

Coordinator Communiqué

A Forum for Foundation News

January 2008

FUND DEVELOPMENT

Contributions Update

Contributions for the six months ending 31 December 2007 totaled US\$168,712,100, up 211.77% over last year! This is a direct result of both an increase in Rotarian contributions to TRF programs overall and more significantly, the \$100 million contribution from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the \$3.5 million received from Google to PolioPlus.

Contributions to the Annual Programs Fund increased 13.74% to US\$45,453,466. Contributions to the Permanent Fund increased 25.38% to US\$7,844,000. Restricted giving increased 21.01% to US\$8,236,106: this includes US\$983,159 in PolioPlus Partners contributions. The “Unrestricted – Other” line pertains to the Donor Advised Fund.

	<u>December 2007</u>	<u>December 2006</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
Annual Programs Fund	US\$ 45,453,466	US\$ 39,962,405	13.74%
PolioPlus	US\$105,840,528	US\$ 1,088,682	9621.90%
Permanent Fund	US\$ 7,844,000	US\$ 6,256,414	25.38%
Restricted Giving	US\$ 8,236,106	US\$ 6,806,070	21.01%
SUBTOTAL	US\$167,374,100	US\$ 54,113,571	209.30%
Unrestricted – Other	US\$ 1,338,000		
TOTAL	US\$168,712,100	US\$ 54,113,571	211.77%

PETS and CLUB GOAL SETTING

With the International Assembly now history, all DGEs are returning home from San Diego, California, USA and are finalizing their preparations for their upcoming PETS. This is an ideal time to contact the DGEs in your zone to clarify any questions they may have following the Assembly and offer your guidance for PETS as well as in the coming year. Please remind all your DGEs about the importance of collecting their **2008-2009 Fund Development Club Goal Report Forms** at PETS. All Goal Forms should be in the hands of the DGEs by 1 May 2008 and forwarded to the Secretariat no later than 15 May 2008. This timing is critical as the Trustees use the Clubs’ Goal Report Forms to set the Worldwide Annual Programs Fund Goal each year for announcement at the Convention.

All club presidents-elect received a copy of their Club Goal Report Forms in November; a second copy was included in their 2008-09 EREY Club Success Kit and the Goal Forms are available for download in nine languages using the following link:

http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/erey_club_goal_report_form08_en.pdf

ZONES 23-34 Mileage Reimbursement Update

Please be advised that effective 1 January 2008, the Internal Revenue Service increased the mileage reimbursement rate to 50.5 cents per mile in the United States. Please make a note of this to your Zone Team.

Rotary Affinity Credit Cards

In November 2007, the Foundation received US\$550,000 in royalty proceeds for the Permanent Fund as a result of Rotarians using their Rotary Master Card and/or Rotary American Express credit cards. To learn more about the Rotary affinity credit card, please visit the website at: <http://www.rotary.org/en/Pages/creditcard.aspx>. To date, TRF has received nearly US\$6,000,000 in royalties since the inception of the program in September 2000.

HUMANITARIAN GRANTS PROGRAM

March Madness

As we enter the New Year and approach the 31 March grant application submission deadline, Humanitarian Grants staff members are gearing up for “March Madness.” In any given Rotary year, approximately 50% of all grant applications are received in February and March. Consequently, application processing times are elevated during this period. Please encourage clubs in your area to submit applications for Humanitarian Grants as soon as possible to avoid the “March Madness” delays.

Revised Matching Grant Application and Guide to Matching Grants

Due to recent Trustee decisions impacting Matching Grants (change in competitive Matching Grant deadline from 1 January to 15 December and addition of district governor authorization for use of DDF), the Matching Grant application and The Guide to Matching Grants are being updated. The revised publications will be available on the RI Web site in April 2008.

Overdue Grant Reporting List

The clubs listed on the Overdue Grant Reporting List on the RI website have not fulfilled their reporting requirements for at least 21 months and have been identified as partners whose reliability can't be verified. The list is updated quarterly, however, due to technical difficulties, the list was temporarily removed from the website in December 2007. The updated list will be posted late in January 2008. You will be able to access this list at <http://www.rotary.org/en/ServiceAndFellowship/FundAProject/StewardshipAndReporting/Pages/ridefault.aspx>.

