NOVEMBER 2020

Message from our District Foundation Chair PDG Jennie Herring

November is Foundation Month.

In October we celebrated World Polio Day. As you are no doubt aware D9910 and D9920 combined for the second year running to ride the trains of Auckland. This year it was also decided to ride the Ferries as well, so the event name was changed to the Polio All Transit 2020. Fifty riders were sent on their way by Auckland Mayor Phil Goff along with celebrities. A maximum of 20 rode the ferries during the day. Between us we raised \$34,000.

It was a great day with a great result in these difficult Covid 19 times. Now it is time for all those Clubs who pledged amounts to now send them through to the D9920 Foundation as per details later in this bulletin. We thank all those Rotarians/non-Rotarians and clubs for their participation in the 2020 event and look forward to an event bigger event in 2021.,

A special thanks must go to our Polio Chair, PDG Ron Seeto. For the second year he led the Taskforce for the All Transit event but also facilitated the building wrap of the Aoteo Building in Aoteo Square on the 24 October 2020. For those of you who managed to be there at the exact moment it was a fantastic sight to see (photo below). The public awareness of the END POLIO NOW campaign was demonstrated in Auckland on the 23 and 24 October 2020.

Since our last newsletter we have received advice that Suva, Fiji has received a Disaster Grant (\$US25,000) to assist with relieve in Fiji following Cyclone Harold. The RC Tarawa has had their Global Grant application for Sanitation Blocks in South Tarawa, Kiribati approved by The Rotary Foundation. Two great results for our District.

As November is Foundation month it is time for the Clubs to start to think about sending in their Club donation to the Foundation for the 2020/21 year.

Remember what is given this year will be returned in 2023/24 for use in District and Global Grants. Remember when your club is running an event to raise funds, please think about giving a portion to the Rotary Foundation – Our Charity of Choice. Funds given for Annual Giving and Polio also contribute to the Club credits for Paul Harris Fellow Awards – so it is win win on so many fronts.





RI President Holger Knaack



DG Craig Horrocks



DRFC – PDG Herring

Jennie Herring District Rotary Foundation Chair





END POLIO NOW





POLIO ALL TRANSIT 2020

Please join me in celebrating the success of PAT 2020. We have the desire event than last year.

Here are some highlights I would like to share with my fellow Rotarians:

- 1. We have acquired additional Auckland ferry routes with 12 destinations in partnership with Fullers, Bealaire and Sealink to ensure maximized coverage for PAT participation.
- 2. Our fundraising reached the good cause at around \$34,000 in one single day, jointly achieved by both Districts. Onehunga Club in D9910 and Auckland South Club in D9920 collected over \$7,100.00 each the highest funds raised by a club.
- Awareness and reputation strengthened Rotary and End Polio, thanks to participation from the Mayor of Tamaki Makorau, Phil Goff, four MPs, two Councillors, and four Miss NZ winners. Meanwhile the mainstream media from TV, Radio interview and local papers provided brilliant story telling.

It was once again a long day but with priceless harvest for End Polio advocacy. Rotarians wore red Polio shirts and masks to promote 5 reasons to globally eradicate Polio, as only 92 reported cases in Afghanistan and Pakistan so far in 2020.

We are indeed very close towards the accomplishment of End Polio, and that can be easily done by your action of tag-on and tag-off. I would appreciate every Rotarian's passion and efforts to continue the event successfully this year, and I am convinced we are marching towards the End Polio boulevard next year together.

PEACE SCHOLARS



We are excited to announce that District 9920, and The Rotary Club of Mangere, candidate Birgit Herman has been awarded a 2021 Rotary Peace Fellowship.

Through the Rotary Peace Fellowship, Birgit will be able to study next year at the Rotary Peace Centre at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand.

This is a great result given the challenges that have arisen in scheduling such programs in light of COVID19.

Birgit is currently the Timor-Leste Country Manager for Blue Ventures, a marine conservation organisation, where she provides leadership to their growing conservation and ecotourism programmes. Birgit also has experience working in New Zealand, Africa and the Caribbean.

The Rotary Peace Centre at Chulalongkorn University is a one-year program toward a professional development certificate in peace and development studies, being an interdisciplinary balance of theoretical and practical learning while capitalizing on the varied experiences of expert lecturers and global participants. Candidates typically have substantial work experience and are active in the fields of peacebuilding, conflict resolution, or development.



