



The Villages - Evening
Rotary
Club



Evening Edition
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Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Message

This has perhaps been the most turbulent year of this generation — we faced a global health crisis, natural disasters, and economic turmoil all at the same time and the whole world was affected. Through it all, Rotary has stood tall. We have heard stories of some amazing acts of generosity and personal acts of service by clubs, Rotarians, and Rotaractors.

The Rotary Foundation has been proud to support our members' efforts in serving their communities. Since March 2020, we awarded \$32 million in global and disaster response grants for projects related to COVID-19. In fact, we awarded 1,359 global grants worth \$95.6 million in 2019-20. Compare that to 2013-14, when global grants were first introduced, when we awarded 868 global grants worth \$47.3 million. That's a lot of growth! All over the world, Foundation grants are supporting projects that demonstrate Rotary's impact and reach.

Because the high demand for global grants is far exceeding and outpacing the growth in Annual Fund contributions, the World Fund is depleted well before each Rotary year ends and we find ourselves in a position where we cannot fund all the global grant requests we
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Meeting

This week's meeting was well attended and we celebrated Valentine's Day. Several of our members wore red at our president's request, though some didn't get the message.

The board held it's monthly meeting and reviewed where we are with our goals for the year. They also reviewed the Rotary Presidential Citation and it looks like we are well within range of achieving the award. The board also voted



to consider having in-person meetings beginning in mid March. President Gay will be sending an email to members to see how many would be interested in attending meet-

ings at Lake Miona. Please respond to the email some a decision can be made.

Unfortunately, our evening's speaker was a no show so we spent most of the meeting discussing member's experiences with getting the COVID vaccination and how they are dealing with the pandemic. We also had some time for fellowship.

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This Rotary year, we've taken several cost-saving measures in an effort to fund more global grants. For example, the Trustees and the Board recently transferred \$15 million from the Foundation's operating reserves and Rotary International's budget surplus to the World Fund. In total, nearly an additional \$20 million is being made available this year, but unfortunately, even that is not enough to fulfill the applications that are expected to be submitted.

A financial shortfall is expected this year and likely in the coming years because of the growing success of our global grant program. Therefore, the Trustees have approved policy changes, effective 1 July 2021, that will strengthen the Foundation's ability to fund more global grants.

1. District Designated Fund (DDF) contributions transferred to PolioPlus will be matched at 50%.

DDF contributions transferred to PolioPlus will be matched at 50% instead of 100% by the World Fund before being matched by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The Gates Foundation will continue matching 2-to-1 every dollar that Rotary commits to polio eradication, up to \$50 million per year. It's vital that we continue to raise \$50 million a year for polio eradication and raise awareness by keeping it a top priority for our clubs, our communities, and our government officials.

2. The World Fund match of DDF will be reduced from 100% to 80% when being used for global grants.

Instead of DDF applied to global grants receiving a 100% match from the World Fund, the global grants match will decrease to 80%. For the 2020-21 Rotary year, as long as funds remain available, DDF will continue to be matched at 100% for applications submitted by 31 May and approved by 30 June. Applications that are

not approved this Rotary year will need to be resubmitted with adjusted financing.

3. Five percent of the current year's Annual Fund-SHARE contributions will be taken equally from the World Fund and DDF to help fund operating expenses.

Currently, Annual Fund-SHARE contributions are split equally between the World Fund and DDF, with 5% of the total SHARE contributions being deducted only from the World Fund to help pay for operating expenses.

Beginning 1 July, all Annual Fund-SHARE contributions will first have 5% directed to operating expenses and the remaining will then be split equally between the World Fund and DDF. For example, a \$100 contribution will generate \$5 for operating expenses and the remaining \$95 will be divided equally, with \$47.50 for DDF and \$47.50 for the World Fund.