Humanitarian Grants Success Stories

Humanitarian Grants staff members are often asked to provide grants success stories that RRFCs and other leaders can use when speaking about TRF. Therefore each month, a new story will be included in the Coordinator Communiqué. Feel free to use these stories and accompanying photos as you speak with Rotarians in your zone about TRF.

Health and Sanitation Project in Mexico

3-H Grant 99-27 was awarded to the Rotary Clubs of Rio Bravo, Mexico (D4130) and Weslaco, Texas, USA (D5930) to implement a Health and Sanitation project in Rio Bravo, Mexico. Rio Bravo is a town of 100,000 located less than 5 miles from the Texas border that has sprung up quickly as people move into the area in search of factory jobs. Government resources are stretched far beyond their capacity. Under these circumstances, thousands of families are forced to locate well outside the reach of the city's safe water and sanitation systems and far from medical facilities. Public hospitals and clinics that do exist, strapped by tight budgets, are able to provide only the most basic or urgent medical services.

Considering the gravity of the situation, the Rotary Clubs of Rio Bravo and Weslaco, with the assistance of an organization called Curamericas, developed a project to address the community's health needs—establishment of a health clinic. A church group in the USA contributed to the project, purchasing construction materials and traveling to Rio Bravo to build the clinic. With \$300,000 of 3-H Grant funds the clinic was equipped and supplied to provide basic medical services in the community. The clinic is open 5 days a week from 8 am until 8 pm and has a pharmacist, an administrator, a dentist, two medical doctors, a house keeper and six nurses on staff.

These nurses are the heart and soul of the project. The nurses regularly visit homes and are always vigilant about the health conditions of the families they are assigned. Mrs. Lopez, seen in the photo below, received several visits by the nurses throughout her pregnancy. Within a couple of days of returning home after the birth of her son, Miguel, the nurse made her first follow-up visit to the family. Because of the trust relationship she had built with the family, Miguel's mother was able to express her concerns about the little boy's health. The nurse examined the baby and shared the mother's concerns with the medical doctor at the Rotary-funded clinic. At the request of the doctor, the nurse went back to the Lopez home to tell them to take Miguel to the clinic as soon as possible. Upon examining the baby, the doctor sent the child straight to a laboratory for x-rays of the boy's abdomen.

The next morning the family was on the way to Monterrey to see a specialist with a referral from the clinic. A couple of days later the boy's lower intestine and colon were reconstructed, giving him a chance at life that he otherwise surely would not have enjoyed. While the majority of the nurses' time is spent teaching, weighing babies, and encouraging mothers to make changes to their families' eating and hygienic habits to prevent disease, this is a specific case where their intimate and knowledge of the households in their neighborhood saved a child's life and a mother's grief.



POLIOPLUS

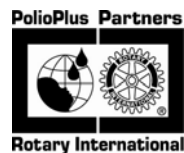
January Open Projects List

The PolioPlus Partners program expects to receive over US\$5 million in project requests in 2007-08. The January Open Projects List (OPL) contains five (5) polio eradication projects in need of a total US \$1,293,128. Please use the OPL as a resource to communicate the continued, urgent, and significant needs of PolioPlus Partners. In an effort to keep the download size to a minimum, please click on the following Web link to download the January OPL:

http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/ppp_openprojects.pdf.

PolioPlus Partners is counting on individual, club and district fundraising efforts to provide full funding for all project requests this year. 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.

