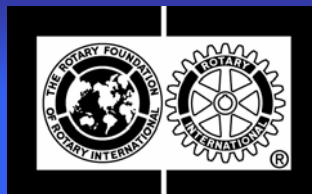


## The Regional Rotary Foundation

# COORDINATOR COMMUNIQUÉ



Post RRFC Training  
March 2007 Edition

*A Forum for Foundation News*

### A Message from the Moderator



*Dear Friends,*

*My first Moderators' Message has to start with a big vote of thanks:*

*To Co-Moderator David and our highly competent and motivated staff who so successfully carried on with the Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinators' Institute after I had to be hospitalized; to the hospital doctors and staff, who took excellent care of me and helped me recover very quickly; and to everybody, especially all the RRFCs, that enquired after my health and sent me get well messages. I have meanwhile returned home without any further problems and hope the same for all participants of the Institute.*

*The Institute has again formed a highly motivated team out of the participating RRFCs, Trustees, including the Chairman and the Chairmen- elect for 2007/08 and 2008/09, incoming Trustees and staff from headquarters and our international offices. They all participated with enthusiasm and good spirit in plenary sessions and breakouts on various foundation topics, but also facilitation practice. Every morning we started with a meditation from one of our RRFCs, followed by a success story by another RRFC. We heard addresses from Chairman-elect Bhichai Rattakul, Chairman Luis Giay, President Bill Boyd, President-elect Wilf Wilkinson, General Secretary Ed Futa, a World Peace Fellow, and attended an induction of two of our fellow RRFCs into the Arch C. Klumph Society, Yusuf Kodwawala and V. J. Patel. On the last day we had joint sessions with the RFACs to further their integration into the RRFCs' teams. This was also graduation day for the 41 participating RRFCs, who left the Institute well prepared and eager to share their passion for our Foundation with all Rotarians.*

*All the participants have meanwhile returned home to continue their successful work for our Foundation with renewed vigor and enthusiasm. Especially the RRFCS will have started their team training, where they can practice and communicate their updated knowledge and skills and thus Lead the Way towards a successful 2007/08, where Rotary Shares and we all will do our best to not only achieve, but even surpass our goals.*

*Rolf Hörndler  
Moderator, 2007 Regional Rotary  
Foundation Coordinators' Institute*

## **FUND DEVELOPMENT**

### **Contributions Update**

Contributions for the eight months ending 28 February 2007 totaled US\$70,527,155, an increase of 4.69% over last year. Contributions to the Annual Programs Fund are up 12.67% to US\$52,572,317. Permanent Fund contributions are down -9.53% to US\$7,508,652. Restricted Giving is down -15.82% to US\$10,446,185; this can be viewed as a positive thing with few natural disasters occurring in the past year. All the RRFCS and their Zone Teams should be working with clubs and individuals to contribute money that otherwise would have been given to support restricted projects over to the Annual Programs Fund Goal. This will both help with goal achievement while ensuring that future funding will be available for such projects through DDF.

	<b><u>February 2007</u></b>	<b><u>February 2006</u></b>	<b><u>Increase (Decrease)</u></b>
Annual Programs Fund	US\$52,572,317	US\$46,660,623	12.67%
Permanent Fund	US\$ 7,508,652	US\$ 8,299,716	(9.53)%
<u>Restricted Giving</u>	<u>US\$10,446,185</u>	<u>US\$ 12,409,618</u>	<u>(15.82%)</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>US\$70,527,155</b>	<b>US\$67,369,959</b>	<b>4.69%</b>

### **Reaching US\$120,000,000 – The Final Stretch Toward APF Goal Achievement**

Please continue to promote achievement of this year's Worldwide APF Goal of US\$120,000,000 by 30 June 2007 at remaining PETS, District Assemblies, District Conferences and other appropriate meetings. Together we can achieve this extraordinary goal to achieve extraordinary results in the future. Let's make the world a better place today. If you haven't yet made your personal commitment to the Annual Programs Fund this year, please do so before 1 June. If you have already made your gift, please consider making a second gift to grow our many wonderful programs.

