



Coordinator Communiqué

A Forum for Foundation News

December 2007

FUND DEVELOPMENT

Contributions Update

For the five months ending 30 November 2007, contributions to The Rotary Foundation totaled US\$140,459,233, up 273.70% overall due to the significant PolioPlus contribution made by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for US\$100,000,000, challenging The Rotary Foundation to match this gift with an additional US\$100 million in contributions to PolioPlus over the next three years. Annual Programs Fund contributions remain solid with a modest growth of 6.67% to US\$28,580,642 over last year. Contributions to the Permanent Fund declined -19.45% totaling US\$4,033,158.

	<u>November 2007</u>	<u>November 2006</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
Annual Programs Fund	US\$ 28,580,642	US\$26,792,855	6.67%
Permanent Fund	US\$ 4,033,158	US\$ 5,007,090	(19.45)% <u>Restricted</u>
<u>Giving</u>	<u>US\$107,845,433</u>	<u>US\$ 5,786,402</u>	<u>1,763.77%</u>
TOTALS	US\$140,459,233	US\$37,586,349	273.70%

Tax-Deductible Receipts for 2007 Contributions

Contributions requiring 2007 calendar year tax receipts must be **postmarked on or before 31 December 2007** and **received at The Rotary Foundation by Friday, 7 January 2008**. It is best to allow seven (7) to 10 days for mail delivery. Any contributions postmarked after 31 December 2007 or received after 7 January 2008 will be counted in 2008. Contributions should be mailed to the appropriate Rotary International Office or designated fiscal agent.

Wire transfers must be initiated prior to 31 December 2007 and received at One Rotary Center by 4 January 2008.

Online contributions via MasterCard and Visa credit cards will be accepted until 2400 hours Central Standard Time on 31 December 2007. Online contributors must print out their own tax receipts. Please note that online contributors outside of the United States are not eligible to receive the tax benefits from their respective countries for these contributions.

Credit Card Contributions received at the lockbox after 31 December 2007 will be considered January 2008 gifts. The best way to make a credit card contribution to meet the 31 December 2007 deadline is to fax the contribution to **1-847-556-2139**. It must be faxed to World Headquarters by close of business at 1700 hours Central Standard Time on 31 December 2007.

Foundation Month Feedback

Did you participate in or hear of any exciting fundraising activities that took place in your part of the world or at your recent Zone Institute during Foundation Month in November? If so, please share them with Roylene Gallas, Director of Annual Giving, for inclusion in the *Every Rotarian, Every Year Newsletter*. Send via email at: roylene.gallas@rotary.org or by fax at: 847-328-5260.

Permanent Fund

On 30 September 2007, the Permanent Fund's net assets were US\$224.7 million. As of 31 October 2007, the estimated expectancies to the Permanent Fund stood at US\$369.7 million.

Major Donor Endows Two Rotary Centers Scholarships

PDG Jerry and Goldie Wilford, Level 6 Major Donors, endowed two Rotary Centers Scholarships on 3 November 2007 at the D6040 Rotary Foundation Dinner. The scholarships were announced to the more than 400 in attendance at the dinner in Lee's Summit, MO. The Wilfords endowed one in their own name, and as a surprise, endowed the other \$500,000 scholarship in the name of Past Director Richard "Dick" and Doris Burnett. Past Director Dick has been involved with the creation of the Rotary Centers program from the onset. The Burnetts, who had been asked to invite their two daughters to share in the announcement, were surprised and thrilled by the great honor. The Wilfords used a wholly owned and paid Life Insurance Policy to fund the gift. The gift was previously designated to Permanent Fund/World Fund.

Bequest Society Update

As of 31 October 2007, there were 5,869 Bequest Society commitments with an expected value of US\$255.2 million. These commitments represent a significant percentage of the expectancies to the Permanent Fund and an increase of 52 new bequests valued at more than US\$2.9 million since September.

IRA Charitable Giving Opportunity for U.S. Rotarians through December 2007

From now until 31 December 2007, individual U.S. donors who are 70½ 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.