The challenge has been renamed as **Rotary's \$100 Million Challenge.**



PolioPlus in Action e-Newsletter



PolioPlus Newsletter

The January *PolioPlus in Action* e-Newsletter provides:

- Highlights and Internet links from the worldwide announcement that was made about the US\$100 million challenge grant to The Rotary Foundation from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.
- Information on sustaining motivation for polio eradication.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Rotary Centers for International Studies

Rotary World Peace Fellowships - Recruitment

The application deadline for 2009-11 Rotary World Peace Fellowships is 1 July 2008. Help your districts recruit qualified applicants by sharing the following recruitment tips:

Check with the following in your town or community:

- Department of international studies, political science, or peace studies at local universities/colleges

- Nongovernmental organizations involved in human rights, disaster relief, aid distribution, environmental advocacy, refugee issues, mediation, and arbitration
- International organizations and corporations
- Governmental agencies, diplomatic corps, and local police and military offices
- Peace Corps meetings for returned volunteers
- University alumni associations and university placement or career offices
- Former TRF Ambassadorial Scholars who studied peace and conflict resolution and now work in international arenas

Clubs and districts might also attract candidates by promoting the fellowship in these ways:

- Hold informational meetings at the organizations and locations listed above.
- Host lectures or discussions relevant to peace or international understanding, and invite representatives from the organizations listed above.
- Invite current or former peace fellows to speak at informational meetings for Rotarians and non-Rotarians.
- Send out Rotary World Peace Fellowship brochures to relevant organizations and agencies in your area with your contact information included.
- Issue news releases to local and regional publications, university newspapers, radio stations, and public-access cable television stations.

Second Rotary World Peace Symposium Announced

The Trustees have approved the second Rotary World Peace Symposium, to be held in conjunction with the 2009 RI Convention in Birmingham, England. More details will follow as information becomes available.

New Graduates

Congratulations to Class IV UQ and USAL fellows and Class V Bradford fellows on their graduation. They now join a network of more than 200 alumni working around the globe on issues related to peace and conflict resolution.

Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program

January 2008 Session Begins

The January-April 2008 Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program session begins in late January 2008. 19 professionals from 11 countries representing 9 different industries with an average of 12 years work experience will become the fourth RPCS Program class. They will present portions of their learning and experiences at a public seminar in Bangkok on 10 April 2008.

Featured Participant

Cpt. Valdir Pavao, Brazil, January 2008 session, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Sao Paulo-Vila Alpina, District 4430



Cpt. Valdir Pavao works for the Sao Paulo State Fire Department in Brazil.

Valdir writes, “I believe the program will provide me with the tools and expertise I need to improve my skills in preventative action and to deal with emergencies arising from housing conditions in low income population areas and all the adversities existing in these areas. I also believe the program will be of great importance to the work I intend to develop with the NGO United Firemen Without Borders, related to emergencies in regions struck by natural catastrophes, which in their majority experience all sorts of conflicts.”

Ambassadorial Scholarships and Rotary Grants for University Teachers

Acceptance Packet and Handbook for 2008-09 Ambassadorial Scholars

2008-09 Ambassadorial Scholars will receive their scholarship Acceptance Packets in February, including the Scholar Handbook, which for the third year in a row is being sent as a CD-ROM. Again this year, scholars are required 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 2008-09 Scholarship Applications from their districts; mailing to Sponsor Counselors scheduled for March 2008). 2008 Regional Scholar Orientation Seminar information is posted on the Rotary International website at:

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

The Educational Program staff would like to welcome new Scholarships Department Manager Brad Lauman. Brad comes to TRF from Arcadia University’s Center for Education Abroad, where he served as Assistant Director for the Central States Region. Originally from Indiana, Brad served as an Ambassadorial Scholar at the Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain, in 1981-82. Brad is a member of the Rotary Club of Rockford, Illinois.

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 **2009-10**. All districts and each low-income country within a district may submit one scholarship application to compete for up to 32 Ambassadorial Scholarships awarded annually through the fund pool. A Trustee-appointed selection committee considers all applications on a world-competitive basis. The deadline to submit applications is the same as for all 2009-10 Ambassadorial Scholarship applications:

1 October 2008. Contact: Renée Stephenson, Resource Development Sr. Supervisor, tel: 847-866-3314; fax: 847-866-0934; email: Renee.Stephenson@rotary.org.