### **Final Quarter -- Year-End Calling Effort to Reach \$120,000,000**

Please review your "*Contributions Progress Report as of 28 February 2007.*" In most zones, there are many districts with a sizeable a number of noncontributing- and low- contributing clubs. In North America, there will be a concerted effort by staff to call the presidents of the noncontributing clubs to encourage their participation in our *Every Rotarian, Every Year* effort. Please contact your District Governors to discuss ways you can assist them in motivating their clubs to contribute. Rotary could create miracles around the world if simply every club had 100% participation from its members. TELL THE ROTARY STORIES! We do great things. By contributing, we can let the world know that *ROTARY SHARES* and cares! Lead the Way and start your calls today. Please direct any questions you

may have regarding this calling effort to Roylene Gallas at [Roylene.gallas@rotary.org](mailto:Roylene.gallas@rotary.org) or phone 1-847-866-3046. Faxes may be sent to 1-847-328-5260.

**Training Your 2007-2008 Zone Team: Annual Programs Fund Strategic Advisors, Major Gifts Advisors, Rotary Foundation Alumni Coordinators**

With 75 percent of the 2007-08 SA/MGA and RFAC appointments accepted, several RRFCs have already conducted their "Foundation Team" trainings. As you identify your training dates, the Fund Development staff is working with our colleagues in the RI Offices to prepare your training manuals for delivery in advance of your training meeting. Please let us know when you will be holding your training so that we can send the training materials in advance of your meeting. For more information on status of training materials, please send an email to [erey@rotary.org](mailto:erey@rotary.org) or call the EREY hotline at 1-847-866-3352. The appropriate staff member will respond directly to your inquiry.

**30 June 2007 Contribution Deadline**

For contributions to be credited for the 2006-2007 Rotary year, they must be postmarked by 30 June 2007 and received by the Foundation no later than 6 July 2007. Please encourage all Rotarians to send in their contributions by 1 June if possible. The Foundation receives nearly 50% of all contributions in the last two months of the Rotary year. With one million transactions processed annual by the Foundation, it means that nearly 500,000 contributions are processed very late in the year. This can lead to unwarranted mistakes. Once the Foundation's contribution books close for 30 June 2007, we will no longer be able to correct errors that occurred during the gift processing. Late contributions can also mean missed recognition opportunities.

**Reminder -- New Lockbox Addresses for USA and Canadian Contributions**

We gratefully request that all North American RRFCs put a special notice in their RRFC Zone Newsletters reminding Rotarians of the change of lockbox addresses for sending in contributions to the Foundation. In the United States, all contributions should be sent to:

The Rotary Foundation  
14280 Collections Center Drive  
Chicago, IL 60693

In Canada, all contributions should be sent to:

The Rotary Foundation Canada  
Lockbox B9322  
P.O. Box 9100  
Postal Station F  
Toronto, ON M4Y 3A5

The old lockboxes are now closed and shortly we will no longer be accepting contributions at those addresses. This is an important reminder – THANK YOU!

**Contact Center – North American Update**

At recent PETS, we are finding a significant number of Rotarians who were not aware of our Contact Center as a point of first response to Rotarians' inquiries. Rotarians in North America should call the Contact Center for more information at 1-866-9ROTARY (1-866-976-8279) or send an email to: [contact.center@rotary.org](mailto:contact.center@rotary.org). Canadian Rotarians may use [contact.centre@rotary.org](mailto:contact.centre@rotary.org)

### **Club Goal Report Forms**

All club presidents-elect should submit their 2007-2008 Fund Development Goal Report Forms to their District Governors-elect by 1 May 2007. DGEs must submit all club goals to TRF by 15 May 2007. All goals will be tabulated and presented to the Trustees for review in determining the 2007-2008 Worldwide Annual Programs Fund Goal. The Club Goal Report Forms should be collected at PETS. Missing Goal Report Forms can be downloaded in nine languages using this web link:

[www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/erey\\_club\\_goal\\_report\\_form\\_07en.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/erey_club_goal_report_form_07en.pdf)

Club Success Kits for 2007-2008

The *Every Rotarian, Every Year* Club Success Kits will be sent to every club president-elect in April 2007. The DGEs will receive the Success Kits to distribute to those clubs in their districts that have not yet reported their slate of officers to the Secretariat.

