

Monday with Mikey: March 20, 2017

Fair warning, campers: This MWM is going to be longer than the “one page” length I have tried to maintain this Rotary year.

Fundraisers and Weapons: Last week, the latest revision of the Rotary Code of Policies was released, based on the work of the Council on Legislation last May. The Code restated Rotary’s stance on weapons sales/raffles/drawings by Rotary Clubs and partnerships with firms in the weapons and armaments business. It also reinforced its policy regarding use of the Rotary Marks and Wheel in conjunction with weapons and armaments.

I sent out a Survey Monkey to every Rotarian in our District. Here are the results:

Q1: Should Rotary clubs, districts, and other Rotary Entities be permitted to engage in transferring ownership of weapons or participate in activities where weapons are sold, given away or raffled?

- Yes:193 (44.06%) No:245 (55.94%) Abstain:1 (0.22%)

Q2: Should Rotary clubs, districts and other Rotary Entities and their events be permitted to be sponsored by organizations whose primary business is the sale or manufacture of guns or weapons?

- Yes:247 (56.39%) No:191 (43.61%) Abstain:1 (0.22%)

Q3: Should it be prohibited for Rotary marks (or Rotary wheel) to be used in conjunction with those organizations whose primary business is the sale or manufacture of guns or weapons?

- Yes:225 (51.49%) No:212 (48.51%) Abstain: 2 (0.44%)

Q4: Should it be prohibited for Rotary Marks (or wheel) to be used in any visual that includes guns, weapons or other armaments?

- Yes:215 (49.65%) No:218 (50.33%) Abstain:6 (1.32%)

Q5: Should Clubs/Districts/Entities be prohibited from conducting any gun shows or exhibitions involving guns, weapons or other armaments?

- Yes:225 (51.49%) No:212 (48.51%) Abstain:2 (0.44%)

I will be informing Club presidents on the procedure to petition the Rotary Board of Directors to requests changes to these policies in the near future.

You can't take yourself too seriously!

A Comic by DGN Eloy Nunez

After working pretty closely together, we have come up with nicknames for each other. DGN Eloy sent this to me Saturday morning. Please note that I do NOT consider myself a superhero, but I do think these other folks are pretty AWESOME:



District Grants

Recently I was made aware that there is a misconception floating around some areas of the district that the District Grant process is “not entirely impartial.” In an effort to dispel that misconception, here is some information about the SHARE committee of The Rotary Foundation Committee – and about the rules regarding how **DISTRICT 6950** makes District Grant decisions and invests YOUR District Designated Funds (DDF). Please note that every district in Rotary is entitled to decide for itself how grant monies are to be distributed.

First, it's important for you to know WHO makes District Grants decisions. There is a subcommittee of the District's Rotary Foundation Committee called the SHARE committee. This committee is composed of eleven Rotarians:

1. The District Rotary Foundation Chair (DRFC) - PDG Jared Brown
2. The District Governor for the Rotary year in which the grants are to be completed – DG(E) Perry Bean
3. The District Grants Chair – Becky Bennett, as advised by her predecessor, Robin Schneider
4. The Global Grants Chair – Rebecca Smith
5. The Scholarship Grants Chair – Jocelyn Chapman, as advised by her predecessor Carrie Root
- 6,7,8. Representatives of the small, medium, and large-sized clubs with the highest OVERALL TRF Annual Fund Giving in the previous Rotary Year
- 9, 10, 11. Representatives of the small, medium, and large-sized clubs with the highest PER CAPITA TRF Annual Fund Giving in the previous Rotary Year

This committee meets in December or January to review the current Rotary Year's grants and to confirm or modify grant-making policy for the coming Rotary Year. They also meet sometime in the spring – after April 30 and prior to June 1 – to decide on which clubs will receive DDF for project grants in the coming Rotary Year. Many thanks to District Grants Chair Robin Schneider for this info!

District Grants Applications Process Timeline

- MOU from club must be completed
- DaCdb On-line Application & MOU and Final Report Deadlines – April 30th
- Applications reviewed by SHARE committee at May meeting and awards determined
- District Spending plan (based on applications) to TRF for approval by June 1
- Club Notification by RI late June (pending Spending Plan Acceptance by TRF)
- Checks (50% of award amount) issued late July, balance issued upon receipt of Final Report

District Grant Application Process

- Funds determined by \$\$ donated to the World Fund three years prior
- District Grants should make an impact; preferably minimum project total of \$5,000 and a maximum of \$29,999
- Local or International Projects
- Clubs encouraged to partner (One club will be “Host”)
- Areas of focus encouraged, but not mandatory
- Application deadline April 30th before the Grant year begins (Must be done online in the DaCdb)
- Rotarian participation (“Sweat Equity”)
- Host Club Responsible for Financial Mgmt.
- Projects to be completed and Final Report submitted within one month of completion, no later than **April 30th** of the Rotary year for which the grant is made
- If the sum of the value of all grants requests exceeds the available District Grant DDF for the Rotary Year, applications will be evaluated using a scoring system (*details given out at Pre-Pets*):
- Percent of project funded by Rotary Clubs - Up to 10 points
- Clubs participating – Up to 10 points
- Sustainability – Up to 10 points
- Public Relations/Public Image – Up to 5 points
- Work hours – Up to 10 points
- AF/PP per capita giving - Up to 10 points

Until next week let's all keep on “Doing Good, Having Fun!”

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PS – Check out the “My Rotary Show” on You Tube!