

Weekly Rotary Foundation Thoughts

Weeks 25-28



Educating Rotarians about the work of The Rotary Foundation is one of the most effective tools in gaining and broadening support of our Annual Programs Fund and the ***Every Rotarian, Every Year*** effort. The **Weekly Rotary Foundation Thought** is designed to inform our members of the many ways in which we impact the world — there's always something new and exciting going on in Rotary.

The club president can begin the tradition by opening each meeting with a brief moment on The Rotary Foundation, but consider rotating ownership of the weekly reading among club members. In fact, didn't Paul Harris have a similar idea about rotating?

Week 25:

This week's **Rotary Foundation Thought** is about why there continues to be growing support among Rotarians for The Annual Programs Fund.

I'm sure that you share my pride in the wonderful programs of our Foundation, such as PolioPlus, Group Study Exchange and Matching Grants. Did you know that:

1. Your gift is wisely invested, so the full amount is directed to support the programs of your Rotary Foundation. Only a portion of the investment earnings pays for administration.
2. After a three-year investment cycle, half of your contribution comes back to our district to be spent on programs identified by Rotarians in our community, and a portion can be spent locally.
3. For those who live in countries with favorable charitable tax laws, sending in your gift before December 30th will ensure you receive a tax receipt for the current year and qualify you for year-end tax benefits.

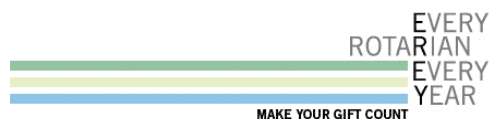
Most important, our continuing support of The Rotary Foundation and our continuing involvement in the Foundation's programs is an investment in our children's future by making the world a safer and healthier place.

Week 26:

This week's **Rotary Foundation Thought** is about Humanitarian Programs in East Asia related to education.

The Japanese Rotary club of Omiya City Rotary (as reported through The Rotary-No-Tomo, the English language Rotary Magazine) has built schools and provided books in Bang Kong, Cambodia. The Nabari Chuoh Rotary has built a library for children of the Suoi Day Elementary and Junior High School in Vietnam. So many projects like these show Rotarians' dedication to education and literacy.

Rotarians are proud of their long history as sponsors for Educational Programs. Yearly support to the Annual Programs Fund's ***Every Rotarian Every Year*** initiative ensures the tradition of educational excellence is upheld.



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Week 27:

This week's **Rotary Foundation Thought** is about Rotarian efforts to alleviate hunger through World Community Service.

Rotarians have rallied to the aid of nearly 3.5 million people affected by famine in Niger, one of the world's poorest countries. The West African country is, at the best of times, prone to severe food shortages resulting from insufficient rains.

The two Rotary clubs of Niger, both based in the capital of Niamey, have set up a crisis committee and a bank account to coordinate and facilitate relief efforts. In addition to contributing approximately US\$1,000 toward a disaster fund, the Niamey clubs are helping with the collection and distribution of emergency relief, including bags of rice from Rotary clubs in Côte d'Ivoire, and mosquito nets from Dakar, Senegal. The crisis committee is also working on procurement and transportation of food items, creation of cereal banks and a food exchange program and the purchase of life-saving medicine.

Rotary Volunteers are also sought to help promote vegetable gardening and the growing of off-season crops by irrigation. This is a long-term effort aimed at improving food security, diversifying food sources, and creating income-generating opportunities for farmers.

We need to remember that even small gifts make a huge difference to people in need. World Community Service, and the support of ***Every Rotarian, Every Year*** is a way for our club to make a real and lasting difference.

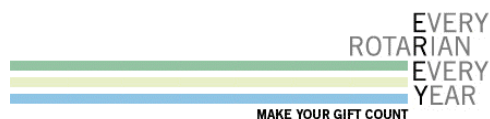
Week 28:

This week's **Rotary Foundation Thought** is about meeting your personal financial objectives while supporting the humanitarian and educational programs of your Rotary Foundation.

Rotarians make the Foundation's worldwide programs possible with generous and regular outright contributions. While charitable giving is its own reward, you may be pleased to learn that your gifts can often be tailored to meet a variety of personal and financial goals as well.

In some countries, donating a capital asset such as stock securities and real estate may provide you with additional tax benefits.

To learn more about how you can help The Rotary Foundation through effective gift planning, visit www.rotary.org or e-mail: EveryRotarianEveryYear@rotaryintl.org.



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