

# The Regional Rotary Foundation

## COORDINATOR COMMUNIQUE



Nov/Dec 2003

*A Forum for Foundation News*

### FUND DEVELOPMENT

#### *Contributions Update*

As of 30 November 2003, contributions to The Rotary Foundation totaled US\$31,806,518 overall. Annual Programs Fund contributions increased 9.39%; gifts to the Permanent Fund were up 57.45% to US\$3,927,439; PolioPlus

contributions declined -19.91% at US\$9,678,513; and restricted contributions were down 48.76% at US\$1,552,946 over the same period last year.

	<u>November 2003</u>	<u>November 2002</u>	<u>Increase (+)</u> <u>Decrease (-)</u>
Annual Programs Fund	US\$16,647,620	US\$15,219,019	+9.39 %
PolioPlus	US\$ 9,678,513	US\$12,084,495	-19.91%
Permanent Fund	US\$ 3,927,439	US\$ 2,494,427	+57.45%
<u>Restricted Giving</u>	<u>US\$ 1,552,946</u>	<u>US\$ 3,030,703</u>	<u>-48.76%</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>US\$31,806,518</b>	<b>US\$32,828,644</b>	<b>-3.11%</b>

For comparative purposes, the chart below measures the current monthly contributions against the monthly contribution report for the

2001-2002 Rotary year in which we achieved a benchmark for the highest level of annual giving.

	<u>November 2003</u>	<u>November 2001</u>	<u>Increase (+)</u> <u>Decrease (-)</u>
Annual Programs Fund	US\$16,647,610	US\$14,851,300	+12.09 %
PolioPlus	US\$ 9,678,513		
Permanent Fund	US\$ 3,927,439	US\$ 1,980,323	+98.32 %
<u>Restricted Giving</u>	<u>US\$ 1,552,946</u>	<u>US\$ 4,496,876</u>	<u>-65.47%</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>US\$31,806,518</b>	<b>US\$21,328,499</b>	<b>+47.72 %</b>

#### *Tax Receipts For 2003 Contributions*

Contributions requiring 2003 tax receipts must be postmarked on or before 31 December 2003 and received at The Rotary Foundation no later than 9 January 2004. Any contributions postmarked after 31 December 2003 will receive 2004 tax receipts. If donors have questions, they may call their Development Services Coordinator at 847-866-

3000 or send an email to: [everyrotarianeveryyear@rotaryintl.org](mailto:everyrotarianeveryyear@rotaryintl.org). Allow 3 to 7 days for mail delivery. Contributions should be sent to the appropriate Rotary International Office or designated fiscal agent.

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### ***Changes to the 2004-2005 Goal Setting Mailing***

The 2004-2005 Goal Setting Mailing to District Governor-elects was delayed and is being mailed in December. The mailing includes a letter from Trustee Chairman 2004-05, Carlo Ravizza; the 2004-2005 Club Goal Setting Form, District Profile, and packet to assist them in getting ready for PETS. Starting with the 2004-05 year, clubs will be setting an Annual Programs Fund Goal each year at PETS for the worldwide

announcement of the APF goal at the International Convention. DGEs will receive additional instruction on this procedure in Session 8 at the International Assembly. Copies of the club goal setting materials will be provided to the RRFCs. Questions about this mailing may be directed to: Roylene Gallas at: [gallasr@rotaryintl.org](mailto:gallasr@rotaryintl.org) or call 847-866-3046

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### ***Donor Advised Funds Update***

As of 30 November 2003, there were 26 DAF accounts with a fair market value of US\$1.3 million. For additional information on The

Rotary Foundation Donor Advised Fund, please visit <http://daf.rotary.org>

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### ***Bequest Society Update***

As of 30 November 2003, there were 3,254 Bequest Society commitments at an expected total of US\$146.2 million.

For more information on Donor Advised Funds or the Bequest Society, please send an email to [plannedgiving@rotaryintl.org](mailto:plannedgiving@rotaryintl.org) or contact Eric Schmelling at 1-847-866-4458.

