LIVES ARE CHANGED FOR THE BETTER BECAUSE OF YOU!

We have been reviewing this year’s District Grant Projects and I am amazed at all of the wonderful things you as individual Rotarians and Rotary Clubs are doing in your communities. You are truly “LIGHTING UP ROTARY” The following are just a few examples. Providing a scholarship for an elementary school child to attend a special learning program. Awarding a scholarship in the medical field so a deserving individual can re-enter the work force. Building trails and beautification projects to improve the lives of those citizens living in the community. Providing clothing and shoes to youngsters who cannot afford them. Creating opportunities for individuals to be trained in construction for the chance to get better paying jobs. Building little libraries so the beneficiaries will have the opportunity to borrow books and encourage higher literacy in the city. Providing the opportunity for the youth in the community to learn about water and sanitation through the local children’s museum. Improving the educational opportunities in our school by providing computers, dictionaries atlases and supplies. Helping to feed those individuals, children and families in need.

I hope some of you will share your district grant projects with your fellow Rotarians by providing a news article for the Foundation Newsletter. How many of you have published your District Grant or all of the other wonderful projects you and your club are involved in through your newspaper, radio, TV and especially through social media.
DISTRICT GRANTS FINAL REPORTS!

NEUSE SUNRISE  
(BRIDGETON)  

DICTIONARY PROJECT  
827 DICTIONARIES  
DISTRIBUTED TO 3RD GRADERS  
IN CRAVEN COUNTY

MANTEO

NAGS HEAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,  
ONE SCHOOL, ONE BOOK  
OVER 600 STUDENTS, PARENT AND STAFF PARTICIPATED IN THE  
READING OF THE BOOK, THE CRICKET IN TIMES SQUARE.  
THIS CULMINATED WITH A SCHOOLWIDE “CRICKET FAIR”.

[Images of children and teachers with dictionaries, and a school hallway decorated for the event.]
LET’S SHARE OUR ROTARY STORY WITH THE COMMUNITY. YOU MAY BE SURPRISED AT THE BENEFITS IT WILL PROVIDE.

Share with the community how you have changed the lives of people, not only in your own community but throughout the world. Let the word out not only in what you are doing in your communities but also what we are doing on the district and international level. The more people hear about Rotary the more they will learn about Rotary and the impact it has. We are all busy today and when it comes to giving back we want to be associated with a group of doers. Yes we want to enjoy the fellowship but we want to feel like we have made a contribution. Tell your story. Tell Rotaries story. Let the word out and see an increased interest from people wanting to become a part. With increased knowledge comes greater interest which results in more members. With more members comes the ability to share the opportunities and more members means more contributions to Our Rotary Foundation which results in more service to our communities and the world.

It’s a win-win all the way around.

I encourage you to visit Rotary’s Brand Center for more information on sharing Rotary’s story.

ELIZABETH CITY MORNING

PORT DISCOVER

WILSON ROTARY CLUB

DIVERSIFIED OPPORTUNITIES

WOODSHOP ACCESSIBILITY &

CAPABILITY UPGRADE
What is your EREY Story?

Why do you support the Rotary Foundation? Why do you contribute every year? What is your EREY Story?

We would like to hear your story, and share it with all our readers. Please write to the Editor at jeeturotary@gmail.com

Below is a story from RGHF member Brenda Cressey.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION - ANY DREAM WILL DO

This new year offers new opportunities, hope and possibilities to change our world and yes, “any dream will do”!

With so much unrest and uncertainly in our world today we can thankfully say there is Rotary! You need only read or hear about all the incredibly moving stories of how The Rotary Foundation, our foundation, change’s the many lives of those in need and at the same time changes us, the Rotarian’s who support Rotary projects here and abroad, both financially or through our personal involvement.

Think about all those Rotary projects, created by members of your own clubs, funded and carried out by you, the Rotarians, along with matching funds made possible by your annual contributions to The Rotary Foundation or those gifts by way of an endowment you thoughtfully considered in your estate planning – the later allowing you to remain a Rotarian forever.

Please know that lives are changed for the better because of you. It’s each one of you who are truly “Making Dreams Real”. These life changing projects and the stories we read or hear about or when participating in a hands on a project is a true testament to the wonders and miracles of Rotary and truly reaffirms that “Any Dream Will Do!”

As I travel around this world of Rotary I’ve had the pleasure to meet incredible people - people who I would consider to be great humanitarians and it always brings me to think of this anonymous quote.

