



District 9810 News

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District Governor 2015-16 David Tolstrup

District Governor David's Report

Facilitation! That's the name of the game.

As I see it, one of Rotary's main roles in our communities is to act as a facilitator. Identify an issue of need within our community then set about developing a strategy for addressing that need. We bring various parties within our community together to work on resolving the issue at hand.

Our best work is done when we establish a project to create a solution and then hand it over to others to complete the job. We see this happen time and again in disaster relief situations rebuilding communities following fires or floods.

Within our District in recent months we have seen two perfect examples of Rotary acting as a facilitator to the benefit of the community.

In the Dandenongs we saw the Rotary Club of Emerald and District provide all the administration work for "The Great Community Raffle", which enabled numerous local clubs and community organisations to share in \$170,000 of fundraising.

The Rotary Club of Waverley undertook a similar project within their community and facilitated the raising of in excess of \$94,000, which was shared by numerous local organisations.

In both instances, the raffles were supported by locals, including a motor vehicle dealership that provided, free of charge, a car as the main prize.

These organisations trusted Rotary to manage the project and were very well promoted for their generosity.



The other way in which in Rotary clubs can be facilitators in their community is by showing leadership and providing a community forum for dealing with issues of pressing concern within the community. It is within this context that clubs or clusters of clubs are being encouraged to convene forums or activities to raise the awareness leading to a call to action on issues such as domestic violence and men's health. It has been most heartening to hear of plans for such proposed activities or indeed hear the report of activities already undertaken.

Alison and I are very much enjoying the hospitality and experience of clubs as we move around the District undertaking our program of official visits. Thank you to all those folk who been so welcoming to us already, and to those that we are yet to reach we look forward to the time that we will spend with you all.

Keep up the good work, enjoy your Rotary experience and remember to "*Be a Gift to the World.*"

Cheers, DG David

RC Ringwood - Domestic Violence

In the 2015 -2016 Rotary year the Community Sub-Committee of the Rotary Club of Ringwood will be focusing on the problem of domestic violence in our society.



In particular, we will be concentrating on education and raising awareness in our local community. Over the past year we have all become more aware of this hidden problem through the work of Rosemary Batty, and we see a role for Rotary in assisting in the education process.

For our initial project we decided to run a dinner primarily aimed at Rotary Club members and their friends and family. Our dinner was planned not as a fundraiser, but to inform and engage the interest of our local Rotary community in this issue and to provide information regarding our aims and objectives.

Initially we estimated an attendance of about 50 people, so we were overwhelmed and thrilled by the support we were given, with nearly 100 attendees.

We were very fortunate to have Kirsty Griffen, Children's Intensive Case Manager from the Safe Futures Foundation and Rotarian Len Brear, retired magistrate from the Ringwood Magistrate's Court agree to speak on the night. Kirsty presented us with the many problems that arise from the moment a woman decides to leave a violent home, (what would you take if you had to carry what you could on public transport, or perhaps fit in a car?) through the problem of attending court when you have small children to look after.

Kirsty also drew our attention to some surprising issues that don't get much attention.

In particular, children's shoes; children often arrive at a refuge with one shoe or no shoes.

Shoes are often left behind in the rush of leaving, and donated shoes are in short supply.

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Our second speaker, Len Brear, explained the processes of the court in domestic violence issues. In particular, Len drew our attention to the diligent work being done by the police and the courts in this very difficult area. We learnt about the procedures involved in obtaining intervention orders, and how orders are enforced, as well as the difficulties of victims having to attend court where perpetrators would also be in attendance.



We would like to thank all who supported our evening, including the very generous donors of our raffle prizes. The funds raised will be given to The Safe Futures Foundation. We look forward to seeing you at our future events.

**If this Lady attends
your Club make sure
your Club's Board
supports her Project in
a most generous way!**



District Governor Partner's Project: Food security for Indigenous school children in the Kimberley area

Thank you for the positive support, interest and generosity for this year's District Governor Partner Project 'Food Security for Indigenous Schoolchildren in the Kimberley area'.

A number of Rotarians with plans to visit the Kimberleys were interested in finding out more about the two projects on their travels.

The school in Purnululu, the emergency food relief charity Feed the Little Children, and the Rotary Club of Broome welcome any contact and I can provide the details to anyone interested.

