

The
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Rotary Foundation Newsletter

DISTRICT 9600

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As part of your club's Presidential Citation requirements you are required to enter your Club; Annual Fund & Polio goals on the My Rotary website – please ensure your club has done this. At present only 20 clubs in our District have. November 8 has come and gone but the work of The Foundation has not. Please remember to give to the Foundation and fill those money boxes and centurion poles.



POLIO MOVIE NIGHT

The announcement has been made, see flyer attached.

Clubs can negotiate to have their screening of Hidden Figures anytime from 1st February up until the release date of 16th February.

If your club has not been involved before or wants assistance please contact Carolyn Krueger, Colin Melvin or Darryl Iseppi.

Let's raise awareness of Polio in our community and gather the funds so we can

END POLIO NOW

More information on the movie night available at www.trfd9600.org

February 23 – Rotary's Birthday. Prepare for a week of celebrations! An Australian wide advertising campaign in movie theatres during the week. Potential for clubs to do collections at their local cinema for the entire week and promote Rotary as well. More news to come.

April 8 2017 – Rotary Peace Fellow's Seminar (see inside)

June 2017 – Atlanta for the Centenary

GRANTS

District Grant applications for 2017-18 are now open. Please send all applications to Grants Chair, Helene Bo Morse.

When visiting clubs I have been asked about projects that clubs can become involved in. If you want to join a Global Grant, I always have a number available. Current ones I can recommend include;

- Teacher in a Box (October Newsletter)
- Water Underground (November Newsletter)
- Overcoming Malnutrition in PNG (October Newsletter)
- Closing the Gap in Torres Strait Islands
- Moradabad Mobile Health Camp India

plus many more. If you are looking for a style of project please let me know.

FEBRUARY EXCHANGE RATE
US\$1 = AU\$1.35

Please see District Website or Directory,
pages 32-37 for contact numbers of The
Rotary Foundation Team.



DISTRICT GRANTS

- 1) The Heather Kinross Rotary Village in Bangladesh is a project that the Rotary Club of Hamilton continues to support by adding additional low cost shelters to the Village. Using \$3,000 of Grant money and \$3,000 of Club Funds and combining with RAWCS and the Rotary Club of Narayanganj Midtown in Bangladesh two more low cost shelters were able to be built and completed thus providing housing for two more poverty stricken families.
- 2) After requesting applications for assistance, three candidates from two of the Interact Clubs supported by the Rotary Club of Redcliffe City were supported by a district grant of \$750 as part of the cost of each candidate undertaking the Duke of Edinburgh Award. The club contributed a matching amount and the candidates each raised the remaining funds they needed to attend.
We look forward to these participants and all interactors registering on www.myrotary.org as Alumni of Rotary International.

HOW TO REACH OUR TARGET OF \$500,000 (USD)

<p>1,215 Centurions x A\$100 = \$90,000 from members</p> <p>50 x PHS = \$50,000 from members</p> <p>Major Donors = \$40,000 from individuals</p> <p>60 Clubs x \$4,000 average = \$240,000 from clubs</p> <p>302 members x US\$26.50 = \$80,000</p>	<p>TOTAL =</p> <p>\$500,000</p>
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BECOMING A CENTURION WITH POCKET CHANGE!

For a purchase cost of \$2 you can have your own Centurion Coin Collector. These collectors hold \$100 worth of \$2 coins, enough for anybody to become a Centurion, especially in this Centennial Year of the Foundation! Return the filled pole to your Club Foundation Chairman to have this credited to you as a tax deductible donation to the Foundation. New poles are available for \$0.60 each, which will assist the Foundation in continuing to do good work in the world.