### **Update -- One Millionth Paul Harris Fellow**

Many Zones will be presenting special recognition at upcoming District Assemblies and District Conferences to the person selected to represent the One Millionth Paul Harris Fellow in each zone. Please make yourself aware of the presentation if they are occurring at those events and be sure that quality photographs are taken of the presentation and recipient. Please have all photos (and names of individuals in the photograph). The November Rotarian Magazine will do a feature story on the One Millionth PHF.

### **Fundraising Success Stories**

We still need for you to tell us about some of the great Foundation success stories that need to be shared around the world. The Annual Giving section is still on its quest to publish the "Best Fundraising Practices in Rotary from Around the World." Please share any success stories, ideas for special events, new or old that were successful in raising money for The Rotary Foundation. Better yet, tell us who we should be talking with to learn more about new fundraising strategies for Rotary. Fundraising stories can be emailed to [roylene.gallas@rotary.org](mailto:roylene.gallas@rotary.org) or [erey@rotary.org](mailto:erey@rotary.org). You can also fax them to 1-847-328-5260.

### **Every Rotarian, Every Year Newsletter**

The May edition of the *Every Rotarian, Every Year Newsletter* will be mailed to every club with a letter from Trustee Chairman Luis Giay. Encourage all Rotarians to sign up to receive this newsletter via email.

### **The Permanent Fund of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International**

On 31 December 2006, the Permanent Fund's net assets were US \$203.5 million and as of 28 February the estimated expectancies stood at approximately US \$342.7 million. The 2005-06 Permanent Fund Financial Report is available on line at

<http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/pfreport.pdf>.

### **Bequest Society Update**

As of 28 February 2007, there were 5,405 Bequest Society commitments with an expected value of US \$223.9 million. These commitments represent a significant percentage of the expectancies to the Permanent Fund and an increase of 33 new bequests valued at more than US \$1.6 million since January.

### **IRA Charitable Giving Opportunity for U.S. Rotarians through DECEMBER 2007 Only**

From now until 31 December 2007, individual U.S. 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 the tax year. Please contact your gift officer for further details.

### **Donor Advised Fund Update**

As of 28 February 2007, there were 87 DAF accounts with a fair market value of US \$9.1 million. Find out more at [daf.rotary.org](http://daf.rotary.org).

## **POLIOPLUS**

### **Polio Eradication is Realistic**

The World Health Organization has a new Director General from Hong Kong, Dr. Margaret Chan. In her acceptance speech at the World Health Assembly in November, Dr. Chan declared, "We will finish polio eradication."

"Polio Eradication is Realistic." Trustee Chair-elect Rattakul has made this the number one goal for The Rotary Foundation in 2007-08.

What Can Rotarians Do?

- Support a PolioPlus Partners project
- Highlight publicly the role of Rotary in the global polio eradication initiative
- Schedule a club program on PolioPlus and PolioPlus Partners

### **PolioPlus Partners Task Force**

The PolioPlus Partners program has a Task force of dedicated Rotarians who are available to make presentations or answer questions related to Rotary's involvement in polio eradication. The *Official Directory* listing of the 2007-08 PolioPlus Partners Task Force was passed out at the RRFC Training Institute. Please contact the Task Force member in your zone to begin planning and promoting continued individual, club and district support for PolioPlus Partners.

