



Coordinator Communiqué

A Forum for Foundation News

September 2007

FUND DEVELOPMENT

Contributions Report

Listed below are the totals for 2007-2008 contributions for the two month ending 31 August 2007 and 2006:

	31 August 2007	31 August 2006	Increase (Decrease)
Annual Programs Fund	9,869,869	9,487,834	4.03%
Permanent Fund & Related	1,271,379	1,244,150	2.19%
Restricted	3,462,738	2,614,826	32.43%
Total	<u>\$14,603,986</u>	<u>\$13,346,810</u>	9.42%

2007-2008 Fund Development Club Goal Report Forms

The Annual Giving Team is still accepting club goal report forms for 2007-2008. The goals will begin appearing on the Monthly Contribution Reports in October along with the membership numbers received from the July Semi-Annual Reports. Club Goal Report Forms can be faxed to 847-328-5260, emailed to erey@rotary.org or apf@rotary.org, and sent by mail to the RI Headquarters address.

2006-2007 Club Banner Recognition

In the coming weeks Fund Development will be sending the 2006-2007 recognition banners to current District Governors, for clubs that achieved the following status:

100% Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member Club

To be eligible, the club must have achieved the US\$100 per capita and every active member must have **personally** contributed US\$100 or more to the Annual Programs Fund.

Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) Club

To be eligible, the club must have achieved a US\$100 per capita with every active member of the club **personally** contributing some amount to the Annual Programs Fund.

Top Three in Per Capita Giving in the District

Recognizes the top three clubs in each district with the highest per capita giving. A minimum of US\$50 per capita is required to receive a banner.

While we strive to ensure accuracy with these reports, we recognize that errors may occur with duplicate accounts, changes in membership, etc. The Annual Giving Team is happy to review, on a case-by-case basis, any clubs who feel they are eligible for banner recognition but may not have received a banner. Inquiries about banner recognition can be sent to erey@rotary.org or apf@rotary.org.

Occasionally clubs inquire as to why they did not receive a banner for being the highest in annual giving. Please note that by Trustee decision, effective 1 July 2005, the Foundation no longer awards banners for the Top Three in Highest Annual Giving in the District.

Reminder: TRF-DIRECT Donations in North America

Within the next month, the Foundation will be conducting its electronic funds transfers of recurring bank checking, cheque, savings accounts, and credit card contributions through a new vendor. As we begin to transition data from one secure file into another, this transition will be seamless to the donors, but the debited contribution on their bank and credit card statements may be listed slightly different. For example, credit card contributions will be listed as “Rotary Donation” on their statements.

2006-07 enjoyed significant growth in TRF-DIRECT, in terms of number of participating members and average value of gift. Enrollment increased by 32% to 2,658 members in 2006-07, with the average gift equaling US\$365.83. Fifteen percent of TRF-DIRECT participants are contributing US\$1,000 or more each year, primarily as a way to fulfill their Paul Harris Society commitments.

POLIOPLUS

September Open Projects List & PolioPlus in Action e-Newsletter

See attached the Open Projects List as of September 2007 and the September 2007 issue of the PolioPlus in Action Newsletter.

HUMANITARIAN GRANTS PROGRAM

World Reporting

In September 2007, World Reporting percentages of all districts will be compiled and presented at the October 2007 Trustee meeting. In April 2007, the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation made an exception not to suspend any RI districts for having reporting compliance below 70% on two consecutive analyses until April 2008. Although no district's will be suspended at this time due to the exception of April 2007, reporting percentages will continue to be gathered and evaluated at the meetings of The Rotary Foundation Trustees. Districts received copies of their File Activity Reports in August and were encouraged to follow up on delinquent reports in preparation for World Reporting.

The Rotary Foundation is pleased with the increase in reporting worldwide, and encourages Rotarians to continue their effective stewardship efforts.

Termination of Club Sponsors of Humanitarian Grants

The general secretary will recommend termination of the appropriate sponsoring Rotary clubs to the RI Board of Directors if:

- 30 months or more have passed since funds were released or
- an acceptable progress report was submitted and
- the 15-month, 18-month and 21-month warning letters have been provided to sponsoring clubs and
- a subsequent acceptable report has not been submitted.

