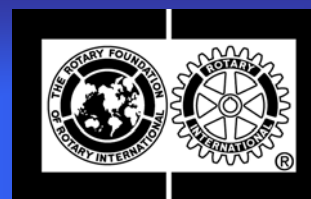


The Regional Rotary Foundation

COORDINATOR COMMUNIQUÉ



April 2005

A Forum for Foundation News

FUND DEVELOPMENT

Every Rotarian, Every Year

Contributions Update

For the nine months ending 31 March 2005, contributions to The Rotary Foundation totaled US\$80,646,372, an increase of 17% over last year. Of that amount, Annual Programs Fund contributions totaled US\$50,569,998, an increase of nearly 27% over last year's giving. This represents a goal achievement of only 50% against our worldwide annual giving goal of US\$100,000,000 with less than three months remaining in the Rotary year. In order to achieve our Centennial goal of US\$100 per capita, total giving must increase by 40% over last year's total annual giving of US\$70 million.

Contributions to the Permanent Fund are ahead of 2003-2004 by 8.18%. Pledge payments for the Polio Eradication Fundraising Campaign continue to come in, all of which are payable by 30 June 2005. Contributions to Tsunami Relief efforts represent the increase in Restricted giving at 159.22%.

	<u>March 2005</u>	<u>March 2004</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
Annual Programs Fund	US\$50,569,998	US\$39,900,494	26.74%
PolioPlus	US\$11,336,861	US\$17,851,888	(36.49%)
Permanent Fund	US\$ 7,233,135	US\$ 6,686,356	8.18%
<u>Restricted Giving</u>	<u>US\$11,506,378</u>	<u>US\$ 4,438,927</u>	<u>159.22%</u>
TOTALS	US\$80,646,372	US\$68,877,665	17.09%

RRFC May/June Year-End Calling Effort To Reach Our Goal Of US\$100,000,000

Please review your "Contributions Progress Report as of 31 March 2005." In many zones, there are a number of districts where per capita giving is very low. Please contact those District Governors and ask them to work with their clubs to achieve the US\$100 per capita giving goal by 15 June 2005 as set by every district at the 2001 Council on Legislation and confirmed again at the 2004 Council. Much work remains to be done if we are to celebrate Rotary's 100th Anniversary with the US\$100 per capita goal achieved. Please report back to Roylene Gallas, Director of Annual Giving, by email at: gallasr@rotaryintl.org or by phone at 1-847-866-3046 or fax at 1-847-328-5260 on the status of the Districts and their clubs' goal achievement. Thank you in advance for helping us to reach our Annual Programs Fund goal and for helping others through the Foundation's many wonderful programs.

Every Rotarian, Every Year Monthly Newsletter

You can still sign up to receive the EREY Newsletter via email each month on the website at: www.rotary.org/foundation/development/annualgiving/erey_news.html.

Effective with the 2005-2006 year, the EREY newsletter will be published quarterly

Club Success Kits for 2005-2006

The 2005-2006 *Every Rotarian, Every Year Club Success Kits* will be sent to the club presidents-elect in mid-to-late April. The Kits, available in nine languages, include the following materials:

- Letter from Frank Devlyn, 2005-2006 Trustee Chairman
- Every Rotarian, Every Year Brochure (957-EN)
- 2005-2006 Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member Stickers (956-EN)
- 2005-2006 Fund Development Club Goal Report Form
- 2004 TRF Fact Card (159-EN)
- EREY 2005-2006 Club Schedule
- EREY Resources on the Web
- Weekly Rotary Foundation Thoughts
- Your Annual Programs Fund Contributions At Work
- Annual Programs Fund Challenge/Leverage Gift Examples
- Rotary International Order Form

Language copies of the 2005-2006 Club Success Kits will be provided to RRFCs when supplies are delivered to the Distribution Center in May.

2005-2006 Fund Development Club Goal Report Forms

All club presidents-elect should submit their Annual Programs Fund goals to their District Governors-elect by 8 May 2005. Please remind the District Governors-elect in your zones that these Club Goal Report Forms are due to the Secretariat by 15 May 2005. The Trustees will use these goals to determine the worldwide Annual Programs Fund Goal for announcement at the Convention in Chicago.