“To the world you might be one person, but to one person you might be the world!”

You see, it’s your personal commitment and passion, for whatever it is that happens to make Rotary relevant to you, those dreams of “Doing Good in the World” are exactly what will continue to keep you active, involved and connected to your own Rotary club!

It’s when we become inspired or motivated thru our volunteer service efforts and how we continually support our Rotary Foundation that we realize rotary is an enormous catalyst – one that truly allows us to serve at any time, at any level, both locally and/or internationally.

Sadly, in today’s age of technology and instant communications we find ourselves watching a world where human suffering continues to rise on a daily basis!

Continued …
We are moved when tragically witnessing yet another crisis or horrific act against humanity? But, it is then, we instantly realize that as an association of this world-wide organization consisting of Rotarians, that we are moved even more so as we watch hundreds of selfless people, many who are volunteers in Rotary service and our big family of Rotary, step up and take immediate action!

For me, in that single moment in time, whether or not I'm in a position to personally offer a lending hand or to provide financial assistance I'm always comforted with the assurance that Rotarians, will no doubt find a way to respond to that crisis quickly, efficiently and effectively!

I've been privileged and honored to continue to meet rotarian’s who share their moving experiences of how they were able to take action and make a difference because of Rotary and its Foundation! Perhaps you know a Rotarian, someone sitting next to you today, a Rotarian who has a great passion to serve.

To me, these shared experiences reaffirm the fact that each one of you represents Rotary’s heart and its spirit. I sincerely believe Rotarians and our Rotary Foundation are the lifeblood of this great organization! And that Rotary has two big hearts – it’s members and the Rotary Foundation!

My personal passion in Rotary is to see the end of polio and we are indeed “this close”. As a matter of fact, learning that polio was Rotary’s focus was the very reason why I joined Rotary back in 1989 – twenty five years ago. It was when I first learned from my sponsor about how Rotary had become involved in this single but monumental effort in 1985. Polio eradication immediately connected with me, because as a young child my close friend contracted polio and I never saw her again!

A short time later in Rotary I learned the significance of Rotary’s efforts and commitment to eradicate polio from then incoming RI President Cliff Dochtermann. He was a speaker at my very first district conference. After hearing his passionate speech that day I knew I made the right decision to become a Rotarian and have personally dedicated myself to this great humanitarian cause ever since, and to further become the best Rotarian I could be.

What I learned in these 25 years in Rotary is that Rotarians also concern themselves with many other issues, clean water, literacy, poverty and education of the girl child and peace. We Rotarian’s are changing the world one person at a time, one day at a time and many Rotarian’s have witnessed all these areas of concern and focus at levels we could never understand and thankfully will never have to personally experience.
Today, you can all take great pride in Rotary’s work to eradicate polio. By the time the world is certified polio free, Rotary’s contributions will exceed $1.5 billion dollars along with millions of dollars of in kind and personal contributions made by local Rotary clubs and districts worldwide. Hundreds of thousands of volunteers continue to provide support at clinics or participating in national immunization days. Isn’t it incredible to know that if not for this global initiative, which began in 1988, it’s expected that more than 5 million people, mainly in the developing world, would have been paralyzed and who are now walking because they were immunized against polio. Please let there be no doubt, Rotary will see the end of polio, because you care enough to make a difference.

The motto of our Rotary Foundation is “Doing Good in the World” and our mission in Rotary is “to enable Rotarians to advance understanding, goodwill and peace through health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty”. Rotarians, it’s only through your personal involvement and financial support that we can one day proudly say “Mission Accomplished”!

The magic of Rotary is simply that the Rotary Foundation belongs to Rotarians and it’s dedicated to furthering Rotary’s programs throughout the world. It’s each one of you, the Rotarians, who determines which programs to support and at what level of funding you’re capable of. It’s up to each one of you to help shape the world’s future and to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

My personal dream is to know and realize that every single Rotarian in the world would understand the need to support The Rotary Foundation, every single year, at a level comfortable to them. After all, the needs in our communities and in our world are greater today and rotary needs your continued support - now more than ever!

The founder of The Rotary Foundation – our 6th RI President Arch Klumph said, and I quote: “No one can tell us what Rotary will be tomorrow, but one thing is certain: what Rotary will be tomorrow depends upon what we Rotarians do today.”

The question today is this. Will you dream the possible dreams? Please, remember that “any dream will do” because:

“To the world you might be one person, but to one person you might be the world!”

