



DISTRICT 7690 - Future Vision Pilot News

February 2010

What a great time to be a Rotarian in District 7690!

We've just returned from San Diego, CA and the 2010 Future Vision Pilot Training where Governor-Elect's and the District Rotary Foundation Chair's of the 100 Rotary Districts selected for the FVP spent two days of intensive training to prepare us to serve our districts in 2010-11, the initial year of the pilot. During this training we participated in Plenary Sessions, Breakout Sessions, Question & Answer Panels and a Project Networking Session that covered the following topics:

1. Rotary Foundation Grants
2. District Leadership
3. District Qualification
4. Project Networking
5. Club Qualification
6. District Designated Fund Policy
7. Planning/Next Steps

Since our selection as a Future Vision Pilot District in June of 2009 the District Leadership Team has been sharing information received from The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International and making plans for implementing the requirement of the FV Pilot Program in District 7690. Our participation in this pilot phase of the Future Vision Plan will allow us to have the opportunity to shape the future of The Rotary Foundation's efforts of "Doing Good in the World". Paul Harris said, "This is a changing world; we must be prepared to change with it!"

The encouragement to give to The Rotary Foundation and how we give will not change, but the Rotary Foundation Grants structure will change in the Future Vision Plan. There will be two types of Grants:

1. District Grants (Think District Simplified Grants with modifications)
2. Global Grants (Think Matching Grants & Scholarships with modifications)

District Grants will give us greater flexibility and choices of our Rotary clubs efforts to support local and international humanitarian and service projects, scholarships, and vocational training teams that focus on the mission of The Rotary Foundation.

Global Grants will relate to one or more of the six areas of focus that support international projects, scholarships and vocational training teams that provide sustainable, measurable outcomes that take place in Rotary countries and geographic areas. These projects will develop

stronger Rotary networks of clubs and districts in the host country and those of the primary sponsor club or district.

The six areas of focus are:

- Peace and conflict Prevention/resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water and Sanitation
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Economic and community development

District Grants will be funded by up to 50% of the District Designated Funds (DDF) each year and have a maximum grant amount of \$ 15,000.

Global Grants offer a minimum World Fund award of \$ 15,000 for minimum project budget of \$ 30,000. The World Fund award is based on a 100% match of DDF allocations or a 50% match of cash contributions. These grants must be sponsored by two clubs/districts that are members of the Future Vision Pilot: a host partner where the project takes place and the international partner outside the country.

The new District and Club Qualification process that helps districts and clubs establish good stewardship practices related to Global grants is required of both Districts and Clubs that are involved in Global Grants. The Rotary Foundation also recommends that both Districts and Clubs involved in District Grants go through this same qualification process.

District Grants and Global Grants allow the Districts and Clubs more flexibility, but require more accountability which requires more District support of these Foundation activities. Therefore the District Leadership Team will need greater support from an enlarged committee structure that must come from the clubs of the district. We will post for your review on the District Website (www.Rotary7690.org) an organizational structure we feel will be required to support the Future Vision Pilot. Also posted will be a brief description of the responsibilities of each committee listed.

The District Leadership Team is looking for Rotarians from across District 7690 that may be interested in District Leadership positions that will support this Future Vision Pilot. Many Rotarians have already expressed an interest in serving on the Future Vision Pilot Leadership Team, but we still need more Rotarians to help us make this FVP a success. We would like you to confirm or indicate your interest in serving on the FVP Team by sending an email to FutureVision@Rotary7690.org indicating your area of interest by February 5, 2010. Our goal is to have all FVP Committees completed by the end of February.

Your involvement on the District 7690 FVP Leadership Team will help The Rotary Foundation prepare for the Second Century of “Service Above Self” as we strive to fulfill the Rotary Moto and Mission:

Doing Good in the World

**...to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace
through the improvement of health, the support of education, and
the alleviation of poverty.**

Yours In Rotary Service,

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TRF Chair 2010 – 2013

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