MEET LEANNE SIMON

Rotary Peace Fellow



Sponsor Club:
Durham Sunrise Rotary Club
North Carolina, USA, District 7710
Host Club:
Rotary Club of Loganholme,
Loganholme, District 9630

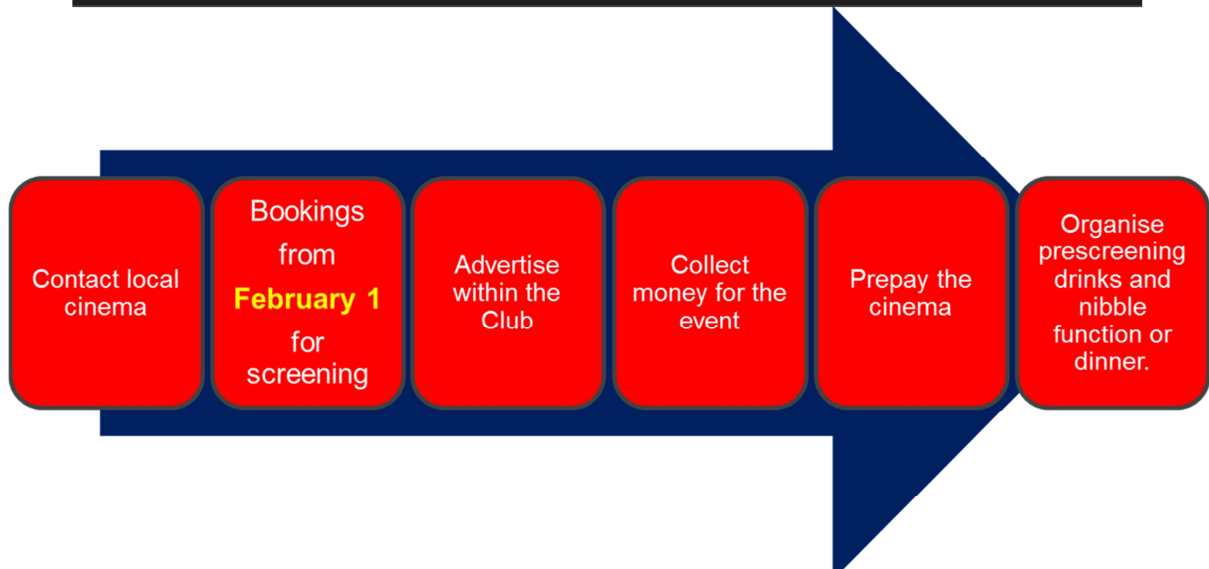
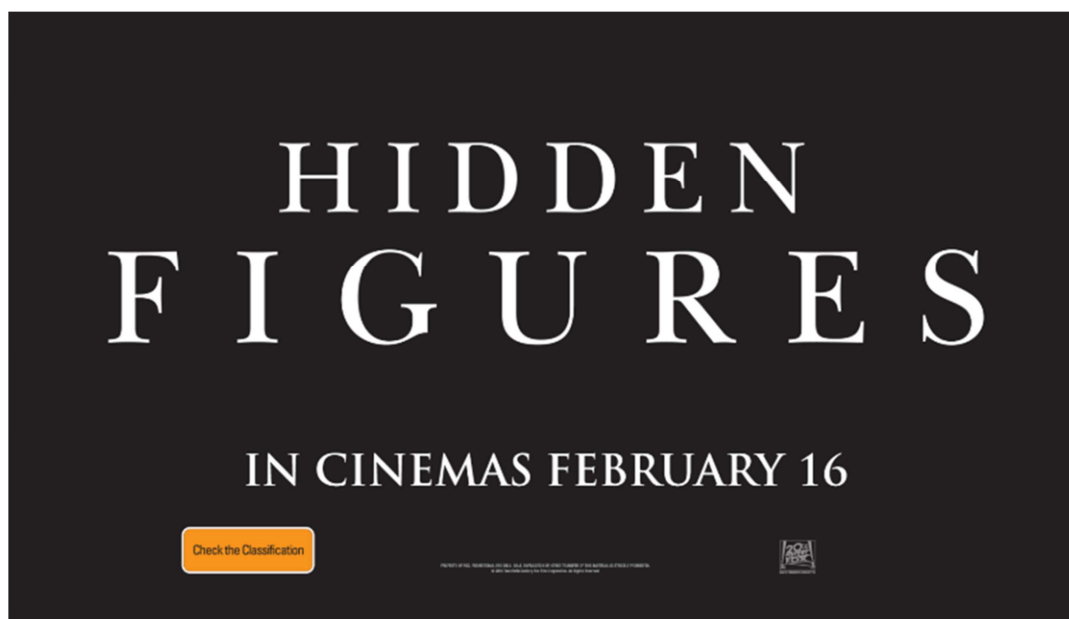
Leanne works with very young children (3-11yo) in peace education, cultural awareness and food justice, and also takes freelance assignments in documentary video and socio-political blog writing. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Child Development, with a concentration in child rights, a Bachelor of Science in Spanish, and is on leave-of-absence from a Master of Art program in Peace & Conflict Studies in order to pursue a Master of International Studies in Peace & Conflict Resolution from UQ. Using documentary arts, oral history, and creative nonfiction, Leanne continues to advocate for and ally with local and international groups to share healing and reconciliatory narratives. Her work has taken her to Costa Rica, Mexico and Colombia and highlights the effects of transnational corporations

