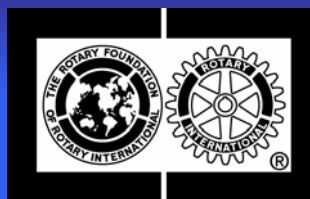


# The Regional Rotary Foundation

## COORDINATOR COMMUNIQUÉ



August 2006

*A Forum for Foundation News*

### **FUND DEVELOPMENT**

#### **A special message on Fund Development**

Congratulations on a record setting year! Contributions to the Annual Programs Fund during 2005-06 increased by nearly 10% and set a new record of over US\$91.5 million (unaudited). The good news continued with approximately \$12.7 million in giving to the Permanent Fund; an increase of 26% from the previous year. One reason behind the success is a new record of 487 major gifts of \$10,000 or more.

The Foundation's financial future and stability looks more promising than ever as Rotarians and supporters committed another \$31.1 million to the Permanent Fund from wills and other estate plans during 2005-06.

Thank you for helping to provide the financial support necessary to improve and enhance the work of the Foundation's programs and Rotary's image worldwide.

#### **Permanent Fund Update**

The Permanent Fund's net assets as of 30 June 2006 were US \$179.6 million. The estimated expectancies to the Permanent Fund stood at approximately US \$314 million on 31 July 2006.

#### **Bequest Society Update**

As of 31 July 2006, there were 5,017 Bequest Society commitments with an expected value of US \$209 million. These commitments represent a significant percentage of the expectancies to the Permanent Fund.

#### **Donor Advised Fund Update**

As of 31 July 2006, there were 72 DAF accounts with a fair market value of US \$6.2 million. For additional information on The Rotary Foundation Donor Advised Fund, please visit <http://daf.rotary.org>

## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

### Rotary Centers for International Studies

#### Upcoming Rotary Centers Annual Seminars

The following Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution will conduct their annual seminars this fall:

- Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires, Argentina: 23 September
- University of Queensland, Brisbane Australia: 28 October 2006
- University of Bradford, Bradford, United Kingdom: 4 November 2006

Please encourage Rotarians in your districts to attend and meet with the Peace Fellows from the classes of 2004-06 and 2005-07. Fellows will present research and receive their Rotary Center Certificates at each seminar. Contact: Judy Gibson, Rotary Centers Dept. Manager, tel: 847-866-3834, email: [Judy.Gibson@rotary.org](mailto:Judy.Gibson@rotary.org).

#### District Designated Funds (DDF) for Rotary Centers

As of 20 July 2006, DDF for only 23 out of 60 Class VI (2007-09) Rotary World Peace Fellowships have been donated. Your district can help ensure the selection of a full class of fellows by contributing DDF to the Rotary Centers pooled DDF fund by 1 October 2006. Thank you in advance for your support.

Remember, districts that donate in the amount of US\$25,000 per year or US\$50,000 every other year to support the Rotary Centers for International Studies program for the 2006-07 program year and beyond are recognized as Rotary Centers Peacebuilder Districts. TRF will recognize Peacebuilder Districts with special banners and certificates. Use the format on the web site to become a Peacebuilder District:

[http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb\\_scho/centers/funding/index.html](http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/centers/funding/index.html)

#### Update on Rotary World Peace Fellow Alumni

**Gert Danielsen** will begin his new work as a junior professional officer on aid effectiveness with the United Nations Development Programme's regional office in Johannesburg, South Africa, in October.

**Anna Pehrsson** was accepted into the diplomatic program within the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Stockholm, Sweden. She will begin her new assignment in September.

**Carl Shepard** is the new director for program development at the Hague Appeal for Peace ([www.haguepeace.org](http://www.haguepeace.org)) in New York City.

### Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies

The inaugural class of Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies program started a three-month, English-language program at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. Offered by TRF, the program is aimed at professionals, with a curriculum focused on the theory and practice of peace, professional mediation, and conflict resolution. The diverse group of 15 participants from 10 countries work in fields directly related to actual conflict situations. Participants include mid-to-upper level government workers, non-governmental organization officers, educators, military and law enforcement officers, lawyers, media professionals, and union leaders.

The program has been enthusiastically supported by Thai Rotarians from throughout the country. Numerous Rotarians have gone out of their way to welcome the class, some driving for hours to pick up arriving participants at the airport or serving as counselors. Rotarians throughout Thailand also plan to welcome program participants during upcoming field trips outside of Bangkok, according to Saowalak Rattanavich of the Rotary Club of Bangrak, Thailand, who serves as host area coordinator for the program.