30 June 2005 Contribution Deadline

For contributions to be credited for the 2004-2005 Rotary year, they must be postmarked by 30 June 2005 and received at the Foundation's lockbox by 7 July 2005. Any contributions received after that date will be entered for the 2005-2006 Rotary year. Ask Rotarians in your districts to get their contributions in early. 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. Kindly note that recognition processing always takes longer at year-end due to volume so please allow 4-6 weeks for processing. Finally, please remind club and district leaders that contributions to PolioPlus, Matching Grants, World Fund, and Tsunami Relief programs do not count toward Annual Programs Fund goals.

Permanent Fund Update

As of 31 March 2005, expectancies to the Permanent Fund stood at US\$288.7 million. The Fund's net assets were US\$159.9 million as of 28 February 2004. The Permanent Fund goal is US\$500 million in net assets and expectancies by 30 June 2005.

Bequest Society Update

As of 31 March 2005, there were 4188 Bequest Society commitments at an expected value of US\$174.3 million. These commitments represent a significant percentage of the expectancies to the Permanent Fund.

Donor Advised Fund Update

As of 31 March 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

Approval Timeline for 2005-06 District Simplified Grant Requests

TRF staff is currently processing DSG requests for the 2005-06 program year. Approximately 350 DSG requests were received by 31 March 2005 deadline. Current Trustee-approved guidelines indicate that DSG approvals will be contingent upon closure of all open Community Assistance Program Grants and New Opportunity Grants sponsored by clubs in the district. A number of DSG approvals will be delayed due to this requirement. Any DSGs not approved by 15 May 2005 will be able to be considered for approval on 1 August 2005, when TRF begins approving grants during the 2005-06 Rotary year. Please work with the districts in your zone to submit CAP and NOG reports in a timely manner so that TRF can process the approval and payment of the effected DSGs.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Rotary Centers for International Studies

Rotary Centers Host Area Liaisons Meet for the First Time in Evanston

The seven Host Area Liaisons met in Evanston 9-11 March for the first time since the inception of the program in 2002. The Liaisons agreed to change their title to Host Area Coordinators. They discussed issues related to each of the University Rotary Centers and the particular successes and challenges they face in their unique roles as links between the university, the Peace Fellows and the Rotarians in their communities. They agreed to meet every year in connection with the annual Rotary Centers Committee meeting. The current Host Area Coordinators are:

Name	Rotary Center	Host Area Districts
Carol Allen, Past District Governor	Duke University / University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, NC USA	7710, 7730
Allan Jagger, Past Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator	University of Bradford, West Yorkshire, England	1030, 1040, 1050, 1190, 1270, 1280
Gerard Morel, Past District Governor	Sciences Po, Paris, France	1660, 1770, 1670, 1740, 1700
Susan Wait, Past District Governor	University of California – Berkeley, USA	5130, 5150, 5160, 5170, 5180, 5190
Toshi Iwai, Past Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator	International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan	2750, 2580, 2590, 2780, 2770, 2790
William Dethlefs, Past District Governor	University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia	9600, 9630, 9640
Carlos Enrique Speroni, RI Director -elect	Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires, Argentina	4890, 4820, 4850, 4900, 4910

Rotary World Peace Fellow (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) Alumna, Carmen Strigel Speaks at the Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator Training in Skokie

Rotary World Peace Fellow Alumna, Carmen Strigel was a keynote speaker at the RRFC training in March. In her speech Carmen took the audience on a journey—her journey—from her home in Germany to the University of North Carolina, to her applied field experience in Azerbaijan, and finally to her current job as a Research Officer at the Research Triangle Institute in North Carolina. Carmen was an inspiration to all with her energy and commitment to peace and human development.

Rotary World Peace Fellow Alumni-Updates

Danielle Reiff, Class I alumna from the Rotary Center at Sciences Po, has been hired as a Foreign Service Officer (Program/Project Development) with the US Agency for International Development in Washington, DC. To invite for club or district presentations, contact Danielle by e-mail at daniellereiff@hotmail.com.