The District Governor, District Rotary Foundation Chair, District Grants Subcommittee Chair and RRFC have been copied on warning letters sent to project contacts at various stages in the process. At this time, the following Rotary Clubs have been recommended for termination:

Rotary Club of Lahore Metropolitan, RI RI District 3270, Pakistan
Rotary Club of Kaohsiung Lighthouse, RI RI District 3510, Taiwan
Rotary Club of Damanhour, RI RI District 2450, Egypt
Rotary Club of Goiânia-24 de Outubro, RI District RI 4530, Brazil

The Board will consider these at their November 2007 meeting.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Rotary Centers for International Studies

Rotary Centers Committee Meeting Will Select Next Class of Fellows

The thirteen Rotarian members and seven University Representatives of the Rotary Centers Committee will meet in Evanston 8-12 October. In addition to discussing many varied topics relating to the program, the Committee will select up to 60 new Rotary Peace Fellows for the 7th Class (2008-10).

Applied Field Experiences Continue to be an Important Part of the Rotary World Peace Fellowship

Northern Hemisphere fellows have finished their applied field experiences. Examples of projects from this year's class include:

Phumphat Chetiyononth (International Christian University) was in Dhaka, Bangladesh, interning with the [Grameen Bank](#).

Maria Effendi (University of Bradford) accepted a research internship with the [Stockholm International Peace Research Institute](#) in Sweden.

Isabelle Michaud-Létourneau (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) traveled to the Nampula province in Mozambique to work with Save the Children's Coastal Region Integrated Food Security Program. The program is designed to address the underlying causes of food insecurity by improving the standard of living for rural households.

Maria Lorena Rossel (University of California, Berkeley) accepted an internship with the [Academy for Educational Development](#) and will be assisting with the Nepal Transition to Peace Initiative in Katmandu.

Third Installment of Rotary Centers Monograph Series Announced

TRF is pleased to announce the third volume in its monograph series on peace and conflict resolution entitled, *New Routes in Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding: Towards Security for All in the Twenty First-Century*, to be published in April 2008. University of Bradford's Rotary Center Director Tom Woodhouse will edit the volume. As with the past two books, the volume will comprise articles by current and past Rotary World Peace Fellows.

Upcoming Rotary Centers Annual Seminars

Universidad del Salvador
Tuesday, 23 October

University of Queensland
Saturday, 27 October

University of Bradford
Saturday, 3 November

Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program

July 2007 Session Graduation

The 20 participants in the July 2007 session of the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies (RPCS) Program graduated on 15 September 2007. This event marked the conclusion of the third class of RPCS Program participants. Please join us in congratulating the participants on their accomplishments.

Featured Participant

Mr. Anas Atengyo Khalifa, Nigeria, Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program participant, January 2008 session, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Kaduna, District 9120

Mr. Anas Khalifa will attend the January 2008 session of the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program with 22 colleagues from around the world. Anas writes, "The Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program [will] definitely enhance my proficiency in conflict management and peace initiatives. I am an Imam of an Islamic organization that is committed to creating awareness from the perspective of tolerance, peaceful co-existence, dialogue, mediation, and so on between diverse communities and groups. I am [also] a judge in one of the Sharia Courts which serve as an important arbiter in conflict mediation and settlement. Participation in the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program would enhance my skills and would create an opportunity for me to participate more in conflict resolution and mediation at all levels."

Ambassadorial Scholarships and Rotary Grants for University Teachers

Ambassadorial Scholars and University Teachers Arrive in Host Countries

Most 2007-08 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 Natalia Bonfante Ginez, Scholarships Department Sr. Coordinator, tel.: 847-424-5271, e-mail: natalia.bonfanteginez@rotary.org.

Planning for Scholar Orientation Seminars

Now that applications for 2008-09 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 in 2004-05.

For an updated list of all Regional Orientation Scholar Seminars taking place in 2007-08, please visit www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/seminars.html or contact Natalia Bonfante Ginez, Scholarships Sr. Coordinator, tel.: 847-424-5271, e-mail: natalia.bonfanteginez@rotary.org.

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 districts and each low-income country 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**. If your district needs an extension to submit an application, contact: Renée Stephenson, Resource Development Senior Supervisor, tel: 847-866-3314; fax: 847-866-0934; email: Renee.Stephenson@rotary.org.

Group Study Exchange

2008-09 GSE District Applications Due

The deadline for 2008-09 GSE District Applications is fast-approaching. All districts are reminded that applications are due to the GSE department no later than **1 October 2007**. Confirmation of receipt of applications is being sent to all districts via e-mail. If you have submitted an application, but have not received a confirmation e-mail, please contact the GSE department immediately.

