



Annual Fund Fundraising Campaign



Your gift to the Annual Fund helps Rotary clubs take action today to create positive change in communities at home and around the world. Your contributions help us strengthen peace efforts, provide clean water and sanitation, support education, grow local economies, save mothers and children, and fight disease.

The Every Rotarian Every Year initiative asks every Rotarian to support The Rotary Foundation every year. In addition to contributing to the Annual Fund on a regular basis, members are encouraged to get involved in a Foundation project or program.

Your help is needed **NOW**...ONLY 5 weeks left!
Only \$192,000 to go!

Our District Goals are \$175 average per person, 100% club participation, to raise \$400,000.

Clubs **MUST** submit all their contributions they have collected by June 15, 2016...PLEASE!

Three important reference tools to help you achieve our TRF Giving Goals:

1. District Monthly Contribution Report - showing giving YTD vs Goal
2. The District Banner Report showing per capita giving, the number of contributing members, number of sustaining members, and the number of Paul Harris Society members.
3. The most important reports are the Club EREY Report - listing member names, who has contributed YTD, and the Club Recognition Summary to track Paul Harris recognition.

A new power point presentation that details how to manage giving using the Foundation Reports on www.rotary.org (Presidents, Secretaries, and Club Foundation Chairs have access to these reports).

Thanks for all you do.

Rick



Jim Satterwhite
District 7980 PHS Coordinator

Fairfield PHS members reaches 11 the highest in our District!

November 16, 2015 Fairfield Rotary Club recognized four new PHS members: Peter Penczer, Paul Greatsinger, Rena Fortuna and John Marshall Lee.



Shown in the photo: Jim Satterwhite, District PHS Coordinator; PDG, DRFC Rick Benson and Rena Fortuna.



Shown in the photo: Jim Satterwhite; Rick Benson; Bill Llewellyn standing in for Paul Greatsinger; John Marshall Lee; Peter Penczer

At their November 18, 2015 meeting the Rotary Club of Branford recognized their first four PHS members!



Shown in the photo L to R: Jim Satterwhite, District PHS Coordinator; Tony Terry; David Chew; Branford Club President Jim Carpenter; Chip Marsh; Richard Shanahan.

At the April 28, 2016 meeting of the Rotary Club of Cheshire Jim McGregor was recognized as their first PHS member.



In the photo L to R: PDG, DRFC Rick Benson; Jim McGregor; Jim Satterwhite, District PHS Coordinator

May 2016

Paul Harris Society D-7980 reaches **103** Members!

What is the Paul Harris Society?

Named after Rotary's founder, the Paul Harris Society recognizes Rotary members and friends of The Rotary Foundation who contribute \$1,000 or more each year to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus Fund, or approved global grants. The purpose of the Paul Harris Society is to honor and thank individuals for their generous, ongoing support of The Rotary Foundation.

"I am one of the founding members of the PHS here in our district many years ago. We as Rotarians save and change lives everyday somewhere in the world; I sincerely believe Rotary is one of our best tools for achieving world peace." Lynda Hammond - RC Orange, District 7980

What **Your** Giving Support?

You promote peace, fights disease, provides clean water, saves mothers and children, supports education, and grows local economies through grants that:

- Bore wells in Uganda providing villages with safe portable water.
- Distribute insecticide-treated mosquito nets and medical services that help prevent malaria in Mali.
- Giving kids with congenital heart disease a second chance to live.
- Provide water filters, toilet blocks, and hygiene training to prevent fluorosis in a community in India.
- Provide educational support for our schools in Bridgeport
- Protect children around the world from polio.

Congratulations!

Foundation Team Members Recognized Rotary Year 2015-16

Dave Wolfe RC Monroe

Abraham I Gordon Award

This award honors RI Director 1998-2000 Abraham I. Gordon, PRIVP from the Bridgeport Rotary Club. It recognizes a Rotarian who has made a significant impact in the lives of the people in their community or in the international community. Preference will be given to International Service which advances RI's goal of world understanding and peace.