Anna Pehrsson, Class I alumna from the Rotary Center at Universidad del Salvador, is a Project Officer at the Conflict Prevention in Practice Project, Folke Bernadotte Academy, Sandöverken, Sweden. To invite for club or district presentations, contact Anna by e-mail at annapehrsson@hotmail.com.

Amy Kay and Carolyn Fanelli, Class I alumnae from the Rotary Center at the University of Queensland were recently featured in an article in the April 2005 issue of *The Rotarian* magazine for their work on a photographic project on Ethiopian children whose parents have died of AIDS.

New Deadline for Districts to Submit 2006-08 Rotary World Peace Fellowship 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 Fellows 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 RWPF candidates and donating DDF to provide RWPF. If RRFCs' own districts do not support RCIS, how can TRF expect to reach all districts?"

Rotary Centers Peacebuilder Districts

Each RRFC is asked to set the goal to obtain at least one additional Rotary Center Peacebuilder District Commitment for TRF by 31 August 2005. Donations made by the end of August will ensure that TRF is able to fund at least 60 fellowships. 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 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 format this website to become a Peacebuilder District http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/centers/funding/index.html

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 2006-07.

Ambassadorial Scholarships and Rotary Grants for University Teachers

Program Evaluation of Regional Scholar Orientation Seminars

In January, comprehensive surveys were sent to Regional Scholar Orientation Seminar organizers, 1995-96, 99-00 and 2003-04 program alumni and Rotarian Sponsor Counselors. All were asked to give their input on how effective Regional Scholars Seminars are, and how TRF could improve the program. Results will be presented to the Trustees at their April 2005 meeting.

Thanks to Regional Scholar Orientation Seminars held throughout the Rotary world, in 2004-2005 approximately 900 2005-06 Ambassadorial Scholars, Rotary World Peace Fellows, and University Teachers had and still have the opportunity to meet with their sponsor or host Rotarians to learn more about RI, TRF, and their roles and responsibilities as "ambassadors of goodwill."

For the sixth year, the Trustees have offered grants to defray the costs of large-scale, multi-district seminars. Nearly US\$109,000 total was awarded to 23 seminars in 2004-05. Since outbound orientation is mandatory for all Ambassadorial Scholars, the importance of these regional seminars has continued to grow. We are happy to report that 2 new Regional Seminars took place in 2004-05: in Spain and on the United States west coast. We are currently working with districts in Brazil, Italy, the Northwest and Southwest of the United States, involving RI regional offices where possible, to help them start (or resume) organizing a seminar for 2005-06.

For questions, please contact: Stephanie Veit, Scholarships Department Manager, tel: +1/847-866-3323; fax: +1/847 866 0934; e-mail: veits@rotaryintl.org or visit our website at: http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/seminars.html.

2005-06 Host Counselor Appointments Needed

Scholarships staff are working to request host counselor appointments for the Ambassadorial Scholars and Rotary Grants for University Teachers recipients who will study during the 2005-06 Rotary year. Information on the scholars assigned to each district is being sent this month to District Governors-elect and Scholarship Subcommittee Chairpersons. Each district must inform TRF of their host counselor assignments by **15 June 2005** (fax: +1/847-866-0934).

RRFCs can remind districts they work with 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. Without active Rotarian involvement in the stewardship of scholarship awards, it is difficult for scholars to fulfill their ambassadorial responsibilities and the scholarship becomes merely a funding source for study abroad. Please help your districts to fulfill their role in training globally-minded future leaders.

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 **32** 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 2006-07 applications to TRF is **1 October 2005**. 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 +1/847-866-3314.

Donated 2006-07 Scholarships

Districts that are recipients of donated 2006-07 Ambassadorial Scholarships will receive notification from TRF in April 2005. 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 2005 to the donating district for final review and selection. The donating district should then send the finalist's application to TRF by **1 October 2005**. For questions about donated scholarships, please contact Renée Stephenson, Resource Development Supervisor, at stephenr@rotaryintl.org or by phone at +1/847-866-3314.