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### ***Fund Development Reorganization***

The Fund Development Division reorganized to provide needed staff support to help Rotarians achieve the *Every Rotarian, Every Year* Annual Programs Fund Goal of US\$100 per capita by 2005, as outlined in the *Every Rotarian, Every Year Annual Programs Fund Marketing Plan*.

Under the direction of Fund Development Division Manager, Hogie Hansen, the following individuals have been named to oversee achievement of the Foundation's contribution goals:

Larry Shawver	Director of International Fundraising	1-847-866-3351
Eric Schmelling	Director of Planned and Major Gifts	1-847-866-4458
Roylene Gallas	Director of Annual Giving	1-847-866-3046
Sarah Klimes	Manager of Stewardship	1-847-866-3358
April Jensen	Manager of Operations	1-847-866-3293

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## **HUMANITARIAN GRANT PROGRAMS**

In early November the Humanitarian Grants Program sent a mass mailing to all district grants subcommittee chairs that included The Guide to Certifying an Application (151), grant activity reports for the district, and general information about grants. The district Rotary Foundation

chairs also received a copy of the letter and the information.

You received this information via email. Should you have any questions or concerns about this mailing, please feel free to contact Sasha Cesare [CesareS@rotaryintl.org](mailto:CesareS@rotaryintl.org).

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### ***DSG and MG deadline - 31 March 2004***

Don't forget to remind Rotarians in your region that the deadline for submitting DSG requests and MG applications is 31 March 2004. Failure to submit a DSG request or MG application by the

deadline will result in the project sponsor's inability to participate in the grant type until next Rotary year. Late submissions will be returned with explanation to the local project contact.

## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

### ***Rotary Centers for International Studies***

RI President Jonathan Majiyagbe highlighted the Rotary Centers for International Studies at his Presidential Celebration at the University of Bradford, West Yorkshire, UK, on 1 November. Several hundred Rotarians from more than 10 countries attended the event, chaired by past RRFC Allan Jagger, who also serves as the Rotarian Host-Area Liaison for the Rotary Center at Bradford.

President Jonathan addressed the audience about the Rotary Centers program and its involvement in Rotary's work for peace. Foundation Trustee John Kenny made remarks on behalf of Chairman James Lacy. Bradford's Class I (2002-04) Rotary World Peace Scholars gave a group presentation on their reasons for applying to the program, their academic activities in Bradford and their career plans for the future. Later in the day the audience adjourned to small interactive discussion groups on topics related to peace and conflict resolution. The discussion sessions were led by Class I Rotary World Peace Scholars, with local Rotarians acting as discussants. The day ended with a

question and answer session on the Rotary Centers program and topics of peace and war. The evening gala dinner featured a flag ceremony in which Bradford's Rotary World Peace Scholars carried the flags of their home countries.

The Rotary Centers Committee, chaired by Past RI President Rajendra Saboo, met in Evanston 17-20 November to select the Class III (2004-06) Rotary World Peace Scholars and to discuss program implementation issues. In addition to Rotarian committee members, the seven Rotary Center Directors participated in the scholar selection process. The committee considered 190 candidates for this year's scholarship competition. The 64 Rotary World Peace Scholars selected for Class III are citizens of 31 countries, and 45% of the scholars are citizens of low-income countries. The scholars and their sponsor Rotary districts have been notified of their selection, though all scholarships are contingent upon the final admissions decisions of the Rotary Center universities.

### **Ambassadorial Scholarships and Grants for University Teachers**

#### ***Preparing and Hosting Ambassadorial Scholars How RRFCs Can Help***

Active and involved Rotarian *host counselors* ensure that Ambassadorial Scholars learn about their host countries and become involved in Rotary activities. As 2003-04 Ambassadorial Scholars assigned to study in the South Hemisphere prepare for February and March arrivals in their host countries, RRFCs are encouraged to work with districts to ensure that each scholar is assigned a host club and host

counselor and that the counselors help scholars to balance ambassadorial and academic activities. At this time, 64 scholars starting between January and March have not yet been assigned host counselors in the following host districts: 1430, 2350, 2370, 2510, 3300, 4150, 4240, 4320, 4340, 4400, 4690, 4890, 4980, 5510, 5910, 6990, 7000, 7690, 7930, 9210, 9250, 9270, 9350, 9500, 9600, 9680, 9700, 9750, 9920.

