



2025 COUNCIL ON RESOLUTIONS  
OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

# REPORT OF ACTION

15-31 October 2025



December 2025

Dear Rotarians:

The Council on Resolutions of Rotary International met online from 15 to 31 October 2025. In accordance with subsection 9.150.1. of the RI Bylaws, I am issuing this report on the actions taken by the Council.

32 resolutions were transmitted to the Council. The Council adopted 9 resolutions, of which seven were recommendations to the RI Board and two were recommendations to The Rotary Foundation Trustees. The Board and the Trustees will consider these items at their upcoming meetings.

Should you have any questions about the Council on Resolutions or the adopted items, please contact Council Services at [council\\_services@rotary.org](mailto:council_services@rotary.org). The deadline for submitting resolutions to the next Council on Resolutions is 30 June 2026.

Sincerely,

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# RESOLUTION 25R-01

To request the RI Board to consider recommending that governors encourage the participation in district committees by those who have been members for five years or less

**Proposer(s):** Rotary Club of Koshien, District 2680, Japan

1 WHEREAS, various committees are maintained within each district, all of which are  
2 actively managed by numerous Rotarians. Participation in district activities can help  
3 to expand members' understanding of club activities and broaden their overall level  
4 of Rotary participation through interaction with Rotarians outside their own clubs,  
5 and

6  
7 WHEREAS, for those who have been members for five years or less, exposure to such  
8 district activities would be an especially valuable experience

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10 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary  
11 International consider recommending that governors encourage the participation  
12 in district committees by those who have been members for five years or less and  
13 who wish to become involved in such committees, either directly as members or  
14 as an observer.

(End of Text)

## **PURPOSE AND EFFECT**

15 We Rotarians are always hopeful that new members will be able to appreciate the  
16 many positive aspects of Rotary and continue to actively engage with Rotary in  
17 their own way. We are submitting this proposed resolution in the hope that it will  
18 be helpful in this regard. We believe that the participation of new members in  
19 various Rotary activities, not only in their own clubs but also in the district, will  
20 help to revitalize the district as a whole and can have the same positive effect at  
21 the club level as well.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

22 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

# RESOLUTION 25R-02

To request the RI Board to consider encouraging Rotaract clubs to establish an upper age limit of 30 years to join Rotaract

**Proposer(s):** District 7815, Canada and St. Pierre and Miquelon

1 WHEREAS, Rotaract was created as a youth program in 1968 to give young  
2 people a place to connect and take action for good, and  
3  
4 WHEREAS, Rotaract focuses on young adults’ development as leaders in their  
5 communities and their workplaces, and  
6  
7 WHEREAS, in 2019, Rotaract was elevated to be a membership type within  
8 Rotary International and not a program, and  
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10 WHEREAS, with the elimination of age restrictions for membership in Rotaract,  
11 Rotary now has two parallel membership structures open to all without  
12 restrictions, and  
13  
14 WHEREAS, the majority of the financial burden to pay dues is placed on Rotary  
15 members, with Rotaract members paying only a nominal dues amount of US\$8  
16 per year, and  
17  
18 WHEREAS, the 2025 Council on Legislation recently adopted Enactment 25-49,  
19 “To increase per capita dues,” as a means of managing RI’s anticipated  
20 operational deficits for the next three years  
21  
22 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary  
23 International consider encouraging every Rotaract club to establish an upper age  
24 limit of 30 years of age to join Rotaract.

(End of Text)

## PURPOSE AND EFFECT

25 With the removal of age restrictions, the 2019 Council on Legislation  
26 inadvertently created a two-tiered membership structure within Rotary. By  
27 eliminating the upper age restriction on Rotaract club membership, any  
28 individual over the age of 30 can join Rotaract as a new member or leave their  
29 Rotary club to become a member of a Rotaract club.  
30  
31 Given the current economic climate, and the need for dues increases to manage  
32 projected operational deficits of RI, we should not have such a loophole that can  
33 be used by mature members to avoid paying dues.

1 The implementation of an upper age limit to join a Rotaract club will not force  
2 existing Rotaractors to leave their club when they reach the age of 30. They will  
3 have the option to remain in Rotaract or join a Rotary club.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

4 If implemented, this resolution could have minimal financial impact on RI. Per a  
5 January 2020 decision, the RI Board provided that a Rotaract club may, but is  
6 not required to, set an age limit if the club receives the approval of its members.  
7  
8 Rotary began tracking individual Rotaractor information after the 2019 Council  
9 on Legislation. Almost one-third of Rotaractors do not currently report their age  
10 to RI.