and their policies on violence, scarcity and immigration. Another experience that impacted her direction was a week-long full-immersion conflict simulation. Participants were required to design and build a humanitarian space in an active conflict zone, manage wounded and cholera-stricken refugees, and negotiate with government agents, military officials, prison wardens and leaders of an opposition militia group. In this, Leanne realized a passion for emergency management, and a focus on stabilization and safety for women and children in fragile zones. The mother of two young boys, Leanne can often be found climbing trees, riding bicycles and all-around adventuring. In her "spare" time, she writes and is in the process of editing a memoir.



END POLIO NOW FUNDRAISER MOVIE

PRE-RELEASE SCREENING WEDNESDAY **1** FEBRUARY
ONWARDS



6 KEY NUMBERS IN THE FIGHT TO END POLIO

John Hewko - General Secretary and CEO at Rotary International

We are close to eradicating a human disease for only the second time in history. A global public-private partnership has reduced the poliovirus caseload by 99.9% over the last 30 years, but there's still plenty of work to do.

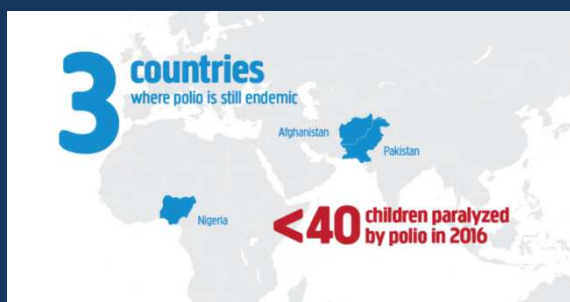
Even before we reach that milestone, the knowledge and infrastructure built to fight polio is being repurposed to take on other global challenges.

3 countries where polio is still endemic

Fewer than 40 children were paralyzed by polio in 2016, the lowest number in history. This is a dramatic decrease from the estimated 350,000 cases per year in 125 countries that the world saw in 1985 — the year that Rotary International initiated a worldwide effort to eradicate this terrible disease.

155: the number of countries involved in largest coordinated vaccine switch in history

In 1988, Rotary was joined in the effort by WHO, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, UNICEF (and more recently the Gates Foundation) to create the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI).



Today the virus is limited to a few areas in just three countries — Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria.

In response, Nigeria intensified surveillance activities to pinpoint where the virus is circulating.

In Pakistan, innovative tactics are being used to focus polio immunization drives. Health workers are trained in the use of cellphone data reporting, which allows real-

time recording of immunization coverage and public health surveys of populations.

In Afghanistan, the program continues to adapt in order to reach the maximum number of children possible despite a volatile security situation.

There are three different strains of the poliovirus. Once a strain is eliminated (type 2 was officially eradicated in September 2015), we have to match our vaccines to the remaining strains to protect children globally.

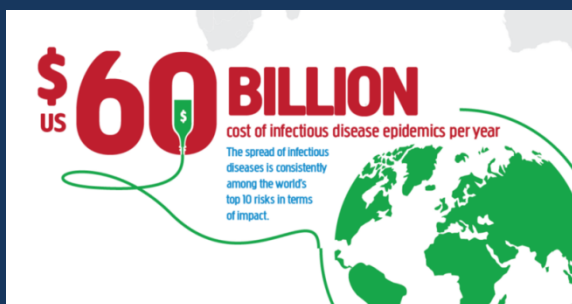
This transition is a massive undertaking, requiring significant funding and coordination to accomplish global health feats that have never been attempted.

