The Rotary Foundation

PDG Shaju Peter, our District Rotary Foundation Committee (DRFC) Chair addressed us on TRF in our weekly meeting on November 23, 2018. PP Rtn Amarjit Singh, District Chair Grants could not make it due to the sad demise of his mother on November 21, 2018.

We were joined in the meeting by esteemed guests District 3261 Secretary Rtn Pradeep Kshetrapal and Rtn Riti Kshetrapal, current President of Rotary Club of Korba (Chattisgarh). Under Rotary Youth Exchange, we also had amidst us Ms Kaiia Avent sponsored by Hastings Noon Rotary Club, District 5630, USA and Joao Agulhari sponsored by Rotary Club De Navegantes, District 4650, Brasil, both being hosted by Rotary Clubs in District 3261, India.

In past 50 years there has been an immense growth in the work of The Rotary Foundation, giving detailed information about the good the foundation is doing in the world for over a hundred years. The motto of TRF is “Doing Good in the World”. The mission is, “To enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of education, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty”. Shaju explained how TRF has achieved success in 100 years of existence when it was founded in the year 1917 by Arch C. Klumph.

In February 2005, based on feedback from Rotarians worldwide, the Future Vision Plan of The Rotary Foundation was initiated by the Trustees. This was the strategic plan for the future. The Future Vision Plan was a major strategic shift – both for Rotary International and for The Rotary Foundation. It established strategic priorities for large - scale projects. It also returned decision making to the local districts for smaller-scale projects.

Shaju discussed the three TRF Funds; The Annual Fund (SHARE) – shared with clubs and districts, The Endowment Fund – formerly the Permanent Fund and the Designated Funds (like PolioPlus). All of the money given to The Rotary Foundation is used for grants and programs. Administration costs are paid for from investment earnings from the Share System. Money given to the Annual Fund is invested for three years. The returns from the investment pay for TRF’s administration and fund raising costs.

Our contributions to the Annual SHARE Fund are invested for three years. At the end of 3 years, one half of our contributions to the Annual SHARE Fund are returned to the districts for the use by clubs. A portion of the annual distribution from the Permanent Fund also enters the Share System and 50% of that also returns to the districts. The more we gave three years ago – the more District Designated Funds (DDF) we get for next year!

Under the New Grant Model, automated grant applications simplify the Rotarian authorization process, allow quicker grant disbursements, and make accessing Foundation grants easier for Rotarians.

The clarity and simplification of district grants make it easier for clubs to participate. Pilot districts report increased involvement of clubs in Foundation-sponsored projects. More streamlined reporting and a Memorandum of Understanding that clearly explains requirements, roles, and responsibilities will contribute to better overall compliance and transparency in grant management. The entire grant process is more efficient and more transparent. Payments are also processed much faster!
Grant-making process has been simplified. The new grant model offers only three types of grants: District grants, global grants and packaged grants. The clarity and simplification of district grants make it easier for clubs to participate. Pilot districts report increased involvement of clubs in Foundation-sponsored projects.

PDG Shaju concluded his presentation by saying, “Our communities need your continued support. By giving to the Annual Fund every year, you can help build peace in our world, you can light up a remote village in Ladakh and you can help a girl child to remain in school, by building a girls' toilet.”

PP Rtn RTPS Tulsi thanked PDG Shaju Peter for the wonderful presentation on the Rotary Foundation.
President Rtn Ashok Puri's Thought of the Week

Discipline and hard work are the very foundations on which life trajectory is based. Being smart can be starting point but arc of your life is determined by how much hard work you are willing to work in it.

Condolences

Our heartfelt condolences to PP Rtn Amarjit Singh on the sad demise of his respected mother Mrs Surinder Kaur on November 21, 2018. May God grant eternal peace to the departed soul and solace to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.

One minute silence was observed in the weekly meeting on November 23, 2018 to pay homage to the departed soul. Antim Ardass will be held at Gurudwara Charan Kamal, Phase 10, Mohali on Friday, November 30, 2018 from 12 noon to 1 pm, followed by lunch.

Rtn Salil Chopra with Rtn Renu Chopra exchanging flags with President Rtn Tone Kajzer in Ljubljana the capital of Slovenia

Rtn Salil Chopra with Hon'ble Mr Edward Skodic Ambassador from Sylvania to Nordic countries

Rtn Salil Chopra with sculpture of peace donated by Rotary Clubs of Bled Sylvania

RCC Maloya doing good work

Kaila and Joao at our weekly meeting. They also visited Rotary Peace Monument at Sukhna Lake and our Club projects

Acknowledgement with thanks

Contributions to Rotary Foundation
President Rtn Ashok Puri US$ 100
PE Rtn Salil Dev Bali US$ 100
Donations to Club Projects
Mr Anupam Gupta (GBP) Rs 31000

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Buniyaad - The Rotary Foundation
District Intercity on Sunday, December 23, 2018
Hosted by Rotary Panipat Midtown (Date revised)
at The Riyaad, Industrial Area, Panipat
10.00 am (sharp) to 2.00 pm followed by lunch

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Birthday of Spouses
R’ann Neeru Khattar December 05
Mr Arunjit Singh December 06

Birthday of Rotarians
Rtn Rajinder Rai December 01
Rtn Dr Shashi Jain December 03
Rtn Shuchi Thakur December 05

Wedding Anniversary
R’ann Malabika & PP Rtn Indrajeet Sengupta December 03

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Presented by PDG Shaju Peter

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