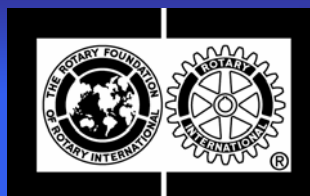


The Regional Rotary Foundation

COORDINATOR COMMUNIQUE



January 2007

A Forum for Foundation News

FUND DEVELOPMENT

Contributions Update

Contributions for the six months ending 31 December 2006 totaled US\$54,113,570, up fractionally to 0.54% over last year. Contributions to the Annual Programs Fund increased 9.93% to US\$39,962,405. Contributions to the Permanent Fund decreased -11.82% to US\$6,256,414. Restricted giving declined – 23.89% to US\$7,894,751. While it is a wonderful achievement to be nearly 10% ahead in giving over last year, this increase will not help us achieve the overall Annual Programs Fund Goal this year of US\$120,000,000. Much work remains to be done if we are to help more and more people in the world each year. Please contact all of your District Governors to encourage them to work toward having every club participate in the Every Rotarian, Every Year effort. Better yet, how many of your districts have established a Paul Harris Society?

	<u>December 2006</u>	<u>December 2005</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
Annual Programs Fund	US\$39,962,405	US\$36,353,957	9.93%
Permanent Fund	US\$ 6,256,414	US\$ 7,095,051	(11.82)%
<u>Restricted Giving</u>	<u>US\$ 7,894,751</u>	<u>US\$10,373,235</u>	<u>(23.89)%</u>
TOTALS	US\$54,113,570	US\$53,822,243	0.54%

Goal Achievement

As you review your RRFC Fundraising Progress Reports, are the clubs and districts in your zones at 50% of their goal achievement for the Annual Programs Fund as of 31 December 2006? Are clubs and districts in your zone carrying a lower than expected per capita? The benchmarks listed below serve as a guideline to clubs and districts as to where each should be in achievement of their annual giving goals:

- 20% Goal Achievement by 30 September
- 33% Goal Achievement by 30 November
- 50% Goal Achievement by 31 December
- 67% Goal Achievement by 30 March
- 100% Goal Achievement by 30 June

The upcoming District Assemblies, District Conferences and other events in your zones are appropriate venues to promote Every Rotarian, Every Year and tell the Rotary Foundation stories of all that your fellow Rotarians are accomplishing to make our world a better place!

2007-2008 Fund Development Club Goal Report Forms -- PETS

The Club Goal Setting process will be discussed in further detail at the International Assembly with clubs once again being asked to submit their 2007-2008 Fund Development Club Goal Report Forms to their DGEs at PETS or no later than 1 May 2007. The official three-part Goal Forms were sent out to all DGEs in the PETS II Supplemental Mailing. The Club Goal Report Forms should be completed at PETS and returned to the DGEs by **1 May 2007**. The DGEs must then submit all of their clubs' goals to the Foundation by **15 May 2007**. The 30 June 2006 Monthly Contribution Reports are posted [Member Access] on the web so that clubs can view their fundraising and goal achievement for 2005-2006. The 2007-2008 Fund Development Club Goal Report Form is downloadable on the website in nine Rotary languages. In addition, the annual giving team has just developed a new handout (attached in originating email for this newsletter) which further explains the Goal Report Form and how to use the Form for fundraising purposes. This handout is currently in Translations and will be posted for download from the website in nine languages shortly. All RRFCs may be asked to assist DGEs in the Goal Setting Process. For more information, contact the Annual Giving Team by email at erey@rotary.org; telephone at 1-847-866-3352; or by fax at 1-847-328-5260.



Using the Club Goal
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Club Banner Recognition Mailings

Due to several glitches in the reporting mechanisms on the new PeopleSoft system, mailing of the Top Three Per Capita, 100% Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member; and EREY Club banners were delayed. Most of the glitches have been fixed and the last of the banners were mailed out in mid-January. Should you hear of any discrepancies or errors due to the banner mailings, please refer those inquiries to erey@rotary.org or to the EREY Hotline at 1-847-866-3352. The annual giving staff will be happy to review the reports and make any corrections as necessary. Here are the 2005-2006 banner recognition totals:

- Top Three Per Capita Banners (minimum US\$50 per capita required): **1,507**
- 100% RFSM Club Banners: **299**
- EREY Club Banners: **1,268**

A photo display of Foundation Banner Recognition is attached in the originating email for this newsletter.



