

Coordinator Communiqué

A Forum for Foundation News

October 2007

FUND DEVELOPMENT

Contributions Update

As of 30 September 2007, contributions to The Rotary Foundation totaled US\$21,221,010 - an increase of 10.58% over last year at this time. Giving to the Annual Programs Fund totaled US\$14,735,988 - an increase of 7.74%. Contributions to the Permanent Fund declined by 12.08%, and totaled US\$1,822,241. Restricted giving was up 35.50% to US\$4,662,780.

	<u>September 2007</u>	<u>September 2006</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
Annual Programs Fund	US\$14,735,988	US\$13,677,501	7.74%
Permanent Fund	US\$ 1,822,241	US\$ 2,072,558	(12.08)%
<u>Restricted Giving</u>	<u>US\$ 4,662,780</u>	<u>US\$ 3,441,293</u>	<u>35.50%</u>
TOTALS	US\$21,221,010	US\$19,191,352	10.58%

2006-2007 Club Recognition Banners

The mailing of club recognition banners for the Top Three Per Capita Giving Clubs, 100% Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member Clubs and Every Rotarian Every Year Clubs in 2006-2007 was completed as of 19 October 2007. The banners and congratulatory letters were mailed to the current District Governors. Inquiries regarding banner recognition should be emailed to: apf@rotary.org or to the Contact Center at contact.center@rotary.org. Foundation staff will be happy to review any discrepancies in banner recognition on a case-by-case basis.

November is Foundation Month

Many clubs and districts will be holding Foundation programs within the next few weeks. Please work with the Annual Programs Fund Strategic Advisors, Major Gifts Advisors, and Rotary Foundation Alumni Coordinators in your Zones to share the message about the importance of having Every Rotarian contribute to our Foundation Every Year.

Share this great news - In 2006-2007, we achieved a worldwide per capita of US\$86.13, an increase of 11.85% over the 2005-2006 Rotary year. A total of 12 zones exceeded the US\$100 per capita and an impressive 83 districts achieved 100% participation, with every club in the district contributing to the Annual Programs Fund. Worldwide, there were 224,341 Rotary Foundation Sustaining Members and 257,508 Every Rotarian Every Year participants.

As of 30 June 2007, there were 177 districts reporting they had a Paul Harris Society with a reported membership of 4,415. Yet, worldwide there were 20,446 Rotarians who contributed \$1,000 or more to the Foundation and could be eligible to be Paul Harris Society members, if only their districts established one.

This November, let's take a serious look at how we can increase giving to our Foundation. Let's encourage every district to establish a Paul Harris Society. Let's share the Rotary stories so all may be encouraged by the good work that Rotarians are accomplishing in their clubs and districts through Foundation District Simplified Grants, Matching Grants, Ambassadorial Scholars, World Peace Fellows, Grants for University Teachers, Individual Grants, PolioPlus Partners and more. Let's work to increase our membership and increase our participation in Foundation programs so we can retain our members.

Just remember...

Every Rotarian, every project and every contribution makes a difference every year.

USA and Canada Take Note – Changes to TRF DIRECT Donations

Effective 1 November 2007, the Foundation is utilizing a new provider for the transmission of electronic fund transfers (EFT) through our TRF DIRECT Donations of automated recurring bank account contributions in Canada and bank account and credit card contributions in the United States. This transition should appear seamless to the donors. The use of a new provider to conduct our EFT transactions will enable the Foundation to offer Canadian Rotarians the option for recurring credit card withdrawals in the TRF DIRECT program effective 1 January 2008. TRF DIRECT brochures are currently being updated for Canada to reflect this change. Any questions related to TRF DIRECT can be sent to: trfdirect@rotary.org or you may call the Contact Center at: 1-866-976-8279.

It's Never Too Early To Remind Rotarians

In many countries, in order to receive a tax receipt for contributions made in calendar year 2007, contributions must be postmarked before 31 December 2007 and received by the Foundation no later than 7 January 2008 to qualify as a 2007 contribution. Many clubs do a disservice to their members by holding on to member contributions well into the new calendar year. Encourage everyone to get their contributions in early.

POLIOPLUS

October 2007 Open Projects List & PolioPlus in Action e-Newsletter

See attached the Open Projects List and PolioPlus in Action Newsletter for October 2007.



