

Club Members Have Cause to Celebrate

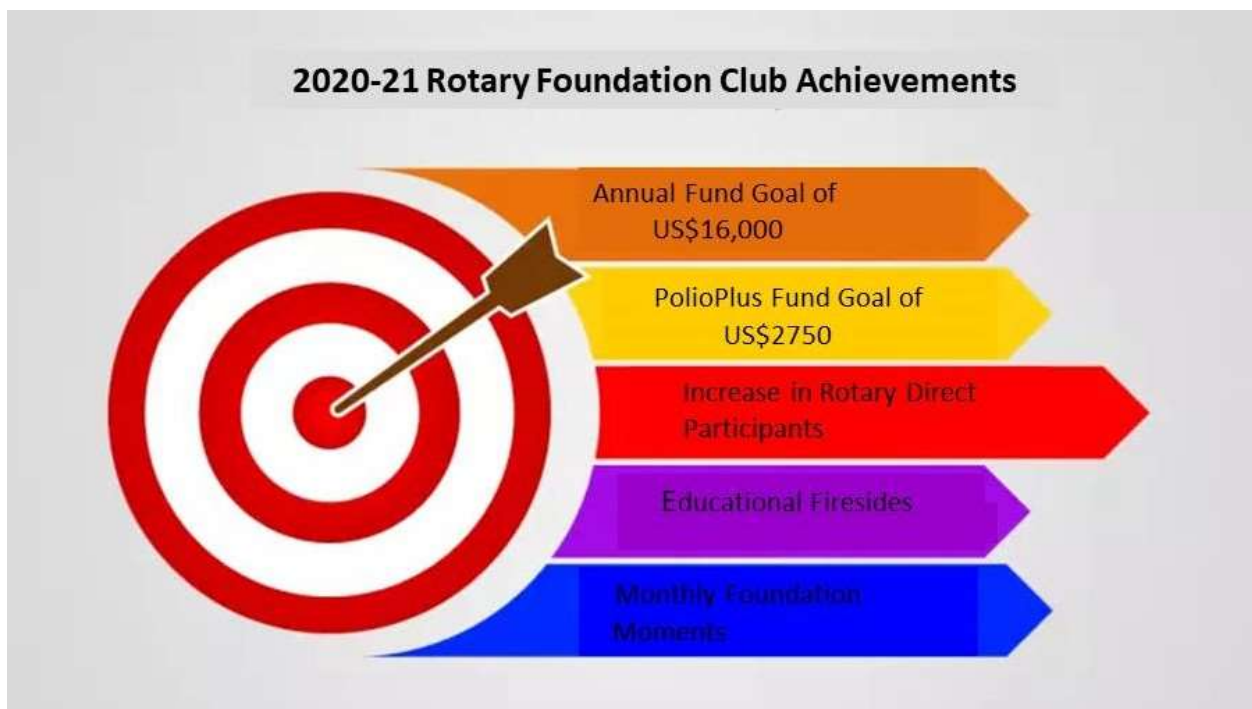
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Kelowna Sunrise Rotarians have always recognized The Rotary Foundation for the humanitarian service provided worldwide for communities and people in need. Once again, the club can celebrate the generosity of its members in supporting the Foundation, as it reaches and surpasses its commitment of financial support for the work of the Foundation, as it has in year's past. As of June 30th, 2021, Kelowna Sunrise Rotarians have personally donated a total of US\$388,855, close to half a million Canadian dollars, to The Rotary Foundation since the club's charter.

The final report of the Foundation Committee for the Rotary year 2020-21, just released, indicated that the major goals of the Committee focused on supporting the Annual and the PolioPlus Funds of The Rotary Foundation have been achieved and surpassed.



The report summarized that the goal of contributions to the Annual Fund set at US\$16,000 had been surpassed by an additional US\$3,141 which amounted to a 119.6 percent achievement level with a per capita donation rate of US\$242.29.

Additionally, the goal for contributions to the PolioPlus Fund established at US\$2,750 had

been surpassed, ending up at US\$4,765, an achievement of 173 percent and per capita level of \$60.32.

The contributions to the Annual, PolioPlus and Endowment Fund over the course of the Rotary year resulted in support for the Foundation's programs amounting to US\$24,658. This placed the club in fourth place, behind the Rotary Clubs of Wenatchee, Yakima and Moses Lake within District 5060.

Unfortunately, several goals were not achieved, including only a 68.35 percent of achievement in reaching the level of 'Every Rotarian Every Year' which required that 100 percent of the club Rotarians would donate at least US\$25 during the Rotary year; and only a 62 percent achievement level for the number of Rotarians who would contribute US\$100 or more during the Rotary year, a goal that had been set at 50 members.

The personal financial support of Kelowna Sunrise Rotarians, which in large part is used by The Rotary Foundation to provide matching grants for the International projects initiated and implemented by the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise and other Rotary clubs worldwide, is making a difference for those in need throughout the world.



With and due to the donations of members of the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise to The Rotary Foundation, this past Rotary year, the International Service Committee of the club has been able to provide leadership and guidance for humanitarian projects in Mexico, Honduras, and Nepal. These projects, which together with contributions from the club and from other Canadian Rotary clubs, and with matching grants from the Rotary Foundation, have resulted in financial support of US\$131,676 for five different projects in these three countries.

The members of the club Foundation Committee thank the club Rotarians for their generosity, their care for those in need and for their continuing compassion. "Your hearts are in the right place!"