



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION FACT BOOK



**QUESTIONS MOST
OFTEN ASKED
ABOUT THE
ROTARY FOUNDATION**

The objective of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is the achievement of world understanding and peace through international charitable and educational programs.

Rotary's Foundation was begun in 1917 by Arch Klumph, sixth international president of Rotary, who convinced a Rotary convention of the need for an endowment for "doing good in the world" in charitable, educational or other avenues of service.

In 1928, The Rotary Foundation was further strengthened by the appointment of the first Trustees. In 1931, a declaration of trust was adopted. The Foundation was incorporated in 1983.

At the death of Rotary's founder, Paul P. Harris, in 1947, Rotarians from around the world made gifts to the Foundation in his memory. The Foundation began its first program the following year, providing graduate scholarships for study abroad to 18 scholars from seven countries.

Contributions to Rotary's Foundation increased dramatically in the 1970s and 1980s. More than half of all contributions to the Foundation since 1917 were received in the five-year period from 1979 to 1984.

The Rotary Foundation now funds each year:

- approximately 1,000 scholarships for graduate, undergraduate, vocational and journalism scholars, and teachers of the handicapped.
- some 150 Group Study Exchanges;
- more than 70 international humanitarian projects through Special Grants and Health, Hunger, and Humanity Grants;
- approximately 10 Grants for University Teachers, to teach in nations other than their own, especially in developing countries.

ORGANIZATION

Q: How is the Foundation governed?

A: The Foundation is governed by thirteen Trustees, who are responsible for managing all funds and property; administering, evaluating, developing and initiating programs; and promoting the Foundation.

Q: How does one become a Trustee?

A: Trustees are appointed by the President of R.I., subject to confirmation by the Board of Directors of R.I. At least one Trustee must be from each R.I. region, and six of the Trustees must be Past Presidents of R.I.

Q: Who administers the Foundation?

A: The Secretary of The Rotary Foundation, who is also the General Secretary of R.I., is its chief executive and financial officer. He appoints an Associate Secretary to manage the Foundation on a day-to-day basis.

Q: Who is eligible for a Foundation grant or award?

A: To exemplify the Rotary ideal of Service above Self, no award or grant will be made to a Rotarian or Rotary employee; their spouses, their parents and grandparents, their children (including any legally adopted) and grandchildren and their spouses.

PROGRAMS

Scholarships

Q: How does a district receive a scholarship?

A: Every Rotary district annually receives one scholarship regardless of contributions. Districts