

Foundation News in District 1220

July 2010

The District Foundation Committee had its first meeting of the new Rotary year on 21 July 2010 and I am delighted to be involved again, this time as Chairman. My thanks go to John Dain for his four year spell in the Chair and also to PDG Arnold Crosby who has passed the monitoring of Annual Giving to Gary Bryant after many years of valuable service. Gary is recovering from an illness at present so PDG David Curtis is caretaking the role until he is well enough to take over.

We all know that Arnold will not be able to sit down for long! It was delightful to see him presented with the District Foundation Award by DG Tony Stimpson at the District Handover for his work with the Foundation. However, this was followed by the well deserved award of a Paul Harris Sapphire Pin and it was a rare occasion to see Arnold speechless! Mick White, RC of Church Wilne, has been honoured with the District Foundation Award for his many years service on the Grants Committee. Mick had decided to stand down this year but thankfully he has changed his mind so we still have his expertise and wealth of knowledge to call upon! PDG David Curtis is monitoring the Annual Giving until Gary can take over the role.



I plan to issue a newsletter following each Foundation Committee meeting to keep clubs up to date with Foundation developments and information.

Group Study Exchange.

An exchange has been arranged with District 3230, Chennai, India and their team will arrive in our District on Saturday 18 September to stay with us until Saturday 16 October. GSE Chairman Rob Gray, RC of the Vale of Belvoir, and his team are preparing a full and varied programme of hosting and visits which will be available to all clubs when we have details of the visiting team members. The team will be at Conference in Southport to give a presentation and they will visit several clubs during their time with us. Please contact Rob Gray if any further information is needed.

We interviewed four candidates who applied to lead our GSE team to visit Chennai on 23 January for 4 weeks and James Pinder, RC of Mansfield has been selected as Team Leader.



Interviews for the team members are to take place on Sunday 8 August and we are accepting applications until 31 July.

Group Study Exchanges have reverted to a 2 year cycle again but District 3230 is paying for their team to come to us so that the exchange can be completed in one year.

Ambassadorial Scholarships.

Last November we allocated funds for a scholar from D1220 to study abroad in 2011 /12 but we did not receive any applications. A decision will be made at the Foundation Seminar to be held at The Kestrel on 3 November 2010 as to whether we offer a scholarship in 2012/2013. The Foundation Committee recommendation is to offer a scholarship with the proviso that it is a humanitarian subject being studied.

At the time of writing we have five Ambassadorial Scholars coming into the District for the current Rotary year from China, Zimbabwe, USA and two from Japan. Keith Pollard, Chesterfield Scarsdale, is doing a very good job as usual co-ordinating the scholars and counsellors and he will soon be producing a brochure with full details of how to book a scholar as a speaker at your club. Some of the Counsellors were hosted by Keith recently to discuss their role.



Keith Pollard, Kath Barnes and Graham Barnes (Clay Cross), Lalitha and Koshy Mathew (Sutton in Ashfield), DG Val Leivers, Lynne Martin (Wollaton Park) and Trevor Martin (Beeston)

District Simplified Grants

These are available to all clubs who wish to do a qualifying project either in their local community or internationally. In D1220 we have set a maximum grant of £750 per project and they are very straight forward to do. The funds are held and paid out by our District Treasurer. Last year we returned over £3,000 to the Foundation unused so **please let us have more applications this year**. Contact John Moffatt, Grants Chairman, Burton upon Trent, if you need any help or advice.

Matching Grants.

Fortunately the financial situation is greatly improved and the amount available from the Foundation is almost back to the usual level so the rush to present applications early is not necessary this time. The minimum grant that the Foundation will approve now is US\$5,000 so a club will need to put in a minimum of £3,740. There are criteria regarding the purpose of the project and again John Moffatt will guide you.

For example: Club cash contribution	\$5,500	(£3,740)
50% Contribution from District 1220	\$2,750	(£1,870)
Foundation contributes 50% of the cash total	\$2,750	(£1,870)
Foundation contributes 100% of District contribution.	<u>\$2,750</u>	<u>(£1,870)</u>
Total available for the project is	<u>\$13,750</u>	<u>(£9,350)</u>

Using a Foundation Matching Grant will turn your £3,740 into £9,350!!

Why are we not doing more of them? Please consider doing one, we will guide you!

Applications will be accepted by the Rotary Foundation from 1 July 2010 to 31 March 2011.

Approvals will be given by The Rotary Foundation between 1 August and 15 May 2011.

Peace Scholars

David Haspel, RC of Wirksworth is looking for suitable applicants to apply for a Rotary Peace Scholarship. The Peace Scholars Seminar is at Bradford University on Saturday 30 October and this is a very special occasion. More information is available on www.rotarypeacebradford.org

Alumni

John Dain, RC of Bretby, is starting to contact Foundation Alumni and it is hoped to bring a number of them together with a view to forming an Alumni Association, something which is popular in other parts of the world. If you have an Alumni in your club e.g. a GSE Team Leader or former Ambassadorial Scholar, please let John Dain know.

Polio Eradication

PDG Keith Hammond and his team have done remarkably well working with clubs and we are ahead of the target we have been asked to achieve by June 2010. In monetary terms this is \$219,076 collected so far with a final target of \$348,000. Please keep sending your contributions to Keith. A number of Rotarians from D1220 have been on National Immunisation Days in India and I am sure that any of them will be willing to speak to clubs about their moving experiences.



Anni Gell, RC of Bingham is co-ordinating a “Thanks for life” day throughout the District. This will be held in February 2011 to raise awareness of Rotary and collect funds for Polio Eradication. Anni is contacting all clubs about the initiative.

Annual Giving

PDG David Curtis will soon be writing to clubs re this year’s contributions which are recommended to be £43 per member, the same as last year. The amount that we contribute as a District this year will determine the Foundation funds that are available to us for grants and other Foundation programmes in 2013/2014.

Dates for your diary

Peace Scholars Seminar - Bradford	30th October 2010
Foundation Seminar – The Kestrel	11th November 2010
Foundation Link Evening – The Derbyshire Hotel	10th March 2011

We have a busy Foundation programme ahead of us and I hope that your club will take part in some or all of the items mentioned above. If you have not applied for a Grant before why not do it this year? If your club would like a visit from me to talk about the Foundation programmes in more detail please do not hesitate to contact me.

Terry Leivers

District 1220 Rotary Foundation Chairman