PolioPlus & Partners Online Resources

#### **Contribution Forms:**

PolioPlus Partners Open Projects List

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

PolioPlus - Contribute Online

[https://riweb.rotaryintl.org/donor\\_xml/contributionmenu.asp](https://riweb.rotaryintl.org/donor_xml/contributionmenu.asp)

PolioPlus – TRF Global Contribution / Recognition Form (123)

[http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/123en\\_write.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/123en_write.pdf)

PolioPlus and PolioPlus Partners - Example District Designated Funds Donation Form

[http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/share\\_kit.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/share_kit.pdf)

PolioPlus Partners - Remittance Form

English: [http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/ppp\\_remit.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/ppp_remit.pdf)

French:

[http://www.rotary.org/languages/french/newsroom/downloadcenter/ppp\\_remittance\\_form\\_fr.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/languages/french/newsroom/downloadcenter/ppp_remittance_form_fr.pdf)

Italian:

[http://www.rotary.org/languages/italian/newsroom/downloadcenter/ppp\\_remittance\\_form\\_it.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/languages/italian/newsroom/downloadcenter/ppp_remittance_form_it.pdf)

Spanish:

[http://www.rotary.org/languages/spanish/newsroom/downloadcenter/ppp\\_remittance\\_form\\_sp.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/languages/spanish/newsroom/downloadcenter/ppp_remittance_form_sp.pdf)

Portuguese:

[http://www.rotary.org/languages/portuguese/newsroom/downloadcenter/ppp\\_remittance\\_form\\_po.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/languages/portuguese/newsroom/downloadcenter/ppp_remittance_form_po.pdf)

German:

[http://www.rotary.org/languages/german/newsroom/downloadcenter/ppp\\_remittance\\_form\\_ge.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/languages/german/newsroom/downloadcenter/ppp_remittance_form_ge.pdf)

Swedish:

[http://www.rotary.org/languages/swedish/newsroom/downloadcenter/ppp\\_remittance\\_form\\_sw.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/languages/swedish/newsroom/downloadcenter/ppp_remittance_form_sw.pdf)

### **PolioPlus Downloads:**

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

PolioPlus Download Center:

<http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/foundation/polioplus.html>

PolioPlus – *RI Catalog*:

[http://shop.rotary.org/catalog/advanced\\_search\\_result.php?keywords=Polio](http://shop.rotary.org/catalog/advanced_search_result.php?keywords=Polio)

### **Global Polio Eradication Initiative:**

<http://www.polioeradication.org/>

## **HUMANITARIAN GRANTS PROGRAM**

### ***Lifting of Suspension for RI District 9150***

We are pleased to announce that RI District 9150 is no longer suspended from participating in Humanitarian Grants. This district has worked very hard to meet the reporting requirements and stewardship expectations of The Rotary Foundation. Congratulations to all Rotarians in this district!

## **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

### **Rotary Centers for International Studies**

Thank you each and everyone for helping to promote the Rotary Centers Program. See the useful FAQ listing from Fund Development regarding the Rotary Centers Major Gifts Initiative in this issue. This will help answer many questions Rotarians may have regarding Rotary Centers.

**One Application Needed from EVERY District for the 2008-10 Rotary World Peace Fellowship!**

Please help us reach our goal of **one application per Rotary District** for this year's Rotary World Peace Fellowship Selection! Please work with Rotary World Peace Fellowship Chairs to submit an application to TRF by 1 July 2007. The success of the program depends on a large pool of qualified applicants. Thank you for your help.

**Upcoming Annual Seminars**

Rotary Center: Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Date: Saturday, 14 April

Rotary Center: University of California, Berkeley  
Date: Sunday, 29 April

Rotary Center: International Christian University, Tokyo  
Date: Saturday, 2 June

**Rotary World Peace Symposium—Register NOW**

A draft agenda for the first Rotary World Peace Symposium, to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, is now available on the [RI Web site](#). The agenda includes a retrospective of the program's first decade, panel discussions, and workshops on how Fellows are making a significant contribution to effecting peaceful solutions to conflicts throughout the world. **Do not miss this great inaugural event!**

**New Publications to Promote Rotary Centers**

- A new DVD promotional piece has been produced entitled, *Peace is Possible*; this piece highlights the achievements of the first classes of Rotary World Peace Fellow alumni. The aim of this multi-lingual informational DVD is to increase the visibility of the program by targeting Rotary clubs and districts worldwide. This will be available through publications beginning 1 July 2007.
- An updated *Rotary Centers Alumni Brochure* featuring accomplishments and current jobs of Rotary Fellow graduates from the first four classes is in production. Copies of the current edition can be downloaded from the RI website <http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/foundation/index.html>.
- Rotary International's Public Relations department has produced a promotional brochure for the program for the second year in a row to accompany RI's "Peace through Education" campaign. This campaign also targets major U.S. and international newspapers, magazines and internet advertising.