GSE partnerships will be established in the coming months, prior to the International Assembly. A separate pairing confirmation letter will be sent via e-mail. This letter will indicate your district's 2008-09 GSE partner. Should districts have any questions about the 2008-09 application procedure, you are encouraged to contact your GSE coordinator at TRF.

Trustee Partnerships

It is not necessary to establish a self-partnership in order to participate in the 2008-09 GSE program year. Districts currently without a self-arranged partnership for the upcoming program year are encouraged to submit their 2008-09 District Applications for a Trustee Pairing.

Districts can apply for Trustee Pairings by completing Section IV of the District Application, on page three of the form. Here, districts should indicate which regions they would prefer for an exchange. Based on availability, partnerships will be established and districts will receive pairing confirmation letters indicating their 2008-09 partner.

2007-08 Travel Arrangements

As districts work to establish their 2007-08 GSE teams and travel plans, all districts are encouraged to complete their Travel Request Form or Local Purchase Request form and submit this to Rotary International Travel Services (RITS) as soon as travel dates, cities, and team participants have been determined. RITS requests that all teams complete the Travel Request Form or Local Purchase Form electronically. In addition, please indicate each traveler's complete name as it appears on their passport.

Travel Request Forms and Local Purchase Forms can be submitted directly to RITS via e-mail or fax. Please see the RITS and RITS Affiliated Travel Agency contact information on page 32 of the GSE Program Guide for Rotarians. If you are unsure as to which agency you should work with, please contact your GSE coordinator at TRF.

All travel forms are due to RITS at least 45 days prior to the team's scheduled date of departure. In addition, the GSE department requests that each district also submit a copy of the Travel Request Form to their GSE coordinator.

The GSE department would like to remind all districts that per TRF guidelines, GSE teams must fly into one city in or closest to the hosting district at the beginning of their exchange, and *the team must fly out of that same city at the end of their exchange*. Districts are encouraged to determine all travel arrangements in the early stages of their GSE planning.

GSE Team Final Reports

GSE team final reports are due to the GSE department two months after the completion of each team's exchange. Currently, the GSE department has not received all final reports for the 2006-07 travel season. Districts are reminded to submit these reports to TRF as soon as possible, as failure to submit a final team report may result in a delay of confirmation for the district's 2008-09 exchange. Please submit Final Report and Evaluation Forms, along with any team pictures, electronically to your GSE coordinator.

Alumni Relations

Rotary Centers for International Studies

Ms. Cathy Brown, USA, Rotary World Peace Fellow, 2005-07, International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan, sponsored by the Rotary Club of San Francisco, USA, District 5010

Ms. Cathy Brown was recently awarded an Erasmus Mundus Scholarship in the Sustainable Forestry and Nature Management (SUFONAMA) program in Copenhagen, Denmark. She will embark on a two year program, one year in Denmark and one year in Wales. Upon completion, she will earn two master's degrees, one in forestry and one in land and conservation management. Even before beginning her Rotary fellowship, Cathy's career goal and personal interest was to work in conflict management with regard to allocation of forestry resources. There is a conflict management element to the coursework in Denmark that dovetails with her studies at International Christian University, where she received a Master of Arts in Public Administration, Specializing in Peace Studies.



Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies

Ms. Nosisa Ncube, Zimbabwe, Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Participant, July 2007, Chulalongkorn University, sponsored by District 9210

Ms. Nosisa Ncube is the regional coordinator for HelpAge Zimbabwe in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe where her main focus is to initiate programs to mobilize both the community and service providers to raise awareness and help in the development of elderly-friendly policies and attitudes. Specifically, Ms. Ncube worked to help relocate transient individuals to permanent homes. She faces her career with an optimistic, but also realistic outlook. She says, "While it is not possible for the scarce resources to be shared equitably amongst all, means of making sure that everyone gets a share as per their needs must be put in place. My career objectives of promoting the sharing of resources, accommodating one another and taking care of each other in our communities are in line with The Rotary Foundation's mission. By so doing we are promoting tolerance, increasing goodwill and eventually building peace in the world."

Ambassadorial Scholarships



Cecil Murray, sponsored by District 9300 to study at University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia in 1998-99 also traveled to the USA as a GSE team member in 1988-89. He served twelve years in the South Africa Police Service through the transformation of the organization from its apartheid period to a community-service focus with a human rights culture. In 2002, he accepted a position as staff training manager at the University of the Witwatersrand and has completed a number of exciting international projects promoting human rights in law enforcement. He trained police instructors in the Republic of Georgia, Tanzania, Uganda, and Kenya.

