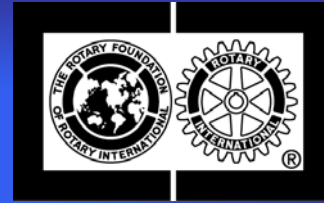


The Regional Rotary Foundation

COORDINATOR COMMUNIQUE



April 2004

A Forum for Foundation News

FUND DEVELOPMENT

Contributions Update

	<u>March 2004</u>	<u>March 2003</u>	<u>Increase (+)</u> <u>Decrease (-)</u>
Annual Programs Fund	US\$39,900,494	US\$33,352,416	+19.63%
PolioPlus*	US\$17,851,888	US\$37,453,654	-52.34%
Permanent Fund & Related	US\$ 6,686,357	US\$ 4,334,307	+54.27%
<u>Restricted Giving</u>	<u>US\$ 4,438,927</u>	<u>US\$ 6,961,405</u>	<u>-36.24%</u>
TOTALS	US\$68,877,665	\$82,101,783	-16.11%

	<u>March 2002</u>	<u>March 2001</u>	<u>Increase (+)</u> <u>Decrease (-)</u>
Annual Programs Fund	US\$39,946,566	US\$38,755,034	+3.07%
Permanent Fund	US\$ 6,700,596	US\$ 5,561,452	+20.48%
<u>Restricted Giving</u>	<u>US\$11,095,250</u>	<u>US\$11,316,873</u>	<u>-1.96%</u>
TOTALS	US\$57,742,412	US\$55,633,359	+3.79%

*NOTE: The Polio Eradication Fundraising Campaign was conducted in the 2002-2003 Rotary Year

EVERY ROTARIAN, EVERY YEAR - UPDATE

Achieving District Annual Programs Fund Goals for 2003-2004

As of 31 March 2004, only 57% of the US\$70,000,000 Annual Programs Fund goal has been achieved. Much work needs to be done if we are to reach our worldwide goal in the final three months of the Rotary year. Please review your RRFC Goals/Contributions Progress Report and look for those districts that are way below their APF goal for the year. Place a call to the District Governors and Foundation Chairs to find out why giving is so low in the district. Has the message of the Annual Programs Fund been delivered to all of the clubs? Is there someone who can visit the clubs to bring up the level of contributions? Can you, as an RRFC, be of assistance to them by visiting clubs or participating in district programs to encourage giving? It is important to let your district officers know that you are monitoring their

fund-raising progress and that they are responsible for achieving their district's APF goal. Remind district officers that Restricted Giving does not count toward their Annual Programs Fund goals or toward per capita achievement.

Club Goal Report Forms

All club presidents-elect should submit their Annual Programs Fund goals to their District Governors-elect by 7 May 2004. Please remind the District Governors-elect in your zones that these Club Goal Report Forms are due to the Secretariat by 10 May 2004. The Trustees will use these goals to determine the worldwide Annual Programs Fund Goal for announcement at the Convention in Osaka, Japan.

Club Success Kits for 2004-2005

The *Every Rotarian, Every Year* Club Success Kits have been sent to the District Governors-elect. In areas where PETS were occurring within the specified shipping dates, Kits were sent to the PETS conveners for distribution to club presidents-elect at PETS. We ran short of Kits in French and Spanish so a couple of districts may experience slight delays in receiving their Kits. However, all materials have been reprinted and are being shipped.

Contributions Deadline 30 June 2004

Contributions for this Rotary year must be received by The Rotary Foundation on or before 30 June to be credited to 2003-2004. Now is a time when many districts are holding their District Assemblies and Conferences and hosting events for the purpose of presenting Paul Harris Fellows, Major Donor and Bequest Society recognition. Please remember that recognition processing always takes longer at year-end due to volume so please allow 4-6 weeks for processing.

Permanent Fund Update

Donor Advised Funds Update

As of 31 March 2004, there were 30 DAF accounts with a fair market value of US\$1.7 million. Since being established in April 2002, the DAF has granted over \$100,000 directly to TRF's programs. For additional information on The Rotary Foundation Donor Advised Fund, please visit Rotary's website.

Bequest Society Update

As of 31 March 2004, there were 3,432 Bequest Society commitments with an expected value of US\$154.2 million.

HUMANITARIAN GRANT PROGRAMS

Updates and changes to the Humanitarian Programs will be communicated following the April 2004 Trustee Meeting.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Rotary Centers for International Studies

Rotary Centers Peacebuilder Districts

Any District that contributes US\$25,000 per year or US\$50,000 every other year from its District Designated Funds (DDF) to the Rotary Centers Fund Pool will be known as a Peacebuilder District. Peacebuilder Districts to date are:

- 2560 Japan
- 2700 Japan
- 3660 Korea
- 3740 Korea

For more information, please visit the Rotary International Website at

http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/centers/funding/index.html

Annual Seminars

The Rotary Centers for International Studies will host the Annual Seminars listed below. Rotary World Peace Scholars will present their academic work and Rotarians, university faculty, and the public are welcome to attend. Please contact the respective Host Area Liaison or Foundation staff for more information.

