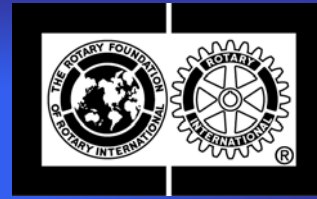


The Regional Rotary Foundation

COORDINATOR COMMUNIQUÉ



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A Forum for Foundation News

FUND DEVELOPMENT

EVERY ROTARIAN, EVERY YEAR Update

2005-2006 Fund Development Club Goal Report Form

The 2005-2006 Fund Development Club Goal Report Forms are now available for download on Rotary's website in English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish and Swedish. District Governor-elects have received a sample copy of the Form by mail. Final copies of the 2005-06 Club Goal Report Forms will be sent out to DGEs in the PETS II Supplemental mailing. Club Presidents-elect will receive their official three-part copies of the Club Goal Report Form in a separate mailing in April 2005.

Club president-elects should submit Club Goals to their District Governor-elects by 8 May 2005. District Governor-elects should submit all Club Goals to the Foundation by 15 May 2005 for inclusion in the Annual Worldwide Goals at the Chicago Centennial Convention in June 2005. For more information, contact the Annual Giving Section by e-mail: EveryRotarianEveryYear@rotaryintl.org; by telephone at 1-847-866-3352; or by fax at 1-847-328-5260.

2005-2006 Club Success Kits

The 2005-2006 Club Success Kits will be mailed directly to each club president-elect in late April. The kits will be similar in design to the 2004-2005 kits and will include:

- 2005-06 Cover Letter from Trustee Chairman Frank Devlyn
- 2005-06 Fund Development Club Goal Report Form
- 2004 Rotary Foundation Facts (159)
- One Every Rotarian, Every Year Brochure/contributions form (957)
- One sheet of 2005-06 Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member Badge Stickers (956)
- 2005-06 Every Rotarian, Every Year Club Schedule
- Every Rotarian, Every Year Resources on the Web
- Weekly Rotary Foundation Thoughts
- Your Annual Contributions at Work
- Annual Programs Fund Challenge/Leverage Gift Examples
- Publications Order Form (337)

EREY DVD Trailer

A 49-second trailer of the new EREY DVD is posted on the EREY homepage via <http://erey.rotary.org> in English only. Copies of the new DVD in all nine languages can be purchased at a cost of US\$12 each from Rotary's Distribution Center and the RI Offices worldwide.

EREY Posters

A set of two, four-color new Every Rotarian, Every Year posters (959) are available in nine Rotary languages gratis from Rotary's Distribution Center (formerly the Warehouse/Order Desk) and the RI Offices. The posters encourage Rotarians to participate in and support Rotary Foundation programs.

Contributions Update

Contributions for the seven months ending 31 January 2005 totaled US\$58,383,297, an increase of 14.60% over last year. Contributions to the Annual Programs Fund increased 28.82% to US\$36,870,293 over January 2004. Clearly, the *Every Rotarian, Every Year* effort is playing a significant role in this increase. As clubs are fulfilling their Polio Eradication Fundraising Campaign (PEFC) commitments, contributions to PolioPlus declined -39.07% to US\$8,645,628 compared to 2004. Contributions to the Permanent Fund increased 10.70% to US\$5,966,489. Restricted giving increased 151.57% due to Tsunami Relief efforts, Matching Grants and specific named scholarships.

	<u>January 2005</u>	<u>January 2004</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
Annual Programs Fund	US\$36,870,293	US\$28,621,144	28.82%
PolioPlus	US\$ 8,645,628	US\$14,189,324	(39.07%)
Permanent Fund	US\$ 5,966,489	US\$ 5,389,764	10.70%
<u>Restricted Giving</u>	<u>US\$ 6,900,887</u>	<u>US\$ 2,743,114</u>	<u>151.57%</u>
TOTALS	US\$58,383,297	US\$50,943,346	14.60%

Permanent Fund Update

As of 31 January 2005, expectancies to the Permanent Fund stood at US\$284.1 million. The Fund's net assets were at US\$158.7 million as of 31 December 2004. The Permanent Fund goal is US\$500 million in net assets and expectancies by 30 June 2005.

