

## FOUNDATION TALK

Hello everyone:

Having just returned from Los Angeles and the Rotary Convention I am inspired and motivated to do even more for Rotary than ever before. There were many inspirational speeches and many speeches that highlighted the continuing needs of the world ~ and thank heavens Rotary is here to help!

First and foremost is our commitment to eradicating the polio virus - it is clear that it can be done and we will do it, no matter how long it takes. We are winding down this Rotary year but hopefully you are all thinking of how you as a club are going to meet your commitment of a minimum of \$1000 to PolioPlus for the next 3 years. It was exciting to hear the plans of many Rotarians at the Convention and almost everyone is pledging to do more than the requested \$1000 - we are in a position to do exactly that in most of our clubs so think BIG and let's get it done!

Our Foundation totals are looking tremendous for the year and we are only \$6,500 away from breaking the \$1,000,000 mark in total contributions to our Foundation - that includes the Annual Programs Fund, the Permanent Fund and the Restricted Fund (PolioPlus and Matching Grants). If your club has not met its goal please make a concerted effort to ensure you get your funds in to RI before June 30th - every contribution goes towards helping those in need.

And lastly, some of you will have noticed some changes in the Club Recognition Summary report and the addition of a new report entitled the EREY Eligibility report. The changes are very welcome, so be sure to go in and have a look - we are now able to pull up the reports with only active members instead of anyone who has ever contributed. The new EREY report lists those who have made a contribution this year (EREY column), those who have attained Sustaining Member status and those who have attained Paul Harris Society status. These reports are an excellent start to a number of changes that are coming, so stay tuned!

This will be the last Foundation Talk for this Rotary year - my thanks to all of you for all you do for Rotary and for those people whom we will never meet and who ultimately benefit from our contributions to our Foundation.

Best regards,

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