

## What is the Rotary Foundation?

The Rotary Foundation is said to be ***the economic engine of Rotary International.***

Imagine for a moment if you were planning to create a new National men's and women's football team. Two players you would love to have in your side are Garry Ablett and Daisy Pearce. The reason is very simple: both Garry and Daisy are the 'engine room' of their respective teams. Not only do they constantly inspire and encourage their respective teams to move forward, but they also create many opportunities for those around them.

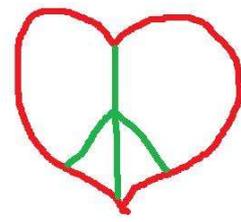
Likewise, without the existence of the Rotary Foundation thousands of local and international Rotary projects would not have any legs to move forward. The Rotary Foundation provides vital grants to assist communities with opportunities to kick lots of goals!

## How did the Rotary Foundation begin?



Arch C. Klumph was the RI president in the 1913-14 Rotary year. In 1917, Klumph donated U.S \$26.50 to encourage other Rotarians to contribute to a new charitable and humanitarian arm of Rotary.

**How does the Rotary Foundation assist to make the world a better place for all?**



Some examples are:

- Providing much needed funds for education and basic literacy.
- Assisting disadvantaged communities by providing clean water, sanitation and medicines/vaccines to reduce disease.
- Implementing programs which will improve the lives of mothers and their children.
- Funding programs that will assist with peace and conflict resolution.



I asked International Director, Bob Edgar, to provide some first-hand experience of the value of the Rotary Foundation:

*The Rotary Foundation provides valuable support for humanitarian projects in developing countries in the Pacific Region. I have been involved with the Rotary Foundation in providing practical training programs for agricultural students from the Solomon Islands, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea and Timor Leste as well as a major food security project in the Kingdom of Tonga.*

**As a member of Rotary, what ways can I support the work of the Foundation?**



1. You may wish to do your part by '**doing good in the world**' by becoming an **Every Rotarian, Every Year** member. In our club, we currently have a number of members that donate \$100 every year. Importantly, you will be making a real positive difference in the world.
2. If you would like to join one other member of the club that belongs to the **Paul Harris Society**, you can with an annual donation of U.S \$1,000. Or,
3. There is the option of donating some money to the Rotary Foundation in your **Will**.