



Rotary

Club of Melton Mowbray



The Rotary Foundation - Report to Club Council, September 2018

Polio Eradication

World Polio Day – 24th October. The programme for 22nd October is still blank, so with Council's approval I propose we arrange for a speaker or video on polio.

Crocus Corms: I am not aware of any orders for crocus corms made this year.

Fabric Crocus Buttonholes: Ordering deadline 1st October. These are £405 (including delivery) for a carton of 10 boxes, 100 crocuses per box. So the crocuses are about 40p each to buy, and could be given away for a donation of £1. Is there a likely appetite in the club to purchase a carton?

Christmas Cards: Ordering deadline mid-October. The price is £4.25 per pack of 10 cards delivered. The profit per pack is £2.48 per pack of cards, so an order of 50 packs at £4.25 per pack would realise £124 for the club's donation to ending polio. I have so far had orders for 4 packs. I'll try selling them at registration for lunch meetings if Council agrees.

Existing Foundation Grants

Purchase of CPR training equipment – grant still on-going. There are delays in purchasing the defibrillators. Alternative sources have been explored, but re about £200 more, so I am pushing on with the existing order through Heartwise themselves.

I am not aware of any other active grants.

Proposed New Grant Applications

There have been no new applications submitted this year, nor are there any in the pipeline other than one possible application for a grant for water fountains in a Philippines school. That is being worked on by Alison and Eric Hall. I do not know the time plan for that application, but will assist when requested.

Donations to Annual Fund

In 2017-18 these amounted to \$3,074 total, \$56 per member. So far this year, total donations from individual members are just \$31. I propose circulating more information about individual giving to the Annual Fund, if Council agrees.

It was disappointing that no donations to The Rotary Foundation arose from the Classic Vehicle Day, despite the club commitment to donate a minimum of 10% of all fund raising to Foundation.

John Dehnel, 9th September 2018