These visitors have been warmly welcomed and given enthusiastic feedback on the value of both projects. And as a bonus, the RC Broome say their involvement with Feed the Little Children has been reinvigorated by the interest and support from our District.

These photos show AG Paul Mee (RC Manningham) at the school and AG Warren Fricke (RC Clayton) at the turnoff to the school on the highway.

Alison Tolstrup



For those who may not have read about Alison's project in the last newsletter the following is a summary of that article:

Food security is a modern term which is appearing in the media more and more. It simply means having adequate nutritional food. Lack of it is one of the markers of poverty. Children who lack food security not only have physical health problems, their brains are not able to develop properly.

This seriously impacts their educational abilities. Hunger can lead to stealing food; it is known that the younger a child is when first offending, the more likely it is for this behaviour to become normalised. Providing food security gives these children the chance to escape from this cycle and Close the Gap

In Broome where an emergency food relief charity Feed the Little Children (FTLC) provides a hot evening meal to 300 of the neediest children. There has been a marked reduction in offences as well as positive trends in health and education.

FTLC also aims to educate families to look after their own nutritional needs.

The second part of the project is near another iconic tourist spot – the Bungle Bungles. The Purnululu Independent Aboriginal Community School, only 1km off the Great Northern Highway, is a private school operated in partnership with its progressing community.

Last year seven Clubs from our District helped buy a bus to bring students to school. The school addresses the need for food security by providing breakfast, morning tea and lunch for its students, a costly exercise due to the transport involved.

ROTARY CLUB OF HAMPTON TOY LIBRARY PROJECT

A chance meeting at the Rotary Club of Hampton's very successful Bayside Farmers' Market resulted in the Club applying for and receiving a District Grant.

At the Market held in bayside Melbourne, PP Geoff Tickner met Andrew Hutchins, proprietor of Bamkins, a Hampton toy store which specialises in providing toys and resources for primary and sub primary children with social, physical and mental difficulties.

Andrew acknowledged that many of these specialist toys and aids were expensive and was seeking a way of assisting parents to trial the product before purchasing.

Hampton Rotary had previously assisted the local Bayside Toy Library and saw the opportunity of setting up a specialist toy section both at the library and also within its mobile library trailer which moves around the Bayside municipality.

On gaining acceptance of the idea from the Toy Library, Hampton Rotary co-ordinated the development of a specialist toy wish list with occupational therapists at the Toy Library and Bamkins. The Toy Library successfully applied for and received one of Hampton Rotary's Community Grants. The Club in turn applied for and received a matching District Grant.

PDG Tony Monley (2014-15) commented that District Grants are an important means of clubs maximising their impact in the community, as they are flexible and allow a great deal of discretion to the Club.

Today, the specialist toy area is functioning as planned. The Bayside Toy Library currently has a membership of 300 families and believes this will increase as a result of these specialist toys. Parents borrow and try out the specialist toys which have cover sheets listing Bamkins as a supplier and the Rotary Club of Hampton and The Rotary Foundation as donors. A Win / Win situation for all.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Start the year with a commitment to increasing club members.

New members are vital for club growth.



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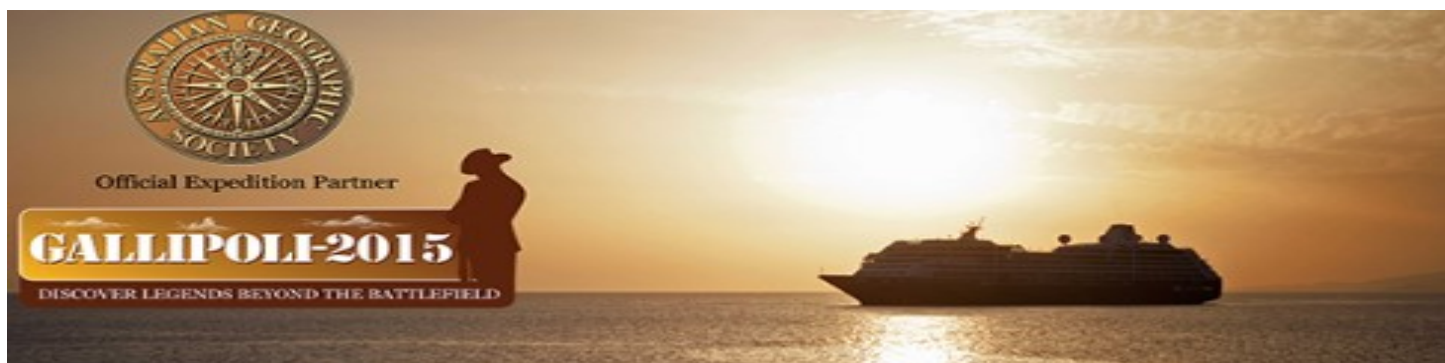
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ROTARY CLUB OF HAMPTON PROJECT

