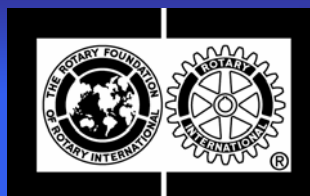


The Regional Rotary Foundation

COORDINATOR COMMUNIQUÉ



April 2007

A Forum for Foundation News

FUND DEVELOPMENT

Contributions Update

Total contributions to The Rotary Foundation through 31 March 2007 are 4.15% ahead of last year's figures for the same period at US\$83,137,762. Of that amount, US\$62,268,471 are Annual Programs Fund contributions, an increase of 11.78% over last year's giving. Permanent Fund giving at US\$8,752,996 decreased -7.72%; and, Restricted contributions at US\$12,116,295 represents a decrease of 17.22% over last year's contributions. Shown below are contribution figures for the nine months ending 31 March 2007:

	<u>March 2007</u>	<u>March 2006</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
Annual Programs Fund	US\$62,268,471	US\$55,706,099	11.78%
Permanent Fund	US\$ 8,752,996	US\$ 9,485,546	(7.72)%
<u>Restricted Giving</u>	<u>US\$12,116,295</u>	<u>US\$14,636,772</u>	<u>(17.22)%</u>
TOTALS	US\$83,137,762	US\$79,828,417	4.15%

Reaching the US\$120,000,000 Goal – Only 51.9% of the Way There!

Please continue to promote achievement of this year's Worldwide APF Goal of US\$120,000,000 by 30 June 2007 at remaining Rotary events. We have achieved 51.9% of our goal, but with only two months remaining in this Rotary year, much work remains to be done.

30 June 2007 Contribution Deadlines

For contributions to be credited for the 2006-2007 Rotary year, they must be postmarked by 30 June 2007 and received by the Foundation no later than 6 July 2007. The earlier clubs and districts submit their contributions, the earlier we can prepare the appropriate recognition items and the earlier we can share the contribution numbers. Please encourage all Rotarians to send in their contributions by 1 June if possible. Contributions received after 6 July 2007 will be counted in the 2007-2008 Rotary year.

Final Countdown – RRFC/Zone Team Year-End Calls To Reach US\$120,000,000

In May and June, please work with your zone team to reach out to as many District Governors in pursuit of our worldwide goals. Please review your "*Contributions Progress Report as of 31 March 2007*" to identify the districts whose clubs are behind in their giving. Contact the District Governors who are behind in their contribution goals. Encourage them to work with their Assistant Governors to contact their club presidents to give Every Rotarian the opportunity to participate in their

Foundation this year. Those clubs who are seeking Foundation banner recognition in the Top Three Per Capita, 100% Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member Clubs and EREY Clubs categories should contribute early so they can better monitor their achievement against competing clubs in the district.

Contact Center Outbound Calls in North America

Next week, Contact Center Agents will begin calling Rotary clubs in North America who contributed to the Foundation last year, but have not yet contributed to TRF this year. This calling effort will be closely monitored for both productivity and sensitivity. The Annual Giving staff will be working closely with the Contact Center to ensure that the calling lists are up to date on a daily basis so that contributing clubs do not receive a telephone call.

2007-2008 Zone Team Trainings

Thank you to all who have provided the date of the RRFC/MGA/SA/RFAC training. If you have not provided your training date please let us know at your earliest convenience. Contact Clare Monroe: Email Clare.Monroe@rotary.org or ph: 1-847-424-5244.



MGA-SA trainings
Zone 1-34 200...

By the end of May 2007, almost all of the Zone team trainings will have taken place around the world. Foundation staff at the RI Offices received a copy of the RRFC/MGA/SA/RFAC training materials electronically and are reproducing the manuals for the trainings. The manuals will serve as a great resource tool to the Zone team following the training session. Please let us know what other materials you would like to see included in the manuals so we can provide you with even better training materials next year! All comments are welcome. Please send them to Roylene Gallas at Roylene.gallas@rotary.org.

