

# Linda's Nickels: A NY Area Rotary Project

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Linda's nickels came to pass from our club (Hancock). I did the weekly program and when everyone entered the meeting I asked for a nickel. I actually got some resistance. At the end of the meeting I gave them the calculations below.

'Where there is a need there are Rotarians helping. You all do it everyday, a smile, a handshake, opening a door, phoning someone to check on them. Think of the many ways your club helps those in need. I feel this program will affect the hunger in the world, making it a better place for all of us. Hunger Plus gives hope to those less fortunate, puts smiles on starving and abandoned children's faces and makes the people helping proud they can help. A nickel serves one meal, 3 nickels -3 meals, 15 cents a day x 365 days a year= \$54.75 per Rotarian a year. This all breaks down to 1,095 meals. What do we spend our nickels on? Think about it.'

I have people saving nickels to be counted later, Rotarians writing checks for \$54.75. At our Foundation dinner in November if you wanted the centerpiece you gave a \$10.00 donation(\$600). We have our Assistant Governors meeting an hour from home and I provide (meals on wheels) food and ask for a donation for Hunger Plus. New York State charges 5 cents on soda cans and I hope to have a can drive in our town and hopefully in other clubs. Publicity in the paper, community involvement and awareness what Rotary does outside the club.

Our District Conference is May 24, 25, 26 at the Hudson Valley Resort (Memorial weekend). I hope to double our contribution.