PEACE IS POSSIBLE



A project initiated by the Rotary Club of Hampton and endorsed by the District-9810 promises to attract international attention .

A Peace Conference was held in Istanbul on 18 April 2015. The purpose was to mark the Centenary of the tragic Gallipoli campaign of 1915 and showcase the friendship and peace that developed between these three countries.

On the Centenary of the Gallipoli campaign, Rotary can showcase the unique bond between Australia, New Zealand and Turkey as a beacon for Peace. The Peace and Friendship Conference held in the resultant Peace Declaration were the catalyst for this project. The “Peace is Possible” project will involve Rotarians from Australia, New Zealand and Turkey undertaking a two and a half weeks long joint program, in April 2016, culminating in attending the Dawn and Lone Pine Ceremonies at Gallipoli.

DG David Tolstrup recently announced the program to all the DGs in Australia and New Zealand and joined Project Manager Dr John Basarin by saying “I am looking forward to your involvement in this exciting project which is envisaged to make a significant contribution to world peace.”

The 2016 program highlights include:

- Visiting Turkey’s cultural and historic sites in April;
- Undertaking a ‘peace and conflict’ studies workshop, focusing, in its first year, on prevention and management of family violence issues;
- Participating at the Anzac Day commemorations at Gallipoli.

Perhaps the following quote, an old proverb, sums up the outcomes envisioned by the project:

“If there is peace in the heart,
there will be beauty in the character.
If there is beauty in the character,
there will be harmony in the home.
If there is harmony in the home,
there will be order in the nation.
If there is order in the nation,
there will be peace in the world”.

Only one Rotarian can join from each District in Australia and New Zealand.

Would you like to represent your District?

1. Put in an expression to your Club’s President and the Board depending on the Club’s own criteria and endorsed by their District Governor.
 2. Estimated cost \$6,000 will be shared by the Club and the participant (recommended 75% by the participant and 25% by the Club). The Rotarian is fully responsible for organising funding.
- Participating Rotarians, upon their return, are expected to contribute, initiate and/or take part in projects or programs focused on prevention and management of family violence. in their own communities.

The deadline for endorsed nominations by the DGs is 15 October 2015.

If any Rotarian has queries, please direct them to:

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SUNSHINE IN OECUSSI ENCLAVE, TIMOR-LESTE DOES WONDERS

Just what are these 'wonders' ? In simple terms – Solar Power Panels installed on School buildings, Community Meeting Rooms and homes are providing electric power for light globes, for simple computer systems and basic communication facilities.

The Rotary Club of Box Hill Central in partnership with the *Whitehorse Community – Friends of OECUSSI Enclave* for a number of years have raised and donated funds for the purchase and installation of Solar Power Panels in a number of locations; these locations were identified by the local OECUSSI community as being areas of priority need.

The cost of a panel was initially A\$1,300. however the more recent units can be purchased for as little as A\$600. A Solar Power Units project, to commence mid-August this year will provide more than twenty Solar Power Units for the KUSI community.

These Units have been purchased in Dili, by the Melbourne based Contractor, SaltwaterSolar Inc.

Apart from the provision of modern, clean electric power the Project Budget & Agreement ensures local community labour will be trained & engaged for the installation; these people will also be trained to oversight & maintain the Solar Power Units.

KUSI Aldeia (village) is in OECUSSI Enclave approximately 50kms out of OECUSSI township. Like many places in Timor-Leste, KUSI has limited facilities, almost no infrastructure, the roadways are often in poor condition and there is minimal transport.

It is worth noting that funds were also raised & contributed for the construction of the KUSI Primary School (three rooms) Building.

In earlier times the KUSI School lessons were conducted under a nearby palm tree!!