#### ***Planning for Scholar Orientation Seminars***

Now that applications for 2004-05 Ambassadorial Scholars have been submitted to the Foundation, it is a good time for districts to begin planning scholar orientations. For more information on scholar orientation seminars, contact Stephanie Veit, Scholarships Program Manager, (tel.) 847 866 3323, (e-mail) [veits@rotaryintl.org](mailto:veits@rotaryintl.org).

Also, for the first time this year, mandatory attendance at an outbound scholar orientation seminar is stressed in the following two letters from TRF: 1) cover letter addressed to District Governors acknowledging receipt of the 2004-05 Scholarship Applications from their districts; 2) assignment letters sent to 2004-05 Ambassadorial Scholars. Recipients of these letters are referred to the following link for more information:

## **Acceptance Packet and Handbook for 2004-05 Ambassadorial Scholars**

2004-05 Ambassadorial Scholars will receive their scholarship Acceptance Packet, including the Scholar Handbook, in early February. This year's packet is streamlined with various materials incorporated into the 2004-05 Scholar Handbook, which has been considerably revised. Scholars should find it easier to plan and organize their scholarship year.

## **Scholarships Fund Pool for Low-Income Countries**

The Scholarships Fund Pool for Low-Income Countries Selection Committee, chaired by former RRFC Marcus P. Doyle (South Africa), met 3-4 December 2003, at Rotary International World Headquarters. The committee reviewed the 2004-05 scholarship candidates' applications. The following districts/countries applicants were successful in receiving Ambassadorial Scholarships to be funded by the fund pool:

D-2241 Romania	D-4530 Brazil
D-2450 Egypt	D-4850 Argentina
D-3010 India	D-4920 Argentina
D-3060 India	D-5010 Russia
D-3250 India	D-9120 Nigeria
D-3270 Pakistan	D-9200 Kenya
D-3310 Malaysia	D-9270 Malawi
D-3850 Philippines	D-9320 Lesotho
D-4130 Mexico	Non-districted Rotary club of Baku, Azerbaijan
D-4180 Mexico	Non-districted Rotary club of Almaty, Kazakhstan

Questions regarding the Scholarships Fund Pool for Low-Income Countries should be directed to Renée Stephenson, Resource Development

Supervisor, Educational Programs by phone at (847) 866-3314, by fax at (847) 866-0934 or by e-mail at [stephenr@rotaryintl.org](mailto:stephenr@rotaryintl.org)

## **2004-05 Ambassadorial Scholarships and Replacement Candidates**

The deadline for districts to submit applications for replacement candidates for scholars who have withdrawn their 2004-05 Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships is **1 February 2004**.

## **Group Study Exchange**

With the International Assembly approaching, it is important to keep in mind that all District Governors Elect should be present at the GSE session in the **California Ballroom of the Anaheim Hilton & Towers from 16:50-17:35 on Wednesday, 18 February 2004**.

DGEs should bring the following:

- The GSE Pairing Confirmation letter for 2004-05
- A record of how their district is paying for their 2004-05 GSE teams (World Fund or DDF)

- If not paired with a GSE partner in 2004-05, a record of who their district is paired with for 2003-05 if applicable
- The name/address/telephone/fax/e-mail information of 2004-06 GSE Chair
- Tentative exchange dates to discuss with the governor-elect of the paired district
- Information about the district (places of cultural and professional interest, geography, climate, customs)

The seating chart for the GSE Plenary Session at the Assembly has been determined according to

the pairs confirmed to date. No changes will be made to the seating arrangements before the Assembly. If a district broke their partnership or has just recently confirmed a pairing, the DGE will need to look for the new partner in the plenary hall once the interactive portion of the session begins. Please consult GSE staff prior to the GSE Plenary Session to find seating information for a recently confirmed partner.

