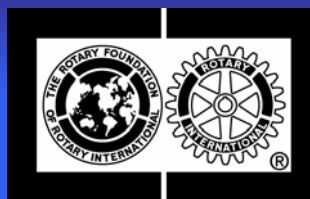


# The Regional Rotary Foundation

## COORDINATOR COMMUNIQUÉ



September 2006

*A Forum for Foundation News*

### FUND DEVELOPMENT

#### Contributions Update

For the two months ending 31 August 2006, the Annual Programs Fund continues to be strong with contributions totaling US\$9,487,834, an increase of 9.12% over last year! Permanent Fund giving is down -57.30% to \$1,244,150. Restricted giving is down as well with fewer flow-through contributions to Disaster Recovery initiatives.

	<u>August 2006</u>	<u>August 2005</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
Annual Programs Fund	US\$ 9,487,834	US\$ 8,694,479	9.12%
Permanent Fund	US\$ 1,244,150	US\$ 2,914,014	(57.30)%
<u>Restricted Giving</u>	<u>US\$ 2,614,826</u>	<u>US\$ 3,736,458</u>	<u>(30.02)%</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>US\$13,346,810</b>	<b>US\$15,344,951</b>	<b>(13.02)%</b>

#### New Bank Lockbox Addresses for the United States and Canada – 1 October 2006

Effective 1 October 2006, The Rotary Foundation has a new lockbox address for the receipt and processing of contributions in the United States and Canada. The new addresses are:

##### \*United States

The Rotary Foundation  
14280 Collections Center Drive  
Chicago, IL 60693

*\* Please note that the new US lockbox can also accept courier packages from FedEx, UPS and other overnight services. Contributions sent to the old lockbox (PO Box 75133, Chicago) will be accepted at our former bank through 31 March 2007. After that date, all mail sent to the old lockbox will be returned to the sender.*

##### \*\*Canada

The Rotary Foundation (Canada) Box B9322  
P.O. Box 9100  
Postal Station F  
Toronto, Ontario M4Y 3A5

*\*\* Please note that it is important the “**Box B9322**” be on the first line so that there isn’t a delay in processing contributions at the bank.*

### **Banner Recognition Fulfillment for 2004-2005**

The mailing of banners recognizing the Top Three clubs in each district for per capita giving (minimum US\$50 per capita), the 100% Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member Clubs, and the Every Rotarian Every Year Clubs are scheduled to be mailed by late October 2006. We are experiencing delays in the viability of the reports as a result of the migration to PeopleSoft. We expect to be able to identify recipient clubs shortly.

The attached handout of Foundation recognition opportunities has been updated and is currently being translated into French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, and Swedish. It will be available on the website for download under The Rotary Foundation.



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ecognitionOpp...

### **November is Rotary Foundation Month**

What are your plans for sharing information about Rotary Foundation Month with Rotarians in your zones? For more ideas, visit the EREY webpages or send your request to: [erey@rotary.org](mailto:erey@rotary.org). We are still collecting information about successful fundraising events and ideas to share in a future publication. Please share any ideas with Roylene Gallas at [roylene.gallas@rotary.org](mailto:roylene.gallas@rotary.org) or you can use the EREY mailbox above.

### **It's never too early to think about "Tax Receipts for 2006 Contributions"**

Contributions requiring 2006 tax receipts must be postmarked no later than 31 December 2006 and received at The Rotary Foundation no later than 5 January 2007. Any contributions postmarked after 31 December 2006 will receive 2007 tax receipts. Please allow 4-7 days for mail delivery. Credit card contributions must be processed on or before 31 December 2006 (encourage donors to make contributions online at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)). Wire transfers must be initiated by 31 December 2006 in order to count in tax year 2006. Questions about deadline dates in the USA and Canada should be directed to the Contact Center at 1-866-9ROTARY (976-8279). All other inquiries/contributions should be directed to the appropriate RI Office, designated fiscal agent, or Rotary's general telephone number at 1-847-866-3000. All email inquiries can be directed to [erey@rotary.org](mailto:erey@rotary.org).

### **Fund Development Club Goal Report Forms for 2006-2007**

2006-07 Club Goals are still being accepted. All club goals received will appear on the October Monthly Contribution Reports along with the 1 July membership figures. The writable Fund Development Club Goal Form can be downloaded at: [www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/trf\\_club\\_goal\\_report\\_form06.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/trf_club_goal_report_form06.pdf). This form is also available for download in the language sections of the website.

