

SERVICE Above Self

Patience is a Virtue. Virtue is a Grace. Grace is a little girl with a Dirty Face.

NOW THAT I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION
Improvements in Donor Recognition & Contribution Reporting

Effective October 1, 2011, Foundation recognition points will be awarded for all contributions to the Annual Programs Fund, PolioPlus, or the sponsor portion of a Foundation grant. One Foundation recognition point will be given for every dollar contributed to these funds, which can then be extended to others to help them become a Paul Harris Fellow. Donors will no longer need to be a Paul Harris Fellow themselves before Foundation recognition points are awarded.

New and improved reports were made available to club and district officers on the [Member Access Portal](#) at the end of September, including:

- *Benefactor Report*
- *Club Recognition Summary Report*
- *Donor History Report*
- *Every Rotarian, Every Year Eligibility Report*
- *Monthly Contribution Report*

Other forthcoming enhancements include new TRF Contribution and Recognition Transfer Request Forms, and additional contribution/recognition reports. Donor recognition processing time and associated costs will also decrease as the benefits of a new system are fully realized.

Implementation of these improvements began recently. As a result you may experience some delays or data inconsistencies with the enhanced contribution and recognition reports you are accustomed to.

This is where the Patience comes in.



Rossin

Contemporary Portrait for Rotary International raises over \$170,000 in the Battle Against Polio.

Paul Harris Portrait painted by Rossin for Rotary International. Auctioned off at the 2011 International Convention in May. The high bid of \$170,523 was made by the members and friends of the Rotary Club of Atlanta in honor of Rotarian Wilton Looney and his wife Martha. All proceeds went to help in the fight to eradicate polio worldwide.

Since the fall of 2007, Wilton and Martha have contributed about \$400,000 to The Rotary Foundation for Polio Eradication. The Rotary Club of Atlanta and District 6900 were challenged by Wilton and have matched the Looney's gifts with almost another \$1,000,000 for polio eradication. Martha had polio in 1949 and now has post polio syndrome.

Photo above taken at Rotary International Headquarters on SEP 19. L-R: Zone 34 Polio Challenge Coordinator Robert Hall, Trustee Anne Matthews, Artist Rossin, Trustee Chair Bill Boyd, Trustee Vice Chair John Germ, RC of Atlanta Immediate Past Chair Bill Nordmark.



In 2001 Rossin relocated to the US where he has now created more than 280 portraits. Rossin joined Rotary in Sofia, Bulgaria in 1998. Today he and his family live in Atlanta and he is member of the Rotary Club of Atlanta



[Online Giving Improvements - www.rotary.org/contribute](http://www.rotary.org/contribute)

Online charitable contributions are a growth area and have now surpassed traditional modes of giving such as writing a check. According to a recent survey in North America, more than half of donors who are 65 or older prefer to make their gifts online.

Look to your right. Look to your left. Look in the mirror. I bet you see at least one 65 year or older person. *Okay, I get it. I was born on October 1, 1946. You say just click the link above. Hey, this is easy.*

Future Vision Plan Hint of the Month for Non- Pilots

Mike Make-up, Rotary Club of Doubt. "I do not believe it. The Future Vision Plan will not improve the grant process. It will be as slow as ever and as cumbersome. I wish the clubs and districts had more control."

First 2011-12 District Grant Completed

Congratulations to District 2070 (Italy), the first district to complete a 2011-12 district grant! The district submitted the grant application in May, received grant funds in July, and completed the reporting requirements in September. This speedy timeline is a testament to the importance of pre-planning and the simplicity of the new grant model.

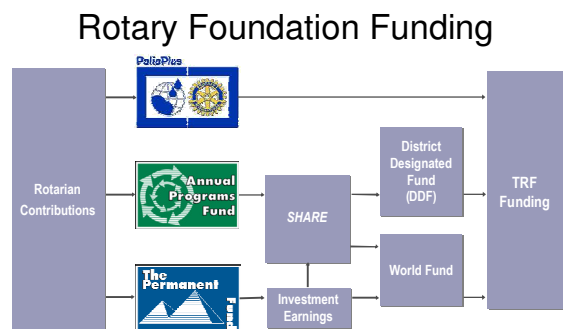
Mike Make-up, former member of Rotary Club of Doubt. "Wow! Maybe, I should do some homework on District Grants under the Future Vision Plan."

(<http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/Training/ForAllRotarians/Pages/elearning.aspx>.)

DO WE BECOME TOO COMPLACENT AT TIMES? TRAINING WISE. YOU BE THE JUDGE. YOU BETCHA!

Abbreviated true story. District Permanent Fund Chair presents an excellent Benefactor program to a club, a strong The Foundation club. Afterwards, a member who is a plank owner, Rotarian for over 31 years, Benefactor, Major Donor, Club Programs Chair many times and a Rotarian of the Year honoree asked an innocent question. Is this Permanent Fund a new thing? Who is the blame for this question? You, me and all TRF gurus. You betcha! When was the last time you witnessed or presented at the club level a Rotary Foundation 101 program. Not a returning GSE team member or Ambassadorial Scholar program but "101".

Suggest survey your club members' TRF knowledge. If you think this is not necessary, ask an old timer(s) to explain the slide below. Do it privately. The intent is not to embarrass anyone.



(Purposely limited the newsletter to 3 pages, instead of the usual 4. Did so that you will read, print and retain the other attachment)