Reminder -- New Lockbox Addresses for USA and Canadian Contributions

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

The Rotary Foundation
14280 Collections Center Drive
Chicago, IL 60693

In Canada, all contributions should be sent to:

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

Contributions are still being sent to the old lockboxes and have to be couriered to our new bank. Many Rotarians use out of date forms and envelopes with incorrect addresses on where to mail contributions. All Fund Development contribution forms are updated and available for download on the web.

2007-2008 Fund Development Club Goal Report Forms

Reminder that all District Governors-elect should collect the Club Goal Report Forms from their club presidents-elect by 1 May 2007. Goal Report Forms are due to TRF by 15 May 2007. All goals will be tabulated and presented to the Trustees for review in determining and announcing the 2007-2008 Worldwide Annual Programs Fund Goal at the Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA in June 2007. Club Goal Report Forms can be downloaded in nine languages from the website. Questions on Goal Report Forms may be emailed to erey@rotary.org. Forms may be faxed to 1-847-328-5260.

2007-2008 Club Success Kits

The 2007-2008 Club Success Kits were mailed on 27 April to each club president-elect and each district governor-elect. The Kits will be similar in design to the 2006-2007 Kits (958-ENP). Each Kit contains the following:

- 2007-08 Cover Letter from Trustee Chairman Bhichai Rattakul
- 2007-08 Fund Development Club Goal Report Form
- 2006 Rotary Foundation Facts (159)
- One Every Rotarian, Every Year Brochure/contributions form (957 revised 2007)
- One sheet of 2007-08 Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member Badge Stickers (956)
- Publications Order Form (337)
- 2007-08 Every Rotarian, Every Year Club Success Booklet containing: Every Rotarian, Every Year Resources on the Web; Weekly Rotary Foundation Thoughts; Your Annual Contributions at Work; Annual Programs Fund Challenge/Leverage Gift Examples and more.

Update -- One Millionth Paul Harris Fellow

Thank you to the RRFCs who have submitted photos and stories shared when the representatives of the One Millionth Paul Harris Fellow recognition was awarded in their zones. The Rotarian Magazine will use this material for an article in the November Rotarian magazine space permitting. If possible, please email the photos in high resolution to Roylene Gallas at: Roylene.Gallas@rotary.org.

Every Rotarian, Every Year Newsletter

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

The Permanent Fund

On 28 February 2007, the Permanent Fund's net assets were US \$206.1 million and as of 31 March 2007 the estimated expectancies stood at approximately US \$346.8 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 March 2007, there were 5,475 Bequest Society commitments with an expected value of US \$228.8 million. These commitments represent a significant percentage of the expectancies to the Permanent Fund and an increase of 70 new bequests valued at more than US \$4.7 million since February 2007.

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

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 March 2007, there were 87 DAF accounts with a fair market value of US \$9.3 million. Find out more at www.daf.rotary.org.

RRFC Team Training Schedule

Thank you to all who have provided the date of the RRFC/MGA/SA/RFAC training. If you have not provided your training date please let us know at your earliest convenience. Contact Clare Monroe: Email Clare.Monroe@rotary.org or ph: 1-847-424-5244. Please let us know if you need any additional training materials for your upcoming training.



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POLIOPLUS

The April *PolioPlus in Action* e-newsletter contains information on April's Open Projects List (OPL) which has **15 polio eradication projects in need of a total of US \$4,457,002**. Of this amount, **\$1,703,766 will need paid within the next 3 months**. PolioPlus Partners project requests continue to exceed available funding.

In an effort to keep the download size to a minimum, please click on the following Web link to download the April OPL: http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/ppp_openprojects.pdf.



Newsletter
pr-07.doc (515 KB).

HUMANITARIAN GRANTS PROGRAM

Grant Processing

The Humanitarian Grants division is processing the largest volume of grant applications received all year for the 31 March deadline. Over 1500 applications were received in the month of March alone. Applications are currently being entered and reviewed. Coordinators will be contacting Rotarians for additional information as necessary to complete them for approval. Rotarians will be encouraged to respond quickly by e-mail or fax to help expedite consideration of their grants in the current Rotary year. Due to the unprecedented volume in applications received last month, delays are anticipated in the acknowledgement of the receipt of applications, new application processing as well as communicating grant approvals to sponsors over the next 4-6 weeks. We appreciate the patience of Rotarians and district leaders during this busy time.

