

## A brief history of The Rotary Foundation

In 1917 the outgoing President of Rotary International, Arch Klumph proposed to set up an endowment “for the purpose of doing good in the world”

It was renamed The Rotary Foundation and became a distinct entity within Rotary International.

In 1929 the Foundation made its first gift of \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children.

When Rotary founder Paul Harris died in 1947 , contributions began pouring in to Rotary International , and the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created to build the Foundation.

1947 The Foundation established its first program , Fellowships for Advance Study, later known as Ambassadorial Scholarships

1965-66 Three programs were launched : Group Study Exchange ,Awards for technical training and Grants for Activities in keeping with the Objective of the Rotary Foundation , which was later called Matching grants

1978 Rotary introduced the Health, Hunger and Humanity (3H) Grants The first 3-H grant funded a project to immunize 6 million Philippine children against Polio.

1985 The Polio Plus Program was launched to eradicate Polio world wide. At time of writing Polio has all but been eradicated except for a few cases in Nigeria, Afghanistan and Pakistan. Over a three year period the Rotary Club of the Villages donated in excess of \$50,000 to the fund

Since the first donation of \$26.50 in 1917 the Foundation Has received more than\$1 billion .

Besides being involved in local community projects , our club is actively involved in International projects either by leading or joining with other Rotary clubs to assist with their international projects. The club also donates a sum to Rotary International annually to help fund their world wide projects

