

A Message from the DRFC about Happiness (District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair)

Here is an old saying about happiness...

If you want happiness for an hour . . . take a nap.

If you want happiness for a day . . . go fishing.

If you want happiness for a month . . . get married.

If you want happiness for a year . . . inherit a fortune.

If you want happiness for a lifetime . . . help others.

How much of this applies to you? The first and final lines definitely apply to me. Lately, I have been taking walks early in the morning to avoid the scorching summer heat. And, typically, during the afternoon I manage to fit in a short nap.

One of the main reasons I enjoy Rotary is the part about helping others. The Rotary Foundation sure helps clubs to help others in their community. I am so proud to be a Rotarian after seeing what clubs in our district are doing with District Grants to help others confront the challenges of COVID-19 and other service projects.

I am also proud of Rotarians in our district for their contributions to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund this past year. While we were challenged by COVID-19's impact on some people's ability to give, we finished quite well. The final numbers are in! District 7600 total Annual Fund giving was \$531,493 or \$207.78 per capita. While giving was down about 7% from last year, we had the second highest total giving of seventeen districts in Rotary Zone 33 and third highest per capita giving in the zone. ALL THANKS TO YOU!

For the record, I am not much of a fisherman. I have been happily married for over fourteen years. And I do not anticipate ever inheriting a fortune.