# RESOLUTION 25R-09

To request the RI Board to consider appointing a committee with representation of the districts in Zone 8 to provide input to the current regionalization pilot

**Proposer(s):** District 9920, American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, New Zealand, Tonga, and Samoa

1 WHEREAS, District 9920 is part of Zone 8 and has been included in the pilot  
2 initiated by RI that includes 12 countries in the zone, and

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4 WHEREAS, the Regional Council is incorporated in Australia as a public  
5 corporation with RI as its sole shareholder, and

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7 WHEREAS, as part of the pilot, travel budgets for districts were reduced or  
8 removed, with the funds allocated to the Regional Council instead. Due to issues  
9 relating to filling regional appointments, district officers have had to continue to  
10 travel to cover club needs in the eight countries in which the district has clubs  
11 and programs. District travel costs have had to be met out of district reserves  
12 and, in many cases, solely by using their own personal funds. While the district is  
13 outperforming most districts in Zone 8 with growth in clubs and membership,  
14 the district finances are being adversely affected, and

15  
16 WHEREAS, this is an RI pilot and the benefits are intended to be primarily for RI  
17 as the regions will enable more direct control and reduction in district costs. The  
18 burden of the partial defunding of the district is falling unfairly upon the leaders  
19 of the districts and in particular District 9920 with its huge geographical area,  
20 and

21  
22 WHEREAS, District 9920 wishes to see its travel budget reinstated and  
23 confirmation that RI will not add imposts to the costs for members thereby  
24 further disadvantaging District 9920, and

25  
26 WHEREAS, the district and its clubs were not consulted as to the structure and  
27 form of the new RI corporation and with the current review wish to do so and, in  
28 particular, the regional magazine company *Rotary Down Under* is developing  
29 new technology which the members are being levied to support without  
30 identifying the benefits

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32 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary  
33 International consider appointing a committee with representation of the  
34 districts in Zone 8 to provide input to the current regionalization pilot.

(End of Text)

## PURPOSE AND EFFECT

1 This resolution requests that the RI Board appoint a committee with  
2 representation of the district to consider and advise that:

- 3
- 4 1. The constitution of the regional corporation and why it is not part of RI's  
5 constitutional documents
- 6 2. The powers to levy be specifically defined
- 7 3. The role of *Rotary Down Under* in funding new technology at the cost of  
8 the members, when it has reserves and is no longer a traditional Rotary  
9 magazine publisher
- 10 4. The portfolio Council members be replaced with election without having to  
11 nominate a portfolio, a concept that makes seeking candidates difficult  
12 and one that many members do not understand
- 13 5. The constitution establishes a Board subcommittee to ensure all countries  
14 have a direct voice and that the region does not become dominated by the  
15 largest country.

## FINANCIAL IMPACT

16 If implemented, this resolution could result in an increase in expenses for RI.  
17 Currently, there is a Zone 8 Steering Committee and a Regional Council. They  
18 are both made up of Rotarians from the districts in the zone.

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20 If a third committee were created, it would result in an increase in expenses for  
21 RI. Committee costs are primarily driven by meeting expenses and staff support.  
22 Actual meeting expenses would be nominal for a virtual meeting. The cost of an  
23 in-person meeting would depend on the number of members and would mainly  
24 consist of airfare, hotels, and meals. The related indirect cost for additional time  
25 provided by existing staff to support the committee is estimated at US\$34,000.

# RESOLUTION 25R-14

To request the RI Board to consider reestablishing the annual presidential theme

**Proposer(s):** Rotary Club of Curitiba-Leste, District 4370, Brazil

1 WHEREAS, the theme created by the RI president each year serves to inspire  
2 Rotarians into action around the world, and

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4 WHEREAS, the annual theme is based on each RI president's individual  
5 experience and perspective of their humanitarian work, and

6  
7 WHEREAS, this theme is used to motivate clubs to carry out humanitarian  
8 projects to better assist the communities they serve, and

9  
10 WHEREAS, the existence of an annual theme challenges Rotarians to flexibly and  
11 creatively reassess the mission of Rotary each year, and it also serves to unite  
12 Rotary's leaders in the pursuit of a common goal, and

13  
14 WHEREAS, the Council on Resolutions represents the views of Rotarians from  
15 districts all over the world

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17 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary  
18 International consider reversing its decision to eliminate the creation of an  
19 annual presidential theme and logo and reestablishing the authority of the RI  
20 president-elect to develop, disseminate, and promote for use during his or her  
21 year as president a motivational theme as established by him or her.

