

The Overland Rotary Club's Rotary Foundation giving program began back in 1998-1999 Rotary year. Here are the basics:

- The club's board decided back in 1998-99 that our members and the club should increase our level of giving.
- We began billing our members \$9 a month or \$25 a quarter on their monthly or quarterly bills, as a line item for the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation, along with line items for meals and for dues. Our members choose the billing cycle they prefer.
 - Some members have requested to increase their Foundation amount to something larger.
 - A few members have asked to have this line item removed from their bills.
 - We explained to the members before the plan began, and during member orientation the amount was optional, it's purpose just to put the need for supporting our Foundation in front of them regularly. It is identified as optional on their bills.
- The board also voted to donate 10% of every fundraiser to the Annual Fund of our Rotary Foundation.
- We also designate the club's share of our weekly 50/50 drawing and all of our club's fines & happy bucks to The Rotary Foundation.
 - This combination of a) 10% of fundraisers, b) profit from 50/50 drawing, and c) fines & happy bucks provide funds and Foundation points we use to offer a match of donations to our members.
 - We typically send in those club produced donations in mid-December and mid-June.
- We also offer a match up to \$150 in donations to the Annual Fund (not Polio or Endowed Fund gifts) during the months of November and May.
 - So, we collect donations from our members during those two months and send those donations in as soon as they arrive.
- Then we can evaluate how much cash we have to match members' donations from the three club sources.
 - We match using cash whenever possible and we use Foundation Recognition Points when there is not enough cash.
 - All excess cash is donated in the club's name to create more Foundation Recognition Points for future use.

This system has helped our club support the Annual Fund of our Rotary Foundation at a rate between \$350 - \$600 per member each year over the last 10 years.