Jim Satterwhite RC Madison

Donald A. Adams Outstanding Rotarian Award

This award honors the 15th Rotary International President from the New Haven Club in our District 7980. Each club may nominate as its candidate a member who best represents all-around contribution to the Five Avenues of Rotary Service to both his or her club and the District.

Rotary International Recognition

Ed Pikaart RC North Branford

Service Above Self

Rotary's highest honor recognizes up to 150 Rotarians each year who demonstrate their commitment to helping others by volunteering their time and talents.

The Rotary Foundation Recognition

Ernie Luise PDG RC Derby-Shelton

Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award is the Foundation's highest service recognition and is given to Rotarians who have demonstrated exemplary service to the Foundation. Recipients must have received the Citation for Meritorious Service four years prior to be eligible for this award.

Lynda Hammond RC Orange

Meritorious Service Award

Honor members who have been actively involved in service activities related to The Rotary Foundation, such as serving on a Foundation committee, participating in a grant-funded project, or supporting a Rotary Peace Fellow.



As of June 30th we will be losing several members of our District Rotary Foundation Team. Several are assuming other TRF positions, some are taking on greater responsibilities in their clubs, while a few are leaving our district - *you will be missed*.

On behalf of the Clubs in our District and the lives we have saved and changed over the years, thank you for your many years of service to make this happen.

Jean Ferris	District Steward
Sue Horton	Foundation Area Rep-Area 4
John Daniel	Foundation Area Rep-Area 5
Alpha Coiro	Foundation Area Rep-Area 8

Cheryl Duey	Foundation Area Rep-Area 9
Gerri Lewis	Foundation Area Rep-Area 10
Cathy Pompei	Foundation Area Rep-Area 11
Dennis Wong	Annual Fund Raising Chair
Sue Wheeler	DMG Review Committee
Cathy Forsberg	DMG Review Committee
Brian Bishop	GG Advisory Chair
Glenn Pearson	"Boots" chair
Tari Marshall-Day	TRF Public Image Chair
Heather Hackley	GG Scholar Interview team

Thank you for your support,
PDG Rick Benson, DRFC

Calendar of Events

6 November 2016

Foundation Brunch Keynote Speaker PRIP &
Trustee Ron Burton

Rotary Direct
Rotary's recurring giving program

D7980 TRF Program Budget 16-17

District Managed Grants		
*20 RYLA Scholarships	\$2,500	
**2 World Affairs Scholarships	\$2,500	* RYLA - Twenty (20) Scholarships at \$125 each, with a maximum of 2 candidates per club, matching club funds \$1:\$1.
26 Humanitarian Grants (@2500)	\$65,409	** World Affairs Seminar - Two (2) scholarships at \$1250 each, matching club funds\$1:\$1
Total Funds	\$70,409	

Supporting our youth programs makes a difference in so many lives of our kids!



“RYLA was the best thing that I could have ever done for myself. I met people that will always have a huge impact on my life, I did things that I never thought I could ever do, and I made did something that can change other peoples lives forever. I am grateful that I had a chance to attend RYLA because it was truly life changing.”
Shawna - Spring 2016



“RYLA, a three day conference held at Camp Hazen, stands for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. However, to each individual participant and facilitator, it means so much more. At RYLA, we learn about leadership from not only leading others, but by learning to understand ourselves. RYLA allows us high school students to think about ourselves and our communities in a way that isn't taught at schools. We build service projects, friendships, and relationships that will last a lifetime. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be a part of such a life changing experience. It means so much to me.”
Mike - Spring 2016



Global Grants		
3 Global Scholarships		\$45,000
1 Vocational Training Team		\$15,000
7 Global Grants (@ 7500)		\$55,000
Total Available DDF		\$115,000



Rotarians at work changing and saving lives!



DMG Doing Good in Our Community.....

The Rotary Club of Stamford along with the Rotary Clubs of New Canaan and Darien were proud to present a \$14,000 grant to Neighbors Link Stamford, a non-profit organization that first opened its doors in Stamford in 2011. Neighbors Link Stamford helps to integrate local immigrants into their communities through assistance with education, empowerment and employment. It was created to “strengthen the whole community by actively enhancing the healthy integration of immigrants.”



