

Weekly Rotary Foundation Thoughts

Weeks 34-37



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 34:

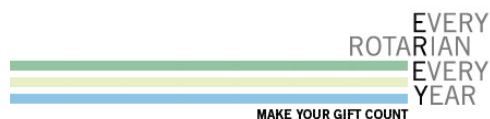
This week's **Rotary Foundation Thought** is about how you can support The Foundation while shopping online. Rotary International has partnered with CareClicks.com, an online shopping service. When you make a purchase a percentage of your purchases from participating merchants will support The Rotary Foundation. Over 1000 quality vendors are participating in the program. Just go to www.rotary.org/shopping for more details.

You can also contribute directly to The Rotary Foundation, by making your contribution online at www.rotary.org.

Week 35:

This week's **Rotary Foundation Thought** is an update on our Polio Eradication efforts. Recently, the Advisory Committee on Polio Eradication (ACPE), the global and technical oversight body of the Polio Eradication Initiative, concluded that polio could be eradicated within the next 6 months everywhere, except in Nigeria, provided adequate financial resources are found and political will is maintained. The World Health Organization further advises that eradication in Nigeria could follow within another 6-12 months. National Immunization Days will be held in all endemic and high-risk countries this spring to help ensure that this important milestone is met.

The PolioPlus Partners Program is currently accepting donations to support these NIDs and will match contributions at US\$.50 per dollar donated. More information is available at www.rotary.org.



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Week 36:

This week's **Rotary Foundation Thought** is about a Rotary Peace Fellow who's making a difference.

Arnoldas Pranckevicius, a member of the first class of Peace Fellows and a native Lithuanian, now works as a domestic policy advisor to the Republic of Lithuania President Valdas Adamkus. His responsibilities include analyzing trends and developments in the country's political system. Some of the main issues and projects he has tackled are political corruption, the establishment of ethical standards, and the promotion of a civic and open society.

Arnoldas is just one example of how the Rotary Peace Fellows can shape policy and influence decision-making at an international level.

Week 37:

This week's **Rotary Foundation Thought** is about Foundation Service Awards.

There are three different Foundation Service Awards. The District Service Award is given to any Rotarian whose service to humanity deserves to be recognized. The District Governor can award up to 20 of these a year and the recipient is given a certificate. The Citation for Meritorious Service is awarded by the Trustees to one Rotarian from each district every year. Nominations are solicited from district governors and RI Directors. The Trustees consider these nominations throughout the year until 15 May. A handsome certificate in a walnut frame is sent for presentation to the recipient of this award. Four complete Rotary years after receiving the Citation for Meritorious Service, a Rotarian becomes eligible for the Distinguished Service Award. Because this is the Foundation's highest service recognition, a recipient's exemplary service to the Foundation must extend beyond the district level and over an extended period of time. Award recipients receive a cast bronze plaque mounted on a walnut base.

Do you know someone who is worthy of such an honor in our club?



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