Banner
Recognition.pdf

Using the Monthly Contribution Report and Club Recognition Summary

The Annual Giving Team has developed two new EREY tools to assist Rotarians in understanding the Foundation's most commonly used reports – the Monthly Contribution Report and the Club Recognition Summary. Both tools are attached (via email for this newsletter) for your review and will be available on the web for download in nine languages shortly. We welcome any comments you may have about these materials. Please contact Roylene Gallas, Director of Annual Giving at: Roylene.gallas@rotary.org or by phone at 1-847-866-3046.



Using the Monthly
Contribution...



Using the Club
Recognition Sum...

If you have an idea for a similar fundraising tool that you would like to see developed for use by clubs and districts, please contact Roylene so she can work with her team to make it easier for all Rotarians to promote Every Rotarian, Every Year!

Lockbox Address Information for the United States and Canada

USA: Please publicize that all contributions to the Foundation should be sent to:

The Rotary Foundation
14280 Collections Center Drive
Chicago, IL 60693

Canada: Please publicize that all contributions to the Foundation should be sent to:

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

All Foundation materials (contribution forms, envelopes, etc.) have been updated to reflect these changes. Most of these materials are now available at the Distribution Center and can be ordered via email to pbos@rotary.org; via phone to 1-847-866-4600; via fax to 1-847-866-3276. Updated materials are downloadable from the website also.



The Permanent Fund of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International

On 30 November 2006, the Permanent Fund's net assets were US\$198.7 million and the estimated expectancies stood at approximately US\$329.6 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 31 December 2006, there were 5,304 Bequest Society commitments with an expected value of US\$219.6 million. These commitments represent a significant percentage of the expectancies to the Permanent Fund and an increase of 45 new bequests since November. Thank you.

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. **This is a great way to make a major gift, endow a scholar, support a Peace Fellow or to fulfill your Paul Harris Society promise. Please contact your gift officer for further details.**

Donor Advised Fund Update

As of 31 December 2006, there were 79 DAF accounts with a fair market value of US\$9.0 million. Many Rotary groups are finding the Donor Advised Fund to be an attractive and easy alternative to starting a local Foundation. Find out more at <http://daf.rotary.org>.

For more information, contact:

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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Rotary Centers for International Studies

Rotary World Peace Symposium, 14-16 June 2007, Salt Lake City

There has been an enthusiastic response to the invitations extended to the Rotary World Peace Fellows and Fellow Alumni to participate in the Rotary World Peace Symposium in Salt Lake City in June 2007. As of 15 January 2007, 98 alumni, 57 current Fellows, and 136 Rotarians and guests have registered for the symposium. Registration remains open for Rotarians and Fellows through 31 March 2007.

Rotary Peace Programs Featured in Rotarian Magazine, February 2007

The "In Focus" segment of the February Issue of *Rotarian Magazine* entitled "The Peacemakers," features an article on three Rotary World Peace Fellows, one current participant from the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies program in Bangkok, and one Fellow alumnus. Editor Tiffany Woods chronicles the daily activities of Rotary World Peace Fellows, Stephanie Borsboom, Shai Tamari and June Bas, who are studying for their Masters Degrees at Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Also profiled are Richelieu Allison who studied in Bangkok, and alumnus Path Heang, who received his Masters Degree from The University of Queensland.

Class III Fellows Graduate from Southern Hemisphere Centers

As of the end of December, all Class III Rotary World Peace Fellows graduated from their respective Rotary Center universities. Fellows attending Universidad del Salvador in Buenos Aires Argentina and those attending the Rotary Center at University of Queensland completed their course work, bringing the total of alumni close to 180.

Rotary Center Annual Seminars

Save the Dates: Duke University/University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill—Saturday, 14 April 2007
University of California, Berkeley—Sunday, 29 April 2007

Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program

New RPCSP Class Begins

The latest class of Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program participants began their studies on 8 January 2007. The 17 representatives of 13 different countries will graduate on 9 March 2007. Contact Jenn Weidman at jenn.weidman@rotary.org to schedule Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program alumni to speak at your next Rotary event!

Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program in Print

Watch for a feature article on Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies alumnus Richelieu Allison in the February issue of the *Rotarian* magazine.

Rotary World Peace Symposium

Sign up now to meet many of the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program alumni from the first two classes at the Rotary World Peace Symposium from 14-16 June 2007 in Salt Lake City!

Featured Participant - Mr. Francis Kabosha

Mr. Francis Kabosha of Zambia, January 2007 session, sponsored by District 9210

Francis is a refugee officer for the Commissioner for Refugees' Office for Zambia. Francis says, "My interest in the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program stems from my current job. 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 program has the answer to my desire for creating a strong career in conflict resolution, prevention and transformation to ultimately see a world free to atrocities and a better environment to live in."

