

Bronwyn L. Martin named District Rotary Foundation chair

By Bronwyn L. Martin
District 7450 Rotary Foundation Chair (DRFC)

Thank you District Governor Dawn for nominating me to the District Foundation chair position. I am honored that she, District Governor Elect Paul Quintavalla, and District Governor Nominee Peter Mardinly are confident that I can carry out the responsibilities required. I have been involved with our District Rotary Foundation for over eight years, coming on board when PDG Russ deFuria asked that I serve on, what is now the Endowment Fund. I worked under Russ, PDG Al Marland, and PDG Bonnie Korengel. I'm glad to say that both Russ and Bonnie will continue to work on our District Rotary Foundation Committee; Bonnie as Annual Fund chair and Russ as interim Global Grants chair.



Since 1985, more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries, like these children in Tiga, Nigeria, have been immunized against polio.

I became involved in the District's **End Polio Now** campaign when PDG Joan Batory went out to all Clubs and asked for a donation to sign a soccer ball that was going off to India on a National Immunization Day (NID) trip. When Carol Metzker came back to my Club to show her beautiful photos of that NID trip and there was a photo of three young Indian boys holding up that soccer ball and my name was right in the middle of the screen. That was my ah-ha! Rotary moment, and I got permission from PDG Al Marland to work with the Philadelphia Union (our local Major League Soccer team) to use soccer as a means to raise funds to **End Polio Now**.

Working with my good friend, Ardmore Rotarian Jane Williams, we have raised over \$26,000 from six events thanks to district Rotarians, friends and the Gates Foundation matches. The last three years Jane Williams and I have coordinated the "Hit Polio Outta the Park" Phillies event raising over \$50,000 for **End Polio Now**, with the Gates Foundation Match.

The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund is pivotal to making the world a better place. In 2015-16, 494 District grants funded small-scale, short-term, District-

sponsored activities that Rotarians used to address local or international needs totaling \$25.5 million; and 1,165 Global grants supported large international activities that had sustainable, measurable outcomes in Rotary's areas of focus totaling \$76 million. What a HUGE impact!

Every dollar you contribute to the SHARE program helps make our communities a better place. Please donate to the Annual Fund and consider donating every year and become an Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) donor. I believe we can use our good efforts to encourage people to join Rotary Clubs and Districts can have resources to effectively tell the stories of their projects and achievements. The Rotary Brand Center offers the templates and tools needed to prepare visual and digital materials, with many new resources to come. Get your message out not just to Club members but in your local media! You are all making the world a better place one person, one dollar at a time. Help get others 'on board' to do the same by promoting your Club's successes to the world!

Please contact me if you have any questions about our work or if you'd like to join our committee at: **610.453.7215; bronwyn.d7450@gmail.com**