Bequest Society Update

As of 31 January 2005, there were 4095 Bequest Society commitments at an expected value of US\$170.8 million. These commitments represent a significant percentage of the expectancies to the Permanent Fund.

Donor Advised Funds Update

As of 31 January 2005, there were 50 DAF accounts with a fair market value of US\$2.6 million. For additional information on The Rotary Foundation Donor Advised Fund, please visit <http://daf.rotary.org>

HUMANITARIAN GRANTS PROGRAM

Humanitarian Grant Application Submission Deadline

The Humanitarian Grants Program staff would like to remind all Rotarians that the **31 March** deadline is fast approaching for submitting applications/requests/proposals for the following grant types: Matching Grants, District Simplified Grants and 3-H Grants. Application forms for Matching Grants and proposal forms for 3-H Grants may be found on Rotary's website. Districts requiring copies of the District Simplified Grant request form should contact their Humanitarian Grants coordinator.

Humanitarian Grants Program Staff Promotion

The Humanitarian Grants Program Division is pleased to announce the promotion of **Robbyn Tarpy** to Department Manager/Program Officer, Matching Grants/Asia. You may contact Robbyn for any questions related to Matching Grants or Humanitarian Grants taking place in Asia.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Rotary Centers for International Studies

New Deadline for Districts to Submit 2006-08 Rotary World Peace Scholarship Applications is July 1, 2005.

Please help us get the word out about this deadline change. Clubs and Districts should be working to solicit new applications from qualified candidates NOW through April. Club and district interviews should take place in May and June in order for Districts to submit their chosen applicant to Evanston by July 1, 2005. Thank you for helping us choose outstanding Rotary World Peace Scholars in 2005.

We urge all RRFCS to start with their home districts and then reach out to their entire regions over the coming weeks to promote selection of 2006-08 RWPS candidates and donating DDF to provide RWPS. If RRFCS' own districts do not support RCIS, how can TRF expect to reach all districts?

Four for Four Four for Four Four for Four Four for Four Four for Four *What do the following districts have in common?*

1360/Iceland
4910/Argentina
5360/Canada
9800/Australia

In the four years since the inception of the Rotary World Peace Scholarship program they have each been successful in choosing candidates who have been selected by the Rotary Centers Committee to receive Rotary World Peace Scholarships. Congratulations to each of these districts. TRF is researching why these districts have been so successful and what lessons might be learned regarding the "ideal profile" of a Rotary World Peace Scholar. We will report on this in the next issue of the *RRFC Communiqué*.

Rotary Centers Peacebuilder Districts

Each district is asked to set the goal to obtain at least one additional Rotary Center Peacebuilder District Commitment for TRF by 31 August 2005. The Rotary Centers Selection Committee will meet in September this year and all donations must be made before that date for the next class (V) of Rotary World Peace Scholars. Donations made by the end of August will ensure that TRF is able to fund at least 60 scholarships. 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 Scholar for study at one of the Rotary Centers for International Studies for the 2006-07-program year and beyond are recognized as Rotary Centers Peacebuilder Districts. TRF will recognize Peacebuilder Districts with

special banners and certificates. Use the form at this website to become Peacebuilder District

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

If a peacebuilder commitment is not possible, please donate any amount of DDF to the program using the Educational Programs and Rotary Foundation Fund Pools Donation Form for Rotary Year 2006-07.