Ambassadorial Scholarships and Rotary Grants for University Teachers

Acceptance Packet and Handbook for 2007-08 Ambassadorial Scholars

2007-08 Ambassadorial Scholars will receive their scholarship Acceptance Packet very soon, including the Scholar Handbook, which for the second year in a row is being sent as a CD-ROM. Once again this year, scholars are encouraged to schedule attendance at an outbound scholar orientation seminar upon receipt of their packet. Sponsor districts are also encouraged to assist scholars in doing so through various communications (i.e. mailing to District Governors acknowledging receipt of the 2007-08 Scholarship Applications from their districts; mailing to Sponsor Counselors scheduled for March 2007). 2007 Regional Scholar Orientation Seminar information is posted on the Rotary International website at: http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/seminars.html.

The Educational Programs staff would like to thank RRFC Noel Bajaj for his support and involvement in ASETS, the Regional Scholar Seminar that took place in Austin, Texas on 5 & 6 January 2007, as well as RRFC Anne Matthews for her involvement and support of the North Carolina Scholar Orientation Seminar, which took place in High Point, North Carolina, on 5 & 6 January 2007. This was the first ever combined GSE team and scholar orientation which, thanks to PDG Carol Allen's great leadership, was an amazing success. We encourage RRFCs to promote the idea of Regional GSE orientations that can be organized in conjunction with Regional Scholar Seminars.

Group Study Exchange

First-ever multi-district GSE Orientation held in North Carolina

We are pleased to announce that a joint Group Study Exchange/Ambassadorial Scholar Orientation program was held in High Point, North Carolina, on 5-6 January 2007. This marks the first time that GSE teams have been invited to participate in a weekend orientation to educate outbound team members about Rotary, TRF, their GSE obligations, and many more topics related to pre-departure. The event attracted 20 GSE participants from Zone 33, including teams from North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. Six returning GSE team member alumni were on hand to give testimonials about their experiences and share tips about how to get the most out of Group Study Exchange. Other Rotarian team leaders and GSE District Chairs observed the seminar and will take back valuable information to their districts.

We hope to involve more GSE teams and alumni in multi-district orientation programs around the Rotary world. If you are interested in receiving information on how to organize a similar event, please contact Elizabeth Lamberti, Manager of the Group Study Exchange Department, Email: Elizabeth.Lamberti@rotary.org.

2007-08 Travel Information Forms

Travel Information Forms were due to TRF by **01 January 2007**. For those districts that have still not submitted their travel information forms, we ask that you do so as soon as possible by fax 847-866-0934 or email gse@rotary.org. If your district is not able to communicate with their partner district, please contact your coordinator at TRF for assistance.

2006-07 Program Year - Host Itineraries: A Pre-departure Requirement for GSE

The GSE department will strictly enforce submission of a complete host itinerary as a pre-departure document for districts hosting a GSE team. Host itineraries are due to the sponsor district and to TRF at least two months prior to the team's scheduled date of departure. Sponsor districts must receive and approve proposed host itineraries before team travel tickets can be purchased. Host itineraries should include details about each planned vocational day. GSE Chairs and Team leaders should discuss the itineraries with their team in order to ensure that the team members agree to the agenda.

Pre-departure forms

As the GSE program is starting its busy travel season, it is important that districts submit their pre-departure documents 45 days prior to their date of travel. In addition, it is imperative that the medical and insurance certificates be included. Without these forms, TRF will not be able to approve the release of travel tickets.

Alumni Relations

Rotary World Peace Fellow Alumni

Timothy Haynes, Class III, Sciences Po is presently working for a French consulting group, The Constantin Group in New York on international development/finance projects.

Cindy Rose, Class IV, University of Bradford is Executive Officer, South-East Asia Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Barton, Australia.

Mwila Chigaga, Class III, Duke University is Director General of the International Labor Organization and acts a Regional Gender Advisor for English-Speaking Africa, based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Fellow Alumni

Mr. James Hosannah from India, July 2006 session, sponsored by District 3240



“This three month course of Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies has drastically changed my understanding and widened my knowledge about peace and conflict resolution. Most importantly, because I live in a region of conflict, I now feel the responsibility to share my knowledge with my students and my community. I hope to be able to share the history of my land and people, my understanding of our conflict, and my ethnic-based and identity, recommendations for bringing about peaceful resolution. I thank Rotary for the skills I have learned and I look forward to joining its growing army of peacemakers.” --
James Hosannah, Principal, Sentinel College, Ukhrul, India.