This story is an example of the value Rotary and its connections can create and add to the quality of life for people who need a helping hand. Timor-Leste is our neighbour.

It is as close to Darwin as Tasmania is to Melbourne. And it is one of the poorest nations in the world.



DG David has appointed 10 Assistant Governors

We hope to introduce them all to you via some Profiles in a couple of Newsletters

In this issue we have Linda O'Brien and Warren Fricke

Linda O'Brien was inducted into the Rotary Club of Bentleigh Moorabbin Central in 1996 and has held a number of roles within the Club including Club President.

At District level Linda has been AG back in 2002, and has served as Chair of Community, been on the GSE Committee, Foundation Committee in particular Polio Eradication, and a facilitator for Rotary Leadership Institute. Linda and her husband Peter (who is also a Rotarian) have hosted a number of GSE participants and a youth exchange student.



Linda has lived in Brighton East since 1980 has two children and two grandchildren she has always worked in the finance industry including 12 years as a bank manager and is now slowing down working part time in the insurance industry.

She is also kept busy with the grandchildren and other family commitments, when time permits she likes to do art, read, cook, attend live theatre, listen to music and entertain.

Warren Fricke and Partner Noela Foote reside in St Kilda Road Melbourne.



- Warren has one son (resides Chile) and one daughter (resides Adelaide) and has three grandchildren.
- He is a retired pharmacist Owned retail Pharmacy in Huntingdale 1977 – 2012

Memberships:

- Current member Rotary Club of Clayton (joined 1998)
- Melbourne Cricket Club & Caulfield Cricket Club (Life Member)
- Old Scotch Bushwalking Club

Volunteer:

- Monash Medical Centre, Clayton
- Oakleigh Centre, Oakleigh

Interests:

- Travel and sport
- Rotary:
 - * Joined Clayton Rotary 1998
 - * Current Club Treasurer
 - * President 2002/3 and 2009/10
 - * Member International Fellowship of Cricket Loving Rotarians, including three cricket tours to United Kingdom and attendance at six Australian festivals
 - * PHF (Two sapphires)
 - * Centurion
 - * Supporter Australian Rotary Health



Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM)

Funds continue to be raised in each of the 21 Rotary Districts in Australia to support programs to control and ultimately eliminate malaria in our near neighbour countries.

An approach to protecting vulnerable populations has been the widespread distribution of long lasting insecticidal bed nets. (LLINs)

RAM decided that another way to inhibit the scourge of malaria was to hit it at its source, the mosquito. Therefore RAM has elected to offer a Post Graduate Research Scholarship in Mosquito Vector Control.

This scholarship came about through liaising with the Australian Institute of Tropical Health and Medicine at the James Cook University Campus, Queensland (AITHM).

AITHM has agreed to partner RAM in this up to three and a half year scholarship with a total value of over \$150,000 and JCU has most generously foregone tuition fees.

A RAM stipulation was that the Scholarship be awarded to a post graduate student from either Timor Leste, PNG, Solomon Islands or Vanuatu and that the recipient must return to their home country at the end of the Scholarship and put the results of their PHD into practice.



REPORT TO D9810 ROTARIANS ON THE USE OF DISTRICT DESIGNATED FUNDS IN 2014/15

In the 2014/15 year the District and its clubs drew on available Rotary Foundation Grants to undertake local and international projects with budgets totalling almost \$350,000 USD. Although this was well down on the previous year, a further four Global Grants had been submitted by year end and were waiting on Foundation's approval. The budgets for these four projects total over \$736,000 USD.

For the 2014/15 District Grant and Global Grant projects that were approved, The Rotary Foundation provided \$82,580 USD by way of District Designated Funds (DDF), plus \$86,218 USD from the World Fund by way of matching funds for Global Grants, a total of nearly \$169,000.

In other words, for the projects approved in the year, nearly half the funding came directly from The Rotary Foundation!

District Designated Funds in 2014/15

Before presenting individual grant details, the following table outlines what the overall situation was with District Designated Funds, at 30 June 2015.