To give you a sense of scale, the largest and fastest globally coordinated vaccine switch in history (to target poliovirus types 1 and 3) was successfully conducted over two weeks in April 2016, with 155 countries taking part.

60 billion: the cost of infectious disease epidemics per year

The spread of infectious diseases is consistently among the world's top 10 risks in terms of impact. The eradication of polio will mean no child will ever be paralyzed by this debilitating disease again. However, we must use the knowledge and infrastructure built up over many years by the GPEI to take on other global health threats.





Dramatic progress on improving children's health beyond polio is already underway—resulting in a decreasing number of children dying from other preventable diseases in countries with strong polio infrastructure. Polio drops are now often delivered alongside essential services including nutrition support, primary health care and other vaccines. By identifying the overlap between what the polio program has to offer and country-level priorities for

strengthening health systems, we can make a lasting difference to global health overall, and significantly reduce the gap in the impact of infectious diseases between middle income and poorer countries.

20 million: the number of volunteers participating

Since the GPEI was launched in 1988, Rotary and other volunteers have raised funds, built awareness, and advocated for their national governments to support polio eradication.

A volunteer can administer the two drops of oral polio vaccine to a child, and participate in National Immunization Days, which attempt to vaccinate every child under five years of age in endemic or at-risk countries. Millions of health workers are also helping us reach children who have never before been vaccinated.

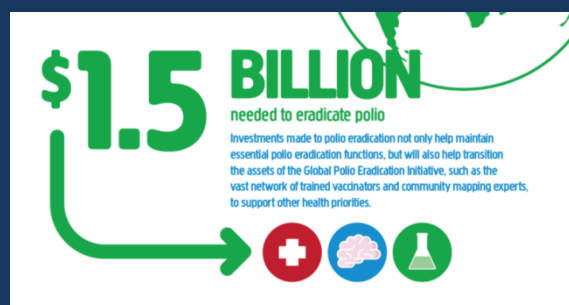


\$1.5 billion: the amount needed to eradicate polio

This may sound expensive, but, in the words of Dr. Jonas Salk, who invented the first effective polio vaccine, “which is more important, the human value of the dollar, or the dollar value of the human?”

Funding has already contributed to many important successes of our program. In 2016, Rotary funded the work of 52,676 vaccinators and 2528 supervisors in Iraq to keep up strong immunization coverage. Investments made to polio eradication are also contributing to future health goals by documenting the knowledge, lessons learned and assets of the program.

Funds also make possible the program's extensive surveillance and laboratory network to tell us where polio does (and does not) exist—a painstaking task given only one in 200 cases of polio results in paralysis. This network is already instrumental for taking on public health challenges beyond polio, such as Ebola.



While we undoubtedly still have work to do and funds to raise, we are confident in the good work of our volunteers and members to get us to our goal of eradication. Read and be inspired by their stories and successes here—a world free from polio is certainly within our reach.

4: the factor by which health savings exceed the cost of polio eradication

Immunization as a public health investment is incredibly good value. Every dollar spent on vaccinations in the US saves \$3 in direct healthcare costs and \$10 societally. A polio-free world will reap financial savings and reduce healthcare costs by up to \$50 billion through 2035. In fact, we've already saved \$27 billion since the GPEI was launched, and low-income countries account for 85% of the savings, not to mention the immeasurable alleviation of human suffering.

Conversely, if we allow polio to spread again, it would cost upwards of \$35 billion more in treatment expenses and economic losses, so it's a no-brainer that we have to commit all our resources to finish the job once and for all.

Polio National Immunization Day

There are currently some spaces left on the NID Travel Trip to India for NID 2ND April 2017. I look forward to seeing some of you there!

A Rotarian in India provides a quality tour of sights in India, Rotary meetings, Rotary Projects plus participation in the NIA.

Rotarian, Mark Anderson and his wife, Lyn participated in the last one and you can look forward to the recount of their experiences in the December RDU magazine.