This is a good time to remind President elects that they should start working on potential Matching Grant projects for 2007-08 now so that they can submit their applications in the first half of the Rotary year from July to December and avoid the year end rush.

Grant Approvals – April 2007 Trustee Meeting

Thirteen competitive Matching Grants were approved by the full board of Trustees at their April 2007 meeting totaling US\$514,948 in Foundation awards.

The Trustees also approved 18 3-H Grants totaling US\$4,704,763 in grant awards. There were 6 grants approved for projects in Europe and Africa, 7 in Asia, 4 in South America and 1 in North America.

Sponsors of these applications will be notified in the next 2 weeks about the approval of their grant awards.

World Reporting

The Trustees of The Rotary Foundation met the week of 16 April 2007, and reviewed the status of the World Reporting percentages for all RI districts.

The Trustees recognize that timely and accurate grant reporting is an important component of effective stewardship and thank clubs and districts for their progress on improving world reporting compliance for Humanitarian Grants. Reporting percentages increased by 10% worldwide in 2006-07 (see report attached). The Trustees expect that districts will continue to improve their reporting percentages in subsequent semiannual report analyses and it was agreed not to suspend districts for failure to meet the reporting compliance of 70 percent until April 2008.



World Reporting
Statistics Mar...

In May 2007, The Rotary Foundation will be notifying all districts of their reporting percentages, along with the exception made to not suspend RI districts at this time. RRFC's will be notified of the percentages for districts in their zones and they will receive a copy of the letters that will be sent to district leaders in advance of the mailing. Your efforts to help encourage Rotarians to improve their reporting percentages have clearly been effective. We look forward to working with you to continue progress made on improving stewardship.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Rotary Centers for International Studies

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

As of 17 April, 169 Rotary World Peace Fellows, 21 Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies participants, 6 Rotary Center Host Area Coordinators, 10 Rotary Center Directors and staff and 190 Rotarians and their guests have registered for the first ever Rotary World Peace Symposium. Do not worry if you have missed the registration deadlines for the Symposium. There will be on-site registration at the Salt Palace in Salt Lake City beginning Thursday, 14 June at 3 p.m., and continuing on Friday and Saturday. We hope to see you all there! For more information go to:

http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/foundation/070112_peacesymposium.html

Class IV Fellows Graduate from Northern Hemisphere Centers

Fellows from the Rotary Centers at Duke University/University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, University of California at Berkeley, and International Christian University, will graduate in May and June respectively. Congratulations to our new alumni!

Rotary Center Annual Seminars

Over 130 people attended the Rotary Center Annual Seminar at Duke University/University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on Saturday, 14 April 2007. Past RI Director Jose Alfredo Pretoni represented TRF at the seminar. Rotary World Peace Fellows spoke on issues ranging from HIV and Social Exclusion in Bangladesh to Integration of Internally Displace Persons in Nepal, to Using Aid to Resolve Violent conflict in Timore-Leste, just to cite a few examples. The University of California at Berkeley and International Christian University will hold their seminars on 29 April and 02 June respectively.

Peacenet and Branches Newsletters



Do not miss signing up to receive these quarterly updates on the activities of the Rotary Centers and Rotary World Peace Fellows and alumni.

It is easy to join either or both listservs...contact Espen Malmberg (espen.malmberg@rotary.org) to sign up for *Peacenet* and Mike Pfriem (michael.pfriem@rotary.org) to receive *Branches*.

Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program

Call for Applications (January 2008 Session)

TRF is now accepting applications for the January 2008 and all succeeding sessions of the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program. Application forms and other materials are available on the RPCS webpage at <http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/rpcsp/index.html>. District endorsed applications for the January 2008 session are due to TRF by **1 July 2007**.

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:

Mr. Gyan Prakash, India, July 2007 session, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Patna Ashok, District 3250



A journalist for 20 years, Gyan is a staff correspondent with *The Times of India*. Through his participation in the RPCS Program, he looks to improve his understanding of the conflicts he reports and gain a better perspective from which to present his articles.