Applications are currently being accepted for the January 2007 and July 2007 sessions.

## **Ambassadorial Scholarships and Rotary Grants for University Teachers**

### **Regional Scholar Seminars**

When Ambassadorial Scholars and Rotary World Peace Fellows assigned to universities in the Northern Hemisphere begin their studies this August, September, and October, their host Rotarians will welcome them with inbound scholar orientation seminars. The seminars inform scholars about the host country and its culture, orient them to their role and responsibilities, and begin building a solid relationship between scholars and host Rotarians.

Fifty scholars and nearly fifty host Rotarians will meet in Sturbridge, Massachusetts, USA on 23-24 September 2006 for the Northeast US Link seminar. Twenty-five scholars and several host Rotarians will convene at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, USA for the Zone 32 inbound scholar seminar on 16-17 September 2006. Nearly 150 scholars and Rotary World Peace Fellows hosted throughout the UK and Ireland will meet in Cardiff, Wales, for the RIBI Link Weekend (29 September-1 October 2006), and 30 inbound scholars and Rotarians will meet in Paris, France, for the French Welcome Weekend on 29 September-1 October 2006.

When possible, RRFs are encouraged to support and attend the scholar seminars in their regions. RRFs are also encouraged to consider where new seminars can be developed or where existing seminars can be expanded.

Contact: Stephanie Veit, Scholarships Department Manager, tel: 847-866-3323; fax: 847-866-0934; e-mail: [Stephanie.Veit@rotary.org](mailto:Stephanie.Veit@rotary.org)

### **Host Counselor Appointments**

We recognize RRFs Joe LaGuess, Mario Yee, Gulam Vahanvaty, Krishnan V. Chari, Rudolf Hoorweg, Carlo Sarasso, Doros Jeropoulos and Turgut Gokyigit for their help in having Rotary districts assign host counselors for Ambassadorial Scholars in a timely manner.

### **Scholarships Fund Pool for Low-Income Countries**

All districts in low-income countries, as well as each low-income country within a district, are encouraged to submit an application for consideration annually. To support the 2007-08 scholarships awarded through the fund pool, districts should donate DDF by **1 November 2006**. Up to 32 Ambassadorial Scholarships are awarded annually. All applications are considered on a world-competitive basis by a Trustee-appointed selection committee. ***The deadline to submit applications is the same as for all 2007-08 Ambassadorial Scholarship applications: 1 October 2006.*** Contact: Renée Stephenson, Resource Development Senior Supervisor, tel: 847-866-3314; fax: 847-866-0934; email: [Renee.Stephenson@rotary.org](mailto:Renee.Stephenson@rotary.org)

### **District Scholarships Subcommittee Chairperson Appointments Needed**

Educational Programs staff will send 2007-08 scholarship application materials to all District Scholarships Subcommittee Chairpersons in December 2006. Please remind districts to submit

their Scholarships Subcommittee Chairperson's contact information to TRF so that their districts receive these materials.

#### **Update on Ambassadorial Scholar Alumni**

**Emily Smith Llinas:** Originally sponsored by the Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa, Alabama (District 6860), Ms. Smith Linas studied International Relations at Universidad Central de Venezuela in 2003-04, and has recently published a book, *Don't Call Me Gringa* ([www.dontcallmegrinfa.com](http://www.dontcallmegrinfa.com)) based on her experience as a Rotary Scholar in South America. She currently resides in Houston, Texas.

**James Miller:** Originally sponsored by the Rotary Club of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, Mr. Miller studied Literature at Oxford University in 1953-54. He was a Professor and the Chair in the English Department at Northern Illinois University before his retirement. He recently joined the Rotary Club of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

**David Gilbert:** Originally sponsored by the Rotary Club of Foster City, California (District 5150), Mr. Gilbert attended the London School of Economics and Political Science in 1994-95. Mr. Gilbert is a Middle East Correspondent for CBS based in Jerusalem. He has been on a speaking tour at college campuses nationwide, and can be reached at: [news\\_dg@yahoo.com](mailto:news_dg@yahoo.com).