For those districts that did not submit a district application for 2004-05 but are still interested in participating in a GSE, it is possible to find a GSE partner on site. Districts with no GSE partner will be seated towards the back of the Plenary Hall. DGEs with no partner are encouraged to use the time at the end of the GSE Session to circulate amongst other unpaired districts to secure a partnership. Please note that the pairing cannot be confirmed until each DGE submits a completed **2004-05 GSE District Application** (indicating how their district will fund the team) and a **District Information Form**. GSE District

Applications must also be signed by the current District Rotary Foundation Chair, so DGEs will need to take the applications home and obtain the necessary signature before TRF can confirm the pairing.

If districts have already submitted a district application to TRF and have been notified that they have a funding problem, they should contact their GSE Coordinator at TRF immediately to clarify this funding concern to be eligible to pair for the 2004-05 program year. Districts with funding problems will NOT be paired with partner districts in 2004-05 until all funding concerns are resolved.

Elizabeth Lamberti, Group Study Exchange Manager, will be present at the International Assembly and will be available to assist with any questions or concerns about GSE. DGEs are encouraged to stop by the Foundation booth at the Assembly to discuss new pairings or funding issues.

## **POLIOPLUS**

### **Polio Status**

556 cases of polio have been reported for 2003 as of 1 December 03. The number of cases that had been reported for all of 2002 was 1918.

Significant progress in India is largely responsible for the reduction in cases.

### **Polio Eradication in Nigeria**

In response to concerns about the safety of oral polio vaccine in Nigeria, the country's Vice-President Atiku Abubakar ordered that the vaccine be tested by Nigerian scientists to verify its safety. The results of tests at the National Hospital of Abuja and the Ahmadu Bello University Teaching

Hospital in Kaduna State declared the polio vaccines fit to be administered on Nigerian children. Laboratory tests found no human immuno-deficiency virus (HIV) or anti-fertility agents as had been alleged by some individuals.

### **NID Travel**

A new leader of National Immunization Day (NID) travel to India in February 2004 has emerged. Interested individuals may contact PDG Elias Thomas III from Maine, USA at: [ethomas@metrocast.net](mailto:ethomas@metrocast.net).

December. A group of Rotarians and guests led by Michigan Rotarian Dave Groner and his wife Barbara was also in Niger at the time. Niger is one of seven countries which remain polio endemic. The other six are India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Somalia, Nigeria, and Egypt.

Past Rotary International President Luis Giay represented Rotary at Niger's NIDs in early

## **PolioPlus Partners**

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The Trustee Chairman has determined that active fundraising for the PolioPlus Partners program can begin as of 1 December. To support the program, an Open Projects List (OPL) will be issued in December and posted on the web beginning in January. Please contact Nicole Kreamer at [kreamern@rotaryintl.org](mailto:kreamern@rotaryintl.org) or 847-866-3255 for copies.

## **Polio Eradication Fundraising Campaign (PEFC)**

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Contributions to the Polio Eradication Fundraising Campaign (PEFC) are still encouraged --This is a reminder that clubs and districts are to be encouraged to continue their work on fulfilling their commitments to the Campaign. Although the campaign has exceeded its goal, every penny above and beyond the goal will go towards urgently needed polio eradication activities. Therefore we need clubs to turn the total in promises into a total in reality by making their contributions. Contact Clare Monroe at [monroec@rotaryintl.org](mailto:monroec@rotaryintl.org) or 847-866-3460 for questions or updated contribution reports.

It is important to note that contributions to PolioPlus Partners do not count towards PEFC commitments. However, cash contributions to Partners will be matched at the rate of US\$.50 per every dollar contributed.

## **Advocacy**

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In their Joint Statement on Multilateralism, U.S.A. President George Bush and U.K. Prime Minister Tony Blair included a sentence on polio eradication under the section on Promoting Global Health. The link to the entire statement is at <http://www.pm.gov.uk/output/Page4869.asp>. The specific polio statement is as follows: "We call on others to join us to fulfill the G8 goal of eradication of polio by 2005".