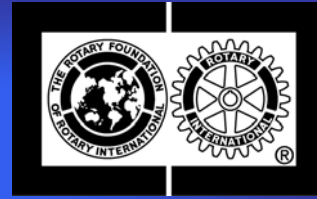


The Regional Rotary Foundation

COORDINATOR COMMUNIQUE



August 2005

A Forum for Foundation News

FUND DEVELOPMENT

Contributions Update

For the month ending 31 July 2005, the Annual Programs Fund effort got off to a strong start in Rotary's Second Century of Service with contributions totaling US\$5,341,966, an increase of 40.23 % over last year! Permanent Fund giving increased 113.37% with contributions totaling US\$1,771,527. PolioPlus contributions at US\$939,996 decreased slightly as clubs completed their campaign commitments during the 2004-2005 Rotary year, however, individual pledge commitments are still being collected. Restricted giving also increased by 60.49% to US\$1,222,444.

	<u>July 2005</u>	<u>July 2004</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
Annual Programs Fund	US\$ 5,341,966	US\$ 3,809,371	40.23%
PolioPlus	US\$ 939,996	US\$ 943,723	(0.39%)
Permanent Fund	US\$ 1,771,527	US\$ 830,243	113.37%
<u>Restricted Giving</u>	<u>US\$ 1,222,444</u>	<u>US\$ 761,710</u>	<u>60.49%</u>
TOTALS	US\$ 9,275,934	US\$6,345,048	46.19%

Club Recognition Summary (CRS)

With the upcoming Rotary Zone Institutes and Rotary Foundation Seminars being held soon, many questions may be raised about the changes that were made to the Club Recognition Summary (CRS) during the 2004-2005 Rotary year - specifically, the removal of the columns for Last Contribution Date and Last Contribution Amount.

These columns were removed from the CRS because the contribution information contained on this global report was found to be in direct violation of Rotarians' privacy rights in many of Rotary's 168 countries where the dissemination of such information is illegal and subject to significant financial penalties for each infraction.

The privacy issue is a subject that continues to be studied globally by Rotary's Legal Counsel and other departments within Rotary. It will take an additional 18 to 24 months before any action can be taken to reinstate personal contribution information to the CRS report.

In the meantime, Rotary club treasurers and/or club Foundation chairs can be encouraged to track individual contributions given by members on a monthly basis. The Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member columns on the CRS report can be used to identify which members have contributed US\$100 or more to the Annual Programs Fund each year. Club presidents and club secretaries can access the Monthly Contribution Reports online to monitor the club's aggregate contribution activities.

Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) 2005-2006 Update

The *EREY Newsletter* is now being published quarterly starting with the August 2005 issue. The August issue, available in nine languages, is being mailed to every club president, district governor, district governor-elect, district Rotary Foundation chair, and Annual Giving Subcommittee chair worldwide accompanied by a letter from Trustee Chairman, Frank Devlyn. Rotarians can share their stories for the newsletter by simply sending an email to: everyrotarianeveryyear@rotaryintl.org. Encourage Rotarians to sign up to receive the newsletter online and learn about fundraising ideas around the world and other items of interest to Rotarians. You can sign up to receive the newsletter via email at: www.rotary.org/foundation/development/annualprograms/erey_news.html.

The upcoming Rotary Zone Institutes provide an excellent forum for the exchange of new fundraising ideas. Please pass along any ideas you learn about in your travels that help promote "*Every Rotarian, Every Year*" in clubs and districts so that we may share them with all Rotary clubs and districts throughout the world. Send ideas to the EREY mailbox at: everyrotarianeveryyear@rotaryintl.org.

Changes to Rotary Foundation Banner Recognition

EREY CLUBS: Effective 1 July 2005, clubs can strive for new "EREY CLUB" banner recognition by achieving a minimum per capita of US\$100 with every active member personally contributing something to the Annual Programs Fund.

100% Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member Clubs: Clubs can also work toward becoming a 100% Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member (RFSM) Club in which the club achieves a minimum US\$100 per capita and every active member of the club is a Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member with a personal contribution of US\$100 or more to the Annual Programs Fund.

