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## ***“Let us look after our Foundation”***

Do we really need a month in the Rotarian calendar dedicated to the Rotary Foundation?

The Foundation is an integral part of the life of Rotarians so it is like having a day dedicated to breathing.

For 100 years, the Rotary Foundation has supported the efforts of Rotarians to do good in the world most recently focusing on the six areas of focus: disease prevention and treatment, peace and conflict prevention/resolution, water and sanitation, Maternal and child health, Basic education and literacy, and economic and community development.

Through the work of the Foundation, Clubs around the world can benefit from both District Grants, administered by their District, as well as Global Grants, which are for more ambitious projects involving overseas partner Clubs. Within our District of Sicily and Malta the number of applications for such grants keeps growing year on year and the Clubs applying is also growing. This is also a reflection of more service in our District. As well as project funding over eighty International post-graduate scholarships have also been given to youths in our District.

The major role of the Foundation in the End Polio Now campaign has also been unique bringing the annual cases of Polio down from over 360,000 to 11 so far this year. We are so close. But while our Rotary Foundation is a major resource for our District and for the globe, it is also our obligation to fund it as receipts from the Rotary Foundation are the result of contributions made by our District Clubs three years earlier. Let us look after OUR FOUNDATION.

On the 18 November we shall be holding the Rotary Foundation Seminar in Enna focusing on the grants awarded this year and how to manage Rotary Grants for next year. It is mandatory for the current and Incoming Presidents of each Club to be present to qualify the Club for participation in the Grants system during 2018-19.



During October two important training seminars were held in our District. The first was the "Leadership and Membership" seminar and the second was the "Continuous Rotarian Education" seminar with stand-out and exceptional presentations. Both events were very well attended. My thanks to all speakers and attendees.

I have been very pleased during the Club visits to be able to visit service activities being run by various Clubs. So far I have visited sixty-nine Clubs. Clearly there is a lot of service activity being undertaken within the District and most clubs are living up to the Service mission of Rotary and are "Making a difference".

Buon Rotary

*John*