Donor Advised Fund Update

As of 31 October 2007, there were 101 DAF accounts with a fair market value of US\$5.88 million.

HUMANITARIAN GRANTS PROGRAM

See next months issue for updates.

POLIOPLUS

Rotary International and Gates Foundation Together Commit \$200 million to Eradicate Polio

Rotary International announced a partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation on 26 November that will inject a much needed US\$200 million into the global effort to eradicate polio. Read more at:

http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/PressCenter/PressReleases/Pages/071120_pr_gates.aspx

Status of PolioPlus Partners Program Funding in Light of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Challenge Grant

Rotary has stepped forward to meet the terms of the Gates Foundation challenge grant to raise a total of US\$100 million in matching funds over a three-year period beginning 1 January 2008. The Rotary Foundation Trustees and the Board of Directors of RI have endorsed the conceptual plans to raise the matching funds. More details will be available soon.

Several questions have surfaced in regards to the status of PolioPlus Partners program funding. Please use the following statements to address these questions:

- Cash and DDF donations to PolioPlus Partners, effective 1 December 2007 through 30 June 2008, will be counted towards matching the Gates Foundation Challenge Grant.
- 2007-08 cash and DDF donations to PolioPlus Partners will continue to be matched US\$.50 for every \$1.00 contributed, up to US\$1.5 million.
- PolioPlus Partners is counting on current fundraising efforts to provide full funding for all project requests this year.

Should you have any questions, please contact Carrie BRUCE, PolioPlus Partners Senior Coordinator, at Carrie.Bruce@rotary.org.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Rotary Centers for International Studies

Class VII Rotary World Peace Fellow Finalists Chosen

The thirteen Rotarian members and seven University Representatives of the Rotary Centers Committee met in Evanston, 8-12 October 2007, to select the most recent class of Rotary World Peace Fellow Finalists. The new class is comprised of men and women from 33 different nations. 47% of the finalists are from low-income countries and 12% are from countries with Muslim majorities. The average age is 30 years old and the male to female ratio is 52% to 48%. This is the first year that finalists were chosen from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, China, Cyprus, Macedonia, Slovakia, Somalia, and Togo. These Class VII finalists, pending acceptance from their respective Rotary Center universities, will study for master's degrees in the academic years, 2008-2010.

Upcoming Rotary Centers Annual Seminars

Chulalongkorn University	10 April 2008
Duke University/University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	12 April 2008
University of California, Berkeley	20 or 27 April 2008
University of Queensland	17 May 2008
International Christian University	May 2008

Help us Recruit the next class of Rotary World Peace Fellows

District Rotary World Peace Fellowship Chairs should be appointed in each district. Their main responsibility is to recruit candidates for the Rotary Centers program and for the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies program in Bangkok. Please make sure that every Rotary Zone has a Peace Chair appointed in each district. For any questions regarding Peace Chairs and for additional ideas on recruitment, contact Judy Gibson, Rotary Centers Department Manager at Judy.Gibson@rotary.org

Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program

Call for Applications – Deadline Extension (July 2008 Session)

TRF is still 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. The deadline for district endorsed applications for the July 2008 session to be submitted to TRF has been extended to 2 January 2008. Contact Jenn Weidman, Peace and Conflict Studies Specialist, at Jenn.Weidman@rotary.org with any questions.

Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Alumnus Receives a Standing Ovation at UN

Richelieu Allison, a native of Liberia now living in Sierra Leone, gave a moving speech to over 900 Rotarians at RI Day at the United Nations on 3 November 2007. He told of his traumatic childhood in Liberia where he was forced to live in a refugee camp during the time of internal strife in his country. Rich learned about the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies program on the internet, applied, and was chosen to study for three months in Bangkok. The experience for him was transformative. He now works for the West African Youth Network in Sierra Leone and is in the process of organizing a Rotary Peace Caravan to travel through various countries in Africa, promoting peace and dialogue. Look for more information to follow on this important initiative.