Ambassadorial Scholar and Group Study Exchange Alumni

Dr. Young Woo Kang is originally from Seoul, Korea and was an Ambassadorial Scholar in 1973-74 at the University of Pittsburgh. He currently resides in Arlington, VA, USA and is a member of the Rotary Club of Washington, DC. He advocates for the disabled and was recently invited to speak at a White House event recognizing National Disability Employment Awareness Month. Later this month, he will be awarded as Yonsei University Distinguished Alumnus of the Year in Seoul.

Dr. Kentaro Nagamine was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Yokohama Kohoku, Japan (District 2590) to study physics at Princeton University in Princeton, New Jersey, USA in 1996-98. After obtaining a Ph.D. from Princeton University in 2001, he attended Harvard University as a postdoctoral fellow in 2001-04. He pursued further postdoctoral study at the University of California - San Diego in 2004-06. In August 2006, he became an assistant professor in the Department of Physics & Astronomy at University of Nevada - Las Vegas.

Ms. Rita Taphorn was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Osnabrück, Germany (District 1850) to study at Universidad Adolfo Ibañez in Valparaiso, Chile, in 1998-99. She has worked in various peace keeping missions in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo and Macedonia. She has also served at UNIFEM (United Nations Development Fund for Women) in Afghanistan as programme and operations specialist. She currently resides in Stockholm, Sweden, and is serving as a programme officer at International IDEA. She continues to be involved with Rotary and became a member of the Rotary Club of Stockholm International in May 2006. She can be reached at taphornr@gmx.net.

Ashley York was a GSE team member in 2002-03 from District 7390 (Pennsylvania, USA) to District 2520 (Japan) and a 2005-06 Ambassadorial Scholar from District 5500 (Arizona, USA) to District 3310 (Singapore). She is currently taking a sabbatical from her photojournalism business to finish a photo-essay book and a novel which are both set in Asia. One of her photographs taken during the 2004 RI Convention in Osaka (of a Kyoto flutist) won the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program National Photo Competition and was featured on the cover of their national magazine.

Mary Shymanski was an Ambassadorial Scholar in 1994-95 from District 6400 (Michigan, USA) to District 1080 (England) and a 2002-03 GSE team member from District 6400 to District 4420 (Brazil). She recently received her Master's Degree in international education at School for International Training in Brattleboro, VT, USA. She has held a variety of teaching positions including teaching English in Taiwan and Korea and at a one room school house in rural New England, and is currently teaching social studies and English at the American School in Rome, Italy.

HUMANITARIAN GRANTS PROGRAM

Semi-Annual World Reporting

The Humanitarian Grants Program continues to support district leaders in increasing their grant reporting compliance. As various inquiries have been received by the Humanitarian Grants Program Staff, the following examples have been provided for a better understanding of the Semi-Annual World Reporting process. Below is a more detailed explanation of the report information that RRFC's and district leaders received regarding reporting compliance.

District	Number of paid grants (including partial payments)	Number of current grants	Number of overdue grants	Reporting Percentage
D-1001	10	7	3	70%
D-1002	4	2	2	50%
D-1003	5	3	2	60%

In the example above, D-1001 has met the 70% minimum requirement. However, D-1002 and D-1003 are below 70%, and if at the next Semi-Annual World Reporting Analysis in March 2007, D-1002 and D-1003 remain under 70%, they may be suspended from participating in the Humanitarian Grants Program. Below is an example of how TRF will compare district reporting percentages after the first and second analysis.

District	September analysis	March analysis	Result
D-1001	70%	60%	Will not be suspended
D-1002	50%	90%	Will not be suspended
D-1003	60%	65%	May be suspended

In the example above, D-1001 has met the 70% minimum requirement after the first analysis, but not after the second. Districts will only be suspended after failure to comply with two semi-annual analyses, therefore, D-1001 will not be suspended. D-1002 improved its reporting percentage by the second analysis and therefore will not be suspended. D-1003 was below the 70% reporting requirement after both analyses and therefore they may be suspended.

World Reporting Percentages gathered for the October 2006 Trustee Meeting have been communicated to all RI Districts. In March 2007 World Reporting percentages will be compiled again. In April 2007, the Trustees will review the world reporting statistics and determine whether districts that remain below 70% reporting for both periods should be suspended from participating in Humanitarian Grants. The RRFC's will be notified of district percentages and the Trustees' decision in April 2007 in advance of the communication with district leaders.