Our Rotary family is truly Rotary’s heart! Rotary thanks you for all you continue to do as you make a difference in our world.

Brenda Cressey
Rotary Zone 26 Endowment/Major Gift Adviser/District Governor D5240 (01-02)
DISTRICT GRANT APPLICATIONS
DEADLINE APRIL 1, 2015

District Grant applications for the 2015-16 Rotary year are due no later than April 1, 2015. The applications will be reviewed the first of May by the grants committee along with the incoming District Governor. If the grants are approved a block grant will be submitted to The Rotary Foundation the first of June. Once approved by TRF they will issue a bank draft sometime in July to the District Foundation Treasurer and in turn she will issue the clubs check the first of August. All checks will be mailed to the attention of the club president at the club address shown on DaCdb. Please be sure this is the correct address. Once you receive the check the club president will be required to respond to the district treasurer confirming that he or she has received the check and that it has been deposited in the clubs bank account.

I encourage you before submitting your clubs district grant application to do some type of needs assessment. Get your club members involved listen to what they see as a need in the community. If your club is interested in helping the schools in your area get the administrators involved. Ask them where the real need is, you may be surprised. Where can you be of the most help? Don’t keep doing the same thing over and over if there is a greater need somewhere else. Consider joining with some of your neighboring clubs and doing an even larger service project.

Remember after completion the final report must give the number of Rotarians involved in the project along with two examples of what they had done. You cannot just write a check to an organization. All payments must be backed up with an invoice and either canceled check or paid receipt for the items purchased. The money cannot be used for any other purpose other then what the application was approved for.

DANGERS OF VACCINE DENIAL

Medical experts say vaccines save more lives than any public health measure other than clean water and sanitation. To read more click on the link below.
POLIO PLUS UPDATE - MARCH 2015

February 2015 News:

WHAT IS IPV AND WHY SHOULD I CARE?
IPV stands for Inactivated Polio Vaccine! IPV is a shot like what you and I would get when we go to a clinic for the flu. These shots replace the drops being phased out around the world presently.

This year will mark the largest vaccine introduction in history as 120 countries add the inactivated polio vaccine to their routine immunization programs. It is part of ongoing preparatory activities for the phased removal of oral polio vaccines in early 2016, a critical element of the plan to achieve a polio-free world. With effective international support, introduction of the inactivated vaccine will contribute to broader efforts of the polio program to strengthen routine immunization systems. This will help to ensure that more children around the world receive life-saving vaccines. This month, Nigeria became the first of the remaining polio-endemic countries to introduce IPV into the routine immunization system.

Wild poliovirus in 2015
- Global Total: 10 (24)
- Global WPV1: 10 (24)
- Global WPV3: 0 (0)
Endemic: 10 (24)
- Afghanistan: 1 (3)
- Nigeria: 0 (0)
- Pakistan: 9 (21)
Importation Countries: 0 (0)

Data as of 24 February 2015. Numbers in brackets represent data at this time in 2014.

Researchers Think Synthetic Vaccine Could Eliminate Polio
From Voice of America - Jessica Berman February 16, 2015 9:31 AM
The development of the oral polio vaccine more than 50 years ago is credited with virtually eradicating the illness worldwide. Now, researchers are looking ahead to the day when the disease no longer exists, even outside the laboratory.

To hasten that day, researchers in Britain are developing a synthetic polio vaccine. It works like one made from live, weakened virus, except it contains synthetic particles inside a viral shell.

The man-made vaccine mimics the structure of the polio virus, so it would be able to raise a strong immune response in humans. And because it does not contain the pathogen, there would be no risk of exposure, even in the case of an accidental release during the manufacture process. See the entire article at: http://www.voanews.com/content/researchers-think-synthetic-vaccine-could-eliminate-polio/2643940.html

Most, or all this information came from the Rotary web site at www.endpolionow.org and at the POLIO Global Eradication Initiative web site: www.poliomeradication.org and from the Voice of America web site: www.voanews.com!

Please invite a District Leader to present at your club soon!
Stan Keeler
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Stankeeler@gmail.com
Thank you for stepping up your contributions this quarter. After completing eight months of the Rotary year, our per capita giving should be at $90.05 to meet our district goals of $135 per person. As a District, we stand at $77.20, which means we need to start increasing our giving numbers.

As of March 12, 2015 those clubs that have met or exceeded the giving pace are:

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CONGRATULATIONS to each of the clubs for keeping your giving on track to help insure a successful year for the Rotary Foundation - Rotary’s only charity.