### **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\$317 million on 31 August 2006.

### **Bequest Society Update**

As of 31 August 2006, there were 5,079 Bequest Society commitments with an expected value of US\$210 million. These commitments represent a significant percentage of the expectancies to the Permanent Fund.

### **Donor Advised Fund Update**

As of 31 August 2006, there were 73 DAF accounts with a fair market value of US\$6.6 million. For additional information on The Rotary Foundation Donor Advised Fund, please visit [www.rotary.org/foundation/development/advisedfunds](http://www.rotary.org/foundation/development/advisedfunds)

### **IRA Roll Over Opportunity**

Between 19 August 2006 and 31 December 2007, individual donors who are 70 ½ at the time of the gift may annually transfer up to \$100,000 from an IRA directly to The Rotary Foundation without increasing their federal gross income for that tax year. Please contact your major gift officer or the planned giving officer for further details.

## **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

### **Rotary World Peace Fellow Alumni**

2004-06 Rotary World Peace Fellow alumni (Class III) have started to re-enter the workforce following their master's degree programs. Examples include:

#### **Hague Appeal for Peace**

Carl Shephard of the USA, International Christian University  
Program Development Director  
New York, NY, USA

#### **United Nations Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General for Children and Armed Conflict**

Jeyashree Nadarajah of Malaysia, University of California – Berkeley  
Consultant  
New York, NY, USA

#### **Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati Professional Corporation**

Lee-Anne Mulholland of Northern Ireland, University of California – Berkeley  
Associate, Commercial and Securities Litigation, White Collar Crime and Internal Investigations  
Palo Alto, CA, USA

#### **Institute of Regional Studies**

Saeed Rid of Pakistan, University of California – Berkeley  
Research Scholar, Peace and Security Issues  
Islamabad, Pakistan

### **Rotary Centers Annual Seminars**

22 September 2006  
Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires, Argentina

28 October 2006  
University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia

4 November 2006  
University of Bradford, United Kingdom

14 April 2007  
Duke University/University of North Carolina

29 April 2007  
University of California, Berkeley

26 May 2007  
International Christian University, Tokyo

### **Rotary World Peace Fellow Alumna Receives Prestigious Award**

Miho Kishitani, Rotary World Peace Fellow, Class II, University of Bradford, received the 2006 Yasuhiro Nakasone Award of Excellence for her three-year humanitarian work in northern Iraq following her fellowship at the Rotary Center of the University of Bradford. She is now working with Peace Winds Japan (PWJ) as a country representative for PWJ Iraq mission (mainly working in northern Iraq) based in Jordan.

The Yasuhiro Nakasone Award, given by the Tokyo-based Institute for International Policy Studies (IIPS), honors meaningful achievements in the political, economical, cultural, and science and technology fields and encourages further endeavors that will contribute toward the realization of true peace and prosperity in the international community. Yasuhiro Nakasone, a former Japanese prime minister, is president of IIPS. Find more information at [www.iips.org](http://www.iips.org)

### **Rotary World Peace Fellows Speak at Zone Institutes**

7-9 September

Scott Lang (Class IV, University of Bradford) and Jeanette Kroes (Class II, Sciences Po)  
Zones 22, 27, 28 (Niagara Falls)

27-29 September

Francesca Giovannini (Class IV, University of California, Berkeley)  
Zones 25, 26 (Denver)

## **Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies**



### **Graduation - July 2006 Session**

The 15 participants in the July 2006 session of the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies (RPCS) Program graduate on 29 September 2006. This event marks the conclusion of the inaugural class of RPCS Program participants as well as the launch of the first group of RPCS Program alumni. Please join us in congratulating the participants on their accomplishment. If you are interested in having a Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program alumnus speak at a Rotary

event, please contact Jenn Weidman, Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program Specialist, at [Jennifer.Weidman@rotary.org](mailto:Jennifer.Weidman@rotary.org)

### **Selection Completed - January 2007 Session**

The Executive Committee of the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Selection Committee met in Bangkok, Thailand, in August to approve 22 participants for the January 2007 session of the RPCS Program. Please join us in congratulating these individuals along with the following districts for their recruitment of successful candidates: 1660, 3060, 3130, 3220, 3260, 3290, 3350, 3790, 5630, 6890, 9120, 9150. Profiles of this new class will be posted on the RPCS webpage in October.