Rotarians world-wide are encouraged to become 100% current and compliant with TRF reporting requirements, and no less than 70% by March 2007 to eliminate the possibility of suspension. File Activity Reports, which detail the open grants within a district, may be requested monthly by district officers from grant coordinators, international office staff or from the TRF Contact Center (US and Canadian Rotarians only). In addition, District Governors Elect may request a copy of their district's File Activity Report while attending the International Assembly in San Diego. They can visit the Humanitarian Grants desk located in the TRF booth to request a copy.

3-H Grant Proposals

Below is a draft version of an e-mail communication that will be sent to District Governors, District Governors Elect, District Grants Subcommittee Chairs, and District Rotary Foundation Chairs next month to encourage participation in 3-H Grants. Each year TRF receives between 40 and 60 applications for 3-H Grants. We would like to see these numbers increase in future years to encourage Rotary clubs and districts to utilize this program to fund larger projects with the goal of making their projects more sustainable. Your help in reminding district leaders about this grant funding opportunity is appreciated.

3-H Grants Requests for April 2008

The Rotary Foundation is seeking proposals for 3-H Grant projects to be considered for funding in April 2008. The 31 March 2007 deadline for submission of 3-H proposals is fast approaching.

Each year The Rotary Foundation awards between ten to twenty 3-H Grants. 3-H Grant awards are made for amounts between US \$100,000 and US \$300,000. The grants fund multi-year development projects which integrate a number of elements to address long-term humanitarian needs and build the capacity of communities to help themselves.

3-H Grants now require that the host and international partners have previously partnered together on a Matching Grant within the last 5 years to submit a proposal. If you know of a successful international partnership in your district please urge the clubs to contact the 3-H staff to inquire about submitting a 3-H Proposal and Community Needs Assessment by the 31 March deadline. For more information, contact:

Steve Townsend, Senior Coordinator, 3-H Grants at steve.townsend@rotary.org

Colette Martin-Wilde, Senior Coordinator, 3-H Grants at colette.martin-wilde@rotary.org



3-H Proposal Form
May 06-EN.do...

POLIOPLUS

The World Health Organization holds TFI, ARICC and ARPPC Meetings

The World Health Organization convened the 14th Task Force on Immunization in Africa Meeting (TFI) and the 13th Africa Regional Inter-Agency Coordination Committee Meeting (ARICC) in Maputo, Mozambique, 27-29 November 2006. Members of the African Regional PolioPlus Committee (ARPPC) participated in these meetings, as well as convening their own ARPPC Meeting in Maputo, 30 November - 1 December 2006.

Polio eradication was a prominent topic during the TFI/ARICC meetings. Some of the key recommendations included: Polio-free countries should implement a full range of activities needed to protect the investments made so far, including maintaining high-level surveillance rates for children less than 15 years of age; accelerating strategies to "Reach Every District" to ensure routine immunization coverage exceeds 80%; and rapidly responding to importations and sustaining campaigns, until there is confirmation of interruption of the imported poliovirus.

Highlights from the ARPPC meeting included the introduction of a new strategy for polio immunization in Nigeria, "Immunization Plus Days" (IPDs). IPDs provide an opportunity to reach missed children with oral polio vaccine, while also distributing other child survival services such as bed nets for malaria prevention, Vitamin A to prevent blindness, medicines for diphtheria, measles, etc. Also, Namibia was lauded for its ability to contain their recent polio outbreak in a record time of only 51 days.

PLANNING & ADMINISTRATION

DRFC Chair Appointments - 1 March Deadline

Your help is needed to ensure that the DGEs are aware of the TRF Code of Policy as it relates to the three-year term of the DRFC Chair. The Trustee policy was reviewed at the October 2006 meeting and confirmed. The assignment is to be for a three-year term.

Please advise your DGE to submit the name of their DRFC Chair by 1 March. All DGE's have received letters at their Zone Institutes stating their DRFC Chair for their year or stating their ability to choose a new DRFC Chair for a three-year term renewable for an additional three-year term. DGE's are to work with the DG whom the DRFC Chair will serve in their three-year term as stated in the Code of Policy.

If a DGE has a question about their DRFC Chair, have them contact Kimberly.Evon@rotary.org. Please note if a DGE submits a name other than the name that was listed on their letter, the change will not be valid until it goes through the approval process. Please send requests for approvals to Jon.Stillman@Rotary.org or Kimberly.Evon@Rotary.org