

Rotary

Foundation Team newsletter

December 2020



Rotary GB&I Foundation Communiqué

We are dismayed at the way that support to both the Annual Fund and End Polio Now fund have dropped so far this Rotary year. Our Coordinator group had a conversation about this, during which we were told that the contributions in the rest of the world are still holding up.

Why have donations dropped so low in Rotary GB&I?

Endowment/Major Gift Adviser Mike Hodge, was quick to suggest the answer – the rest of the world take personal ownership of The Rotary Foundation by making individual contributions. In our Regions, many clubs raise cash during the year through fund-raising events and activities, and then deduct a percentage for our charity. This usually works well, but not during the present epidemic!

My Club President cannot understand why the most of our members have cancelled their monthly payments for meals that we are no longer having. Her reasoning (and I agree with her, of course) is that as we aren't raising money at events and not having meals at the meetings, why not contribute part of these savings to The Rotary Foundation?

If you haven't done so already, why not become a Sustaining Member?

Rotary Foundation Sustaining Members personally contribute \$100 or more each Rotary year to the Annual Fund. These contributions count toward Paul Harris Fellow, Multiple Paul Harris Fellow, Paul Harris Society, Major Donor, and club recognition banners.

To donate, simply use our new online [RFUK Standing Order form](#).

Take a look at the new [RFUK Campaigns webpage](#).

Thank you for your support in 2020/21, yours in Rotary Friendship.

Steve Munns & John Dehnel

RRFCs Regions 20 & 21 and Rotary GB&I Foundation Team leads

<https://www.rotarygbi.org/donate/>

Foundation Support Meeting

The next Foundation Support Meeting is on Wednesday 13th January 2021 when our speaker will be Pat Armstrong on the Environment.



Pat is Executive Director of the Communications Division of ESRAG - *Environmental Sustainability Rotarian Action Group*. As Pat lives just outside Melbourne, Australia, we will run the meeting at 10.00am.

As always, this meeting is open to all, but you must [register](#) to receive the link to join the meeting.

There will be a limited period for questions, so please send your questions to [Steve Munns](#) by Monday 11th January.

Watch recordings of our previous meetings at these links:

- [9th July](#) - Trustee Chair Ravi Ravindran
 - [6th August](#) - Abby McNear, Director of Grants
 - [10th September](#) - Julie Burke & Eric, Finance Committee.
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Grant statistics to date

2020-21 Stats as of 2 December 2020

District grants approved: 318 (\$25,908,352 total funding)

Global grants approved: 1,078 (\$31,759,600 World Fund / \$79,690,855 total funding)

Disaster response grants approved: 20 (\$500,000 total funding)

Global grants by activity type

Activity type	Number of grants
Humanitarian	907
Humanitarian/VTT	11
Scholar	149
VTT	11
Grand Total	1,078

Global grants by area of focus

Area of Focus	Number of grants
Basic education and literacy	95
Community economic development	112
Disease prevention and treatment	582
Maternal and child health	59
Peacebuilding and conflict prevention	59
Water, sanitation, and hygiene	171
Grand Total	1,078

COVID-19-specific grant activity (includes grants from RY20 and RY21)

Grant type	Number of grants	Total funding
Global grants (new applications approved)	293	\$22,428,011
Global grants (repurposed funds within existing grants)	63	\$678,435
Disaster response grants	319	\$7,871,293

Peace Webinar

Save the date for the latest Peace webinar on how Peace is present in almost everything we do as Rotarians: **Saturday 13th March 2021 starting at 10.00 am.**



With a number of prominent guest speakers, this should be an interesting and informative morning. There will be a Q&A session for your thoughts and ideas.

Further information to follow in January.

Touching Little Hearts Global Grant project

Every year over 200,000 children in India are born with Congenital Heart defects. These children cannot survive without corrective heart surgery. Most parents from impoverished families simply cannot afford this. As a surgeon from Mumbai, I am aware of how devastating it can be to these families.



In 2018, when I visited the Rotary Club of Bombay West Coast in Mumbai, PDG Dr Bal introduced me to the project and asked the Rotary Club of Walsall to be their International partner. The project touched my heart and was the beginning of our Global Grant project.

Under the leadership of PDG Dr Bal and with the combined efforts of our clubs and districts the \$69,500 project was launched in August 2019 to treat 50 children.

Part of the grant was to assist in conducting rural camps to detect heart defects in children. They would go on to be operated in Kokilaben Ambani Hospital in Mumbai. It will also assist in training cardiac surgeons so that they can benefit

many more children.

When I revisited Mumbai in 2019 to witness the project in action, I was extremely happy to see tiny babies survive this major operation, and the smiles of the parents who expressed their profound gratitude to Rotary. So far, fifty surgeries have been performed. Due to stringent stewardship, additional income due to bank interest and a favourable exchange rate, fifteen more surgeries have been performed, exceeding original target of fifty.

This project is an excellent example of 'Rotary at its best'.

Dr Mukunda Chidrawar

Rotary Club of Walsall, DG Designate District 1210

Polio Seminars and Online Events

Dates for your Diary

11th January, 7pm - Polio, The Basics Seminar - Ideal for newer members and those wanting a refresh and to update themselves with recent developments and the way forward. [Register in advance here.](#)

23rd February, 4pm - Rotary GB&I online Fill Your Plate for Polio Social Hour - Sit back, relax and be entertained. We are hoping to link in with several other organisations. We are looking for 'entertainers' who might want to offer their skills for some of the slots for this event so please email [Jannine Birtwistle](#) to volunteer, with ideas or to suggest others who may want to take part.

Previous Seminar Recordings

- [Polio: More than a word](#)
- [Rotary's Gift to the World - Our Polio Story](#)
- [togetherTalks - Lessons Learned from Polio in Tackling COVID-19 with Michel Zaffran](#)

- [Wild polio-free Africa: The successes and challenges](#)
 - [Dr Zubair Wadood - The new reality for polio in a COVID-19 world.](#)
 - [Polio and COVID-19 Update - Your questions answered with Mike McGovern.](#)
 - [Rotary GBI polio Q&A with Chris Maher \(WHO\) and Rotary member Aziz Memon](#)
 - [Polio Q&A with Michel Zaffran and Judith Diment](#)
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Christmas cards raise £6,552.83 for End Polio Now

The Rotary Club of Lindum Lincoln's Christmas Cards have once again proved a great success.

Project leader Simon Kalson writes: "The funds raised for END POLIO NOW this year are an amazing £6,552.83. Each pack of 10 cards sold at £4.50 inclusive of P&P and the profit per pack was £2.50, nearly 56% of the sale price. With the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation double matching the donation to EPN is £7.50 per pack. A Club buying just 20 packs at £90.00 will see their End Polio Now account credited with £50.00, converted to US Dollars at the going rate."



To be on the subscription list for next year's card, send your name and Rotary, Inner Wheel, Rotaract, Interact, or Rotakids Club to [Simon Kalson](#)

Recognizing exemplary service to The Rotary Foundation

The Distinguished Service Award honours individual Rotarians who have demonstrated exemplary service to the Foundation and received the Citation for Meritorious Service at least four years earlier.



If you know someone who fits this description, tell your district governor. District governors can [nominate](#) candidates between 1 January and 28 February. Write to us at riawards@rotary.org if you have any questions.

And finally...

Paul Harris Medallions are now available to purchase from [AWMatthews Ltd](#) price £15.00 (£12.50 plus VAT). Post and packing £3.90 per order.

As a RI Licensed supplier [AWMatthews Ltd](#) is able to supply all Rotary badges and bars.

Date: Tuesday 15th December 2020

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