### **Call for Applications - July 2007 Session**

TRF is now accepting applications for the July 2007 and all succeeding sessions of the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program. Application forms and other materials are available on the RPCS webpage at <http://rotary.org/foundation/educational/rpcsp/index.html>  
District endorsed applications for the July 2007 session is due to TRF by 1 December 2006.

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

### **Ambassadorial Scholars and University Teachers Arrive in Host Countries**

Most 2006-07 Ambassadorial Scholars scheduled to begin studies in August through October have now started their academic programs in their host countries. If you would like to obtain a list of the scholars studying in your Rotary Zones, please contact Stephanie Veit, Scholarships Department Manager, tel.: 847-866-3323, e-mail: [Stephanie.Veit@rotary.org](mailto:Stephanie.Veit@rotary.org)

### **Planning for Scholar Orientation Seminars**

Now that applications for 2007-08 Ambassadorial Scholars are being submitted to TRF, it is a good time for districts to begin planning scholar orientations, or to encourage their outbound scholars to attend a Regional one. Attendance at an **outbound orientation seminar** became mandatory for all scholars starting in 2004-05.

For an updated list of all Regional Orientation Scholar Seminars taking place in 2006-07, please visit [www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb\\_scho/seminars.html](http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/seminars.html)  
or contact Stephanie Veit, Scholarships Department Manager, tel.: 847-866-3323, e-mail: [Stephanie.Veit@rotary.org](mailto:Stephanie.Veit@rotary.org)

### **TRF Travel Ban Update**

In reviewing the recent travel advisories, the General Secretary has lifted the TRF travel Ban to Colombia. Starting 15 September 2006, Rotary Foundation Scholars, Rotary World Peace Fellows, Group Study Exchanges Teams, Rotary Volunteer Grantees and University Teacher Grantees can travel again on TRF funds to Colombia.

### **Scholarships Fund Pool for Low-Income Countries- Still Time to Submit Applications!**

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 has been extended to 15 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).

### **Ambassadorial Scholar Alumni**

**Ainash Alpeissova** was the very first Ambassadorial Scholar to come from Kazakhstan (District 2430). Awarded the scholarship from highly selective Fund Pool for Low-Income Countries, she studied Law at Harvard University in 2001-02. She now works at Ernst & Young LLP (Business Risk Services group) in Boston, Massachusetts and enjoys being a part of a great organization. Still in touch with her former Host Counselor, Rotarian Suzanne Bowering, Ainash recently commented, "I would like to express my gratitude to the Rotary Foundation for the financial support to study at Harvard. It changed my life and opened new opportunities for professional and personal growth. I met people in the Rotary organization and admire their dedication, service and hard work to make the world a better place and I am planning to join this organization in the near future."

**Maria Stallone** joined the Rotary Club of Jaipur Mid Town, India, in 2005. She's one of the youngest members in the nearly 80-person club. She's also the only American and one of just two women. Stallone stays active in the Jaipur Mid Town club because it satisfies her drive to get in the field and give back. Maria was a Rotary Youth Exchange student to Sweden and an Ambassadorial Scholar to Banaras Hindu University in India in 1993-94.

**Keiko Sawa** was a 2004-06 Multiyear Ambassadorial Scholar at the University of Ghana. As a member of the Rotaract Club of University of Ghana, Sawa provided rice, maize flour, cooking tools, and books in a project supporting the Teshie Orphanage. She also participated in Ghana's PolioPlus immunization campaigns in 2004 and 2005. As the first Ambassadorial Scholar sponsored by the Rotary Club of Korien, Osaka, Japan, Sawa updated club members on her activities every month. "They had a sense of distance between Japan and Africa," Sawa said. "Now, however, they think about many problems — for example, education, poverty, child labor, and polio — in Ghana and Africa."

## **Group Study Exchange**

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

GSE applications for the 2007-08 exchanges are due to TRF by **1 October 2006**. DGEs should not expect to find a partner at the International Assembly—GSE partnerships must be secured in the months prior to the Assembly. Districts participating in GSE in 2007-08 will be paired with a partner district by the Trustees if they have not already arranged a pairing independently. A letter confirming the GSE pairing will be sent to participating districts between October and December 2006.