**Terence McCulley:** Originally sponsored by the Rotary Club of Eugene-Delta, OR (District 5110), Mr. McCulley studied at the Université de Haute Bretagne in Rennes, France in 1979-80. He is now the US Ambassador to the Republic of Mali in Bamako.

## **Group Study Exchange**

### **2007-08 District Applications**

The revised GSE district application for 2007-08 is now available on the RI website in 8 languages. Please note that no previous version of the application will be accepted. All 2007-08 Governors should download the new version from the website, use the application emailed to them by the GSE Coordinators or use the hard copy that was sent to them by mail in July.

The GSE staff would like to remind the 2007-08 Governors that all district applications for the 2007-08 program year are due to TRF by **1 October 2006**. If the application is not received by that time, TRF cannot guarantee a GSE pairing.

### **GSE District Chair Mailing Packet**

All 2006-07 revised GSE materials were sent to GSE District Chairs in mid-August. Contents include: the GSE Program Guide for Rotarians, The GSE Team Handbook, GSE Team Leader and Team Member applications, TRF alumni pins, **new** GSE program brochures, information about Berlitz language courses available on-line and brochures from The Harbour Group, LLC, the sole TRF recommended insurance provider for TRF Educational Program participants. Also provided are three models of GSE posters to be used to promote the GSE program in the community.

All official GSE forms are posted on the RI website for download, and additional promotional items such as posters are available for purchase through the RI on-line catalog.

### **NEW GSE Pre-departure Requirement – Vocational Itinerary Pre-approval**

To enhance the vocational quality of the host itineraries for visiting GSE teams, as of 2006-07, host districts are required to submit a detailed itinerary to the partner Sponsor District and TRF before travel tickets may be released for the GSE team. The partner districts should discuss the itinerary with the outbound GSE team and send their suggestions and/or approval to the Host

District so that everyone is in agreement on the number and type of vocational visits planned. Host itineraries must reflect vocational days and sites, personal and/or rest days, travel days and locations for the entirety of the GSE visit. At least five personalized vocational visits should be organized for each team member according to their professional interests and vocational needs. In general, hands-on activities or a day of “shadowing” a professional on the job are preferred to tours where team members merely observe a workplace or facility.

### **Call for Electronic Submission of 2005-06 GSE Team Final Reports**

TRF requires districts to submit GSE team final reports from the 2005-06 program year no later than two months after return of the team. To date, approximately 20% of 2005-06 GSE team final reports have been submitted to TRF. TRF will not authorize RITS travel tickets for the 2006-07 GSE team until districts submit the complete Team Final Reports from the previous year. The GSE Department strongly encourages districts to submit final reports electronically as a Word or PDF document, with pictures in attachment. Please break files down into two or more emails if they are greater than 15MB.

### **Update on Group Study Exchange Alumni**

**Chris Offer:** A member of the Rotary Club of Vancouver Chinatown, B.C., Canada, Offer is a police administrator who joined Rotary in 1988 after traveling to District 3100 in India in 1981 on a Group Study Exchange (GSE). He was also a GSE team leader in 1993 of a team that traveled to District 1160 in England and is the 2006-07 Chair of the Membership Development and Retention Committee.