This grant will be used by Neighbors Link Stamford for their new Culinary Specialty program. Executive Director, Catalina Horak, shared that “Neighbors Link Stamford is so excited to partner with the Rotary on this project. Volunteers are the backbone of our programs. We’re glad to work with Rotarians and help our immigrant clients learn essential workplace and business skills that will benefit themselves and their families. This is an opportunity to achieve true community integration and culture sharing, and we know that it will be a valuable experience for everyone involved.” This program, debuting this summer, will offer participants the opportunity to earn certificates in areas related to kitchen and restaurant techniques and possibly train at recognized restaurants and institutions.

Stamford Rotary President, Dan Morris, stated that “It is an honor to be part of The Rotary Club of Stamford, presenting this check to Catalina and the folks at Neighbors Link. The Rotary believes that part of the strength of the community is education. Neighbors Link has been a vital part of the community providing educational opportunities that allow all residents to continue to grow and realize their American Dream. I am proud to help with their new initiative and look forward to working with them in the future.”



DMG 2015-16

- Purchase of commercial Refrigerator for New London Food Coalition
- 32 Laptops for Middle School - New Haven
- Medical Equipment - Ridgefield
- Medical Equipment - Nicaragua
- Strengthening English as a second language - Stratford
- Operation Warm - 3,268 winter coats for kids -Bridgeport, Orange, New Haven, West Haven
- Refurbishing the Danbury Grassroots Academy - Danbury
- Project: Raising & training a service dog to assist a Veteran - Milford
- Shipping coffee to our troops - Wallingford/US Troops
- Purchasing computer, software & Display for senior center - Madison
- Purchasing stoves and latrines - Guatemala
- Purchase flush toilets - India
- Build 2 class rooms, Library - Haiti

Scholarships Awarded



District 7980 Service Above Self

Nicole Beckham - Attending the University of Bridgeport working towards a Bachelors with dual majors in Psychology and Human Services. Nicole, will continue to serve the under served in our community.

Romanna Romaniv - Attending UCONN studying Finance and Human Rights. She plans to study abroad during the Spring 2016 Semester.

Jane O'Bryan - Attending the School of Public Health at Yale University.

Rotary International Global Grant Scholars 2016-17



Anja Nikolova

Anja is from Maceonia. She is completing her first year of graduate studies at Yale University School of Forestry and Enviromental Studies under a Rotary Global Scholarship.

She is a summa cum laude graduate in

Biological Sciences (with a specialization in Environmental Science) of the University of Pavia in Italy.

She is fluent in five languages. Last December she was a member of her homeland's delegation to the Climate Change Conference in Paris.

Her 2016-17 Global Grant Scholarship was made possible by a contribution of District Designated Funds by District 5890 of Greater Houston, TX.

Virginia Cline

Virginia is being sponsored by the Hamden Rotary Club.

This global grant will enable her to undertake her MSc in Refugee and Forced Migration Studies at Oxford University. This in turn would enable the Grant her to work in areas such as Peace & Conflcit resolution, disease prevention, water and sanitation, economic & Community development.

Virginia has an excellent academic record. She obtained her Bachelor and Master degrees with distinction from reputed US universities. She is multilingual, had exposure to foreign cultures while stuyding abroad in Senegal and Spain, and has been involved with community activities since her childhood. Upon completion of her studies, she plans to work as an attorney on behalf of refugees and asylum seekers for a refugee-centered organization such as the UNHCR or Human Rights Watch. She is passionate about Rotary's goal of disease prevention and treatment.

TRF Policy Change Reversed!

As of the April meeting of the Trustees, the below change in scholarship funding has been reversed. More details to follow from TRF.

TRF Changes Effective 1 July 2016 - Effective immediately, new scholarship applicants seeking to study in the United States are eligible to receive global grant funds only for tuition and required books and fees. These expenses are not subject to U.S. federal tax withholding, thereby ensuring that your applicants receive the full value of their scholarship. However, they now must cover their travel and living expenses on their own. Note: these restrictions do not apply to scholars sponsored by Japanese clubs and districts, as they are selected and paid by a Japanese associate foundation.

Rotarians around the world worked together with our many partners to make our world better for everyone!