- 17 April 2004 – Duke University/University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, USA (Contact Past RRFC Ken Morgan)
- 25 April 2004 – University of California, Berkeley, USA
- 29-30 April 2004 – Universidad del Salvador, Argentina
- 24 May 2004 – Sciences Po, France (Contact Past RRFC Horst Hombourg)
- 29 May 2004 – International Christian University, Japan (Contact Past RRFC Toshi Iwai)
- October 2004 – University of Queensland, Australia
- 6 November 2004 – University of Bradford, England (Contact Past RRFC Allan Jagger)

Search for 05-07 Rotary World Peace Scholarship Candidates

Rotary clubs will soon be promoting Rotary World Peace Scholarship availability for the 2005-07 program year and identifying potential candidates. Applicants for Rotary World Peace Scholarships must have: a B.A. at the time of application; the academic background, training, and work experience required for a master's-level program at the Rotary Center University partners; minimum three years combined paid or unpaid work experience at the time of application; proficiency in more than one language (even if they propose to study in a country where their native language is spoken); excellent leadership skills; and demonstrated commitment to peace and international understanding through their professional and academic achievements and/or their personal and community service activities.

Application forms for the 2005-07 Rotary World Peace Scholarship can be downloaded from the RI website in English at:

<http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/foundation/educational.html>

and other languages at:

<http://www.rotary.org/languages/spanish/downloads/index.html> - Spanish

<http://www.rotary.org/languages/french/downloads/index.html> - French

<http://www.rotary.org/languages/japanese/downloads/index.html> - Japanese

Potential applicants should be directed to their local Rotary club which can be found on the RI Website: <http://www.rotary.org/support/clubs/index.html>

District-endorsed applications for the 2005-07 Rotary World Peace Scholarships competition are due to TRF **by 1 October 2004**. Each district and non-districted club may submit one application each year for the scholarship competition.

Annual Evaluation of Rotary Centers

Former TRF General Manager and past RRFC, Duane Sterling, recently undertook the grand task of performing university evaluations at **all seven Rotary Centers for International Studies**. A member of TRF's Rotary Centers Committee accompanied PDG Sterling on each site visit. PDG Sterling will submit a findings report to the TRF Board of Trustees at their April meeting.

New Rotary Centers for International Studies Department Manager

Judy Gibson was recently hired as the new Rotary Centers for International Studies Department Manager in the Educational Programs Division of TRF. Judy can be reached by phone at (847) 866-3834, by fax at (847) 866-0934 or by e-mail at gibsonj@rotaryintl.org.

Group Study Exchange

2003-04 Traveling GSE Teams

GSE Staff is in the middle of its high travel season. It is imperative that districts that are traveling in April-June submit all completed predeparture documents as well as travel request forms to the designated RITS travel agents. If predeparture documents or the travel request form are not submitted on time the exchange can be postponed or cancelled.

If GSE team members need to obtain visas for the country they are visiting, districts must submit all of the pre-departure documents as early as possible so that GSE staff can prepare the letters of support for the visa application process.

Please remind GSE committees that requests for reimbursements from the 2003-04 year should be sent into Evanston within two months of expenditures. Payments are sent within 20 business days from the day they are submitted. Reimbursement forms are available in the Program Guide for Rotarians (available for download at www.rotary.org).

Confirmation of 2004-05 and 2004-06 Pairings

By now, most districts have submitted their completed district applications and GSE District Information sheet, providing GSE staff with details regarding funding, year and month of exchange for their team.

GSE Staff is currently:

- Confirming by mail GSE pairings that occurred during and after the 2004 International Assembly,
- Requesting missing information required for the confirmation of a GSE pairing, such as: month and year of travel, funding option, reallocation of necessary funds, and missing signatures. Districts that receive such a communication are urged to contact the GSE staff in Evanston and submit the requested information.
- If your district has not received a confirmation letter by now, please contact Lorena Funes, Senior Coordinator, FunesL@Rotaryintl.org, to clarify pending issues regarding your exchange.

Ambassadorial Scholarship and Rotary Grants for University Teachers

Outbound Scholar Orientation & Regional Scholar Seminars

- 2004-05 Ambassadorial Scholars are currently registering to *outbound* orientation seminars offered by their club, district, or region (a requirement of the scholarship).
- In March, Sponsor Counselors received a letter confirming their role as counselors and supporting documentation (including the Scholar Handbook).
- In April, the organizers of past Regional Scholar Orientation Seminars will be provided with the regional orientation seminar grant application for seminars to be held between 1 July 2004 and 30 June 2005. Once grant applications are received and approved, seminar information is available on the RI Website at:
http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/seminars.html. For questions, please contact: Stephanie Veit, Scholarships Program Department Manager, tel: 847-866-3323; fax: 847 866-0934; e-mail: veits@rotaryintl.org.

2004-05 Request for Host Rotary Club and Counselor Appointments

In April, TRF will ask the districts hosting scholars and university teachers for 2004-05 to appoint a Host Rotary Club and Host Counselor within that club for each scholar and teacher. The deadline for DGE's to submit this information to TRF will be **15 June 2004**. Scholarships Staff will follow-up with DGE's in May to make sure that they have received the request and to ask whether the task has been delegated within the district.