District Top Three Per Capita Giving Clubs: Effective 1 July 2005, banner recognition will be awarded to the Top Three Per Capita giving clubs in a district. To be eligible, clubs must achieve a minimum US\$50 per capita.

Banner recognition for the Top Three Highest Annual Giving clubs in a district will no longer be awarded effective 1 July 2005.

Permanent Fund Update

As of 31 July 2005 expectancies to the Permanent Fund stood at US\$297 million. As of 31 May 2005 the Fund's net assets were US\$160 million.

Bequest Society Update

As of 31 July 2005, there were 4403 Bequest Society commitments with an expected value of US\$185 million. These commitments represent a significant percentage of the expectancies to the Permanent Fund.

Donor Advised Fund Update

As of 31 July 2005, there were 54 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>.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Rotary Centers for International Studies

Rotary World Peace Fellows and Alumni to Speak at Zone Institutes



Francesca del Mese is a 2002-04 Rotary World Peace Fellow Alumna who studied at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia where she received a Master's degree in peace and conflict studies. Currently, Francesca is working at the U.N.'s International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia at The Hague. As a practicing barrister, Francesca specializes in human rights. A U.K. native with degrees from Anglia University and the College of Law in London and York, she chose her profession to assist people in securing their liberty and to help them attain basic human rights. Francesca feels that cross-cultural lawyers and government advisers are needed more than ever to harmonize warring countries and ethnic groups. She is very passionate about the need for peace and will dedicate her career to bringing about improved relations and resolve conflicts around the world. In June 2005, Francesca was one of seven Rotary World Peace Fellow alumni who spoke at the RI Convention in Chicago. **She will be back in the US on September 15th to speak to the Zone 27 and 28 Institute in Madison, Wisconsin.**



Mwila Chicaga is a 2004-06 Rotary World Peace Fellow attending Duke University studying international development policy. She is sponsored by District 9210 in Zambia and holds law degree from the University of Zambia. Prior to receiving the Fellowship, Mwila was a principal state advocate for the government of Zambia and an advisor to the attorney general on matters of international law and agreements. **Mwila will speak to the Zone 33 and 34 Institute in Atlanta, Georgia on September 30th.**

Please contact Rotary Centers Department Manager, Judy Gibson, at gibsonj@rotaryintl.org if you would like to schedule a Rotary World Peace Fellow to speak at your zone institute.

Employment Updates for Rotary World Peace Fellow Alumni

Class II Fellows from the Northern Hemisphere universities recently graduated with their Master's degrees and are finding employment that will make a difference....

Renia Corocoto, 2005 Rotary World Peace Fellow Alumna from the University of California, Berkeley will be the director of the new Peace and Conflict Resolution Institute for the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process for the Government of The Philippines in Manila. The purpose of the Institute is to target stakeholders in the government such as officers of the armed forces and police force whose training has been based on tactical capabilities but short on analytical and methodological components in understanding peace and conflict. District 3810 in The Philippines sponsored Renia.

Nisa Chamsuwan, 2005 Rotary World Peace Fellow Alumna from International Christian University in Tokyo, has secured a position of Police Training Program Coordinator with Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development, a Bangkok based human rights non-governmental organization that has Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC). District 3350 in Thailand sponsored Nisa, who happens to be a graduate of Chulalongkorn University, home of the new Rotary Center for Peace and Conflict Studies.

Diana Manevskaya, 2005 Rotary World Peace Fellow Alumna from University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill is working for the World Bank in its Public Affairs Department, where she did her Applied Field Experience. District 2230 in the Republic of Belarus sponsored Diana. She joins Mitch O'Brien, 2002-04 Rotary World Peace Fellow, also employed by the World Bank.

Rotary Center for Peace and Conflict Studies

Applications Available!

Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program applications for the inaugural 2006-2007 program year are now available. Applications may be downloaded from the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies website at

<http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/rpcsp/index.html>.

Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program applications (091EN) will also be available through RI Publications Order Services in the near future. Other forthcoming publications include the Program Guide for Rotarians (104EN) and the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program brochure (105EN). For more information, please email the new Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies inquiries email address at

BangkokPeaceStudies@rotaryintl.org

Ambassadorial Scholarships and Rotary Grants for University Teachers

Regional Scholar Seminars

When Ambassadorial Scholars and Rotary World Peace Fellows assigned to universities in the Northern Hemisphere begin their studies this August, September, and October, their host Rotarians will welcome them with inbound scholar orientation seminars. The seminars inform scholars about the host country and its culture, orient them to their role and responsibilities, and begin building a solid relationship between scholars and host Rotarians.

Fifty scholars and nearly fifty host Rotarians will meet in Nashua, New Hampshire, USA from 30 September to 1 October, for the Northeast US Link seminar. Twenty-five scholars and several host Rotarians will convene at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, USA for the Zone 32 inbound scholar seminar on 1-2 October. Nearly 150 scholars and Rotary World Peace Fellows hosted throughout the UK and Ireland will meet in Nottingham, England, for the RIBI Link Weekend (30 September-2 October).

When possible, RRFCs are encouraged to support and attend the scholar seminars in their regions. RRFCs are also encouraged to consider where new seminars can be developed or where existing seminars can be expanded.

Thanks to Zone 19A and 20 (South) RRRC Gedson Junqueira Bersanete's efforts, persistence and enthusiasm, we are thrilled to announce that the first Outbound Regional Scholar Orientation Seminar in the last 4 years will take place in Brazil. It will be held in Sao Paulo on 20 August 2005.

Contact: Stephanie Veit, Scholarships Department Manager, tel: 847-866-3323; fax: 847-866-0934; e-mail: veits@rotaryintl.org.

Host Counselor Appointments

We recognize RRFCs Paul Buyers, Milton Frary, Paul-Josef Zeisler, Rob Brown, Dave Groner, Gulam Vahanvaty, Krishnan V. Chari and David Neumann for their help in having Rotary districts assign host counselors for Ambassadorial Scholars in a timely manner.

Scholarships Fund Pool for Low-Income Countries – We need your help!

All districts, both high and low-income, are encouraged to donate any amount of DDF to the fund pool. To support the 2006-07 scholarships awarded through the fund pool, districts should donate DDF by **1 November 2005**. 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 **at no cost to the district**. 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.

Group Study Exchange

2006-07 District Applications

The revised GSE district application for 2006-07 is now available on the RI website in 8 languages. No previous version of the application will be accepted. All 2006-07 Governors should download the new version from the website or use the hard copy of the application that was sent to them by mail in early August.

All GSE district applications for the 2006-07 program year are due to TRF by **1 October 2005**. If the application is not received by that time, TRF cannot guarantee a GSE pairing. Starting in 2006-07, all districts are eligible to apply for a World Fund Award to send a GSE team. An additional GSE team may be sent using District Designated Funds.

GSE District Chair Mailing Packet

All GSE materials will be sent to GSE District Chairs in mid-August. The forms for pre-departure documents (*team leader applications, team member applications, medical and insurance certificates, and travel request form*) have been revised. In addition, you will notice that the team member handbook as well as the *GSE Program Guide for Rotarians* have a new look and are more user-friendly.

This year for the first time we have also enclosed brochures from The Harbour Group, LLC, the sole TRF recommended insurance provider for TRF Educational Program participants. The Harbour Group offers an easy, on-line application process for participants in any country, and its policy coverage meet TRF's travel insurance requirements for GSE team members. All official GSE forms will be posted on the RI website very shortly for download. Please use these new forms and consult the new Program Guide rather than the previous material that is now outdated

Looking for your GSE Alumni Certificates?