(End of Text)

## FINANCIAL IMPACT

22 This enactment could have a financial impact on RI which cannot be determined  
23 at this time. Cost would depend on the scope and extent of support provided by  
24 the RI Board to develop the annual theme and logo.

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26 The Board approved removing the annual presidential theme logo and shifted to  
27 presidential messaging rather than a person-specific theme.

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29 Presidential messaging embodies our vision and core values, giving clubs a  
30 consistent message that they can use to focus their efforts for the year and  
31 strengthen community understanding of their work. Presidents can continue to  
32 have accessories produced, including a tie and scarf, which are an important tool  
33 to build camaraderie and motivation among the governors for each year.

# RESOLUTION 25R-19

To request the RI Board to consider encouraging clubs to hold an official meeting every year focused on the Council on Legislation

**Proposer(s):** District 1790, France

1 WHEREAS, club members are invited each year to submit proposed resolutions  
2 or enactments aimed at moving Rotary forward, and

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4 WHEREAS, most members know little if anything at all about the Council on  
5 Legislation and the Council on Resolutions, and

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7 WHEREAS, the role of Council representatives is to promote the Council on  
8 Legislation and the Council on Resolutions to the members in their districts, and  
9 RI provides them with resources to accomplish this task

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11 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary  
12 International consider encouraging clubs to hold an official meeting every year  
13 focused on the Council on Legislation.

(End of Text)

## PURPOSE AND EFFECT

14 It is readily apparent that there is very little awareness of the Council on  
15 Legislation at the district level. District representatives endeavor to address the  
16 issue by providing information on the resolutions or enactments that are  
17 proposed and approved each year, but even so, the majority of the proposals  
18 submitted come from districts rather than clubs and their members. To truly  
19 change the situation and get members more involved in the development of  
20 Rotary, it is proposed that information be systematically provided each year to  
21 clubs by devoting a meeting to the subject. It's worth noting that this information  
22 can lead to the emergence of new proposed legislation. It can also provide an  
23 opportunity to make each club aware of the need to update its constitution and  
24 bylaws, particularly after RI's constitutional documents are amended with  
25 changes adopted by the Council on Legislation.

## FINANCIAL IMPACT

26 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.  
27 Encouraging clubs to hold an official meeting every year focused on the Council  
28 on Legislation should not require RI resources to accomplish this goal.

# RESOLUTION 25R-21

To request the RI Board to consider allocating time within the governors-nominee learning seminar to RI’s governance documents

**Proposer(s):** District 3640, Korea

1 WHEREAS, as stated in subsection 19.040.2. of the Rotary Code of Policies, the  
2 convener of a Rotary Institute shall hold learning seminars for governors-nominee  
3 and provide learning on “governor-nominee responsibilities, assessing your district,  
4 creating a calendar, financial management, convening learning events and district  
5 conference,” and  
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7 WHEREAS, this curriculum is composed solely of procedural guidelines and other  
8 practical administrative content, and  
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10 WHEREAS, while it is important to be well versed in such matters, a foundational  
11 knowledge of Rotary is even more important to those who will be serving in the role  
12 of governor, and  
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14 WHEREAS, the fundamentals required for serving as a district governor are well  
15 outlined in RI’s governance documents  
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17 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary  
18 International consider allocating time within the governors-nominee learning  
19 seminar to familiarize governors-nominee with RI’s governance documents.

(End of Text)

## **PURPOSE AND EFFECT**

20 It is clearly stated in the RI Constitution and Bylaws that “The district governor is  
21 an officer of RI in the district, functioning under the general control and  
22 supervision of the board” (RI Constitution Article 6; RI Bylaws section 16.030.).  
23 In this context, ‘functioning under the general control and supervision of the  
24 Board’ simply means acting in accordance with what is written in the Rotary  
25 Code of Policies.  
26

27 However, some governors fulfill their roles according to their own needs, under  
28 the influence of past governors, or personal requests from individual members of  
29 the Board. This undermines the continuity of governance in the district and can  
30 never bring beneficial results to the district or its clubs.