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HUMANITARIAN GRANTS PROGRAM

District Simplified Grant Mailing Follow-up

As announced in August 2007, the 2008-09 District Simplified Grant information packet was sent to all RRFCs and district leaders electronically for the first time. Using email for this purpose saved TRF a great deal in mailing costs and delivered this important information to district leaders almost instantaneously. Please note that hard copies were sent to district leaders if email addresses were not available or if an email attempt indicated a problem with delivery.

In addition, 37 districts will experience a reorganization during the Rotary Year 2008-09. Currently, the Planning and Administration division is recalculating the new DDF and DSG spending limits for these 37 districts. Once this is completed, TRF will send out the 2008-09 DSG mailing to the appropriate district leaders indicating their new spending limits for the 2008-09 DSG year.

If you have any questions or concerns about the 2008-09 DSG mailing, please contact the Program Officer for DSG, Shelby French, at Shelby.french@rotary.org or 847-866-3832.

World Reporting

Humanitarian Grants staff members have finished calculating the reporting percentages for every district. This information will be provided to RRFCs before being distributed to each district by the end of November.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

University of Queensland Rotary Center Receives Award from Queensland Government



The Rotary Center at the University of Queensland was recently recognized by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet of the State of Queensland, Australia as an institution dedicated to enriching the international student experience. Rotary Center Past Director, Dr. Marianne Hanson and Rotary Center Host Area Coordinator Judy Magub received the award on behalf of the Center and TRF. The 2007 Celebrating International Education and Training Industry Showcase highlighted the best practices and contributions of Queensland's international education and training providers and individuals. Congratulations to all at the Rotary Center at UQ!

Past and Current RRFCs Active on Rotary Centers Committees

The current Rotary Centers Committee and the current Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Selection Committee have on their rosters several former RRFCs. They are:

Rotary Centers Committee:

Toshio Itabashi	1992-94
Kyu-Hang Lee	2002-05
G. Kenneth Morgan	2002-03
Duane Sterling	1995-97

Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Selection Committee:

Robert Brown	2003-06
Francisco (Paco) Creo	1989-92
David Neumann	2004-07
Noraseth Pathmanand	1990-91

Rotary Centers Committee Meets to Select 60 New Rotary World Peace Fellows

The thirteen Rotarian members and seven University Representatives of the Rotary Centers Committee met in Evanston 8-12 October 2007. In addition to discussing many varied topics relating to the program, the Committee selected 60 new Rotary World Peace Fellows for the 7th Class (2008-10), along with 9 alternates.

ROTARY PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES PROGRAM

Call for Applications - July 2008 Session

TRF is eagerly accepting applications for the July 2008 and all succeeding sessions of the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program. Application forms and other materials are available on the RPCS webpage now listed under the “Students and Youth” section of www.rotary.org. District endorsed applications for the July 2008 session is due to TRF by 1 December 2007. Contact Jenn Weidman at jenn.weidman@rotary.org with any questions.

Event Speakers

Contact Michael Pfriem, Alumni Relations Coordinator for Rotary’s peace alumni, at Michael.Pfriem@rotary.org or 847-866-3332 to schedule a Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program participant or alumnus to speak at your upcoming Rotary event.

Featured Participant

Ms. Mariangela Abreu Lima, Brazil, January 2008 session, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ipero, District 4620



Ms. Mariangela Abreu Lima is a Mediator for Febrafarma and Mediação Coroporativa, Campinas in Brazil, as well as a TEC Chair for TEC Brazil. She works with mediation in the corporate world, especially in the pharmaceutical industry, and is both mediator and a teacher of mediation techniques.

Mariangela writes, “It’s my wish and plan to develop myself in the field of conflict resolution, generative dialogues, creative problem solutions, and collaborative negotiation. I wish to consolidate my career in that direction and I’ve a strong wish to develop international experience in that field. I believe I can help support The Rotary Foundation’s mission of understanding and conflict prevention and resolution because I’m already doing it locally. The next step is to acquire the knowledge and expertise to do it internationally.”

AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND ROTARY GRANTS FOR UNIVERSITY TEACHERS

Preparing and Hosting Ambassadorial Scholars - How RRFCs Can Help

Active and involved Rotarian host counselors ensure that Ambassadorial Scholars learn about their host countries and become involved in Rotary activities. As 2007-08 Ambassadorial Scholars assigned to study in the South Hemisphere prepare for February and March arrivals in their host countries, RRFCs are encouraged to work with districts to ensure that each scholar is assigned a host club and host counselor and that the counselors help scholars balance ambassadorial and academic activities. At this time, some scholars starting between January and March have not yet been assigned host counselors, and the Scholarships Department staff will soon get in touch with the Host Districts to obtain those assignments. RRFCs will be copied on the emails and faxed communications.

Mandatory Attendance at Scholar Orientation Seminars

For the fifth year, mandatory attendance at an outbound scholar orientation seminar is stressed in the following two communications from TRF:

- 1) E-mail addressed to District Governors acknowledging receipt of the 2008-09 Scholarship Applications from their districts;
- 2) Assignment letters sent to 2008-09 Ambassadorial Scholars.

Sponsor Districts and recipients of these letters are referred to the following link for an updated list of 2007-08 Regional Scholar Orientation Seminars:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/EducationalPrograms/AmbassadorialScholarships/Pages/About.aspx>

Scholarships Fund Pool for Low-Income Countries

The Scholarships Fund Pool for Low-Income Countries Selection Committee will meet at RI World Headquarters 13-15 November 2007 to select up to 32 Ambassadorial Scholars to study during the 2008-09 program year. The Trustee-appointed selection committee includes current RRFC Alan Hollands and past RRFCs Sam Okudzeto, P.T. Prabhakar and Rudolf Hörndler.

Contact: Renée Stephenson, Resource Development Senior Supervisor, tel: 847-866-3314; fax: 847-866-0934; email: Renee.Stephenson@rotary.org.

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE

New GSE Coordinator

The GSE department is pleased to announce that a new coordinator has been hired.

Rebecca Crall comes to the GSE department from Rotary International. She will be working with Zones 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21 and 34. Please feel free to contact Rebecca via e-mail at Rebecca.Crall@rotary.org or by phone at 847-866-3327.

2007-08 GSE CD ROM

The GSE department would like to alert all districts that are new this year that both the Team Member Handbook CD ROM and the Program Guide for Rotarians CD ROM have been combined into one comprehensive CD. By now all Rotary districts have received this CD, and are encouraged to distribute the CD to any interested GSE applicants. Additional CDs can be ordered online, free of charge. Please contact your GSE Coordinator at TRF if you are interested in ordering additional CDs.

Interactive GSE Program Materials

This year, all GSE program materials on the GSE 2007-08 CD ROM are interactive and can be completed electronically. The GSE department would like to encourage all districts to submit typed team member and team leader applications, as well as GSE Medical, Insurance and Travel Request Forms. Should you have any questions about the new program formats, please contact your GSE Coordinator.

2008-09 GSE Partnerships and Confirmation

TRF will send out 2008-09 GSE pairing confirmation notices via e-mail starting in November 2007. We encourage Governors-elect to immediately contact their partners once they receive their confirmation of the pairing in order to fill out the GSE Travel Information Form. This form is due to the GSE department no later than **1 January 2008**.

Districts that are seeking Trustee pairings for participation in the GSE program for 2008-09 should remain flexible to partnering with regions/countries they have not partnered with in the past 5-10 years.

ALUMNI RELATIONS

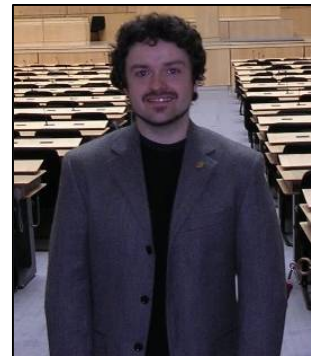
The first-ever Rotary Alumni Celebration will take place in conjunction with the upcoming 2008 RI Convention in Los Angeles, CA, USA 13-14 June. This is a special preconvention event tailored to TRF alumni and interested Rotarians and includes workshops, networking opportunities, featured speakers, and a reception. RRFs are encouraged to promote the Rotary Alumni Celebration to alumni in their areas and to attend the event. For additional information go to www.rotary.org/events/conventions/2008.