ROTARY PEACE FELLOWS' SEMINAR 2017 – DATE SAVER

Saturday, April 8th 2017

University of Queensland
St Lucia Campus



The Rotary Peace Centre at the University of Queensland was established in 2001, after an extensive worldwide search by Rotary International. Rotary wished to initiate a new program that would make a practical contribution to the quest for a more peaceful world. Annually up to 110 Peace Fellows attend one of the Rotary Centres around the world to undertake a Master's Degree or Professional Development Certificate in Peace and Conflict Studies. This reflects Rotary's commitment to education and learning as an important tool in the goal to advance peace and justice internationally, alongside its other major focus of humanitarian work such as eradicating Polio and improving water and sanitation in various locations around the world.

Some Foundation Facts...

In 1957, to arrest the decline in donations, the Foundation Trustees introduced the Paul Harris Fellow to recognize a donation of USD1000 to the Foundation.

Allison G. Brush, a past RI Director from Mississippi, was the first Paul Harris Fellow.

Since 1985, Rotary members have helped immunize more than 2.5 billion children against polio. Today, all but three countries are free of polio. Rotary has committed more than \$1.6 billion to global polio eradication to ensure that polio is eliminated in the last three countries where it remains and that it does not return elsewhere.

In 2014-15, program awards, including PolioPlus Partners grants, totaled \$123 million.

Global grants support large-scale international activities with sustainable, measureable outcomes that support Rotary's six areas of focus: activities include humanitarian projects, scholarships, and vocational training teams.

In 2014-15, the Foundation approved 1,078 global grants, and program awards totaled \$64.9million.

District grants support smaller-scale, short-term projects related to the Foundation's mission.

In 2014-15, the Foundation approved 487 district grants, and project awards totalled \$23.8 million.

Each year, the Foundation funds study by peace fellows at six Rotary Peace Centres, where they earn master's degrees or professional development certificates. Since 2002-03, 1,071 fellows from more than 120 countries have participated.

In 2014-15, there were 89 Rotary Peace Fellows from 39 countries, and program awards for the fellows and the Rotary Peace Centres totalled \$3.8 million.

**District Grant applications for
2017-18 are now open!!**

APPLY NOW

Changes to the Grant Application for Global Grants

By now, many of you know about the exciting changes coming to our [grant application tool](#). In December, it will become the Grant Center, where you'll see both a new look and a streamlined application.

[How to Use the Grant Center](#) will introduce you to the new application. For now, the project bank account section and global grant report will stay the same.

Grant applications now in the system will reflect some changes. Here's how grants at each stage will be affected:

Grant Application Status	Changes
Draft	The revised application has 12 steps to complete. Some new fields will be required. Any documents you may have uploaded to support an application will remain available. If you can't see them, contact your grant officer. If you have listed vocational training team members, and leaders, they'll be visible in steps 6 and 7. Before the Grant Center debuts, you may want to generate a PDF of your grant application for your records. You may also want to download any items that were uploaded to the application if you don't already have them in your records.
Authorizations required	Authorizers will need to go to a different part of the application, step 12. Also, legal authorizers will need to authorize while the application is at this stage, rather than after approval.
Submitted	The updated application includes new questions and omits others. Your application will be fitted to the new structure but will be reviewed using the previous application format. Vocational training teams, members, leaders, and documents will not be displayed in the new application, but they will be retained by The Rotary Foundation. Contact your grant officer if you need to retrieve any information from your original application.
Approved, paid or closed	Your application will be fitted to the new structure but was reviewed using the previous application format, and the reporting process will continue to draw on the information required by the previous application. Vocational training teams, members, leaders, and documents will not be displayed in the new application, but they are retained by the Foundation. Contact your grant officer to retrieve any information from your original application. For approved grants, legal authorizers will need to authorize the grant by email in order for it to be paid. In such cases, payment coordinators will contact legal authorizers.

In the coming months, you can expect additional improvements. Watch for more information.

Rotary Peace Centers

The [2018 Rotary Peace Fellowship](#) application is now available! Our [new online application](#) will streamline the submission and review process and help districts manage the increasing number of Rotary Peace Fellowship applications.