Marc Sommers, sponsored by District 7930 to study at University of Dar es Salaam in Tanzania in 1990-91, has conducted research in 20 war-affected countries over the past 18 years on child soldiers, education in emergencies, conflict negotiation, forced migration, urbanization and

human rights. He is associate research professor of humanitarian studies at Tufts University and a research fellow at Boston University's African Studies Center and is currently carrying out research on the terror war tactics and child soldiering in Sierra Leone as well as finalizing a study on youth in Rwanda for the World Bank. His book, *Fear in Bongoland: Burundi Refugees in Urban Tanzania*, received the 2003 Margaret Mead Award.

Alexandre Ngamije, sponsored by District 9150 to study at Rockford College in Rockford, Illinois, USA, was awarded a 2006-07 scholarship from the highly selective Scholarships Fund Pool for Low-Income Countries. Alexandre recently presented at Illinois Valley Community College in Oglesby, Illinois, on his incredible journey to education from his homeland that experienced one of the worst atrocities committed on human kind, the Rwandan Genocide. Alexandre is continuing his study at Rockford College through the 2007-08 academic year with the support from District 6420.

Group Study Exchange

Judith Lorigan, 2000-01 GSE team leader alumna sponsored by District 7300 (USA) to District 2770 (Japan), is featured in an article entitled *Rotary Bunch* focusing on New Generations Month. The article discusses how she has gotten her whole family involved in Rotary activities. To view the article click here: http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/features/0709_tr_rotary_bunch.html

Ra Joy, 2000-01 GSE team member sponsored by District 6440 (USA) to District 3790 (Philippines), was recently interviewed on Chicago Public Radio in a piece about governmental budget cut challenges for his organization, the Illinois Arts Council. Ra will be making a presentation next week at the Rotary club of Peoria, IL and says, "I'll be sure to talk about my amazing experience as a GSE team member."

PLANNING & ADMINISTRATION

Important Notice about RI Website

On 8 October, Rotary International will launch a new Web site with an updated look and enhanced features, including:

- Streamlined navigation
- A library of Rotary images
- An easy-to-read Club Locator
- An improved search function

The new Web site is part of RI's efforts to significantly upgrade its data center to prepare for future growth. Because of these important upgrades, the current Web site, e-mail to staff, and phone/fax service at RI World Headquarters in Evanston will be unavailable from 27 September until 1 October.

- Please note that email will **NOT** be available but incoming email addressed to you should be delivered upon resumption of service.
- At ORC we will not have access to the internet
- Rotarians will not have access to the RRFC Forum (or other secure sites), Member Access, or the Rotary International Website.

- We will not be able to receive phone calls or voicemail and your calls will be redirected to an answering service.
- The International Offices will also be experiencing most of the items listed above.

We are notifying you now as some of you will be at your zone institutes or out traveling on Rotary business. **Please make the necessary arrangements to download any presentations or documents off of the website, member access, or the RRFC Forum ahead of time. Also please be aware if you have created a link to the RI website in any of your presentations that take place on the days stated above, the link will not work.**

Rotary apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause as we make final preparations for the launch of the new Web site. Should you have any questions regarding this outage, please contact your RRFC TRF leadership coordinator, Melanie Davis or Kimberly Evon.

2008 RRFC Institute Planning Underway

Under the leadership and guidance of moderators, Rolf Hörndler and Mark Daniel Maloney, your TRF leadership development team is working diligently to plan another successful RRFC Institute for RRFCs who will begin their 1st year or continue serving during 2008-09. The agenda is still in the planning stages; however, there are a few important changes we can mention now:

- The Institute has been reduced by 1 day. Dates are 17-21 February. A call-to-meeting letter is forthcoming with all necessary details for making your travel arrangements, but please plan to arrive at the hotel before 1400 p.m. on Saturday 16 February for registration, and depart on Thursday, 21 February not earlier than 1900 hours.
- The RFACs will not be joining our meeting this year. As part of the Zone team building, training for RFACs, MGAs and SAs will be conducted by RRFCs in 2008-09.
- International Office Foundation staff will not be attending the Institute this year.

SHARE Tip of the Month

Good news about *SHARE*: the 2007-08 *SHARE* Transaction Detail by District reports are more reader-friendly. Artifacts from the old *SHARE* system that made this report so challenging to interpret are a thing of the past. A new guide to the report will be available soon on the RRFC Forum. Questions about *SHARE*? Contact Steve Lyons, 847-866-3362; steve.lyons@rotary.org.