



# **The Foundation Newsletter**

## **November 2020**



### **WHAT IS THE ROTARY FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL FUND?**

The Annual Fund is the primary source of unrestricted support for the programs of The Rotary Foundation. From digging clean water wells for villages in Africa to teaching basic literacy skills to children in Latin America, during any given moment in a day, thousands of Rotarians volunteer their time and expertise to ensure that all contributions given to the Annual Fund are spent wisely on quality Rotary projects. In the 2018-19 Rotary year, US\$126.1 million was donated to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund. The Annual Fund is comprised of donations from Rotarians, friends of Rotary, corporations, workplace giving vehicles and can be matched by corporate matching gifts to leverage your donation. There is even an online resource that allows you to see if your company has a charitable matching program...check it out at: [www.rotary.org/matching gifts](http://www.rotary.org/matching_gifts)

**Will you support the Annual Fund with a \$10 monthly gift this year?**

### **WHAT IS "EVERY ROTARIAN, EVERY YEAR" (EREY) ALL ABOUT?**

This initiative by the Board of Trustees of The Rotary Foundation encourages "every Rotarian, every year" to:

1. Participate in a Foundation program that is making a difference in the world
2. Contribute to the Foundation's Annual Fund at a sustainable amount

The Rotary Foundation even has banners for clubs where every member contributes at least US\$25 to the Annual Fund with a US\$100 per capita during the Rotary year.

Today nearly 1/3 of Rotarians participate in this initiative. In 2019/20 The Rotary Foundation was able to award over 1,300 global grants for large scale sustainable projects due to the generosity of these Rotarians. Think about what Rotary could accomplish in the world if all of our 1.2 million worldwide members each gave at least US\$25 to our Foundation's Annual Fund.

If you are a part of the "Every Rotarian, Every Year" initiative – thank you for your support of The Rotary Foundation and its work

### **WHAT IS A ROTARY FOUNDATION SUSTAINING MEMBER?**

A Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member is an individual who personally contributes US\$100 or more each Rotary year to the Annual Fund. These contributions also count toward Paul Harris Fellow, Multiple Paul Harris Fellow, Paul Harris Society, EREY, Major Donor, and club recognition.

Use the Club Foundation Banner Report to see your club's Rotary Foundation Sustaining Members.

For \$10 a month, you too can be a Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member and help provide life-changing opportunities for those in need on a yearly basis!

### **WHAT IS A PAUL HARRIS FELLOW?**

Established in 1957, Paul Harris Fellow recognition is given to individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant. Recognition consists of a certificate and pin.

Paul Harris Fellows can also be given on behalf of someone through Foundation Recognition points or through a combination of points and outright donations. Since the creation of the Paul Harris Fellow, over 1.6 million people have become Paul Harris Fellows.

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