Users of the new application can expect:

- Better functionality and design
- A district dashboard for reviewing and endorsing applications and communicating with applicants
- Automated email communications from the platform
- Technical support and training from our platform provider, Embark
- A sign-in process that is separate from My Rotary and other Rotary databases and applications

Please note that the application is in English only, and we will no longer be able to accept PDF applications. As a Rotary leader, you play a key role in communicating information about the peace centers program to club and district leaders, who help identify and nominate candidates for the fellowships. We encourage you to use and share these resources:

- The [Rotary Peace Centers Program Guide](#) — information on eligibility requirements and finding qualified candidates
- The [application video](#) — explains the steps to completing the application
- Webinars for applicants (Chicago time, UTC-6, for all listings):
 - [All About the Rotary Peace Fellowship](#)
10 January, 09:00-09:30
 - [Applying for the Rotary Peace Fellowship: Tips From Current Fellows](#)
24 January, 09:00-09:30
 - [Rotary Peace Fellowships: How to Strengthen Your Application](#)
7 February, 09:00-09:30
- Webinars for Rotarians (Chicago time, UTC-6, for all listings):
 - [Rotary Peace Centers: The Important Role of Rotarians](#)
10 January, 10:00-10:30
 - [Rotary Peace Centers: Turning Applicants Into Fellows](#)
7 February 10:00-10:30
 - [Rotary Peace Centers: The important role of Rotarians \(French\)](#)
9 February, 09:00-09:45
 - [Rotary Peace Centers: The important role of Rotarians \(Spanish\)](#)
9 February, 10:30-11:15
- The [Rotary Peace Centers Facebook page](#) — follow us and spread the news about our program

Candidates have until 31 May to submit applications to their district. Districts must submit endorsed applications to The Rotary Foundation by 1 July. Should you need technical support in this transition, please contact Embark at support@embark.com. General inquiries regarding the fellowship program may be sent to rotarypeacecenters@rotary.org. We thank you for your dedication to the Rotary Peace Centers and your continuous support in educating the Rotary network about the fellowships!



TRF CENTENNIAL FUNDRAISING GOAL

To see the progress towards our fundraising goal of USD300 million during 2016-17, keep in touch with the gauge on <http://centennial.rotary.org/en/fundraising-goal>.

The gauge is updated twice a month to keep you current with the latest figures before speaking on the TRF Centennial.

DATES TO REMEMBER		
Date	Meeting/Event	Venue
15-21 January 2017	International Assembly	San Diego, USA
10-14 June 2017	Rotary International Convention	Atlanta, USA
1-3 September 2017	Zone 8 Institute	Darwin, Australia
8-10 September 2017	Zone 7B Symposium	Auckland, NZ

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE RATES AGAINST THE US\$			
Date	Australia	New Zealand	Philippines
November 2016	1.35	1.40	48.00
December 2016	1.35	1.40	48.00

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE RATES-PER KM RATE			
Date	Australia AU\$	New Zealand NZ\$	Philippines PHP
November 2016	0.66	0.73	23.52
December 2016	0.66	0.73	23.52

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Direct Deposits for Contribution in Australia

If clubs and Rotarians would like to send their contributions via Electronic Funds Transfers, please use the following account details:

Contribution Type	Account Name	BSB	Account Number
Club Contributions	The Rotary Foundation	332084	100345225
Individual Contributions*	The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust	332084	551038195

*Contributions to The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust (TARFT) are tax deductible in Australia for individuals or organisations that require tax deductibility.

When doing so, please email Melissa Asanza at Melissa.Asanza@rotary.org or risppo@rotary.org the details of your contributions. This is to ensure that these are reported accurately and promptly. Over the counter bank deposits are especially problematic for us because these just appear as "Customer Deposit" on our bank statements, necessitating us to do a bank trace every time. Please also drop the "Rotary Club of" prefix and just use the club name as payment reference.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at risppo@rotary.org.

NEW ONLINE APPLICATIONS FOR PEACE FELLOWSHIPS

The Rotary Peace Centers program is pleased to announce its new online application system with Embark, a leading provider of online application software.

Through this system, candidates around the world will experience a streamlined process that will help us meet the demands of rising applications for the Rotary Peace Fellowship. The new fellowship application will launch in January.