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The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. As the charitable arm of Rotary, we tap into a global network of Rotarians who invest their time, money, and expertise into [our priorities](#), such as [eradicating polio](#) and [promoting peace](#). Foundation [grants](#) empower Rotarians to approach challenges such as poverty, illiteracy, and malnutrition with sustainable solutions that leave a lasting impact.

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[The Rotary Foundation Trustees](#) ask each Rotarian worldwide to contribute \$100 per annum - [thank you](#) to all of you who support our Foundation, those of you have become [Sustaining Members](#), or who are taking part in the annual [Postal Measurement Survey](#). To enable the Rotary Foundation to continue to support our work at home and overseas we must support the Foundation by contributing.

I am delighted to see how many clubs applied for a 2014/2015 District Grant to assist their efforts in their local community as well as further afield. District Grants have been approved and funds will be available to clubs soon.

Clubs must ensure that the stewardship element of grants is adhered to, particularly the need for completing the necessary reports. As a District we can only have ten "open" grants at any one time, therefore Clubs who do not complete their reporting requirement block the path to other clubs getting their grant approved in a timely manner.

Clubs should start to plan now how they

will address the needs of their community in the next Rotary year and how applying for a Foundation Grant can assist their endeavours. Please ensure that your District Grant application is in place by 31st May 2015.

At our recent Conference Rotary International Presidents Representative Bob Scott gave delegates an up-to-date report on the progress of the Polio Plus campaign. He pointed out that Polio is only a plane ride away and encouraged us to continue to support the Foundation in eradicating polio from the world.

Please run an event during this Rotary year to raise funds so that we can proudly say "we helped to ["End Polio Now"](#)

Many thanks to Foundation Chair Patricia and her team for assisting clubs in their Foundation work

During September and October we visited Dundalk, Newry, Portadown, Dublin, Bray, Banbridge, Navan, Enniskillen, Sligo, Letterkenny, Monaghan, Strabane-Lifford, Belfast West and Donaghadee.

Thank you to you all for the warm welcome and for sharing with us the wide and varied range of Club projects being undertaken all over this island. Perhaps the most surprising project which we learned about was a community dog show which was a huge success.

If your club has not already done so please consider supporting our 2014/2014 District Projects [Project Daisy](#) and [Project 538](#)

I ask you all to continue to **"Light Up Rotary"**.

Yours in Rotary
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