**In order to confirm the partnerships for the coming year, it is important that both the signature of the current District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair as well as the signature of the 2007-08 District Governor be included on the application. Without these signatures the application will not be approved.**

If districts are interested in having more than one exchange in the 2007-08, they must submit a separate GSE district application for the second exchange. If DGEs would like contact information for DGEs in other districts, they can contact their GSE coordinators at TRF for assistance.

### **2006-07 Reimbursements**

As TRF has moved to a new electronic payment process that issues GSE reimbursements as a wire transfer, most districts will need to provide electronic transfer information in order to receive their payments. Coordinators will be contacting the districts to let them know what information will be needed in order to process reimbursement requests efficiently.

### **2006-07 GSE Materials on CD Rom**

By now all Rotary districts have received their packet of GSE materials for the 2006-07 program year. This year, the GSE department has added three promotional posters as well as 2 different CD ROMs that include the GSE program guide for Rotarians, the GSE team handbook and the GSE team applications. We encourage you to use these CD ROMs as a resource when selecting the team and organizing the orientation program. Additional CD ROMs are available for order and posters are available for purchase through the Rotary website at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

### **GSE Alumni**

**James Bauriedel** was a GSE team leader in 2000-01 from District 5130 in California to District 5010 in Russia. Dr. Bauriedel has been a Rotarian since 1981 and was president of the Eureka, CA Rotary Club during the year of his exchange. Bauriedel returned to Russia with a Rotary Friendship team in 2004 and again in the winter of 2006, teaching in area cancer hospitals. During the last five years, his club along with others in District 5130 has sent over \$500,000 of medical equipment into the Tomsk Region of Siberia. Bauriedel was awarded the Charity and Humanity Award from the Oblast Government of the Tomsk Region of Russia on 1 March 2006.

**Heidrun Rosendorn** was a GSE team member in 1995-96 from District 1860 in Germany and an active Rotaractor. After a few years of being in between Rotaract and Rotarian age, Rosendorn, along with other previous Rotaractors in her district, got the support of PDG Jules Schroeder. In September 2003, Schroeder chartered a new Rotary club and appointed Rosendorn its president. The average age of the new club, the Rotary club of Kelsterbach-Rein-Main International is 38 with two-thirds men and one-third women. Rosendorn says about the importance of younger people becoming Rotarians, "The art is to look over your own brim. It's always when you bring in more than one perspective that you come further than if you only looked from one point of view."

## **HUMANITARIAN GRANTS PROGRAM**

### **Humanitarian Grants Program Staffing Changes**

Over the past few months the Humanitarian Grants Program has undergone a number of staffing changes. As we have worked to fill all open positions with qualified, motivated individuals, we realize that our customer service standards have not been ideal. However, we are confident that as our new staff members are trained, we will be able to provide Rotarians with the outstanding customer service that they deserve. Attached please find an updated staff territories sheet. This document is also available for download from the RI Web site at [http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/hg\\_staff\\_sheet.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/hg_staff_sheet.pdf).



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### **Equator Prize 2006**

Awarded biennially, the Equator Prize recognizes five community-based projects that demonstrate extraordinary achievement in reducing poverty through the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in the equatorial belt. Prize winners receive international recognition for their work and an opportunity to help shape international policy and practice in the field, as well as a monetary award of US\$30,000 each. Adding to the excitement of this year's Equator Prize, one 2006 finalist will be selected to receive a Rare Pride Campaign, supported by the new Equator Initiative partner Rare. Details on the criteria for the Equator Prize, information on the award process, and the online nomination system can be accessed through the Equator Initiative website: [www.equatorinitiative.org](http://www.equatorinitiative.org).

The nomination process will be open through October 31, 2006; the Equator Prize will be awarded in early 2007.

We encourage you to pass this information along to Rotarians within your zone. In an effort for clubs to be recognized for their extraordinary work through Humanitarian Grants and to increase our brand recognition among international agencies, we would like to encourage clubs to apply for recognition programs like this.

### **Phased-out Grants**

Congratulations! Eleven more zones, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 23, 27, 32, 33 and 34, have closed out all of their phased-out grants since the last phased-out update in June 2006. As of 13 September 2006, only 14 phased-out grant files remain open (see report on Individual Grants below).