1 Today, all Rotarians can access the governance documents via My Rotary and  
2 seek to understand their contents. If a district governor makes decisions that  
3 contradict what club members already know from the governance documents, it  
4 will damage the governor's authority and erode trust. In the worst-case scenario,  
5 it could even result in the loss of valuable membership. Therefore, it is a matter of  
6 great importance that governors-nominee thoroughly study the governance  
7 documents during their training period.

8  
9 If district governors become well versed in the governance documents of RI and  
10 can consistently apply their knowledge in the performance of their role, they will  
11 be able to manage clubs with consistency, foster mutual trust, and act with  
12 purpose to sustain continuity within the district.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

13 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.  
14 Materials for the governor-nominee learning seminar are updated annually.

# RESOLUTION 25R-22

To request the RI Board to consider developing and promoting enhanced public image training programs at the district level

**Proposer(s):** Rotary Club of Ulhasnagar, District 3142, India

1 WHEREAS, RI emphasizes public image as a key strategic priority, and

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3 WHEREAS, while online training on public image is available through the Rotary  
4 Learning Center, there is a discernible lack of consistent implementation and  
5 measurable outcomes across districts and clubs, and

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7 WHEREAS, Rotary’s global membership has stagnated at or below 1.2 million  
8 members for several years, due in part to insufficient community-level promotion  
9 of its service initiatives and the positive impact they are having throughout the  
10 world, and

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12 WHEREAS, in the past, RI’s support of district public relations efforts through  
13 grants has enabled structured campaigns and capacity-building activities, and

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15 WHEREAS, the diversity of regional contexts (e.g., Asia, Europe, the U.S., or  
16 India) requires practical, locally-tailored public image strategies beyond standard  
17 training modules

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19 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary  
20 International consider developing and promoting enhanced public image training  
21 programs at the district level through in-person, hands-on sessions. Such  
22 programs should include:

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24 • Top-performing Rotary leaders from clubs and districts who share success  
25 stories and practical strategies tailored to different geographic and  
26 cultural regions;

27 • Annual mandatory physical or hybrid training sessions for District Public  
28 Image Chairs and their teams, conducted by qualified facilitators, to gain  
29 tools for measurable impact;

30 • Allocated resources from districts, including district designated funds  
31 (DDF), to support these training initiatives and public image campaigns;

32 • RI-provided guidance for region-specific public image models that clubs  
33 and districts can adapt effectively for their own communities.

(End of Text)

## **PURPOSE AND EFFECT**

1 The purpose of this resolution is to strengthen Rotary’s public image by  
2 enhancing the training and effectiveness of District Public Image Chairs and  
3 teams through locally relevant, practical, and results-driven approaches. If  
4 adopted, this resolution would promote impactful and region-sensitive public  
5 image training, drive increased community visibility for Rotary, support  
6 membership growth, and improve support for Rotary projects globally.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

7 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

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9 Rotary currently offers seven different courses on public image.

- 10 1. Building Rotary’s Public Image
- 11 2. Our Logo: Representing Rotary
- 12 3. Promoting Rotary on Social Media
- 13 4. Promoting Your Club as People of Action
- 14 5. Public Relations and Your Club
- 15 6. The Rotary Brand
- 16 7. Using Rotary’s Trademarks

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18 In addition, the 40 Rotary Public Image Coordinators (RPICs) have a  
19 responsibility to organize, lead, and/or participate in learning events year-round  
20 per Rotary Code of Policies subsection 29.010.3.

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22 The use of district designated funds (DDF) for this purpose is not permitted.