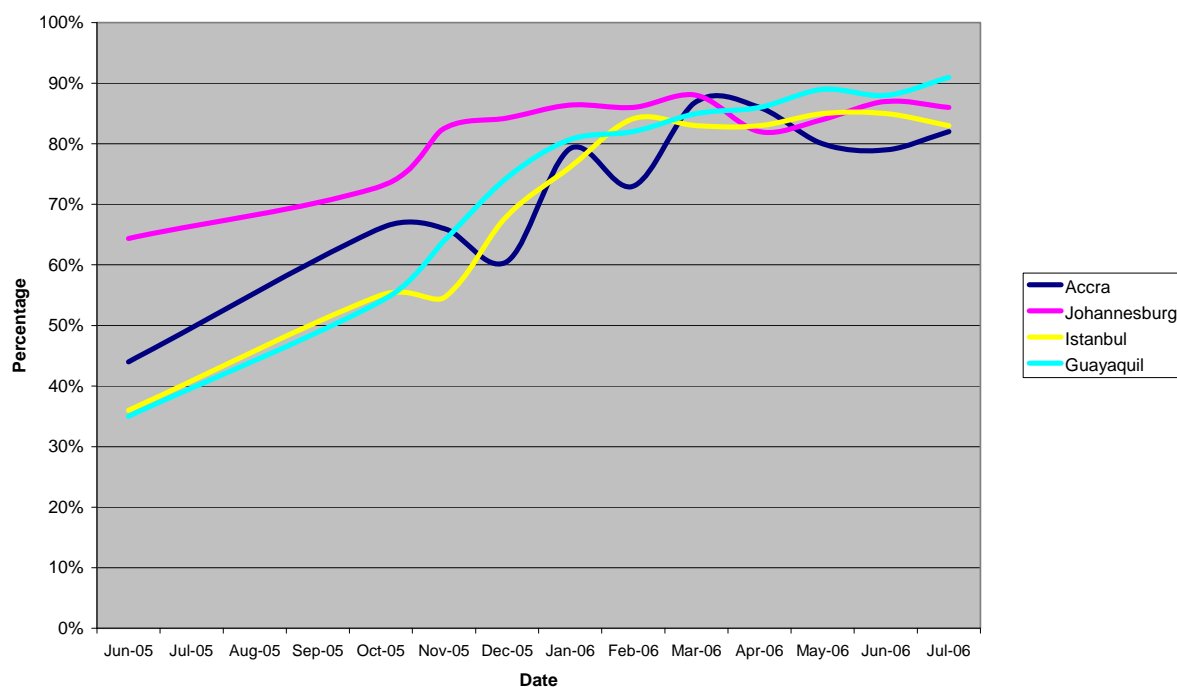
**Steven Houghton:** Houghton was a 2000-01 GSE team member on a team that traveled to District 2390 in Sweden. He went on to be a 2004-06 Rotary World Peace Fellow studying at International Christian University in Tokyo, Japan. Houghton is now the Resident Director for the Japan CIEE Study Center located at Sophia University in Tokyo. The Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) is a non-profit organization created to provide high-quality, transformative international educational opportunities.

## **HUMANITARIAN GRANTS PROGRAM**

### **Humanitarian Grants Reporting**

During the 2005-06 Rotary year, four stewardship trainings were conducted in areas where participation in Humanitarian Grants is substantial but reporting on grant activities did not meet expectations. In the months following those trainings, the participating districts have made significant progress in improving the percentage of projects for which reporting requirements are being met. Please refer to the graph below.

**Record of Progress  
Zones Targeted for Stewardship Assessment**



As a reminder, the Humanitarian Grants Program has begun instituting a new set of procedures regarding overdue grant reporting. In addition to sending regular report reminders, listing overdue clubs on the RI Web site and recommending termination of clubs that have failed to report for 30 months or more, TRF will be conducting semi-annual reporting reviews for all districts. Districts and their member clubs that are less than 70 percent current and compliant with reporting requirements on two consecutive semi-annual reviews will be automatically suspended from participation in Humanitarian Grants. Your assistance in ensuring that reporting requirements are met is greatly appreciated!

**Blane Community Immunization Grants**

Blane Community Immunization Grants will be coming to a close at the end of fiscal year 2007. The following dates are important for those clubs in the United States that have already applied for a Blane Grant or are planning to do so:

- 31 December 2006 – Deadline for submitting new applications
- 31 March 2007 – Last day to approve new applications
- 30 June 2007 – Last day to process payments for approved grants
- 31 December 2007 - Deadline for submitting reports for completed grants

If you have any questions, please contact the new Program Officer for Blane Community Immunization Grants, Shelby French, at [Shelby.french@rotary.org](mailto:Shelby.french@rotary.org) or 847-866-3832.

**District Simplified Grants**

At the end of September 2006, the annual District Simplified Grant mailing will be sent to all District Governors, District Governor Elects, District Rotary Foundation Chairs, and District Grant Subcommittee Chairs. Included in this year's mailing will be the new DSG Best Practices manual. This manual will provide helpful information and guidelines for districts as they manage the DSG process. The DSG Best Practices manual will also be available online at.

[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) The September mailing will also include district activity reports, a DSG Frequently Asked Questions sheet, and the DSG spending limits for 2008. Districts are encouraged to apply for their 2007-08 DSGs early and to complete reporting for all previous DSG grants so as to streamline the application process. If you have any questions, please contact the new Program Officer for DSG, Shelby French at [Shelby.french@rotary.org](mailto:Shelby.french@rotary.org) or 847-866-3832.

