

D5220 Grants Bulletin—September, 2017

Upcoming Calendar

September 12	Grants Committee Meeting at Perko's in Salida, 6:30pm
October 15	Global Hand Washing Day
October 24	World Polio Day (info at endpolio.org)
November 14	Grants Committee Meeting at Perko's in Salida, 6:30pm
November 18	Foundation Dinner
December 31	Cut-off for Rotary Foundation allocations counting towards next year's club allocation
January 9	Grants Committee Meeting at Perko's in Salida, 6:30pm
February 3	Mid-Year Assembly Grants sessions on new Grants Cycle and Completing Final Reports
February 10	Pre-PETS Grants training for Presidents-elect and PE's receive club allocations
March 7	2017-18 Club Grant Final Reports Due
March 31	Deadline for Presidents-elect and clubs (if needed) to complete Qualification Training; failure to be qualified means no Rotary Foundation funding

Disaster Relief Funding

At the recent cabinet meeting, Disaster Relief Chair Dave Gallagher reported that we had received \$16,792 to help with the Mariposa Fire relief effort. These funds are being sent to the Mariposa-Yosemite Rotary Club to meet needs in the Mariposa community. These funds came from district clubs and Rotarians as well as a contribution of \$5000 from District 5230 in the Fresno area. Thanks to all Rotarians for helping out with this local need.

DG Ray Caparros has also sent out a notice to all D5220 Rotarians regarding efforts to support the Texas flood victims. Again, Rotarians can contribute through our Disaster Relief Fund (send checks to District Treasurer Don Murphy and state the purpose on the check) and those funds will be sent to three Rotary districts in the flooded area to aid in their relief efforts.

In times of major emergencies, Rotarians often ask what can the Rotary Foundation do to help. We need to realize that the Foundation and its grants program is not set up to do emergency

relief. If you think about it, there are emergencies world-wide all of the time and if the Foundation directed funding to these emergencies, it would utilize all funding. Rotary leaves it to individual Rotarians, clubs and districts on how to best deal with emergencies and that is why we have set up the Disaster Relief Fund to deal with such cases.

Change in Grants Cycle Timeline for 2018-19 Rotary Year

In order to improve the grants process for D5220 clubs and Rotarians, the District Grants Committee has voted to change the grants cycle timeline, beginning with the 2018-19 Rotary year. Beginning next spring, the elements of the timeline will remain the same but will move back approximately three months.

The Grants Committee made this decision for the following reasons: 1) to better align the grants cycle with the traditional district training events—the District Assembly in May, the Membership/Foundation Seminar in August, and the Mid-Year Assembly in January/February; this will allow us to provide direct training right before due dates on various parts of the grants cycle; 2) to put all phases of grants planning within a club in the hands of the same president; currently one president is directly involved with planning how the club allocation is divided and planning for club grants while the next president carries out those decisions; under the new process the same president will be more directly involved in planning and carrying out projects; and 3) to provide more time for clubs to come up with global grant projects that can then be presented at a project fair aligned with the District Assembly in May; the current process has not been satisfactory in getting project information out to clubs so that they can decide how to allocate their funding.

More information will be coming through the Grants Bulletin and breakout sessions at the Mid-Year Assembly on February 3, 2018. The 2018-19 grants cycle will be set in motion when Presidents-elect get their club allocations at the Pre-PETS training on February 10.

Vocational Training Teams—Lots of News for Current and Future VTT's

We are very happy to announce that the Rotary Foundation has approved our application to send and receive Vocational Training Teams to Romania to provide training for autism students. The global grant application was submitted by district VTT Chair Chris Daly, and after several rounds of questions was approved for a total grant of \$32,000. The grant will provide training and improve professional skills of teachers, therapists, and family member of children on the Autism Spectrum. We will send a team of four experts to Romania in October and two individuals will come from Romania to receive training in our district. Paul Fogle, who participated on a previous VTT to Romania, will serve as chair and be joined by Aimee Johnson, Deborah Laffranchini, and Lee Ann Kreps. This VTT was the idea of Immediate PDG Tia Saletta and is being undertaken this year on the request of the Romanians.

VTT Chair Chris is also working on DG Ray Caparros' VTT which will travel to D3820 in the Philippines in March/April to support senior citizens and professionals. The goal of the four-

person team is to develop integrated and innovative elderly-focused health and social services with emphasis on disease prevention, health promotion, and wellness of mind, body and spirit. Chris sent out an e-mail with detailed information regarding this team last week to all district Rotarians—including types of positions desired and application procedures. For more information, you can contact Chris at RotaryDaly@aol.com or check the District website. Deadline to apply is September 30.

Qualification Training Due for Presidents-Elect and Clubs

Just a reminder that in order to receive Rotary Foundation funding, a club must be qualified by having at least three members complete the online grants training and each year the president-elect must be one of the three. The three grants training modules are available on the district website and by e-mailing Grants Chair Dave Mantooth at davemantooth@gmail.com. Deadline for completing the process that takes approximately two hours is March 31. Because we will be doing special training for all Presidents-elect at the Pre-PETS on February 10, it would be helpful if the PE's had completed the online training by that date.

Global Grant Allocations from Clubs—Need to Utilize by Beginning of 2018

Attached with this Grants Bulletin is an update listing of the allocations to D5220 clubs for global grants for the 2017-18 Rotary year. Included for each club is their overall allocation and also their designation to a specific global grant if they have done that. Please review the chart to make sure it accurately reflects your club's current decisions regarding global grants.

Also listed are the contacts for current projects being proposed by district clubs. Included are three projects related to water and sanitation (Gustine/Philippines, Modesto Sunrise/Uganda, and Lodi/Dominican Republic and Haiti), two projects related to medical needs (Sonora 49er/Mexico and Stockton/Haiti), one related to community development (North Stockton/Nigeria), and one related to education/community development (Modesto Sunrise/Romania). **All of these projects need funding to move forward. If your club has not yet allocated its funding for 2017-18, now is the time to start that process.**

For more information regarding these projects or to arrange to have a program for your club or board of directors, contact the individuals listed with your project.

Clubs will have until January 10, 2018 to make their designations.

Pictures of 2017-18 Projects

As part of the 2018 District Conference, District Governor Ray Caparros wants to highlight all international projects showing "D5220 Making A Difference in the World." As your club does an international project this year, would you please send Dave Mantooth at davemantooth@gmail.com pictures and a short description of your project to be included in this program.