The sixty 2005-07 Rotary World Peace Scholarship finalists represent the following zones:

Zone	# of Scholars
2	1
3	1
5	1
6	1
7	5
8	6
10	5
11	1
12	2
13	1
14	2
16	4
17	2
19	2
20	2
21	1
22	1

Zone	# of Scholars (con't)
23	3
24	3
25	1
26	1
27	1
28	2
29	1
30	1
31	1
32	5
33	3

Rotary World Peace Scholar Alumna Aids Victims of the Tsunami in Indonesia

Margaret Soo, 2002-2004 Rotary World Peace Scholar, Sponsor District 3300 (Petaling Jaya, Malaysia) graduated in June 2004 from the Rotary Center for international studies in peace and conflict resolution at International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan. Margaret is an example of how Rotary World Peace Scholar alumni are already making a difference in the world: this past January, Margaret was chosen to go on a three-week relief mission to the tsunami-devastated Banda Aceh province of Indonesia by D-3300 Governor Dato Perumal. Her team consisted of District Governor Nominee Dato Jimmy Lim and eight other Rotarians. Margaret credits her two-year tenure as a Rotary World Peace Scholar for some of the skills and mental preparation that were needed for this enormous task. In an upcoming feature article in *The Rotarian* magazine, Margaret will give a heart-wrenching account of what she and her team witnessed in the face of one of nature's most destructive forces - grisly scenes of devastation and death, and miraculous tales of survival.



Rotary World Peace Scholar Career Updates

Rotary World Peace Scholar alumna (University of Bradford, 2004) Ximena Hervier is an Officer of International Relations for MANOS UNIDAS, one of the biggest developmental NGOs in Madrid, Spain. (www.manosunidas.org) After receiving her Master's of Philosophy from Bradford in October, Ximena began an internship with MANOS UNIDAS and then was offered a permanent job with the organization.

Michel Huneault, Rotary World Peace Scholar alumnus (University of Californian, Berkeley, 2004)) was in Ukraine for 10 days in December 2004 to monitor the repeat Presidential elections. He was part of the official Canadian government delegation observing the elections. In his free time he wrote an article with a colleague from the University of Saskatchewan and documented his experience with photographs. Back in

Montreal Michel continues as a consultant in the development/human rights field and freelances as a photographer.

Carmen Strigel, (University of North Carolina, 2004) is on assignment in Pakistan for the Research Triangle Institute (RTI). Carmen works in the area of Information and Communication Technology with RTI.

Ambassadorial Scholarships and Rotary Grants for University Teachers

Acceptance Packet and Handbook for 2005-06 Ambassadorial Scholars

2005-06 Ambassadorial Scholars will receive their scholarship Acceptance Packet very soon, including the Scholar Handbook. Once again this year, scholars are encouraged 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 (e.g. mailing to District Governors acknowledging receipt of the 2005-06 Scholarship Applications from their districts; mailing to Sponsor Counselors scheduled for March 2005). 2005 Regional Scholar Orientation Seminar information is posted on the Rotary International website at:

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

Program Evaluations

In February 2005, Regional Scholar Orientation Seminar organizers and 95-96, 99-00 and 03-04 Sponsor Counselors will have received a survey from TRF's Scholarships Department. Seminar Organizers and Sponsor Counselors are asked to give input on the importance of Regional Scholar Orientation Seminars. The survey will be sent via email or fax. The deadline for submitting the survey to The TRF is **21 Feb 2005**. Results will be presented to TRF Trustees at their April 2005 meeting.

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 2006-07. All districts and non-districted clubs in low-income countries may submit one scholarship application to compete for up to 20 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 2006-07 Ambassadorial Scholarship applications: **1 October 2005**. Contact: Renée Stephenson, Resource Development Supervisor, tel: 847-866-3314; fax: 847-866-0934; email: stephenr@rotaryintl.org.

The twenty 2005-06 Scholarships Fund Pool for Low-Income Countries finalists represent the following zones:

Zone	# of Scholars
5	1
6	1
7	1
10	12
19	2
21	2
22	1

Group Study Exchange

DGEs who partnered for a Group Study Exchange in 2005-06 will be seated next to each other during the special session on GSE at the International Assembly in Anaheim. For GSE pairings confirmed in January or February 2005, DGEs will receive notification in their International Assembly registration packets indicating the location (row and seat number) of their partner DGE during the session on GSE.

The deadline to submit 2005-06 GSE district applications has been extended to **01 March 2005**. However, the sooner the district submits the application to TRF, the more chance there is to find a partner before the 2005 International Assembly.