Group Study Exchange

GSE teams traveling in 2004-05:

GSE Staff is in the middle of its high travel season. It is imperative that districts traveling before June 30, 2005 submit all completed predeparture documents, as well as travel request forms to the designated RITS travel agents, no later than 45 days in advance of travel. 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. TRF cannot intervene with

Consulates or Embassies on behalf of GSE team members applying for visas. Travel tickets for the team cannot be released until all members of the team have obtained visas for the country(ies) to be visited.

Please remind GSE committees that requests for reimbursements from the 2004-05 year should be sent into Evanston within two months of expenditures. Reimbursement requests must be accompanied by receipts for all 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 2005-06 GSE pairings:

Districts submitted their completed district applications and GSE District Information sheets during the 2005 International Assembly, 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 2005 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.

POLIOPLUS

Article on Polio and Rotary's Role in Wall Street Journal

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL : Polio and Rotary April 12, 2005

Today marks the 50th anniversary of the Salk polio vaccine. Poliomyelitis, also known as infantile paralysis, used to be one of childhood's most feared diseases. A few years after Dr. Jonas Salk announced his vaccine on April 12, 1955, nearly every child in the U.S. was protected. Today polio has disappeared from the Americas, Europe and the Western Pacific and is nearly gone from the rest of the world.

A too-little known part of this feat is the role played by Rotary, the international businessman's club, which 20 years ago adopted the goal of wiping out the disease. Rotary understood that medical breakthroughs are worthless unless people aren't afraid to immunize their children and efficient delivery systems exist to get the vaccine to them. And so it mobilized its members in 30,100 clubs in 166 countries to make it happen.

In 1985, when Rotary launched its eradication program, there were an estimated 350,000 new cases of polio in 125 countries. Last year, 1,263 cases were reported. More than one million Rotary members have volunteered their time or donated money to immunize two billion children in 122 countries. In 1988, Rotary money and its example were the catalyst for a global eradication drive joined by the World Health Organization, Unicef and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. In 2000 Rotary teamed up with the United Nations Foundation to raise \$100 million in private money for the program. By the time the world is certified as polio-free -- probably in 2008 -- Rotary will have contributed \$600 million to its eradication effort.

An economist of our acquaintance calls Rotary's effort the most successful private health-care initiative ever. A vaccine-company CEO recently volunteered to us that the work of Rotary and the Gates Foundation, both private groups, has been more effective than any government in promoting vaccines to save lives. It's become fashionable in some quarters to deride civic volunteerism, but Rotary's unsung polio effort deserves the Nobel Peace Prize.

Final Deadline for Polio Eradication Fundraising Campaign

The final deadline for the PEFC is 30 June 2005 and there is still approximately US\$10 million to be collected. All clubs should be encouraged to fulfill their commitments as soon as possible to help Rotary address urgent needs raised by the outbreak in West and Central Africa. Reports showing outstanding commitments by club will be mailed to all RRFCs and PEFC committee members at the end of April. Please contact Nicole Kreamer (kreamern@rotaryintl.org) or Veronica Gonzalez (gonzalev@rotaryintl.org) at World Headquarters if you have any questions or need additional reports.

PolioPlus Partners seeks funding for 12 urgent projects

The final phase of polio eradication involves an increased number of National Immunization Days and Sub-National Immunization Days to stamp out remaining reservoirs of disease. For instance, India will hold 8 rounds of NIDs or SNIDs this year. Nigeria will hold at least 5 rounds. Rotarians in these countries need support! 12 projects from Asia and Africa have been received and need a total of nearly US\$3.5 million. PolioPlus Partners projects do not receive funding from the PEFC campaign and are dependent on contributions of cash or DDF from Rotarians around the world. Cash contributions to Partners are automatically matched at the rate of \$.50 per dollar donated and are eligible for Paul Harris Fellow credit. Please consider support of your fellow Rotarians in endemic countries through this program. Open Projects Lists can be obtained by visiting Rotary's website at <http://www.rotary.org/foundation/polioplus/index.html> or by contacting Nicole Kreamer at kreamern@rotaryintl.org.

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.