Gyan writes, "As a staff correspondence of the largest circulated English daily of India, *The Times of India*, I have been covering crime and discord prevailing in the society. It is certainly a challenge to

anyone specially those working in the crime pockets of Bihar, one of the eastern states of India. Though in my own way I have focused on the sufferings of people and style and strategy of marauders through my write-ups in *The Times of India*, I am sure that the Rotary Foundation sponsored Peace and Conflict Studies Program will help me in further sharpening my endeavor to bring about peace in the world society and creating an atmosphere in which people could be convinced to shun conflict and violence.”

Ambassadorial Scholarships and Rotary Grants for University Teachers

2007-08 Host Counselor Appointments Needed

Scholarships staff are working to request host counselor appointments for the Ambassadorial Scholars and Rotary Grants for University Teachers recipients who will study/teach during the 2007-08 Rotary year. Information on the scholars/teachers assigned to each district is being sent this month electronically to District Governors-elect, Scholarship Subcommittee Chairpersons, and if necessary to the District Foundation Chairs. Each district must inform TRF of their host counselor assignments by 15 June 2007. Fax number is 1-847-866-0934.

RRFCs can remind districts they work with that appointing committed Rotarians to this volunteer position ensures that Rotarians will guide the scholars/university teachers in scheduling presentations at Rotary club meetings and working on Rotary service projects. Without active Rotarian involvement in the stewardship of scholarship/grant awards, it is difficult for scholars and university teachers to fulfill their ambassadorial responsibilities and the scholarship/grant becomes merely a funding source for study/teaching abroad. Please help your districts to fulfill their role in training globally-minded future leaders. For questions, please contact: Chris Welber, Scholarships Department Manager, tel: 1-847-866-3323; fax: 1-847-866-0934; e-mail: Chris.Welber@rotary.org or visit our website at: http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/seminars.html.

Scholarships Fund Pool for Low-Income Countries

All districts - both high and low-income - are encouraged to donate *any* amount of DDF to the fund pool as they plan their DDF spending for program year 2008-09. All districts and low-income countries within a district may submit scholarship applications to compete for up to **32** Ambassadorial Scholarships awarded annually through the fund pool. All applications are considered on a world-competitive basis by a Trustee-appointed committee. The deadline to submit applications is the same as for all 2008-09 Ambassadorial Scholarship applications: **1 October 2007**. Contact: Renée Stephenson, Resource Development Senior Supervisor, tel: 1-847-866-3314; fax: 1-847-866-0934; email: Renee.Stephenson@rotary.org

Group Study Exchange

Electronic Final Reports from 2006-07 GSE teams

A GSE is not complete without submission of the final report! TRF urges districts to send in their GSE final reports **via e-mail** including pictures. Reports should be submitted directly to the GSE coordinator at TRF within **2 months** of the team's return to the sponsor district. The GSE chair should also send copies of this report to the subcommittee's members and governor of the sponsor district and partner district. The reports should be 2-4 pages and mention both the highlights of the team's experiences and suggestions for improvement for the host district and the program. Refer to the Final Report form found in the back of the Program Guide for Rotarians (Pub #165) and the Team Handbook (Pub #164) for final report template. This form can also be downloaded from the RI website at <http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/gse/index.html>.

Reimbursements for 2006-07

GSE Chairs are reminded that requests for reimbursements from the 2006-07 program year should be sent to the GSE Coordinators at TRF **within two months** of the incurred expenditures. Payments are issued within 15 business days from the day they are received at TRF if documentation and receipts are complete. In addition, TRF is moving to electronic payments depending on the country the payment is going to. For further details please contact your GSE coordinator at headquarters to confirm whether additional information is required for proper reimbursement.

2007-08 GSE Materials to be sent to District GSE Chairs

In July, all newly-revised GSE materials (including handbooks, brochures, applications, alumni pins, and promotional posters) will be sent to each District GSE Chair. This year TRF will again be sending GSE program guides in CD ROM format. GSE publications and materials will be posted on the web for download in 8 languages. If a district is without a GSE chairperson, the packet of materials will be sent to the District Foundation Chair.

