in their communities.



**Rotary Fellowships** - are groups of Rotarians organized by recreational or vocational interests. Rotary Fellowships unite Rotarians in friendship and service, the exchange of ideas, and the pursuit of international understanding.



**Rotary Friendship Exchange** - provides Rotarians the opportunity to experience other cultures by staying in the homes of Rotarians in other countries. The program advances international understanding and peace through personal contact across borders while developing interclub relationships.



**Rotary Volunteers** – The Rotary Volunteers program increases Rotarian participation in volunteer

activities by providing service opportunities in a volunteer's local community and communities abroad. At the international level, two directories are available to match registered Rotary Volunteers with service projects.



### **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards -**

In the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program, young people ages 14-30, chosen for their leadership potential, attend a seminar, camp, or workshop to discuss and practice leadership skills. Rotary clubs and districts select participants and organize the event.



### **World Community Service –**

Through the World Community Service program, Rotarians conduct community service projects to meet human needs and improve lives. Clubs in need of help to complete a project partner with a club abroad willing to provide funds, materials, and technical and professional assistance.



**Youth Exchange –** The Youth Exchange is an international exchange program that provides thousands of young people with the opportunity

to meet people from other lands and to experience their cultures, beginning a lifetime of international understanding.



“He profits most who serves the best” became Rotary’s guiding principle in the year 1911. On this rests The Rotary Foundation. Today the Rotary Foundation has saved the lives of women and children, built homes for the homeless, helped the lame to walk, brought water to the thirsty and negotiated peace. It is close to making the world Polio Free and serves in all the six areas of focus worldwide.

“Arch C Klump is the father of the Rotary Foundation who described himself as a man who thinks Rotary, sleeps Rotary and dreams Rotary”. He wrote in 1917 “the world is becoming but a village, comprising two hundred families of nations and there is not a sound or convincing reason why they may not ultimately live in the same peaceable way.” At 44, he was President of Rotary International and had a conference at Atlanta. It was here that he first spoke about an endowment fund to ‘do good in the

world'. The fund was born with a contribution of US\$26.50 from the Rotary Club of Kansas.

A seed trying to germinate during the Great Depression and World war II. The Foundation grew into the mighty, sheltering tree it has become today. Klumph had to face a great deal of opposition to the Foundation. He wrote, "I have regretted exceedingly that an occasional Rotarian has been so unkind and unfair and so untrue as to make the statement that the Foundation was a wild dream of Arch Klumph". In 1938-39, he discovered that certain high-level Rotary leaders were planning to scrap The Rotary Foundation. In a letter to his



old friend and 1915-16 President Allen D. Albert, one can sense Klumph's pain:

"Your letter of November 7<sup>th</sup> came to me just at a moment of deepest sorrow and dejection on account of current Rotary matters.....Regarding the Foundation, my bitterness is limitless. The source of the opposition I have known of since the very beginning. It has been subtle and yet it was impossible to cover up one's deeds. Nothing

but jealousy and envy of the Foundation has been the cause of its slow progress and I am satisfied it will shortly be wrecked, at least to the extent that there will be no Rotary Foundation..... Such short sightedness and childish ignorance is unbelievable.” But in the end Klump triumphed. The Rotary Foundation is the greatest foundation the world has ever known.

## **PROGRAMS OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION**

### **PolioPlus**

Polio eradication is Rotary’s top philanthropic priority.

### **Rotary Peace Fellowships**

Rotary Peace Fellowship 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.

## **Future Vision Plan**

In anticipation of the Rotary Foundation's 100-year anniversary in 2017, the Trustees set out to develop a plan to move the Foundation toward its second century of service. The plan reflects the desires and interests of Rotarians worldwide to give the Foundation a more sustainable and visible impact in the world. The plan is simple and flexible, allowing Rotarians to apply for grants online.

## **GRANTS**

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% of their District Designated Fund (DDF) for one grant annually. 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 foundations mission.

## **Global Grants**

Global grants offer clubs and districts opportunities to participate in strategically focused, high-impact activities. These grants fund largescale international humanitarian projects, vocational training teams, and scholarships that have sustainable, measurable outcomes in one or more of Rotary's 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 minimum total budget of \$30,000. This includes the World Fund award, which is based on a 100 percent match of District Designated Fund 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 as well as 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. Details about packaged grant options and current strategic partners are available at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

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