The Millennium Development Goals Report 2015

Summary

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) have produced the most successful anti-poverty movement in history and will serve as the jumping-off point for the new sustainable development agenda to be adopted this year.

The MDG Report 2015 found that the 15-year effort to achieve the eight aspirational goals set out in the Millennium Declaration in 2000 was largely successful across the globe, while acknowledging shortfalls that remain. The data and analysis presented in the report show that with targeted interventions, sound strategies, adequate resources and political will, even the poorest can make progress.

The final MDG report confirms that goal-setting can lift millions of people out of poverty, empower women and girls, improve health and well-being, and provide vast new opportunities for better lives.

Highlights

- The number of people now living in extreme poverty has declined by more than half, falling from 1.9 billion in 1990 to 836 million in 2015.
- The number of people in the working middle class—living on more than \$4 a day—nearly tripled between 1991 and 2015.
- The proportion of undernourished people in the developing regions dropped by almost half since 1990.
- The number of out-of-school children of primary school age worldwide fell by almost half, to an

estimated 57 million in 2015, down from 100 million in 2000.

- Gender parity in primary school has been achieved in the majority of countries.
- The mortality rate of children under-five was cut by more than half since 1990.
- Since 1990, maternal mortality fell by 45 percent worldwide.
- Over 6.2 million malaria deaths have been averted between 2000 and 2015.
- New HIV infections fell by approximately 40 percent between 2000 and 2013.
- By June 2014, 13.6 million people living with HIV were receiving antiretroviral therapy (ART) globally, an immense increase from just 800,000 in 2003.
- Between 2000 and 2013, tuberculosis prevention, diagnosis and treatment interventions saved an estimated 37 million lives.
- Worldwide 2.1 billion people have gained access to improved sanitation.
- Globally, 147 countries have met the MDG drinking water target, 95 countries have met the MDG sanitation target and 77 countries have met both.
- Official development assistance from developed countries increased 66 percent in real terms from 2000 and 2014, reaching \$135.2 billion.

Taken from the United Nations - New York



Newly adopted Sustainable Development Goals recommit focus on economic and community development

By Bonaventure Fandohan, Economic and Community Development Area of Focus Manager

The United Nation's Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), adopted in 2000, set a historic precedent of global mobilization to achieve a set of important social priorities worldwide. The MDGs expressed widespread public concern about poverty, hunger, disease, unmet schooling, gender inequality, and environmental degradation. By packaging these priorities into an easily understandable set of eight goals, and by setting measurable and time bound objectives, the MDGs helped promote global awareness, political accountability, improved metrics, social feedback, and public pressures between 2000 and 2015.[1]

The post-2015 unanimously adopted development agenda known as Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) pick up where the MDGs left off. While we have made great progress to address world poverty, we still have much to do to eradicate poverty and hunger and promote sustained economic growth, helping people everywhere to thrive.

Many of the SDGs address concerns within the economic and community development area of focus:

- Goal 1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere
- Goal 2: End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture
- Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls
- Goal 8: Promote sustained, inclusive, and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all
- Goal 11: Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable

A new approach for better outcomes

The Sustainable Development Goals position all countries, regardless of their development status, to address existing concerns either nationally or internationally. The SDGs promote a universal approach to development, growth models that decrease inequality, scaled up interventions, and cross-sector coordination and collaboration.

While the 17 SDGs can be seen as a broad agenda, we can leverage our Rotary network to devise targeted sub-goals for community-led projects. By working in partnership with marginalized communities in both developed and emerging markets, we empower underserved communities by implementing more sustainable economic and community development projects.

We learned key lessons from the Millennium Development Goals in relation to addressing economic and community development projects. We see a critical need to increase agricultural productivity and access to markets for farmers in Africa. We also see a need for more private sector jobs, especially among micro, small, and medium-sized businesses, globally. Every community can benefit from creating access to local investment, entrepreneurial training, and business networking for better and more inclusive jobs for youth and women.

For the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) to be reached, everyone needs to do their part: governments, the private sector, and civil society. We can leverage our largest asset, our vast Rotary network, by bringing together all community stakeholders to make Sustainable Development Goals a reality for a better world.