## **POLIOPLUS**

In early August, the following information was sent via email to all RRFCs. Should you have any questions, please contact Carrie CHARLES, PolioPlus Partners Senior Coordinator at [Carrie.Charles@rotary.org](mailto:Carrie.Charles@rotary.org).

*Dear Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinators:*

*Please find attached:*

- *August PolioPlus Partners Open Projects List*
- *July/August PolioPlus in Action Newsletter*

*Additional information can be found on the RI Web site at:*

<http://www.rotary.org/foundation/polioplus/partners/about.html>

*The following is a link to Herbert A. Pigman's July 2006 article in The Rotarian entitled The 'plus' in PolioPlus: [http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/features/0607\\_tr\\_if\\_polio.html](http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/features/0607_tr_if_polio.html).*

Please feel free to forward this e-mail to any Rotarians that could use this information.



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## **PLANNING & ADMINISTRATION**

### ***Message from Jon Stillman, TRF Division Manager, Planning & Administration***

Please ensure that the District Governors-elect are made aware of the three-year assignment required for the District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair. This is an important Trustee policy to assist them with their fiduciary responsibility to donors who have entrusted them with contributions. The three-year term provides continuity so that records can be tracked regarding the use of funds, and a level of expertise can be developed regarding the procedures necessary for success. Advise the District Governors-elect that compliance with the policy is expected and that it has been very difficult to receive exceptions. Remind the DGE that the appointment form in their District Governors Training Manual clearly indicates that the assignment is for three years and the expectation is that the DGE will know the current status. If there is a question, you can help them check by contacting your RRFC support staff person in Evanston, Melanie Davis or Kimberly Evon.

Your Institute support packet includes information that should help you explain the rationale for the Trustee decisions relating to the three-year term.

### **New Web Forms for Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award**

New nomination forms will be available after 15 September on the Rotary website. These forms can be downloaded into WORD format and filled out. These will replace the current PDF forms that need to be printed and filled out on a typewriter or handwritten.

Distinguished Service Award nominations are due in the International Offices or in Evanston by 15 November 2006.

### **Member Access Module Revised**

The Member Access module has been revised in all languages. These new modules have a menu to highlight the features of Member Access available to all Rotarians, club presidents and secretaries, and district governors. The features that are highlighted in this online module include how to register for Member Access, TRF contribution features (reports and summaries), registering for meetings, managing email subscriptions, RI-CAS and RI-DAS support, membership features, paying club dues, searching the official directory, and updating club data. This module can be accessed through the Rotary E-Learning Center in the Training section of the RI Web site - <http://www.rotary.org/training/elearning/index.html>. If you have any questions, you can contact Liz Anderson, Senior Coordinator - Club & District Training, email- [Elizabeth.Anderson@rotary.org](mailto:Elizabeth.Anderson@rotary.org) or phone-1-847-866-4472.

### **New "Contact Center" Slated to Open on 1 October 2006**

Fully operational on 1 October 2006, The Rotary Foundation's new "Contact Center" will begin answering questions posed by Rotarians in the United States via a toll-free telephone number: **1-866-9ROTARY (that's 1-866-976-8279)**. This new pilot project, currently available only in the USA, will enable Rotarians to get their Foundation questions answered promptly. The Center will be staffed by Foundation personnel experienced in Humanitarian and Educational programs as well as Fund Development. If this new pilot project is successful, the service will expand to offer more options and more countries. Rotarians seeking contribution reports, questions on Matching Grants, Paul Harris Fellow recognition, and other general Foundation questions should be directed to the toll-free number first. The Contact Center is being managed by Clifton Healy.

### **2006-07 District Rotary Foundation Seminar Manual and Committee Manual**

Production and delivery of the District Rotary Foundation Seminar Manual and the District Rotary Foundation Committee Manual are delayed due to challenges as a result of the computer system transition. However, both manuals are available on the website for download for 2005-06. Use the following link to access the Committee Manual <http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/300en.pdf>. Use <http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/438en.pdf> to access the Seminar Manual. Not much of the content/text in the 2006-07 versions of the seminar and committee manual have changed, however, formatting has been improved. The powerpoint presentations usually sent with the seminar manual have been updated, and will be sent out to the RRFCs within the next week with instruction to distribute as necessary to their districts. If you need assistance accessing this information, please contact [Melanie.Davis@rotary.org](mailto:Melanie.Davis@rotary.org) or 847-866-4451.