

Reporting ZOOM Meeting of 12 April 2021

Calendar of Events

Last Week: 4/12 Howard Berg – World's Fastest Reader
This Week: 4/19 Jon Costolo – Rotary Foundation Update
Next Week: 4/26 Patrick McGrath – '21-'22 BHBL CSD Budget
Coming Up: 5/3 Kristen Garzone – The Believe KTN Foundation

Note: Regular ZOOM Meetings are held Mondays at 6:00 pm.
Check your e-mail inbox the day of the meeting for the computer ZOOM ID# and Password, as well as the phone number you can use to phone in if using your cell phone to participate.

Please give suggestions for future programs to Darlene Bower and Dan Stec.

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Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves

Rotary Foundation- Jon Costolo

Our club's Rotary Foundation Chair and your Rotateller Reporter this week, myself, Jon Costolo had the pleasure of speaking about Rotary Foundation this past week.

I'll recap my presentation and will also send out two attachments for further information on the Rotary Foundation.

Using the learn.rotary.org, I went over the Rotary Foundation Basics course. The RF is an award-winning program that is built by the generous contributions from its supporters, which allows it maintain and expand the life-changing programs around the world. The Foundation transforms donations into service projects in which we unite to take action and make a lasting impact in the world and community. From the PolioPlus program to Rotary Peace Fellowships, the RF has used billions of dollars in contributions to reach our humanitarian goals.

The RF started at the 1917 Rotary International convention in which the outgoing RI president Arch Klumph proposed establishing and endowment "for the purpose of doing good in the world." From that day it has grown into an awe-inspiring global humanitarian program. In 1965, the RF created a matching grants fund program and then in 1979 it started its work with vaccinations and

immunizations around the world. This then started the PolioPlus program in 1985 which has been extremely successful in the almost complete eradication of Polio. Its methods, infrastructure and fundraising are used to now also used to fight other infectious diseases.

In 1990 the RF established the SHARE program which allocates the money back to the World Fund and also back to Rotary districts called District Designated Funds (DDF). Rotary Peace Centers programs were created in 1999 by the RF and the most recent program is the Programs of Scale Grants in 2020. RF awards one of these grants each year through an application process with the winning grant receiving \$2 million from the World Fund.

All of this would not be possible without the support of Rotarians and other charitable people/organizations, like the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation which matches 2 to 1 all contributions for PolioPlus. Rotary hopes that all members can give some to the RF each year under Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY). Your contribution is managed by a board of trustees at RI that invests this money for 3 years and then is split between the World Fund and DDF. You can also stipulate where you want your money to go, whether it be directly to the PolioPlus fund, or to one of the many Areas of Focus: Peacebuilding/Conflict Prevention, Disease Prevention/Treatment, Water/Sanitation/Hygiene, Maternal/Child Health, Basic Education/Literacy, Community Economic Development, or for the Environment.

The easiest way to give is through <https://my.rotary.org/donate>. You can also give funds to your RF Chair to submit on your behalf.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Gini Whetten delivered 150 Care Cards to Kings Way.
- Operation Hunger needs: canned stew, mayo, sugar, canned ravioli, white rice, small detergent, small sugar bags.
- Our Community Dinner with Spartan Catering is this week 21 April. Gregg reported that we sold approximately 365 dinners.
- A reminder about the work weekend of April 24 & 25 at Stomping Grounds Camp was shared. A survey was sent to members about participation. If you have not completed the survey, please do so. The road clean-up day is currently scheduled for May 8th.
- Mike Brewster moderated the expressions of happiness by each member during the Happy-Dollar portion of the meeting.

Serve with us – the world is waiting

Reported by Jonathan Costolo