For GSE teams that are traveling in the 2004-05 program year, predeparture documents (team applications, medical and insurance certificates) must be submitted to the GSE coordinator at TRF **no later than 45 days** before departure. If complete documents are not received by that time, the exchange may be postponed or canceled.

Exceptions to GSE team member criteria must be petitioned to TRF in advance of the team's travel. Any special requests such as age requirements, employment and residency requirements, size of team or length of stay, must be requested in writing. GSE staff will submit the petition to the Trustee Chairman for review and will respond to the district with and approval or denial of request.

Note from RRFC Paul Buyers

First Hand Information from Sri Lanka

I am indebted to PDG Allan Jagger for sending me this email from Rotary World Peace Scholar Monica Alfred who hails from Sri Lanka. Monica and her fellow scholar, Martha McManus, received their MPhil degrees from Bradford University this year. Monica returned home to AHIMSA (a Sanskrit word for 'non-violence'), which is the NGO she founded to help educate rural children. Monica encouraged Martha to join her.

When the tsunami hit, fellow scholar Judy Norton from Bradford wrote asking the Rotary community to respond, followed a few days later by Danielle Rieff, a Masters degree recipient from Sciences Po, who also organised a fund-raising drive to help the children of Sri Lanka. Because of their experience and connections through the Rotary Peace Centres programme these scholars were able to act immediately and compassionately to help some of the victims of the disaster.

"In my country the situation in displaced persons' camps changes every day. We often have to change plans which have taken hours or days to organise. Emergency relief has been given to nearly all in need by various groups and organisations. We are preparing to do short term work while the government decides exactly what is needed for houses along the coastal region. It is difficult to make permanent decisions as people keep moving from camp to camp. Those whose houses were completely destroyed have been given tents. Those whose houses remain, wholly or partly, are working to clean them. Many local voluntary groups and organisations are helping with this. In some areas, apart from along the main roads, heavy vehicles and machinery will be needed to clear the bricks and debris from the surrounding land. Displaced persons in camps set up in schools have been moved so that schooling may start again on 20 January. We do not know what will happen to the children who have no home or school to go to.

The capacity of my organisation is such that we have chosen to help one camp in the south, situated in a Buddhist temple. This is one of the most affected areas in the south. We have the capacity to do little, compared with the scale of the disaster. AHISMA has been working in the camp since 28 December. We started by providing them with emergency relief, but now also help with children's activities.

We tried our best to provide each child with a pack of school items to encourage them to go to school. But this was beyond us. People from a nearby village were also affected and kept coming to the camp for books. Each time my staff came back they had a list of more than one hundred children who needed books. There are no shops, so people can buy nothing even though they have money. Some of their fathers are fishermen and may not be able to start their jobs again for some time.

Martha McManus has now joined us and is supporting our work. We are getting ready to give psychosocial support for children and mothers. We are planning to work in a few more camps in the east and south to help other organisations with psychosocial support programmes.

With love and gratitude
Monica”

We ask why we should support the Rotary Peace Scholars Programme. These are the calibre of people we select. They are shining examples and we should all be immensely proud of them.

MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

If you were going to a birthday party for someone 100 years "young", what would be your gift? For Rotary, we recall the many years of wonderful programs and service projects by great leaders that give us pride. The greatest gifts we as Rotarians can give to keep our organization alive and well for others to enjoy into the future are a new member and a contribution to The Rotary Foundation. I have made my gifts, have you? If not, please do so by 1 June so we can all celebrate Rotary in Chicago.



With appreciation and my best regards,

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JOIN ME at the Chicago 2005 RI Centennial Convention**

Planning & Administration

Foundation Service Awards

District Governors who have not yet nominated an outstanding Rotarian, noted for service to humanity through the programs of the Foundation, for The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service are reminded that nomination forms are available on the Rotary website at <http://www.rotary.org/foundation/awards/index.html>. Nominations may be submitted until 15 May 2005.