The list below provides the names of clubs and districts in order by Zone which, as of 13 September 2006, are ineligible for specific grant programs due to late reporting on phased-out grants. Your continued support in this effort is producing results. Thank you.

Please let us know if you require additional information about any of these grants, by contacting Ken Miller at [ken.miller@rotary.org](mailto:ken.miller@rotary.org)

### **Districts ineligible to receive District Simplified Grants:**

<b>ZONE</b>	<b>Club or district Responsible for Report</b>	<b>Sponsor District</b>	<b>Grant Type Report Overdue</b>
5	Berhampur East	<b>3260</b>	Community Assistance Program Grant
5	District 3290	<b>3290</b>	Community Assistance Program Grant
5	District 3290	<b>3290</b>	Community Assistance Program Grant
6	Rangamati	<b>3280</b>	Community Assistance Program Grant
8	District 9680	<b>9680</b>	New Opportunity Grant
10	Viseu	<b>1970</b>	Community Assistance Program Grant

### **Clubs or Districts ineligible to receive Matching Grants**

<b>ZONE</b>	<b>Club or district Responsible for Report</b>	<b>Sponsor District</b>	<b>Grant Type Report Overdue</b>
4	Chung Ho	3480	Helping Grant
4	Panchiao Central	3490	Helping Grant
6	Secunderabad Mid Town	3150	Children's Opportunity Grant
8	Preston	9790	Children's Opportunity Grant
8	Flemington	9800	Helping Grant
11	Bormes-Le Lavandou	1730	Children's Opportunity Grant
25	Commerce City	5450	Helping Grant
28	Cereal City Sunrise (Battle Creek)	6360	Helping Grant

**Individual Grants are now being phased out.** Closure of an Individual Grant file requires a report from the international or sending club and a separate report from the host club. Each host and international sponsor was notified in mid June that their Individual Grant was still open and was asked to complete reporting requirements by 30 June 2006. As of 15 September there are clubs in almost every zone with at least one open Individual Grant. The table below shows how many clubs in each Zone have open Individual Grants. Clubs may not receive a Volunteer Service Grant if they have an open Individual Grant. If you would like more details about open Individual Grants in your Zone, please contact Mary Howard at [mary.howard@rotary.org](mailto:mary.howard@rotary.org)

<b>Zone #</b>	<b>No. of Open Individual Grants As of 15 September 2006</b>
4	3
5	7
6	9
8	7
9	1

10	30
Zone #	No. of Open Individual Grants As of 15 September 2006 (con't)
11	3
14	4
15	5
16	3
17	2
18	2
19	2
20	3
21	8
22	8
23	3
24	8
25	9
26	1
27	1
29	2
30	1
31	7
32	1
33	3
34	8

## **POLIOPLUS**

### **September Open Projects List and PolioPlus in Action Newsletter**



OPL



Newsletter

10-Sept-06.xls (328 KB) 10-Sept-06.doc (198 KB).

Additional information can be found on the RI Web site at:  
<http://www.rotary.org/foundation/polioplus/partners/about.html>

Please feel free to forward this to any Rotarians that could use this information. Should you have any questions, please contact Carrie CHARLES, PolioPlus Partners Senior Coordinator, at [Carrie.Charles@rotary.org](mailto:Carrie.Charles@rotary.org).

### **Bill Sergeant Honored by CDC and UNICEF**

Bill Sergeant was recently honored with the Fries Foundation Prize for Improving Healthcare. He received the prize at the **Center for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)**, in Atlanta, in front of an audience of about 1300 people on Wednesday, 13 September 2006. More information can be found on the internet website at <http://www.cdc.gov/od/oc/media/pressrel/r082806.htm>. If you are interested in more information about the award see <http://www.friesfoundation.org>

Bill was also recently honored by **UNICEF**. See RRFC Ken Schuppert's message below:

Ladies & Gentlemen:

*I thought you would like to know about this wonderful event. Bill Sergeant has truly done SERVICE ABOVE SELF and can not be thanked enough for his leadership with Polio Eradication. You should share this with the Rotarians in your Districts and be proud to be a Rotarian making a difference in the lives of so many people around the world.*

Very Truly Yours,

Kenneth M. Schuppert, Jr., Esq.

