

The District Rotary Foundation - September 2020

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Fellow Rotarians; the month of September in Rotary features Basic Education and Literacy. Clubs respond by working on these issues within their local communities and with support on an International scope. Basic Education and Literacy is a core function as an Area of Focus for The Rotary Foundation (TRF). Our Foundation supports the efforts of our Clubs through District and Global Grants. Understanding how these Grants work, as well as advance planning, is a key to realizing success utilizing Foundation Support.

TRF needs continued member support in order to insure that grants continue to be made available to Clubs for these efforts. Our District 5240 continues to do very well with financial support for TRF. For the first two months of the new Rotary year, total giving from our District to TRF was \$74,552, nearly a 20% increase over the same time period last year! District Governor Deb has articulated the need for early giving the TRF Annual Fund and Polio Plus, and D5240 Rotarians are responding. Keep up the good work.

Earlier giving to TRF in July and August has also realized 16 new Paul Harris Fellows, and 50 multiple PFF's. Thank you all.

On September 21, we will be conducting the first of (3) TRF related workshops. This first session will be an overview of The Rotary Foundation including goal setting, and featuring the DRFC District and Global Grants & the Stewardship sub-committees. **Registration to follow as soon as possible!**

The big news regarding polio. The African continent becomes 'Polio Free'! See the news release: <https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-congratulates-african-region-becoming-wild-poliovirus-free>

News on Grants. District Grants Chair Pat Abruzzese and committee are to be congratulated for the hard work that was done on getting the 82 District Grants reviewed and approved for 2019-2020 year. I have received a few 'where is the check' message in the last couple of weeks. Well, they're not in the mail yet, but pretty close! Global Grants Chair Chas Wilson and committee have a new Global Grants policy to work with, and stand ready to assist clubs with their Global Grant efforts.

News on Peace Fellowships. Chair Mike Weaver is available to discuss the Rotary Peace Fellowship program and how to nominate a Peace Fellow. This link will also provide additional information:

<https://rotarydistrict5240.org/sitepage/peace-fellowship-scholarship-advisory-sub-com>

The DRFC stands ready to support the efforts of Rotarians throughout District 5240 for the 2020-2021 Rotary year. Take a look at the DRFC subpage on the District Website at: DRFC subpage: <https://rotarydistrict5240.org/sitepage/the-rotary-foundation>