Group Study Exchange

2008-09 Travel Information Forms

Travel Information Forms were due to TRF by **1 January 2008**. For those districts that have not submitted their travel information forms, we ask that you do so as soon as possible by fax at 847-556-2143 or email gse@rotary.org. If your district is not able to communicate with your 2008-09 partner district, please contact your coordinator at TRF for assistance.

We hope that all district governors-elect were able to discuss their GSE planning during the 2008 International Assembly. Should governors-elect have any GSE-related questions after returning from San Diego, please do not hesitate to contact the GSE department.

Interactive GSE Pre-departure Documents

Districts are reminded that all GSE pre-departure documents (team leader and member applications, medical and insurance forms, and travel information forms) are currently available in interactive format. The GSE department asks that teams submit typed pre-departure documents for the 2007-08 travel year. All formats are available in interactive format on the GSE CD-ROM; however, please contact your district's GSE coordinator for interactive files, should you require them.

Pre-departure Document Deadline

Districts are reminded that all pre-departure documentation is due to TRF no less than 45 days prior to each GSE team's scheduled date of departure. Districts are encouraged to submit documentation electronically either via e-mail to your district's coordinator or via fax at 847-556-2143. Teams will not receive confirmed RITS travel itineraries until all documentation is complete.

Host Itineraries

The GSE department continues to 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.

GSE Reimbursements

As districts submit GSE reimbursements for the 2007-08 travel season, they are reminded that each district must submit an Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) Form along with the associated reimbursement items. Rotary International will use this information to reimburse districts electronically via direct deposit. The EFT Form can be found in interactive format on the GSE CD-ROM. Should your district have any questions about this procedure or the completion of the EFT Form, please contact your GSE coordinator at TRF.

Alumni Relations

Rotary Alumni Celebration

RRFCs are encouraged to promote the first Rotary Alumni Celebration taking place at the Los Angeles Convention. Help us reconnect with TRF alumni. Contact alumni@rotary.org with questions.

Rotary Centers for International Studies

Alumni on the move

Here are some recent alumni updates:

- **Margaret Carolla** (Class I, USAL) Margaret joined the Rotary Club of Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, USA.

- **Simona Pinton** (Class I, Berkeley) joined the Rotary Club of Padova Euganea in Italy



Pinton being inducted into the Rotary Club of Padova Euganea

Mr. Juan Esteban Ugarriza, Colombia, Rotary World Peace Fellow, 2005-07, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, USA, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Medellín, Colombia, District 4280

Rotary World Peace Fellow Juan Esteban Ugarriza came to the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution program with a background in journalism and a desire to use his expertise in international political affairs to contribute as an analyst and advisor for peace processes at the global level.



Now that he has completed his studies at the University of North Carolina, he is well on his way. Mr. Ugarriza works for the Ideas for Peace Foundation (www.ideaspaz.org), a private institution founded in 1999 by private sector leaders in Colombia. The Foundation is dedicated to research and implement projects related to conflict resolution. With the Foundation, Mr. Ugarriza supports negotiation rounds between companies, unions, and NGOs on voluntary guidelines for the private sector to operate in conflict zones.

He also looks to expand his influence beyond Colombia. While working in Bogotá, he expects to be enrolled at the University of Bern in Jurg Steiner's project about political institutions for post-conflict societies, whereby he hopes to continue to learn ways to better influence peace around the globe.

Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies

Alumni on the move

Here are some recent alumni updates:

- **Milen Veselinov Peychev** (July 2007, Chulalongkorn) is a specialist for the State Agency for Bulgarians Abroad in Sofia.
- **Prakash Tewari** (July 2006, Chulalongkorn) is the deputy general manager for relief and rehabilitation and corporate social responsibility for Tata Power.

Ms. Pushpika Gangani Weerakoon, Sri Lanka, Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program participant, July 2007, Chulalongkorn University, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Colombo Mid Town, Sri Lanka, District 3220

Ms. Pushpi Weerakoon is very familiar with the benefits of TRF's Educational Programs. Upon completing the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program, she commented, "The (Program) will enhance my knowledge further in order to assist the public at large and organizations to resolve conflicts effectively." She also mentions, "I made a lot of new friends from all over the world, some of whom I would be working together with on Peace and Conflict resolution projects in years to come."