RRFC's can remind districts that appointing committed Rotarians to this volunteer position ensures that Rotarians will guide the scholars in scheduling presentations at Rotary club meetings and working on Rotary service projects.

Program Evaluations

At their April 2004 meeting, The Trustees of The Foundation will review two reports on the Scholarships Program:

- Evaluation of the Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship Type
- Impact of the April 2001 Trustee Decisions on the Ambassadorial Scholarships program.

We thank all the RRFC's who helped motivate districts to return the surveys to TRF on time.

Rotary Grants for University Teachers- A Success Story

Professor Femi OJO-ADE, 2003-04 recipient of a Rotary Grant for University Teachers, sponsored by the Rotary Club of St. Mary's County (District 7620/USA), spent 6 months as a visiting professor at the University of Lagos, Nigeria (District 9110). There he taught 3 courses, two at the graduate level and in one at the undergraduate level, all pertaining to French-speaking African literature. While mentoring graduate students on their thesis research, one fact that constituted an obstacle to his efforts was the lack of materials (books, technical equipment for language study, video tapes, DVDs, etc). Professor Ojo-Ade had foreseen such possibilities in pre-departure discussions with his colleagues at his home university, but not to the extent it would actually refrain students to have access to proper studying material. Before he left Nigeria, Professor Ojo-Ade started to work on a Matching Grant proposal for the provision of necessary materials for the Department of European Languages at the University of Lagos. During his stay in Lagos, he also spent part of his available grant funds to purchase texts and videos, and to provide other services, such as photocopying, to students at the University of Lagos.

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. All districts and non-districted clubs in low-income countries may submit one scholarship candidate application to compete for up to 20 Ambassadorial Scholarships awarded annually through the fund pool. All applications are considered on a world-competitive basis by a Trustee-appointed selection committee, chaired by past RRFC Marcus Doyle that includes Past RRFC's David Liddiatt and P.T. Prabhakar. The deadline to submit 2005-06 applications to TRF is **1 October 2004**. For questions about the Scholarships Fund Pool for Low-Income Countries, please contact Renée Stephenson, Resource Development Supervisor, at stephenr@rotaryintl.org or by phone at (847) 866-3314.

Donated 2005-06 Scholarships

Districts that are recipients of donated 2005-06 Ambassadorial Scholarships will receive notification from TRF in April 2004. These districts are encouraged to work diligently to locate suitable candidates for these scholarships, to interview and select two finalists per scholarship donated, and to send these two applications by 1 September 2004 to the donating district for final review and selection. The donating district should then send the finalist's application to TRF by **1 October 2004**. For questions about donated scholarships, please contact Renée Stephenson, Resource Development Supervisor, at stephenr@rotaryintl.org

PolioPlus Program

An Update

As of 15 April, 784 cases of polio were reported for 2003.

Cricket players from Pakistan and India joined together to promote polio eradication. On 5 April, players from both countries' teams encouraged their fellow citizens to "bowl out polio" and to make sure that each of their children were immunized. The message helped to promote National Immunization Days scheduled for 21 April.

On March 22, Nigeria held a second round of 2004 National Immunization Days (NIDs). All states but Kano participated in the campaign. Rotarians and partner organizations are actively encouraging Kano to participate in the country's polio eradication efforts.

PolioPlus Partners

New project requests continue to come in for polio eradication efforts in priority countries. PolioPlus Partners has already funded projects in Togo, Niger, Cote d'Ivoire and other countries. Sudan and Cameroon now require Rotarian assistance. For further information, contact Clare Monroe at monroec@rotaryintl.org <<mailto:monroec@rotaryintl.org>>.

Planning & Administration Update

Citation for Meritorious Service

Last call for nominations for the Citation for Meritorious Service (CMS). All nominations for the 2003-04 year must be received in Evanston by 15 May 2004. Those received after the deadline will be returned to the sender for renomination in the next year. If you need more information on the CMS, please look at the website <http://www.rotary.org/foundation/awards/index.html> or contact

Lois Robertson at email: robertsl@rotaryintl.org

RRFC Training Institute - Materials and Publication Requests On the Way

If you have not already received your materials and/or the publications you requested from the RRFC Institute, you should receive them shortly. Some of you will receive two packages. One containing your RRFC Institute binder and other materials left behind, a CD containing all training Institute materials, some new PolioPlus posters and postcards, and other supporting material. The other box will come directly from our warehouse or your Rotary International office, and contains the publications you ordered (if applicable).

Publications & Supplies for TRF District Seminars

While helping your districts plan their Foundation seminars, please make sure the district representative (usually the DRFC) knows how they can order publications and audiovisuals. For more information, see the *RI Catalog (019)*, contact your Rotary International office, or use the online Catalog on the RI Web site at www.rotary.org. Some publications are also available for download from the Web site's download center. To order seminar materials they can also contact Publications Order Services, telephone: 847-866-4600; fax: 847-866-3276. Please allow at least six weeks for packing, shipping, and delivery. Therefore, please have your districts plan well in advance of their expected seminar dates.