HOW FOUNDATION FUNDS HELPED CLUB PROJECTS IN 2014/15		
Available District Designated Funds (DDF)		
	AUD	USD
2014/15 SHARE Funds - Half District Giving from 2011/12 Year		126,881
Brought Forward from 2012/13		38,964
Share of Interest from the (Permanent) Endowment Fund		125
Unused Funds Returned from previous Grants		7,452
TOTAL DDF Available for 2014/15		173,422
DDF Usage		
Funds Received for 2014/15 District Grant (~50% of 2014/15 SHARE)	72,390	63,500
Paid to Clubs for Approved District Grant Projects	50,706	
Paid to Clubs for Low-Level Scholarships	12,000	
Grant Administration Expense	398	
Returned to The Foundation (for D9810's 2015/16 Global Grant Use)	9,286	
Donations from DDF		
Donation: Centre for International Studies in Peace & Conflict Resolution		4,000
Donation: Polio Program (used to match Club donations)		8,000
DDF Funds Contributed to Global Grant Projects		
Approved Grants		25,908
Total DDF Usage		101,408
DDF Funds Carried Forward to 2015/16		
Global Grants Awaiting Foundation Approval		30,000
Carry Forward for D9810 Global Grant Use in 2015/16		42,014
Total Carried Forward		72,014
		173,422

The year's new SHARE Funds were \$126,881 USD. These arose from the District's giving of double that in 2011/12. So, together with other funds that were returned from a Matching Grant that did not proceed, and a small amount of 2013/14 unused District Grant money that carried over from the previous year, there was \$173,422 to be managed. Half the SHARE funds (\$126,881) were claimed in cash for the District Grant. The remainder was available for donations and District contributions to Global Grant projects.

District Grants

The District received A\$72,390 cash for club District Grant (DG) projects at the then Rotary exchange rate of US\$1 = A\$1.14. This money ended up supporting 23 club DG projects and 12 Low-Level Scholarship grants. Ten projects, nominated for a DG were subsequently withdrawn or rejected as being ineligible – a disappointing number. However, additional projects were supported in their place resulting in A\$9,286 that will be returned to the Foundation, where it will then (in USD) be available for use with Global Grants.

2014/15 DISTRICT GRANT CLUB PROJECTS				
No.	Club	Project	Grant \$	Total \$
DG01	Monbulk	Implement Guided Learning Literacy Program, Gawa School, Elcho Is.	1,900	3,800
DG09	Healesville	Install Irrigation System for Large Vegetable Garden, Kenya	4,000	10,433
DG10	Box Hill	Upgrade Commercial Kitchen Equipment for Alkira Disability Services	2,000	4,170
DG13	Chelsea	Develop & Produce Media for Teaching Hand Washing, India	4,000	8,500
DG15	Glen Wvly	2 nd Hand Medical Equipment for “Make Every Child Count”, Myanmar	4,000	8,000
DG16	Mitcham	Water Purification System & Sanitation Education, Indonesia	2,925	5,850
DG17	Forest Hill	A 6-club Project to Sponsor Trade Training for Delinquent Youth	2,000	5,400
DG18	MASH	Text Books & Educ’l Aids for Whitehorse Primary & Secondary Schools	2,000	4,347
DG20	Waverley	Packs for Emergency Admissions to Monash Medical Centre	1,687	3,373
DG21	Box Hill Cntl	New School Toilet Blocks to Maximise Girls’ School Attendance, India	4,000	13,689
DG22	Boronia	Fees for Yr 7-10 Disadvantaged Students to Attend KIOSC Program	1,650	3,300
DG24	Hampton	Teaching Equipment for Disadvantaged Children, Brighton Toy Library	1,984	3,968
DG25	Ringwood	Pre-School Equipment for Safe Futures Foundation Women’s Refuge	2,000	4,000
DG26	Beaumaris	Fund Bayside Students to Participate in Resilient Youth Survey	2,000	4,000
DG27	Healesville	Provide Workshop for Kitchen Garden Activities at Toolangi P.S.	2,000	4,500
DG28	Whlrs Hill	BBQ & Outdoor Furniture for Disabled Adults Respite House	1,184	2,368
DG29	Boronia	Band, PA System & Transport for Students to Attend ANZAC Ceremony	564	1,127
DG30	Lilydale	Travel & Accom. For Dili Student to RMIT 10wk Intensive ESL Course	1,242	4,083
DG31	Wandin	Provide WW1 War Memorial Obelisk for Wandin Community	2,000	11,490
DG32	M-M	Sewing Machinery & Coaching for Compression Garments, India	4,000	10,000
DG33	Monash	Help Fund a Community Drug Seminar, City of Monash	1,000	2,000
DG34	BHC/BH/FH	Trade Training for Delinquent Youth through Handbrake Program	2,000	5,400
DG35	Boronia	12 Backpack Beds for Homeless People, Knox Community	570	1,140
DG19		12 x Low-Level Scholarships of \$1,000 each – Supported by:	12,000	24,000
		Noble Park (2), Doncaster (2), MASH, Glen Waverley, Croydon,		
		Forest Hill, Mitcham, Box Hill Central, eClub of Greater Melbourne,		
		Templestowe		
		Totals for 2014/15 Club District Grants	62,706	148,938

