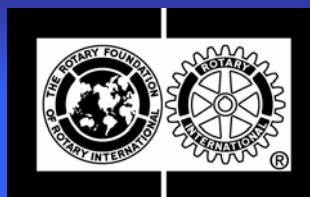


The Regional Rotary Foundation

COORDINATOR COMMUNIQUE



JULY 2007

A Forum for Foundation News

FUND DEVELOPMENT

Due to year-end close, interim figures are not yet available.

POLIOPLUS

PolioPlus in Action e-Newsletter

See July issue of the PolioPlus in Action Newsletter attached in your email.

July Open Projects List

See the PolioPlus Partners Open Projects List as of July 2007 attached in your email. Please feel free to forward this to any Rotarians that could use this information. Should you have any questions, please contact Carrie Charles, PolioPlus Partners Senior Coordinator, at Carrie.Charles@rotary.org.

HUMANITARIAN GRANTS PROGRAM

Humanitarian Grants District Support Forum

Beginning 1 July there is a new resource available to those leaders that work most closely with Humanitarian Grants: RRFCs, DRFC Chairs and DGSCs—the Humanitarian Grants District Support Forum. This online forum, which is accessible through Member Access, will provide a wide range of humanitarian grants-related information, such as news and calendar items, downloads, instructions on how to obtain an activity report, discussion forums, photos and much more. You are encouraged to visit this site regularly for updated information pertaining to Humanitarian Grants.

Grant Approvals for Rotary Year 2006-07

The following grants were approved during the 2006-07 Rotary year:

Grant Program	Number of Grants Awarded	Total Grant Awards
Blane Community Immunization Grants	56	US\$83,486
District Simplified Grants	379	US\$5,573,074
Health, Hunger, and Humanity (3-H) Grants	18	US\$4,704,763
Matching Grants	2,008	US\$21,887,048
Volunteer Service Grants	202	US\$990,000
TOTAL	2,664	US\$33,216,163

Competitive Matching Grants

As a reminder, applications for competitive Matching Grants (requests greater than US\$25,000) are due at TRF no later than 1 August for consideration at the October 2007 Trustee meeting.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

ROTARY CENTERS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Rotary World Peace Symposium

14-16 June 2007 was a milestone in the history of the Rotary Centers program. Approximately 400 Rotary World Peace Fellows, alumni and Rotarians participated in the first ever Rotary World Peace Symposium held just prior to the Rotary International Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah. The excitement was palpable as Rotarians, Peace Fellows and university representatives exchanged ideas, experiences and expertise regarding their work to create a more peaceful world. Keynote speakers included Gillian Sorensen, Senior Advisor to the United Nations Foundation, and TRF Trustee Chairman Luis Vicente Giay.

The symposium proceedings are being written and will be available on the RI web site in the near future. For immediate information please see the following articles:

Groundbreaking Rotary World Peace Symposium a success

(http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/convention2007/stories/20070615_peace1.html)

Two alumni from opposite sides of Sri Lanka's conflict now friends

(http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/convention2007/stories/20070615_reunited.html)

District Designated Funds are Always Appreciated

Please continue to encourage Districts in your area to contribute any unused DDF to the Rotary Centers Program. It is easy to designate funds to become a Rotary Centers Peacebuilder District. Districts that donate DDF in the amount of US\$25,000 per year or US\$50,000 every other year to support a Rotary World Peace Fellow for study at one of the Rotary Centers for International Studies for the 2007-08-program year and beyond are recognized as Rotary Centers Peacebuilder Districts. TRF will recognize Peacebuilder Districts with special banners and certificates.

If a Peacebuilder commitment is not possible, districts may donate any amount of DDF to the program using the Educational Programs and Rotary Foundation Fund Pools Donation Form for Rotary Year 2008-09.

Fellows Graduate from International Christian University

Please join TRF in congratulating the Class IV fellows from the International Christian University in Tokyo, Japan on their graduation on 30 June 2007. They join a group of over 180 alumni who are now working through out the world in various areas related to peace and conflict resolution. Rotarians interested in networking or contacting alumni are encouraged to contact Mike Pfriem, Rotary Centers alumni coordinator at michael.pfriem@rotary.org.

New Rotary Centers Monograph Published

The second edition of the Rotary Centers Monograph Series was unveiled at the recent Rotary World Peace Symposium in Salt Lake City. Entitled, *From Conflict to Peace: What Lessons Might We Learn from Episodes of Successful Resolution of Conflict?*, the volume was edited by former Rotary Center Director at the University of Queensland, Dr. Marianne Hanson. It is available for purchase for US\$10 through RI Publications office.