*For more information, contact Judy Gibson, Rotary Centers Department Manager*  
[Judy.Gibson@rotary.org](mailto:Judy.Gibson@rotary.org)

## ***Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program***

### **Call for Applications - January 2008 Session**

TRF is now accepting applications for the January 2008 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://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/rpcsp/index.html>. District endorsed applications for the January 2008 session is due to TRF by 1 July 2007.

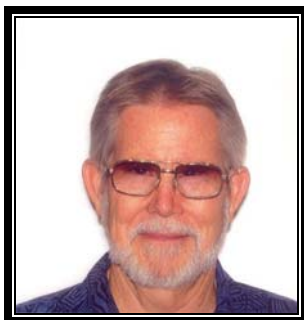
### **Graduation - January 2007 Session**

On 9 March 2007, the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program graduated its second class after a very successful public seminar the previous day in which the participants presented some of the conflict analysis and resolution work they had done in the course. TRF's newest alumni have now returned home to use their newly acquired skills and knowledge in their work. We congratulate them on their accomplishment and look forward to hearing about their future success.

To schedule a Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program alumnus to speak at your upcoming Rotary event, contact Michael Pfriem, Alumni Relations Coordinator at [Michael.Pfriem@rotary.org](mailto:Michael.Pfriem@rotary.org) or 1-847-866-3332

### **Featured Participant**

**Dr. Harold Hall, USA, July 2007 session, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay, District 5000**



Harold, a forensic neuropsychologist, is the Director of the Pacific Institute, Hawaii, and Psychological Consultants, Hawaii.

Harold says of his learning goals through the program, "The courses on the conceptual bases, diagnosis, and analysis of conflict and conflict resolution strategies will expand my understanding of conflict, which is currently limited by utilizing the psychology of the individual, dyad, or small groups where the followers closely conform to the desires of a strong leader... I need the skills relative to transforming conflict and building peace essential for generalization and durability of gains. I have limited familiarity with the cross-cultural dimensions in which collective violence occurs." About his plans after the program Harold says, "Using the training from this program, through the Pacific Institute I intend to focus on conflict in Southern Thailand through the use of primary and secondary prevention strategies designed to address the conditions that gave rise to the current problems, and to intervene in circumscribed high risk situations and settings...I am [also] interested in Northern Thailand and the current difficulties with Burma."



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

### **Regional Scholar Orientation Seminars**

Thanks to Regional Scholar Orientation Seminars held throughout the Rotary world, 2006-07 Ambassadorial Scholars and University Teachers still have the opportunity to meet with their sponsor or host Rotarians to learn more about RI, TRF, and their roles and responsibilities as "ambassadors of goodwill."

Since outbound orientation is mandatory for all Ambassadorial Scholars, the importance of these regional seminars has continued to grow. We are happy to report that thanks to RRFC Richard Clarke's initiative, 1 new Regional Scholar and GSE Team Orientation Seminar will take place in the 2007-08 program year in Eastern Canada.

**We are very interested to see Regional Scholar Seminars being developed in Japan, Taiwan, and Hong Kong.** We strongly encourage all RRFCs to get involved as much as possible with the creation and implementation of these amazing events, as they obviously bring a tremendous wealth of knowledge and field experience to our scholars, but also because we need RRFCs to meet our scholars, fellows and teachers to help us eradicate the preconceived idea that our program participants might not be a good return on investment.

