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This Week: UNDERSTANDING THE ROTARY FOUNDATION (TRF) Presented by Harry Borak, Lina Ledford, and Linda Logan

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) – What is its history? What is it? Why contribute? How are your contributions spent? How does TRF pay for its overhead? What percentage of your contribution is spent on projects? How can Covina Rotary Club match your contribution without spending cash? What projects has Covina Rotary participated in? What projects would you like to participate in?



Last Week: Bern Heimos

Through the eye of the lens, flying at low altitude, Bern Heimos brought us a pictorial of America that we will not soon forget. We were entertained with beautiful farmland, oceans, the Statue of Liberty and sandbars like never seen before.

Next week:

Jon Teran will take the stage and *Ignite Rotary* by outlining his thoughts on the 2014-15 Rotary year. Your input is needed. Please plan to attend.

The Rotary Foundation has identified specific causes to target to maximize Rotary’s local and global impact. That said, our Rotary leaders understand that each community has its own unique needs and concerns. Thus we are encouraged as Rotarians to identify our local needs and be creative in our approach to solve those concerns.

Through Global Grants and other resources, TRF help clubs focus their service efforts in the following areas:

PROMOTING PEACE

Today, 42 million people are displaced by armed conflict or persecution. Through partnerships with leading universities, Rotary Peace Fellows develop the skills to strengthen peace efforts, train local leaders to prevent and mediate conflict, and support long-term peace building in areas affected by conflict. Up to 100 peace fellowships per year are provided.

FIGHTING DISEASE

More than 100 million people are pushed into poverty each year because of medical costs or lack of medical facilities. TRF aims to improve and expand access to low-cost and free health care in underdeveloped areas. Members educate and mobilize communities to help prevent the spread of major diseases such as polio, HIV/AIDS, and malaria.

PROVIDING CLEAN WATER

More than 2.5 billion people lack access to adequate sanitation facilities. At least 3,000 children die each day from diarrheal diseases caused by unsafe water. Our projects give communities the ability to develop and maintain sustainable water and sanitation systems and support studies related to water and sanitation.

SAVING MOTHERS AND CHILDREN

At least 7 million children under the age of five die each year due to malnutrition, poor health care, and inadequate sanitation. To help reduce this rate TRF provides immunizations and antibiotics to babies, improve access to essential medical services, and support trained health care providers for mothers

and their children. Our projects ensure sustainability by empowering the local community to take ownership of health care training programs.

SUPPORTING EDUCATION

Sixty-seven million children worldwide have no access to education and more than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. TRF’s goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.

GROWING LOCAL ECONOMIES

TRF carries out service projects that enhance economic and community development and develop opportunities for decent and productive work for young and old. With nearly 1.4 billion employed people living on less than \$1.25 per day, this is a needed target.

TRF is YOU. Your contributions help to fund the grants that keep Rotary strong, vibrant, and meaningful throughout the world.

Calendar of Events:

February 13 LCAP Town Hall Meeting, Charter Oak Unified School District.

February 15 Also include BODTS Seminar Feb 15th Ontario 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Holiday Inn, Ontario Airport. \$20.00 per person 909-212-8000

April 5- District Assembly Victor Valley College

April 27 Fun Run

May 1 CCPA evening fundraiser

May 15-18 District Conference -The Hilton in Palms Springs

June 1-4 Rotary International Convention, Sydney Australia