The GSE alumni certificates for the 2004-05 Centennial GSE teams will be sent to the District Foundation Alumni Chair this year instead of the GSE Chair. This will give the District Foundation Alumni Chair an opportunity to contact all recent TRF alumni immediately and to arrange an occasion in which to officially present the certificates to the team members. Did you know that 20% of Rotary Clubs have a GSE alumnus within their ranks? We hope you will stay in close touch with your GSE alumni and consider inviting them to join your Club upon their return!

Changes to the 2006 International Assembly Program

Most Governors-elect already know that the 2006 International Assembly will take place in San Diego, California, instead of Anaheim, California, starting this year. In addition to the new venue, there are updates to the program as well, including opportunities for GSE networking. In lieu of the standard GSE plenary format used in the past, DGEs will be seated next to their GSE partners for two consecutive days in the general Plenary Sessions. They are encouraged to have meals together with their spouses, network during break times, and use the GSE meeting point to discuss GSE plans and identify future partners. TRF staff will be available to assist with interpretation and to answer questions about the program and pairing requests.

HUMANITARIAN GRANTS PROGRAM

District Simplified Grants Update

As of 12 August 2005, 299 District Simplified Grants have been approved for the 2005-06 program year. Funding has been provided to 119 grants, which represents 40% of the grants awarded. 60% of the 2005-06 DSGs have not yet met pre-payment requirements. Lack of sufficient reporting is the most common reason that DSG payments are delayed. Districts must report on at least 50% of a previously awarded DSG before payment can be made on the new grant. Districts may only operate two paid-open DSGs at any one time; a district's 2003-04 DSG needs to be closed before payment is made on the 2005-06 DSG. Please work with districts in your region to encourage their timely compliance with DSG reporting requirements.

PLANNING & ADMINISTRATION

District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair

It is important to convey to the District Governors-elect that the appointment of the District Rotary Foundation Chair is for three years in order to provide continuity for Foundation activities. As a reminder, the policy reads "...the District Rotary Foundation chair shall be appointed for a three-year term, subject to removal for cause". While this has been a requirement in the past, we did not have a method of tracking the appointments and therefore only enforced the policy when an issue was brought to our attention by district leadership. A procedure now exists for tracking the appointments.

In your InSTITUTE package we will provide a list of the current appointments and when the three-year term ends, and ask that you provide this information to the District Governor's-elect at the GETS. Some will have to make appointments for three years starting the year they become Governors and others will not. We highly encourage those who are making the appointments to include all the governors under which the DRFC Chair will serve in the appointment decision. The appointments are due to The Rotary Foundation by 1 March for those who will be making the appointments.

One of the challenges will be to provide the rationale for the Trustee decisions related to the three-year term. The rationale is sound in that it takes time for a volunteer to become well based in the operations of the Foundation and when considering the 500 plus districts, those with DRFC Chairs that served for multiple years have provided a better service for their Rotarians and clubs. While there may be exceptions, the Trustees decisions must reflect the needs of the organization as a whole. The benefit will accrue to every district. Seldom does a project started in a single year get completed in that same year. The continuity provided by the three-year appointment will help to see projects through to completion. This also will help with stewardship as project reporting will have better, longer-term ownership and follow-up. Additionally, any district that has projects they want to accomplish will be better served when the partner district also has the continuity provided by the Trustee decisions. Please encourage the DGEs to fully support the decisions of the Trustees.

Foundation Alumni Resource Group

An important part of your team is the Foundation Alumni Resource Group member/s. Stay tuned for a possible change in the name subject to approval of the Trustees. The first centralized training session was held in Skokie 10 – 12 August and was a rousing success. Past Rotary Foundation Vice President Lou Piconi served as the General Coordinator for the meeting and was very inspiring. He clearly made the group aware of the fact that they were members of the RRFC team. In the next several months we will be improving the staff support capability for these important members of your team. Please be sure to introduce them to the DGEs and incorporate their participation in your Foundation seminars. Encourage the DGEs to use the Foundation Alumni Resource Group members as a resource and to have the district Alumni Subcommittee Chairs connect with them and support them. The ultimate goal is to get a much better return on investment from our alumni and this will now be an area of emphasis.