If you would like more information on how to help Rotarians in your zone develop such an event, please 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) or visit our website at: [http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb\\_scho/seminars.html](http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/seminars.html).

An updated list of Regional Scholar Seminars is posted on [http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb\\_scho/seminars.html](http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/seminars.html)

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

All districts - both high and low-income - are encouraged to donate *any* amount of DDF to the fund pool as they plan their DDF spending for program year 2008-09. All low-income districts and low-income countries within a district may submit scholarship applications to compete for up to **32** Ambassadorial Scholarships awarded annually through the fund pool. All applications are considered on a world-competitive basis by a Trustee-appointed committee. The deadline to submit applications is the same as for all 2008-09 Ambassadorial Scholarship applications: **1 October 2007**. 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)

## **Group Study Exchange (GSE)**

*During the Educational Programs portion of the RRFC training, RRFCs voiced several suggestions for improving or expanding the GSE Program. Below are some of the themes that surfaced, together with actions that RRFCs may take to address these topics in their districts.*

### ***Should the Foundation enforce more diversified and international partnerships for districts participating in GSE?***

Enforcing diverse, international partnerships has always been a priority for TRF. It is not always the main consideration for Governors-elect at the time they are securing GSE partnerships with their counterparts. TRF strives to honor partnerships that have been pre-arranged by Governors-elect from

paired districts, as these relationships may have been formed years in advance through Rotary networking or collaboration on a project. However, if Governors-elect do not pre-arrange partnerships, TRF will identify a partner district based on geographical preferences that the Governor has indicated. TRF staff review the pairing history of the district and ensure that pairing assignments are diversified and that districts do not return to one area of the world again and again.

When TRF tries to enforce a “diverse pairing” assignment, the partnership is occasionally resisted by one of the partner districts. Many Governors do not want a pairing with a part of the world that is difficult to travel in---they fear they will not be able to recruit enough GSE team members, or that the team will not be safe, or that there will be difficulties in communicating. In the same way that some Ambassadorial Scholars relinquish a scholarship because they cannot have their preferred destination, many Rotary districts break partnerships with their assigned GSE partner district because they fear the partnership will be problematic. When Governors-elect break assigned partnerships, it slows the overall pairing process for the GSE program and TRF must find a new solution for districts that have been left without a partner. Enforcing diversified partnerships at TRF has not always proven to be a successful strategy in ensuring geographical distribution of the program, but the issue presents a valid training opportunity as RRFCs encounter incoming Governors in their districts.

RRFCs can help by encouraging Governors-elect and their district GSE Chairs to keep TRF program objectives in mind when establishing a GSE partnership. When seeking a GSE partner, Governors-elect should be urged to consider:

- A partner district that is culturally different from his/her own (e.g., high-income country vs. low-income country, or region where another language is spoken or customs may be significantly different)
- A partner located in a geographic area that the district has not been paired with in the last five years (district pairing histories are available from the GSE Department upon request)
- The district’s international service goals and objectives (find a district where relevant humanitarian grant relationships can be established or sustained).

## **Alumni Relations**

### **Joint RRFC/RFAC Training**

2007 marked the first time Rotary Foundation alumni coordinators joined RRFCs for their annual training institute. RFACs continued their own training for another 1 ½ days, which included a vocational visit to the Northwestern University Alumni Association, an alumni reunion for Districts 6440 and 6450, as well as plenary and small group discussions.

### **Alumni News**

**Rotary Centers now has an alumni coordinator, Michael Pfriem.** Michael is a graduate of Carleton College and has worked as Class Officer for the college's alumni association. Please contact Michael for any alumni related questions at [michael.pfriem@rotary.org](mailto:michael.pfriem@rotary.org).

### *Rotary World Peace Fellow Alumnus in Focus*



**William Daniel Sturgeon**, studied at International Christian University, Tokyo (2004-2006). He is currently Foreign Affairs Researcher and assistant to the Chief Diplomatic Correspondent and Columnist for the *Asahi Shimbun*, Japan's leading newspaper. He researches and writes on international relations of Northeast Asia, including the conflict on the Korean Peninsula, U.S. foreign policy in East Asia, and relations between Japan and its neighbors.