Alumni Relations

Ambassadorial Scholarships

Michael McCarry was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Cary-Grove, Illinois, USA (District 6440) to study at University of Melbourne in Australia in 1972-73. He has been serving as executive director for the Alliance for International Educational and Cultural Exchange in Washington, DC, USA since 1994. His organization works with the US Congress, State Department, and others to promote international exchanges. He spent 18 years with the U.S. Information Agency as a Foreign Service Officer and worked in China and Thailand. He received a master's degree from the University of Texas at Austin and a bachelor's from the University of Notre Dame.

Alissa Nicole Creamer was sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Southeast Portland and Portland Metropolitan in Oregon, USA (District 5100) to study at Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona in Spain in 2005-06. She directed a documentary film about Angolan children whom Spanish Rotary Clubs helped to receive prosthetics after their land mine injuries. Her story was featured on the latest issue of Rotary World. "I am confident that I am demonstrating a commitment to Rotary ideals – furthering peace and cultural tolerance – through the work that I produce," she says.

Eric Stoermer was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Lombard, Illinois, USA (District 6450) to study at Wirtschafts Universitat Wien in Vienna, Austria, in 1995-96. He moved to Massachusetts in late 2003 looking for opportunities in the environmental technology sector. In August of 2004, he was asked to become president & CEO of Environmental Operating Solutions, Inc. in Bourne, Massachusetts. The company develops products that help reduce nitrogen pollution. To learn more about his wastewater treatment business, please visit www.eosenvironmental.com.

GSE

Jamie Johnson was a GSE team member alumnus sponsored by the Rotary Club of Farmington, IL (District 6460) to visit Argentina (District 4880) in 2004-05 and is employed as a fireman. In the fall of 2006, he convinced his fire chief to donate their used ambulance (in great condition) to the town of Las Parejas in the province of Santa Fe, Argentina, where his team went on their exchange. Jamie led the efforts to raise money with local District 6440 Rotarians and churches as well as the Rotarians from his sponsor district to buy the ambulance and coordinate the donation of \$27,000 worth of medical equipment to send along with the ambulance.

Owen George was an Ambassadorial Scholar to Colombia (District 4290) in 1980-81 and a GSE team leader to Taiwan (District 3460) in 2005-06. Owen joined Rotary in 2004, more than twenty years after

serving as an Ambassadorial Scholar. In 2005-06 his district selected him as a team leader to Taiwan, where he had previously lived and taught English as a second language. He was the first team leader to District 3460 with Mandarin speaking ability. While on his GSE, John Wu, district governor of 3460, contacted Owen and told him that the district wanted to donate a scholarship to his district. Upon returning home Owen served on the selection committee to find a Mandarin-speaking scholar to send to Taiwan. He is now the sponsor counselor of 2007-08 Ambassadorial Scholar Lily Kuo. He will serve as his district's alumni subcommittee chair in 2007-08.

Rotary Centers

Noëlle DePape was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Winnipeg-Charleswood, MB, Canada (District 5550), to study at the University of Queensland in 2003-2005. Noëlle will soon be starting as the executive director of the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization of Manitoba (www.ircom.ca). IRCOM provides transitional housing as well as social services (such as recreation, literacy and family programming) to newly arrived refugees in the City of Winnipeg. It houses 67 families and seeks to facilitate their integration of into their new Canadian environment through subsidized housing and support programming. "As a World Peace Fellow, activist, educator, and peacemaker, I am working to create (an) alternative world – a place where equal and sustainable relationships can be built."

Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies

Zelie Pollon was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Santa Fe, NM, USA (District 5520) to participate in the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program in Bangkok, Thailand in 2006. Zelie is an award-winning independent journalist who has reported in Iraq, Sri Lanka, Mexico, Cuba, London, and the United States. After completing "The Baghdad Project: One Hundred Voices. One Hundred Faces," in which she and a photographer documented the lives of 100 Iraqi citizens in 2003 following the US invasion, Zelie was accepted into the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies program. "Every course spoke to me, both as a journalist and as someone who is eager to use documentary and personal stories in a way to bridge cultures and avoid war."