Peace is Possible DVD

A new DVD promotional piece has been produced entitled, *Peace is Possible*; this piece highlights the achievements of the first classes of Rotary World Peace Fellow alumni. The aim of this multi-lingual informational DVD is to increase the visibility of the program by targeting Rotary clubs and districts worldwide. This is available through publications for a cost of US\$15. Contact: Judy Gibson, Rotary Centers Department Manager, tel: 847-866-3834, fax: 847-866-0934, email: Judy.Gibson@rotary.org

ROTARY PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES

Participants Arrive in Bangkok to Begin July 2007 Session

Twenty-three participants from 14 countries make up the third group of participants taking part in the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program. They come from all walks of life, with backgrounds in government, nongovernmental organizations, and education, among other fields. For a profile of the latest session please go to:

<http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/rpcsp/parts.html>

RPCS Alumni Participate at the Rotary World Peace Symposium

A majority of Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program Alumni came together in Salt Lake City 14-16 June to attend the first-ever Rotary World Peace Symposium. Featured speakers included Lynne Favinger, USA, January 2006 participant and Omni Acharay, Nepal, July 2006 participant.

Two participant alumni from Sri Lanka were featured in a web article:

http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/convention2007/stories/20070615_reunited.html

The Symposium was an opportunity for participants from the short-term program to interact with Rotarians and with Peace Fellow alumni from the Masters Degree program as well. Proceedings from the Symposium will be posted on the web in the near future.

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 Participants



Name: Ms. Jennifer Hutchinson (Jamaica)

Sponsor: Rotary Club of Mandeville, District 7020

Occupation: *Government* - Parish coordinator, Victim Support Unit, Ministry of Justice



Name: Mr. Abdujabbor Kayumov (Tajikistan)

Sponsor: Rotary Club of Dushanbe, Tajikistan (District 2430)

Occupation: *NGO* — Program coordinator, Fariza

AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND ROTARY GRANTS FOR UNIVERSITY TEACHERS

Regional Scholar Orientation Seminars

Over 100 Ambassadorial Scholars, Rotary World Peace Fellows and 150 Rotarians attended Regional Scholar Seminars in Valley Forge, PA, USA (2 & 3 June 2007), Tampa, Florida (23-24 June) and Seattle, Washington (22-24 June 2007). The next regional Scholar Seminar scheduled to take place in Sao Paulo, Brazil on 20-21 July, will actually be the first for the 2007-08 Rotary Year. There will then be no seminars scheduled to take place until Bournemouth, England (28-30 September 2007), Valley Forge, PA, USA (14-15 September 2007) and in Worcester, MA USA (28-29 September 2007).

As always, RRFs are encouraged to support and attend the scholar seminars in their regions if they are available to do so. RRFs are also encouraged to work with Scholarship Chairs in their respective regions to possibly develop or expand existing seminars. An updated list of Regional Scholar Seminars is posted on the following link and it will be updated as we receive information regarding the dates for 2007-08 seminars:

http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/seminars.html.

Contact: Chris Welber, Scholarships Department Manager, tel: 847-866-3320; fax: 847-866-0934; e-mail: Chris.Welber@rotary.org

2007-08 Host Counselor Appointments Still Needed

Scholarships staff are continuing their work on requests for 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 that has not yet informed TRF of their host counselor assignments is requested to do so by **30 July 2007**.

RRF's 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. Contact: Chris Welber, Scholarships Department Manager, tel: 847-866-3323; fax: 847-866-0934; e-mail:

Chris.Welber@rotary.org or visit the RI website at:

http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/seminars.html.

2007-08 Ambassadorial Scholar Awards

Scholarships staff have begun to calculate and distribute payments to Rotarian Host Counselors for 2007-08 scholars who have begun their studies as of 1 July 2007. RRF's are encouraged to ensure that all appointed host counselors are aware that they may be receiving scholarship payments for incoming scholars to their districts. Host Counselors will receive notice of incoming payments from Scholarships Staff.

Scholarships Fund Pool for Low-Income Countries

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

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE

2006-07 Final Report Submission

A Group Study Exchange is not complete without submission of the final report. Each team member (including team leader) of the group is responsible for submitting a report on their participation in the program. 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.

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.

2008-09 Pairing options:

The 2008-09 District Governors should be on their way to securing a GSE partner district for the 2008-09 program year. District applications have already been sent out by mail and electronically to all District Governor-elects. The completed applications must be submitted to TRF by **1 October 2007**. The GSE District Application form is also available on the TRF website for easy download at <http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/167en.pdf> in English. Failure to submit the district GSE application on time can limit the chances of securing a district's first choice GSE partner. If districts need assistance in contacting potential GSE partners, they can contact their GSE coordinator at TRF.

ALUMNI RELATIONS

Rotary Centers for International Studies

Nidhi Khosla was sponsored by District 3010 (India) to study at the Rotary Center at Duke University/University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill as a Rotary World Peace Fellow from 2005-07. She will begin her Ph.D. studies in public health at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore in the fall. Nidhi received full funding for five years of study from the university. She was fortunate to have received the similar offers from other prestigious universities, but the program at Johns Hopkins offered the best fit. This Ph.D. opportunity will allow her to continue to work toward her goals of exploring HIV, AIDS and gender issues as part of community health programs and bringing field experience to policy planning initiatives.

Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies

Ramnarayan Gagrani was sponsored by District 3130 (India) to participate in the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program at Chulalongkorn University, January 2007. He works for the Government of Maharashtra, Latur as Deputy Collector (Election) where he helps maintain peaceful, free, and fair Parliamentary and Assembly elections as well as supervising local self-

government elections. After completing the Peace and Conflict Studies Program, Mr. Gagrani states, “[I improved my] ability to rethink and refashion existing practices of development of my area by innovative ideas and techniques. In the future I will act as an agent for peace building and forming network, developing my institution in my region as a source of conflict resolution and [increasing] awareness in people, inspiring them in their work, and developing a culture of peace.”

Ambassadorial Scholarships

Project Patagonia provides educational support for school children in Argentina and was established by TRF alumni. It provides school supplies and nutritional support at two schools in rural Argentina to improve the quality and efficacy of the education system for low-income students. They are also constructing a multi-media library to meet both short and long-term educational needs where the schools promote literacy, intellectual curiosity, and cross-cultural understanding. This project was organized by four scholars who studied in Buenos Aires during the 2005-06 academic year: Kimberly Berls, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Kent, Ohio, USA (District 6630) to study at Universidad de Belgrano, Emily Pierce, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Alexandria, Virginia, USA (District 7610) to study at Universidad de San Andres, Christopher Tepper, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Carbondale, Illinois, USA (District 6510) to study at Universidad Torcuato di Tella, and Tanner Wells, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Fargo-Moorhead AM, North Dakota, USA (District 5580) to study at Universidad de Belgrano.

Erin Raab was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Clayton-Ladue, Missouri, USA (District 6060) to study at University of Natal in Durban, South Africa in 2005-06. Finding that 9 schools near Durban had no books for children, Erin decided to try to start a library in the area with help from the Rotary Club of Pinetown (District 9270). She contacted the elementary school she attended in Minnesota about running a book drive, and they successfully gathered 40 boxes of children’s books for Erin. Christianne Wendler, also an alumna who studied in District 9270, supported the project. Christianne was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Lakeland (Minocqua), Wisconsin, USA (District 6220) to study at University of the Witwatersrand-Johannesburg in South Africa in 2002-03. She made shipments of books to be sent on the Rotary containers to the distribution center in Johannesburg where Erin could pick them up to bring to Durban.

Kenneth Jones was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Boonton, New Jersey, USA (District 7470) to study architecture at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland in 1986-87. Jones currently serves as foreign service officer after returning from Beirut, Lebanon, where he served as the Immigrant Visa Section Chief there for two years. Jones is also a licensed architect, designer, and brings over 12 years of teaching, lecturing, and strategic consulting experience to his work at the State Department. His clients include the U.S. Department of the Interior and U.S. Department of Health and Human Service. He served as the executive director for both the New York Foundation for Architecture and Peters Valley Craft Education Center.

Group Study Exchange

Dr. Terri Scandura (GSE team member, 1991-92, USA to England) was recently featured in the *Miami Herald* newspaper. Terri has been a professor at the University of Miami in Miami, Florida since 1990 and was recently named dean of the graduate school.

Nicholas Francis (GSE team member, 1997-1998, India to USA) is currently the head of a professional social work organization in Madurai, Tamilnadu, India. Nicholas became a Rotarian in January of 2003 and has been involved in club and district level committees. Recently he won the 'Best Rotary Magazine Editor Award' at the all-India Level, given to the best Rotary club bulletins in India.

PLANNING & ADMINISTRATION

District Rotary Foundation Committee Appointments

We thank all RRFCs for your assistance in working with your DG to submit the DRFC Chair appointments. As a reminder, all DGs should submit any changes in their District Rotary Foundation Subcommittees to data@rotary.org. If there are questions regarding the DRFC Chair, the DG should contact Kimberly Evon at Kimberly.Evon@rotary.org.

New DSA Nomination Form

A new Distinguished Service Award nomination form which closely follows Trustee criteria has been developed. The new nomination form will be included in the awards packet to be sent to DGs, DRFCs and RRFCs in August.

Message from General Manager of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International

“Many thanks to the RRFCs who have just ended their term for 2006-07. Thank you for all that you have done and will continue to do in support of The Rotary Foundation. This has been an extraordinary year, and your efforts on behalf of our Foundation have helped change the lives of many around the world. Your leadership and commitment are truly appreciated.

To the incoming and continuing RRFCs for 2007-08, we look forward to working with you for another successful year in Rotary. The goals have been set, and there is much work to be done. Because Rotary Shares, The Rotary Foundation can achieve these goals and make a difference in the lives of those in need throughout the Rotary world.”

*John T. Osterlund
General Manager, The Rotary Foundation*