扶輪基金會文告

幾天後當數千名來自世界各地的扶輪社員搭機前往漢堡參加國際扶輪年會,排隊 隊伍中的某個人可能會看到我們的別針或是行李上的扶輪吊牌後問道:「你是扶輪社 員嗎?」

在我們熱切回答「是的」之後,關於我們——身為採取行動的人——透過扶輪社內 的連結及透過扶輪基金會的改變力量,如何讓世界變得更美好,還有許許多多可以說。

我們可以談論扶輪如何推行一些可以在我們離開後,都還能持續幫助社區的計畫。 我們可以描述一個國家的扶輪社如何匯集他國扶輪社的資金,讓社區更健康、更繁榮、 受到更良好的教育。我們可以分享我們扶輪社如何與全球衛生領導人合作,讓小兒痲痹 這項惡疾臣服。我們可以自豪說扶輪現在及未來所做的許多善行,都是得力於扶輪基金 會以及它把捐款轉化為改變生命之計畫的承諾。

當我們聚集在漢堡慶祝另一個成功的扶輪年度,我們有許多可以讚揚。在本刊付梓時,我們已經核准1,078件全球獎助金申請案,總資金達7,650萬美元。

去年7月,我們開始把社區評估當作所有全球獎助金或是職業訓練小組申請的必要 條件之一,力求計畫的永續性。這項策略也說明我們為何在今年設置扶輪災害救助基金 獎助金,可以提供最高達2萬5,000美元的獎助金給全球扶輪社員從事災害救助工作。

我們也看到扶輪和平中心大幅成長及增加影響力。從2019年破記錄的申請人數中, 大約會挑選100位和平獎學金學生,一旦他們畢業後,便會加入其他1,200多位畢業生 的行列,將他們所學的解決衝突技巧運用在全球問題上。

在撰寫本文時,我們已經非常接近要達成今年度的募款目標,可是我們仍需要各位 的協助來超越它。

我們致力於讓基金會在未來更強健茁壯。在我們期待新的扶輪年度以及在世界各地 社區發揮更大影響力的機會之際,我們想要感謝我們的主委布蘭達,柯雷西 Brenda M. Cressey 在過去2個月的領導。若是各位對基金會最近領導職務的轉換有疑問,歡迎各位 參見 rotary.org/myrotary。

基金會有無數的方法可以提供助力讓我們成為自豪的扶輪社員。同樣我們也有許多 事可做來協助讓它成長。讓你的扶輪年有個精彩的結束:請至 rotary.org/donate 捐款。我 們感謝各位的慷慨解囊,也感謝各位在扶輪的付出。

A message from The Rotary Foundation Trustees

As thousands of Rotarians around the world board flights to Hamburg for the Rotary International Convention in just a few days, someone in line might see one of our pins or a Rotary tag on our luggage and ask, "Are you a Rotarian?"

After we answer with an enthusiastic "yes," there's much more to say about how we, as people of action, are making the world a better place — through our connections within clubs and through the transformative power of The Rotary Foundation.

We can talk about how Rotary implements projects that will help communities long after we're all gone. We can describe how clubs in one country pool funds with those from another to make communities healthier, more prosperous, and better educated. We can share how our clubs partnered with global health leaders to bring the scourge of polio to its knees. And we can proudly note that much of the good that Rotary does now and will do in the future is because of the Foundation and its promise to transform gifts into projects that change lives.

As we gather in Hamburg to mark another successful Rotary year, we have much to celebrate. At publication time, we had approved 1,078 global grant applications, with total funding of \$76.5 million.

Last July, we launched the community assessment component as a requirement for all global grant or vocational training team applications as part of our commitment to sustainability. That approach also informs why we established the Rotary Disaster Response Fund and Grant this year, which allows distribution of grants up to \$25,000 for worldwide Rotarian disaster response.

We also saw the Rotary Peace Centers significantly grow and increase their impact. From among record numbers of applicants in 2019, around 100 Peace Fellows will be chosen, and once they graduate, they will join more than 1,200 others in applying their conflict resolution skills to global problems.

And as of this writing, we are extraordinarily close to meeting this year's fundraising goal, but we still need your help to surpass it.

We are committed to strengthening and growing the Foundation for the future. As we look forward to a new Rotary year and opportunities to make an even greater impact in communities worldwide, we would like to thank our chair, Brenda M. Cressey, for her leadership during the past two months. Should you have questions about the Foundation's recent leadership transition, we invite you to find more information at **rotary.org/myrotary.**

There are countless ways the Foundation fuels our ability to be proud Rotary members. In turn, there is so much we can do to help it grow. End your Rotary year on a high note: Visit **rotary.org/donate.** We thank you for your generosity and for all you do in Rotary.