### *Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Alumnus in Focus*

Fr. Giovanni Contarin from Italy via Thailand, January 2007 session, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Eastern Seaboard (Pattaya), District 3340, Thailand

*Father Giovanni chats with a colleague after a presentation about water management in northern Thailand. His knowledge of the Thai language and deep background in Thai issues was invaluable to his classmates.*



Father Giovanni describes the RPCS program as “truly a ‘one life experience’” even though he did not need to travel far to attend. Rayong, where he works as Director of HIV/AIDS care at the Saint Camillus Foundation, is a relatively easy journey to Bangkok.

Since graduating from the program in March, Father Giovanni has been working on a new project in the south of Thailand with the Burmese and Moken ethnic groups in which he will coordinate a team of five people for a three year program on HIV/AIDS education aimed at prevention and protection and on building up a network of support associations. He is also continuing to work very closely with Rotarians in Thailand and Italy on various HIV/AIDS education projects.



## *The Rotary Centers Frequently Asked Questions*

### 1. Why Peace?

On average, 20 to 30 armed conflicts are going on in the world at any given time. In the last 15 years alone, 3.6 million people have died as the result of civil wars and ethnic violence, more than 45 percent of them children. As these conflicts change, so must the approach to them. In addition to traditional peacekeeping methods, the world is looking toward negotiation and conflict prevention as a way to save lives. More than ever, professionally trained mediators are sorely needed to address the root causes of conflict and develop effective models of cooperation. The Rotary Foundation is meeting this critical need through the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution.

### 2. How many candidates are selected per year to participate?

The Rotary Centers welcome up to 60 new Rotary World Peace Fellows each year. These graduate students come from various cultures and study international relations, public health, international law, public policy, journalism, political science, and peace and conflict resolution, among other subjects.

### 3. What is the average age of a Rotary World Peace Fellow?

The average age of a Rotary World Peace Fellow has varied with each of the first five classes, but since the inception of the Rotary Centers, the average age has been between 28 and 31 years old. The average age of the 2007-2009 Rotary Centers class is 30 years old.

### 4. Are most of the Rotary World Peace Fellows from the United States?

The number of countries represented in a Rotary Centers class has varied with each of the first five classes, but since the inception of the program, between 25 and 33 countries have been represented each year. The 2007-2009 Rotary Centers class has representatives from 33 countries, and roughly 30 percent of total Fellows to date are from the United States.

### 5. What percentages of Fellows have jobs upon completion of their fellowship?

It is estimated that 10 percent of Fellows have jobs upon completion of their Fellowship, while 60 percent have jobs within six months. Within one year, 90 percent have jobs, and an estimated 10 percent choose to go on to graduate school.

### 6. Does the program at Duke and the University of North Carolina count as one Rotary Center or two Rotary Centers?

The program at Duke and the University of North Carolina counts as one Rotary Center that is shared by two universities. Each year, 10 Rotary World Peace Fellows will be selected to study at the Duke-UNC Rotary Center; five will enroll at Duke and five will enroll at UNC. Four core courses have been designed specifically for Rotary World Peace Fellows and will serve as the foundation for the Rotary Center's curriculum at Duke-UNC.

7. Is it true that the Rotary Centers Major Gifts Initiative will allow The Rotary Foundation to fund 120 new Fellows each year, thus doubling the size of the program?

While there will be approximately 120 Fellows studying during the course of any given year, this represents 60 Fellows in their first year and 60 Fellows in their second year. This is not an increase, as each year there will be funding for 60 new Fellows. The goal of the initiative is to endow 60 new Fellows each year so that they can complete their two-year master's degree program.

8. How are the current Rotary World Peace Fellows being supported?

The current Rotary World Peace Fellows receive funds from numerous sources including endowments, named gifts, bequests, district designated funds, and the World Fund.