4. The ability to roll over unused DDF will be limited to five years. At the end of each Rotary year, DDF that has been held for more than five years will be applied at the district's discretion to PolioPlus, area of focus Endowment funds, the general Endowment Fund (including the Rotary Peace Centers), the Disaster Response Fund, or the World Fund. The first DDF rollover redirection will take place 1 July 2026.

Annual Fund donors give with the expectation that their contributions will be used promptly to help communities, but the amount of rollover DDF each year remains high. On 1 July 2020, \$48.8 million was carried into the current Rotary year. Let's put these funds to use to increase the impact we make through our programs. Starting on 1 July 2026, districts can choose how to apply any rollover funds remaining from 2020-21 as outlined above. If a district doesn't advise the Foundation about how to direct those

St. Theresa's Impact Fund January 2021

3 nights in motel for homeless man with severe illness	\$155.97
Colostomy bags for homeless man	\$ 49.99
Paid insurance for homeless woman who had lived in her car and received donated RV facilitated by the church	\$262.03
1 night in motel for homeless man who had lived in a tent for 6 years	\$ 51.99
Car insurance so a woman could drive legally. She had a baby recently, prematurely. They both had COVID	\$112.83
Cell phone for homeless woman for safety reasons	\$ 53.86
Paid for driver's license for homeless man with hopes he may get a job	\$ 54.25
1 night for woman with newborn, both of whom have COVID. Other nights provided by other resources	\$ 43.51
2 nights for homeless man	\$142.98
1 night for homeless woman	\$ 65.00

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funds, the rollover DDF will automatically be directed to the World Fund.

Your Trustees have spent a considerable period of time deliberating these issues, and these policy changes are the result of careful thought and planning. Balancing financial resources with program demands is challenging for any nonprofit, and adjustments and difficult decisions are sometimes necessary to cope with the changing situation.

We'll be hosting webinars in the coming weeks to talk about these changes in more detail. You'll receive a separate email inviting you to those sessions. In the meantime, you can direct immediate questions to rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org.

Keeping our programs strong and growing relies heavily on the continued generosity of our members to the Annual Fund-SHARE. We are committed to careful stewardship and prudent investments that will provide more funding for grants and Foundation programs.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

- More than 36 million heart-shaped boxes of chocolate are sold for Valentine's Day each year
- About 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are distributed in the US each year. That is the largest seasonal card sending occasion second only to Christmas.
- Worldwide over 50 million roses are given for Valentine's day each year.
- Women purchase 85% of all Valentines.
- Richard Cadbury invented the first Valentine's day candy box in the late 1800's.
- Alexander Graham bell applied for his patent on the telephone on Valentine's day

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Notes and Announcements

Happy/Sad

Dusty R was happy to have presented the Smiles for Veterans denture program to the Military Officers Association and thinks they will work with us. He was also happy for his daughter's 50th birthday.

Kate T was thankful for the help Julie S. provided to allow her to get her COVID vaccination.

Tim T was happy to have received his COVID shot and also that Cindy Brown attended our meeting.

Karen J. wanted to thank our the club members who have visited her over the past few days.

Gay D is happy she got her first vaccination.

Norm D was happy because he got his second vaccination, which was much less time consuming than the first.

Congressman Webster's Newsletter

Cindy Brown, from the Congressman's office made us aware of a newsletter he puts out weekly. You can get on the list by calling her at 352-262-8477 or email at cindy.brown@mail.house.gov

Face Masks Are In

You can pick up your mask from President Gay this Thursday or Friday at Savannah Center between 11:30 and 4:00. She has a couple of extras if you didn't order one or need more than you ordered

Until the recreation centers reopen, and we decide to reinstitute in person meetings we will continue Zoom meetings each Wednesday night from 4:00pm to 5:00pm. To make it easier we will use the same **Meeting ID 826 152 7480 and Password 84594**

Meetings

Feb 17th Dr. Carla Windeweerd Univ of Florida

Committee Meetings

Feb 24th Service Projects Committee

Event

Mar 27th Food Drive (Tentative)
Apr 27th District Assembly
May 15th District Conference