Event Speakers

Contact Michael Pfriem, Alumni Relations Coordinator for Rotary’s peace alumni, at Michael.Pfriem@rotary.org or +1-847-866-3332 to schedule a Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program participant or alumnus to speak at your upcoming Rotary event.

Featured Participant

Ms. Assabah Khan, India, January 2008 session, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Kashmir, District 3070



Ms. Assabah Khan is a Journalist working for the J&K People's Welfare Institute and Research Centre in Kashmir, India.

Assabah writes, "I strongly believe that as journalists it is our duty to propagate the thoughts which bring harmony among the communities rather than hatred. I am not only looking at things from point of view of our present generation, I am also looking at happenings from the point of view of our future generations. What are we leaving behind for them? This era of unabated violence? Why should there be so much mistrust between the communities? Why should 300,000 Hindus migrate for the fear of their lives? Have we ever dealt with the problems of Ladakh Region? All these questions weigh on my mind when I feel that I should further strengthen my knowledge and work towards peace building in the world."

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 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 met at RI World Headquarters 13-15 November 2007 and selected 27 Ambassadorial Scholars from 23 countries to study during the 2008-09 program year. The Trustee-appointed selection committee included 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

GSE 2006-07 Final Reports

All districts are reminded that submission of Final Reports and Evaluation Forms is required for all GSE teams. These documents are due to TRF two months after travel is completed. Currently, many teams that traveled during the 2006-07 program year have final reports outstanding. If your district is unsure as to whether or not your team's reports have been submitted, please contact your GSE coordinator at TRF. Districts who have not submitted their final reports may not receive the confirmation of their 2008-09 partnership and/or may have postponed travel for their 2007-08 GSE teams.

2007-08 Travel Arrangements

The GSE department requests that outbound teams submit a copy of their **Travel Request Form** to both the GSE department staff and the Rotary International Travel Services (RITS) staff with teams' travel arrangements.

Districts are reminded to use the new interactive documents to submit all pre-departure documents, including the Travel Request Form, in typed format. Please do not hesitate to contact GSE staff if you have any questions about the new forms.

2008-09 GSE Partnerships

The GSE department is in the process of notifying all districts of their 2008-09 GSE partnerships via e-mail. Pairing confirmation letters are being sent to District Governors-Elect, GSE Chairs, and District Rotary Foundation Chairs.

Once your district has received its confirmation letter, we ask that you contact your partner district to determine dates of travel for both teams and complete the **Travel Information Forms**. We would like to remind all districts that these forms are due to TRF by **1 January 2008**.

Please do not hesitate to contact your GSE coordinator at TRF if you have any questions about your district's 2008-09 arrangements.

International Assembly – GSE Meeting Point

District Governors-Elect are reminded to take advantage of the GSE Meeting Point that will be held during the 2008 International Assembly in San Diego. This will take place on **Wednesday 16 January 2008 from 11:20 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.** in the **Manchester A Room**. At the Meeting Point, Governors-elect can make connections and find future GSE partners for their district. TRF staff will be on site to assist with any questions.

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 pre-convention event tailored to TRF alumni and interested Rotarians and includes workshops, networking opportunities, featured speakers, and a reception. Information has been sent to all district governors and alumni and can be found on the RRFC forum under Alumni News. RRFCs are encouraged to promote the Rotary Alumni Celebration to alumni in their areas and to attend the event.

Rotary Centers for International Studies

Ms. Cory McCrudden, USA, Rotary World Peace Fellow, 2005-07, University of Bradford, Bradford, England, sponsored by the Rotary Club of New York, USA, District 7230

Rotary World Peace Fellow Cory McCrudden's goals when she began her coursework at the University of Bradford were to facilitate productive relationships between developed and developing countries in order to create peaceful, stable environments, and to create policies and programs which alleviate poverty. Cory stayed true to her goals through the program and on her applied field experience when she undertook a two-month internship focused on genocide prevention through the Auschwitz Jewish Center and the Center for International Conflict Resolution at Columbia University and then followed that by completing the International Diploma in Humanitarian Assistance training course offered in Geneva, Switzerland. Now upon completing her studies at the University of Bradford, Cory is pursuing a PhD in political science at Yale University. There she will continue studying the root causes of conflict, especially in developing countries. She will focus on globalization, socio-economic and political justice, and political participation among poor and marginalized groups.



Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies

Mr. Simon Milward, United Kingdom, Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program participant, July 2007, Chulalongkorn University, sponsored by the Rotary Club of High Wycombe, England, District 1090



Simon Milward stayed in Thailand after completing the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program. The British citizen recently accepted a position as a project manager with the Karen Teachers Working Group on the Thai/Burmese border. The group works to provide education to people in Burma by training teachers and teacher-trainers.

Simon enjoys the fruits of his studies in Bangkok on a daily basis. He says, "The course taught me a vast amount of useful information. I am now using this immediately in my work in Burma on education and health. In particular I am using it to help with:

- Advocacy involving other humanitarian/development organizations and the public
- Shaping the primary teaching curriculum
- Working with various political parties including bilateral donors
- Designing optimal programs to deliver health and education interventions"

Group Study Exchange

Stuart Williams, 1999-00 GSE team leader sponsored by the Rotary Club of Forest Hill, Victoria, Australia (District 9810 to District 5450 (Colorado, USA) was featured in the *Why I am a Rotarian* newsletter on 25 November 2007. Stuart has been a Rotarian since 1988 and says about his experience “Rotary has now been an integral part of me for over 20 years. It has allowed this very ordinary man to be involved in extra ordinary experiences and achieve amazing things.” To read the rest of Stuart’s words, visit:
<http://www.rotaryfirst100.org/why/2007/1125williams.htm>.

Mellisa Sweet, 2006-07 GSE team member sponsored by the Rotary Club of Thebarton, S.A., Australia (District 9500) to District 3790 (Philippines) reports, “Since my return to Australia I have joined Thebarton Rotary, which was my sponsor club, and am actively involved in their projects. I am liaising with Olongapo (located host GSE district) Rotary Club to facilitate a program for the Elderly people and also children that are cared for by the Missionaries of Charities to enhance their lifestyle.”



Ambassadorial Scholarships



Jeanne Gang, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Belvidere, Illinois, USA (District 6420) to study at Eidgenossische Technische Hochschule Zurich in Switzerland in 1988-89, is a principal of Studio Gang Architects, and their work has been internationally recognized, most recently at the Venice Biennale as one of six firms representing the USA. She led design on recent award winning projects including the Starlight Theatre at Rock Valley College in Rockford and a Community Center in Chicago's China Town. Aqua, an 82-story residential and hotel skyscraper in Chicago designed by her firm, is scheduled for completion in 2009.

Kamran Makhdoom, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Multan-Midtown, Punjab, Pakistan (District 3270), studied at University of Houston in Houston, Texas, USA in 2004-05 funded by the Scholarships Fund Pool for Low-Income Countries. He is currently advocate high court at George R. Willy, P.C., an immigration law firm in Karachi, Pakistan. He has also joined the Rotary Club of Karachi Cosmopolitan and is serving as District 3270 alumni subcommittee chair for 2007-08.



Rhoderick Samonte, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bacolod South, Negros Occ., The Philippines (District 3850), studied at Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts, USA in 2004-05 funded by the Scholarships Fund Pool for Low-Income Countries. While remaining at Brandeis as a visiting fellow, he has formed a non-profit organization, Bridging Youth, to help disadvantaged youth in the Philippines and works as a consultant for Environmental Collaborative in Geneva, Switzerland. He is an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Southborough and a Paul Harris Fellow.

OPERATIONS & ADMINISTRATION

2008 RRFC Institute

All current and incoming RRFCs recently received instructions on registering for the RRFC Institute using the NEW online booking systems. If you have not yet registered for the Institute **and** reserved your hotel room, please follow the instructions below:

To register for the institute, please click the link below.