## Bill Sergeant honored by UNICEF

### Sep 14, 2006 UNICEF honors William Sergeant for his work fighting polio

By Kun Li

NEW YORK, USA, 6 September 2006 – The UNICEF Executive Board has honored former Rotary International leader William Sergeant for his longstanding commitment in helping to create a polio-free world. “Today, the Board pays tribute to the perseverance and dedication of a leader who has guided and inspired 1.2 million Rotarians around the world and who has worked for 20 years for the eradication of polio,” said UNICEF Executive Director Ann M. Veneman.

“William Sergeant is a model of unwavering commitment to a cause,” Ms. Veneman said. “In a world where public attention to issues can shift in the blink of an eye, Mr. Sergeant remains steadfast in Rotary’s goal of eradicating polio.”

Learn more at [http://www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index\\_35623.html](http://www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_35623.html)

(Excerpt from Rotary Club of Oak Ridge Announcement)

## PLANNING & ADMINISTRATION

### **NEW TOLL-FREE TRF CONTACT CENTER**

In October 2006, The Rotary Foundation Contact Center will open their phone lines and email to begin taking general inquiry calls and emails for The Rotary Foundation. Call or email and check up on donations and recognition points, deadlines for grants and applications, whom to contact regarding applications, and more.

- General inquiry calls for The Rotary Foundation and its programs
- Operational hours, Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-5:00 pm, Central Standard Time
- Serving districts and clubs in the United States and Canada only
- English language only
- Toll-Free (866)-9ROTARY by phone or email [contact.center@rotary.org](mailto:contact.center@rotary.org)

### **Donate DDF Today**

In August, all districts were notified of their 2006-07 DDF balances and were asked to consider making donations to the fund pools for the PolioPlus Partners Program and the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution program. To help ensure the 2007-09 class of fellows is fully funded, The Rotary Foundation requests that donations to the Rotary Centers pooled DDF fund be submitted by 1 October.

Donation forms and additional DDF information may be obtained from Steve Lyons, email [steve.lyons@rotary.org](mailto:steve.lyons@rotary.org) or phone 847-866-3362.

### **DRFC Chair Appointments**

The Trustees really need your support as we move this effort forward. The reason that the three-year assignment is such a hot topic with DGs and DGEs is that this is the first year TRF has had the ability to track and institute the policy. This resulted in situations where appointments were made in violation of the policy and DGs had to reinstate DRFC Chairs that had not fulfilled the three-year assignment.

To help overcome this, RRFs are currently providing DGEs with an early notification of the current status of each district Rotary foundation committee chair appointments based on TRF records. This is to prevent the DGE from changing an appointment if the district is not eligible to make a change. The goal is to have this policy better understood next year as well as to have any issues resolved before appointments are due to TRF on 1 March 2007.

The Chairman has been a very strong supporter of the policy and has been reluctant to grant waivers. He sees it as a very important part of the stewardship issue. You are aware of the reporting issues at district level, and the yearly turnover makes it very difficult to track the use of funds.

As you know, this represents change, and a resistance to change is a natural reaction. You are asked to do all that you can to support this important Trustee policy.

### **SHARE Tip of the Month**

When submitting an application for a scholarship, university teacher grant, or extra GSE team, remember to record the DDF deduction on your 2007-08 *SHARE* Planning Worksheet and DDF Balance Sheet.

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

New nomination forms are available 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.

### **Finance Announces Updates to Payment Processing**

As Rotary International continues to implement best practices to better serve its constituents, Finance has started making several changes to payment processing.

These changes will help adapt to new global banking requirements, improve payment turnaround time, enhance payment security, and reduce administrative and banking costs related to payment processing.

To accomplish this, your support is needed with the following:

- **Electronic Funds Transfers**: recipients in many countries still receive cheques from World Headquarters. Effective FY2007, most international payments will be made via electronic funds transfer. This will ensure that funds are received timely and securely, and eliminate the need to wait for funds to be available, as it can take up to eight weeks for a cheque to clear.
- **Payee Information Form**: please complete this form and ensure all banking information submitted is current, accurate and complete. Missing or incorrect information will cause a payment to be delayed until updated information is submitted. Rotarian Payee Information Form can be downloaded from our website at <http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/support/rits.html>

- Local currency: in order to effectively utilize Rotary's funds around the world and keep bank fees to a minimum, in those countries where Rotary collects local currency, Rotary will make payments in local currency.