Rotary Centers for International Studies

Mr. Jeffrey Pool, USA, Rotary World Peace Fellow, 2003-05, Institut d'Etudes Politiques, Paris, France, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Tigard, Oregon, USA, District 5100

Jeffrey Pool landed in Washington, DC upon concluding his Rotary World Peace Fellowship at the Rotary Center at Institut d'Etudes Politiques in Paris, France. He spent some time as a researcher on cyber-terrorism for the Jamestown Foundation before finding a position to that truly reflects his interests.

He is now the features editor for Magharebia.com, a US-sponsored news website devoted to North Africa. As editor, he has the opportunity to use his Arabic and French language skills on a regular basis. He even had the opportunity to publish some of his own research. He hopes that travel to Algeria and Morocco to meet with correspondents is in his future. He comments, "I've been doing this now for about a year and it is very rewarding."



Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies



Mr. Francis Kabosha, Zambia, Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Participant, January 2007, Chulalongkorn University, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Nkwazi, Zambia, District 9210

Mr. Francis Kabosha is a refugee officer for the Zambian Commissioner for Refugees' Office in Mporokoso, Zambia. The Commissioner for Refugees' Office is a department of the Ministry of Home Affairs. The ministry grants refugee status and designates the place of residence through the Commissioner's Office.

When Francis is not traveling as part of his job, he is traveling to enhance his skills to better perform his job. After flying to Salt Lake City for the World Peace Symposium, he immediately went to the University of Oslo in Norway for a six-week training session on Peace Research. He is currently on a mission to Democratic Republic of Congo where his objective is to meet with UN Human Rights Commission, government, and NGO representatives to try to streamline the Commissioner for Refugees' Office's repatriation operation.

Francis exhibits a long-term perspective on his role in building peace in Africa, "Currently I am handling the effects of man's destruction on another man and I fully understand the evils of an unpeaceful world. It is time for me to take another step further from dealing with the aftermath of conflicts, to that of preventing them. [The Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program] has the answer to my desire for creating a strong career in conflict resolution, prevention and transformation to ultimately see a world free from atrocities and a better environment to live in."

Group Study Exchange

Tom Moore, 2000-01 GSE team leader sponsored by the Rotary Club of McAllen North, Texas, USA (District 5930) to South Africa (District 9300) was featured in the *Why I am a Rotarian* newsletter on 14 October. Tom has been a Rotarian since 1984 and is currently a district governor. To read Tom's words, visit: <http://www.rotaryfirst100.org/why/2007/1014moore.htm>.

Dr. Patcharaporn Panyawuthikrai (Dr. Apple), 2000-01 GSE team member sponsored by the Rotary Club of Taksin-Dhombure, Bangkok, Thailand (District 3350) to CA, USA (District 5160) is the current chair of RFAA, the alumni association of District 3350 in Thailand. She reports that they are preparing to distribute an alumni association newsletter in Thai and English to keep members connected. After an alumni reception in District 3330, Bangkok (pictured), the RFAA is also planning on organizing a national meeting of alumni for 2008.



Ambassadorial Scholarships

Dr. Alvin Wee, a 1994-96 Ambassadorial Scholar sponsored by the Rotary Club of Singapore, Singapore (District 3310) to study at University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa, USA, is currently Director of Otolaryngology at University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska, USA. He is also associate professor at the Division of Oral Facial Prosthetics / Dental Oncology, and has served as associate professor of restorative dentistry at Ohio State University.

Dr. Campbell Murray, a 2001-02 Ambassadorial Scholar sponsored by the Rotary Club of Pukekohe, New Zealand (District 9920) to study at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA, is currently a managing director at the Novartis BioVenture Fund, in Cambridge, MA. He is a New Zealand-trained physician and holds an MBA from Harvard Business School and an MPP (public policy) from the John F. Kennedy School of Government.

PLANNING & ADMINISTRATION

SHARE Tip of the Month

Wondering where to find *SHARE* on the new rotary.org? Go to the **Contribute** tab. Click on **Funds** (underneath Contribute). On the left is a link to **SHARE**. Click on the link and you will be taken to a brief description of the *SHARE* system. From there, you can click on a link to the *SHARE* kit, as well as links to the programs funded through *SHARE*.

Questions about *SHARE*? Contact Steve Lyons, 847-866-3362; steve.lyons@rotary.org