 [Click here to Register for the RRFC Institute](#)

If for some reason the link does not work and you would prefer to fax your registration to RI, please contact:

Allison Galvin
Small Meetings Specialist
International Meetings, Rotary International
847-866-3116
Allison.Galvin@rotary.org

Official Meeting Dates:

17 - 21 February 2008 (Arrival date should be 16 February unless authorized for earlier arrival)

The meeting opens with personal consultations at 0900 hours on Sunday 17 February and will end with the closing plenary at 1700 hours on 21 February.

Hotel Address:

DoubleTree Hotel and Conference Center Chicago North Shore
9599 Skokie Blvd
Skokie, IL 60077
Telephone: 1-800-444-6835 (U.S. only)

Hotel Reservations:

Reservations for hotel accommodations should be made directly with the DoubleTree Hotel and Conference Center Chicago North Shore ***online*** by clicking on the following link:

 http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/chiccdtdt_rrf/index.jhtml

Please make sure to book your hotel reservations prior to **Wednesday, January 23, 2008**. When reserving your hotel room, you will need to submit your credit card information which will be used towards any incidentals that The Rotary Foundation does not cover. TRF will pay for sleeping accommodations on the nights of the actual meeting and will cover additional nights only if it is considered a forced overnight by RITS. Permission for TRF to cover other nights can be granted by your RRFC Coordinator. You will receive housing confirmation directly from the DoubleTree Hotel and Conference Center Chicago North Shore.

Important: If you are unable to reserve your hotel room using the online system, please contact Allison Galvin at Allison.Galvin@rotary.org. Do not contact the DoubleTree directly or use another DoubleTree URL other than the link provided above.

If you have made your hotel reservations using the online system, but have not yet received a confirmation, please inform Melanie Davis or Kimberly Evon.

RRFC Forum

Please note that an updated version of the extract from the TRF Code of Policies regarding the DRFC chair position can now be found on the RRFC Forum under Trustee Minutes. The 2007 October Trustee Meeting Minutes will be posted in the Download section of the Trustee Minutes category once they have been completed. If you have any questions regarding the changes to the DRFC chair policy, please direct them to Kimberly.Evon@rotary.org. In addition, please see the Download section under GATES Challenge for more information regarding the PolioPlus US\$100 million Gates Challenge Grant.

To get to the RRFC Forum, log on to **Member Access**, (on the left side of the screen) click on **RRFC FORUM** and view the **TRUSTEE MINUTES** folder of the **DOWNLOAD** section.

If you are experiencing difficulties with Member Access, please go directly to the **RRFC Forum** by going to the address below.

<https://map.rotary.org/SecureSites/RegionalCoord>

You will be asked to type in your log in and password. These are the same as your log in and password for Member Access.

If you have not yet registered for Member Access, click REGISTER NOW, and you will be required to provide the following information to register:

1. District number
2. Club number
3. Member ID number

If you do not know the following information, please contact your respective Foundation staff coordinator, Melanie Davis, Kimberly Evon, or Joaquin Mejia.

SHARE Tip of the Month

If a 2006-07 Ambassadorial Scholar expended less than the award amount, the district will receive the difference in the form of a “lower-cost scholarship credit” in their current DDF account. We are preparing to notify via email the DRFC chairs in the districts that are receiving these credits.

Scholars studying currently in 2007-08 are the last ones for which lower cost DDF credits will be available. Effective with 2008-09, the Trustees reduced the DDF option amount for scholarships and changed them to flat grant awards.

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

2007 Manual of Procedure

The 2007 RI Manual of Procedure – A Reference Manual for Rotary Leaders is available for download from the RI website at http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/035en_full.pdf. The purpose of the manual is to help club and district leaders understand Rotary and the Rotary policies and procedures most relevant to their service. This manual is published every three

years, and a copy is sent to each Rotary club and RI officer. This 2007 edition incorporates changes in policy and procedures since 2004.