Image courtesy of Blue Ventures

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

Connor Lind arrived from Texas to study at Auckland University in July 2019. Below is his final report before he leaves our shores to return home on 6 December 2020. The Foundation Committee and indeed District 9920 wish him well in all his future endeavours. Special appreciation should be given to Shefali Mehta who has acted as his Counsellor during his time here.

"I arrived in Auckland in early July 2019. Thanks to Rotary, I had a ride from the airport and accommodation upon my arrival. I have since spent the last year enjoying the beauty of New Zealand alongside devoting myself to my studies.

The Rotary club has since been nothing but helpful and encouraging thanks in large part to the Mehta family. I have greatly enjoyed meeting so many friendly people from about a dozen different rotary clubs I have gone and spoken at. I enjoy telling these people just how thankful I am of their generosity that has allowed me to come to New Zealand and allowed me to study Mechanical Engineering so that one day I may be able to pay them back with new technology and innovation.

Furthermore, I was fortunate enough to witness the compassion of the entire country of New Zealand during these unprecedented times. This experience has been anything but easy, but it will be one I will always look back with fondness.

I hope that Rotary will continue supporting young students like me so that many others will achieve their goals as well as provide for those in need through their studies and experiences. "



CLUB MAJOR DONORS

The Rotary Foundation has announced two new programs under the title of Recognising *Clubs That Support the Foundation:*

- 1. Club Annual Donor for giving during th
 - for giving during the past 12 months
 - Achievable by <u>all</u> clubs: including new and small clubs (it is per member)
- 2. Club Major Donor Recognising our largest supporters
 - Once earned it is yours forever

These two new initiatives are for contributions from the Club not from the members and others.

All contributions to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, Global Grants, Endowment and Disaster fund are donations that are counted in this calculation.



The Rotary Club of Otahuhu celebrated their 75th birthday with a dinner on the 17th November. A special presentation was made to recognise Club giving to the Rotary Foundation with a Bronze recognition certificate. This acknowledged that US \$147, 000 had been donated since records were kept from 1987.

The Club and members have collectively donated US \$207,119 to the Rotary Foundation. An amazing achievement that enables funding for many of the Rotary initiatives globally.

RC Otahuhu President Richette Rodger receiving the Bronze Recognition Certificate from DG Craig Horrocks and DRFC Jennie Herring



DONATIONS & CONTRIBUTIONS TO TRF

The New Zealand based Rotary Clubs can send their donation and contribution for Annual Giving and Polio Plus by internet banking direct to the Rotary Foundation Administrator D9920, stating what the amount is for, donating through the club or charitable trust. The Charitable trust tax receipts are forward following payment.

New Zealand Rotarians

Most if not all clubs have a Charitable Trust. The Rotarians should donate through their club's charitable trust, who can issue individual tax donation receipts. The Club's charitable trust should email an excel sheet with the Rotarian's name, ID number and amount. This can be allocated under the Rotarians name and then sent to RI to credit Rotarians account. A donation receipt can claim the donation @ 33% of your taxable income <u>Donations Paul Harris Society (PHS) Members and Sustaining Members;</u> These donations should be paid directly to the Rotary Foundation Administrator 9920. Tax receipts are forwarded on receipt.

Global Banking System

Individual Rotarian can donate directly to the Rotary Foundation Using the RI website. Using your account username and password will help you through it. The Administrator is advised and is credited to your club. **Please note**: Unfortunately, the donation through this scheme is not New Zealand **Tax deductible**.

Internet Banking:

Clubs or individual Rotarians can pay through Internet banking Bank Account "Rotary Foundation 9920" - 02 0256 0333474 00 Reference box: "Club name". In the particulars put either Annual Giving or Polio. Please email details to: <u>pdmwilcock@gmail.com</u>

Payment by Cheque: No longer accepted.

Peter Wilcock Rotary Foundation Administrator District 9920 Mob 027 285 1763

Note: The donations are transferred to RI Parramatta before the 15th of the month, any donations after that date at the Rotary Exchange rate for the next month. The Rotary year closed for donations on 31 May.

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