Donations

Our District has traditionally supported Rotary’s Peace Centres with an annual donation.

The donation to Polio was administered such that where clubs donated \$500 or more to the Polio Program, it was matched from the \$8000 “pool” with \$500. When received by TRF, the DDF component was matched at 0.50c-for-\$, thus adding \$250 to the donation. Then, as part of the agreement with the Gates Foundation, the total donation was again matched, this time at \$2-for-\$1, which built the \$500 club donation to a total value of \$3,750. This occurred for the first 16 clubs that donated, resulting in the Polio program receiving \$60,000 USD for the \$8,000 outlay each of DDF and club contributions.

Global Grants

During the year the Foundation approved 3 Global Grants (GG) that also benefitted from a contribution of the District Designated Fund. As mentioned, a further 4 applications were also submitted to TRF for approval, for which funds were committed, but approval not gained prior to July 2015. Foundation matching figures are omitted for these in the following table, as they cannot be confirmed at this stage.

D9810 GLOBAL GRANT PROJECTS BENEFITTING FROM 2014/15 DDF					
GG No.	Primary Clubs	Project	D9810 DDF	TRF Grant Value	Project Value
Projects Approved by TRF					
1419174	H: Mt Hagen D9600, PNG I: Centralia D5200 OR USA	Provide Clean Water & Sewerage to a Village of Madan, near Mt Hagen, PNG Five D9810 clubs contributed to this GG	9,100	51,450	120,250
1423297	H: Kuala Kangsar D3300, Malaysia I: Ringwood D9810, Australia	Establish an English Teaching Laboratory in the District of Perak, Malaysia	6,808	15,308	31,616
1524985	H: Rockwell-Makita, D3830, Philippines I: Manningham D9810, Australia	Teacher Literacy Enhancement Program ("Read Aloud" Project) Pasay City, Philippines.	10,000	19,460	48,384
Totals for Approved Projects			25,908	86,218	200,250
Projects Awaiting TRF Approval					
1419639	H: Suva East D9920, Fiji I: Manningham D9810, Australia	Upgrade W & S systems & provide maintenance training and hygiene workshops in 16 rural communities on Viti Levu, Fiji	10,000		500,600
1524497	H: Taveuni Is D9920 Fiji I: Newmarket D9920, NewZealand	Rotary Taveuni Eye Project to provide all services for 300 cataract & pterygium eye surgeries	5,000		63,032
1528717	H: Calcutta Metro. D3291, India I: Thousand Oaks D5240, OR USA	"From Darkness Into Light" Project: 1000 Phacoemulsification Cataract Surgeries for Impoverished, Kolkata and selected villages, West Bengal, India	5,000		75,925
1531512	H: Nasik Road D3030, India I: Box Hill Central D9810, Australia	Provide Toilet blocks, containing 135 cubicles, in 4 schools plus the rural community, in Nasik and Ahmednagar districts, Maharashtra, India	10,000		96,452
			30,000		736,009

Outlook for 2015/16

With the approval of the above four GG projects and several that are in planning, we anticipate that a total 7 to 8 new GG projects will be approved this year. Nominations for DG projects were very slow, which has delayed approval of the District Grant. Hopefully, we will have this by mid-September. The expected SHARE funds will be more than 2014/15, so we will be in a good position to support club projects, especially Global Grants. The Foundation Committee and "G-Train" strongly encourage clubs to continue to set and meet goals for your Foundation giving. This will ensure your club continues to have project funding opportunities as described here.

(This article is part of the requirement for the D9810 Foundation Committee to report on the use of all DDF to member clubs. An Annual Report will be provided at a future Presidents' Meeting.)