# RESOLUTION 25R-31

To request the Trustees to consider providing the amount of available investment income derived from contributions to the Endowment-SHARE

**Proposer(s):** Rotary Club of Wonju, District 3730, Korea

1 WHEREAS, annual fund contributions support the general programs of The Rotary  
2 Foundation. The funds are invested for three years to cover the operating expenses of  
3 The Rotary Foundation. At the end of the three-year investment period, 47.5 percent  
4 of the contributions go to the District Designated Fund and 47.5 percent go to the  
5 World Fund, and  
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7 WHEREAS, the term “Rotary Foundation Endowment” is used to refer to the  
8 Foundation's permanent fund, the earnings of which alone are used to support the  
9 Foundation’s programs. The earnings from Endowment investments are provided for  
10 the programs and operations of The Rotary Foundation and are distributed annually  
11 under the SHARE system set forth in Article 52 of The Rotary Foundation Code of  
12 Policies, and  
13

14 WHEREAS, the district is required to pay dividends to the clubs in proportion to the  
15 amount of donations, but there are cases where these dividends are used for other  
16 projects at the district's unilateral decision, which causes unnecessary distrust and  
17 conflict between the district and the club, and  
18

19 WHEREAS, in case of contributions to the Endowment-SHARE without the  
20 establishment of a named endowed fund, detailed information on the resulting  
21 earnings is not made available to the contributing club, and the corresponding  
22 dividends are also allocated solely to the district  
23

24 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary  
25 International consider requesting the Board of Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to,  
26 upon request by the Rotary club to which the contributing member belongs, provide  
27 the amount of available investment income derived from contributions to the  
28 Endowment-SHARE, when no named endowed fund has been established.

(End of Text)

## PURPOSE AND EFFECT

29 Each club raises the necessary funds for service activities from its membership  
30 dues, the Annual Fund-SHARE, and the Endowment-SHARE. Therefore, it is  
31 very important to know how much of the income from the Endowment Fund is  
32 distributed, even if the amount is small. Therefore, if a club requests it, the

1 Foundation should provide accurate information on the distribution of the club's  
2 Endowment Fund income for that year. This will help build consensus among the  
3 clubs in the district about the usefulness of the Endowment Fund. This measure  
4 will help motivate clubs to support the Endowment Fund, and we are confident  
5 that the result will be an increase in donations to The Rotary Foundation.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

6 This enactment could have a financial impact on The Rotary Foundation which  
7 cannot be determined at this time. Costs would be dependent on the scope and  
8 extent of support provided by the The Rotary Foundation to accomplish this goal.  
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10 Currently, The Rotary Foundation does not have the ability to report the  
11 spendable amount derived from individual general contributions to the  
12 Endowment-SHARE.

# RESOLUTION 25R-32

To request the Trustees to consider membership in the Paul Harris Society for those who donate to the Endowment Fund

**Proposer(s):** Rotary Club of Wonju, District 3730, Korea

1 WHEREAS, the Paul Harris Society is composed of Rotary members and supporters  
2 of The Rotary Foundation who contribute US\$1,000 or more annually to the  
3 following funds:

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- 5 • Annual Fund - SHARE
- 6 • Annual Fund - World Fund
- 7 • Annual Fund - Areas of Focus
- 8 • PolioPlus Fund
- 9 • Disaster Response Fund
- 10 • Special Response Fund
- 11 • Approved Global Grant

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13 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary  
14 International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to  
15 consider membership in the Paul Harris Society for those who donate to the  
16 Endowment Fund, as a way to show appreciation and recognition for the continued  
17 support of The Rotary Foundation and also to encourage continued giving. Many  
18 Rotary districts give special recognition to new Paul Harris Society Members by  
19 awarding them a certificate and badge at district or club events.

(End of Text)

## **PURPOSE AND EFFECT**

20 In addition to those who contribute to the funds listed above, including those  
21 who donate to the Endowment Fund as members of the Paul Harris Society will  
22 further incentivize their donations to that fund. This would also increase the  
23 confidence of clubs that they can provide increased support for the Foundation  
24 by securing stable funding for their service projects.

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26 While the title of Benefactor is rightly given to Endowment Fund donors, we  
27 believe it is appropriate to introduce an additional title for those who contribute  
28 over US\$1,000 annually. With growing interest in Paul Harris Society  
29 membership, this is an ideal moment to recognize and encourage our generous  
30 members.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

1 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on The Rotary  
2 Foundation which cannot be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent  
3 on the scope and extent of support provided by The Rotary Foundation Board to  
4 accomplish this goal.

5  
6 The Paul Harris Society was created to help promote giving to current Rotary  
7 projects. To become a member of the Paul Harris Society, Rotarians must enroll  
8 in the program and pledge to give US\$1,000 or more every year to the Annual  
9 Fund, PolioPlus Fund, or approved global grants. Endowment contributions are  
10 used to support The Rotary Foundation's long-term stability.