Count TRF among those friends. Pushpi recently earned an Ambassadorial Scholarship from the Scholarships Fund Pool for Low-Income to Countries to study at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame. She will begin there in the summer of 2008.



In the mean time, she will continue to work as project manager for the 'Learn & Lead' Business for Peace Alliance (BPA) in her native Sri Lanka. The project aims to make a positive contribution to bright, under privileged adolescents, acknowledging structural inequalities caused by the conflict in all parts of the country by awarding 'quality' scholarships for deserving students. The primary objective of the project is to strengthen and promote a diverse future leadership from all regions.

Event Speakers

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

Ambassadorial Scholarships



Michael Dowling, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Space Center (Houston), TX, USA (District 5890) to study at Ludwig Maximilians-University in Munich, Germany in 1978-79

Dowling is professor of innovation and technology management at the University of Regensburg in Germany. He has also taught at the University of Georgia in the USA, and at University of Paderborn and University of Erlangen-Nürnberg in Germany. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Regensburg and serves as 2007-08 scholarship subcommittee chair. He is married to his fellow Ambassadorial Scholar alumna, Rita (maiden name: Frischholz) who studied at the University of Rhode Island in the USA in 1981-82.

Adriana Seber, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Campinas, Sao Paulo, Brazil (District 4590) to study at University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Minneapolis, MN, USA in 1993-94

Seber is a pediatric oncology specialist in Sao Paulo, Brazil. During her scholarship, she studied at one of the world's largest pediatric transplant units



so that she could bring new methods and techniques back to Brazil. She has trained other doctors in her country by starting the first pediatric oncology/hematology and bone transplant course in Brazil. She is the zone 20 winner for TRF's 2007-08 Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award.

Michael Deal, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Indianapolis, Indiana, USA (District 6560) to study at Pontifica Universita Catolica del Peru in Lima, Peru in 1975-76



Deal had a long career with the US Agency for International Development (USAID) in both the US and Latin America. He was presented with Simon Bolivar Order of Democracy Award by the Republic of Columbia in 2004 for his service to strengthen Central America's trading capacity. He is currently an international development consultant working as president and CEO of Crown Agents, USA in the Washington, DC, USA area. He is the Zone 30 winner for TRF's 2007-08 Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award.

Group Study Exchange

Vivian Dunn, (1977-78 GSE team member from England to USA reports "our team went from District 1110, central Southern England, to District 6780, eastern Tennessee USA, from Oct-Nov 1977. Although our careers have taken us all over the place, we have stayed in touch ever since, meeting up for reunions every 2-3 years." On 10 November 2007, the team got together for their 30th reunion and, "reflected on what a remarkable and life changing experience the GSE trip had been for each one of us."



Sivia Strich (1998-99 GSE team member from USA to Turkey) returned to Turkey with her husband and three young children for the 2006-07 school year, while her husband taught at Middle Eastern Technical University High School in Ankara. During their year-long stay in Turkey, she reconnected with several of her Turkish Rotarian host families.

Eric Le Goff (2000-01 GSE team member from France to Australia) has started a GSE group on the LinkedIn website so that former team members can keep in touch. If you are interested in joining visit: <http://www.linkedin.com/e/gis/44678/5588972EB138>.

OPERATIONS & ADMINISTRATION

2008-09 Theme Announced

Learn about the new theme and emphases for the 2008-09 Rotary year, *Make Dreams Real*. Theme graphics for the 2008-09 Rotary year are now available to use for newsletters, Web sites, and other publications -

<http://www.rotary.org/en/aboutus/sitetools/graphics/pages/themelogos.aspx#theme0809>

SHARE Tip of the Month

The 2009-10 *SHARE* kit will be sent via email at the end of January to all district governors, district governors-elect, and district Rotary Foundation committee chairs. Since contact information for 2009-10 district governors is not available yet, we will rely upon the current DG to forward a copy of the kit to the DGN.

The kit will be discussed during one of the breakout sessions at the upcoming RRFC Training event, and copies will be made available.

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