9. What is a Named Rotary World Peace Fellowship?

A Named Fellowship may be established by an individual or couple with a one-time current gift of \$60,000. The donated funds are spent by the Rotary World Peace Fellow during the two year term of the Fellowship. Named Fellowships do not influence the selection process. Recipients of Named Fellowships are associated with donors after being chosen as Rotary World Peace Fellows through the annual world-competitive selection. Donors establishing Named Fellowships may indicate general preferences concerning the Rotary World Peace Fellow who will be associated with their gift. For example, a donor may request that if a candidate from their district is selected, that that Fellow be identified as their named Fellow. Many donors use their own names, or honor the names of loved ones, when establishing Named Fellowships. They may also choose to remain anonymous. Donors establishing Named Rotary World Peace Fellowships receive credit for a restricted gift, which generates PHF credit.

10. What is an Endowed Rotary World Peace Fellowship?

An Endowed Rotary World Peace Fellowship may be established with a gift of \$500,000 or more to the Permanent Fund. Spendable earnings accrue on the gift annually. When sufficient earnings accrue (currently \$60,000) an Endowed Fellowship becomes available. The naming and preference guidelines described above for Named Fellowships also apply for Endowed Fellowships. As with all Permanent Fund gifts, the gift itself is not spent. The gift will continue accruing earnings in perpetuity, and each time sufficient spendable earnings accrue, another Fellow will be sent. This option allows donors to establish a legacy of peace building through The Rotary Foundation. Donors establishing Endowed Rotary World Peace Fellowships receive the appropriate recognition associated with their Permanent Fund gift.

11. What is the size of a gift needed endow a Fellow each year, every other year and so on?

**\$1,500,000—Rotary World Peace Fellows**

Endows one Rotary World Peace Fellow at a Rotary Center approximately every year.

**\$750,000—Rotary World Peace Fellows**

Endows one Rotary World Peace Fellow at a Rotary Center approximately every other year.

**\$500,000—Rotary World Peace Fellows**

Endows one Rotary World Peace Fellow at a Rotary Center approximately every three to four years.

**\$250,000—Applied Field Experience**

Endows up to 10 applied field internships or research projects for a class of fellows at a Rotary Center.

Donors who choose to support one of the above programs will receive annual reports on the fellows, their internships or research projects, and their study institution.

**\$1,000,000—Rotary Center Visiting Lecturer**

Endows a visiting lecturer who has diplomatic experience, either with a United Nations agency or in some other aspect of peace and conflict resolution, to teach courses and serve as a mentor for fellows at one Rotary Center.

**\$100,000—Rotary Center Annual Seminars**

Endows annual seminars at a Rotary Center.

**\$50,000—Rotary Center General Support**

Endows a fund bearing the donor's name and provides general support to the program.

Please note that endowed gifts are subject to the Trustees' Permanent Fund spending policy, which can fluctuate and affect the rate at which endowed fellowships become available. All amounts are shown in U.S. dollars.

12. Isn't this program going to detract from the existing foundation fundraising efforts?

No. Unlike the Every Rotarian, Every Year and PolioPlus campaigns, the Rotary Centers Major Gifts Initiative is not seeking a large number of relatively small gifts. Instead, the initiative is focusing on a very select group of Rotarians who have the capacity to make a major gift in support of the Rotary Centers program.

13. Are there significant major gift prospects in certain zones?

The Initiative will be successful if we are able to secure 360 major gifts world-wide, or only 10 major gifts per zone. While it is anticipated that there may be more significant major gift prospects in certain zones, it is likely that each zone has the capacity to secure 10 major gifts.

14. Why should the RRFC's focus on the Rotary Centers Major Gifts Initiative?

The Rotary Centers have been named a top educational priority by the Chairman-elect and the Board of Trustees. Rotary Senior Leaders need to know about this important new educational program and initiative to enable them to speak knowledgeably about the Rotary Centers and to actively promote the major gifts initiative. Additionally, the prospect identification process for the Rotary Centers Major Gifts Initiative will be useful to garner support for other programs as well.