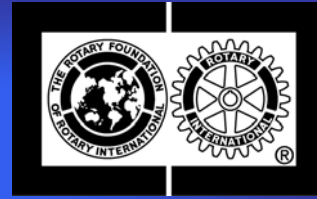


# The Regional Rotary Foundation

## COORDINATOR COMMUNIQUÉ



September 2005

*A Forum for Foundation News*

### FUND DEVELOPMENT

#### *Katrina Relief Fund Update*

Current contributions total over \$125,000 (unaudited).

Rotary Zones 29 and 30 have established a Donor Advised Fund called the “Katrina Relief Fund” and are prepared to receive contributions from Rotarians. A committee identified by the leadership in the two zones will work with local Rotary clubs and districts, as well as emergency relief agencies, to meet the most pressing needs of people in the affected areas. Please note, contributions to this account can only be accepted in US dollars. No Foundation recognition is provided for contributions to this account.

Make all checks payable to "TRF DAF" and indicate "Katrina Relief Fund" in the MEMO line. Checks should be mailed to:

Mr. Clint McGowan, TRF DAF  
The Ayco Company  
855 Route 146, Suite 120  
Clifton Park, NY 12065

Credit card donations may be made through [www.sporg.com/registration?link\\_type=reg\\_info&form\\_id=31292&view\\_type=windowed](http://www.sporg.com/registration?link_type=reg_info&form_id=31292&view_type=windowed). By using this method of contribution you acknowledge that Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation make no warranties as to the security of the website, nor the data collected.

#### *Contributions Update*

For the two months ending 31 August 2005, the Annual Programs Fund continues to be strong with contributions totaling US\$8,694,478, an increase of 25.24% over last year! Permanent Fund giving increased 145.27% with contributions totaling US\$2,914,014. With the completion of the Polio Eradication Fundraising Campaign, all PolioPlus contributions are now reported in Restricted Giving totals. Restricted contributions increased 18.08% to US\$3,164,222.

	<u>August 2005</u>	<u>August 2004</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
Annual Programs Fund	US\$ 8,694,478	US\$ 6,942,122	25.24%
Permanent Fund	US\$ 2,914,014	US\$ 1,188,075	145.27%
<u>Restricted Giving</u>	<u>US\$ 3,736,457</u>	<u>US\$ 3,164,222</u>	<u>18.08%</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>US\$15,344,950</b>	<b>US\$11,294,420</b>	<b>35.86%</b>

### **Paul Harris Society**

The Paul Harris Society (PHS) is a district recognition that continues to gain momentum. Members of the Paul Harris Society agree to contribute US\$1,000 or more annually to The Rotary Foundation. Some districts award PHS recognition for any contribution(s) totaling US\$1,000 annually to the Foundation. Other districts award annual recognition for contributions to the Annual Programs Fund only. PDG Wayne Cusick, founder of the PHS program in district 5340, has tracked the establishment of other PHS programs in the various districts since 1999. Currently, there are 52 districts that have adopted the PHS, all of which are located in the United States. The Trustees endorsed the Paul Harris Society as a district recognition in April 2003 (Decision 134). For more information on the Paul Harris Society, please contact Roylene Gallas, Director of Annual Giving at: [gallasr@rotaryintl.org](mailto:gallasr@rotaryintl.org) or by phone at: 847-866-3046.

### **Top Three Per Capita and Top Three Highest Annual Giving Banners for 2004-2005**

Banners recognizing the Top Three clubs in each district for per capita giving and highest annual giving will be sent to the current District Governors in October 2005. Effective 1 July 2005, only banners for the Top Three Per Capita Giving clubs in the district will be awarded banner recognition. To be eligible for this per capita banner recognition, clubs must achieve a minimum US\$50 per capita during the Rotary year.

### **President Carl Wilhelm-Stenhammer's Online Jacket Auction**

If you haven't yet logged on to [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) or President Carl's "Service Above Self" web pages, please do so and follow the online auction of his personal, yellow and blue reversible jacket. Proceeds from the sale of the jacket benefit the Annual Programs Fund. The online auction runs through 30 November 2005, Rotary Foundation Month. Place your bid or encourage others to bid. Only bids received online are eligible.

### **November is Rotary Foundation Month**

What are your plans for sharing information about Rotary Foundation Month with Rotarians in your zones? For more ideas, visit the EREY web pages or send your request to: [EveryRotarianEveryYear@rotaryintl.org](mailto:EveryRotarianEveryYear@rotaryintl.org). If you have an idea you want to share with your fellow RRFCs, you can use the EREY mailbox above and the annual giving staff will disseminate this information in next month's *Communiqué*.

### **Permanent Fund Update**

As of 31 August 2005 expectancies to the Permanent Fund stood at US\$298 million. As of 30 June 2005 the Fund's net assets were US\$157.8 million.

### **Bequest Society Update**

As of 31 August 2005, there were 4459 Bequest Society commitments with an expected value of US\$187 million. These commitments represent a significant percentage of the expectancies to the Permanent Fund.

### *Donor Advised Fund Update*

As of 31 August 2005, there were 60 DAF accounts with a fair market value of US\$2.63 million. For additional information on The Rotary Foundation Donor Advised Fund, please visit <http://daf.rotary.org>

## **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

### *Rotary World Peace Fellows (RWPF's) Alumni at Work in Africa*

**Susan Stigant** (2005 RWPF, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill) is in **Nairobi, Kenya** working for the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs on their Sudan program. Her specific task is to provide support to the constitutional technical committee and later to a constitutional convention. Later she will support a civic education campaign on the constitution that will take information (primarily via radios) to be distributed throughout South Sudan.

**Amy Erickson** (2004 RWPF, the University of Bradford) is Director of the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (British arm of CARITAS) working with their peace and reconciliation program in the Great Lake region of Africa (**Congo**).

**Amy Kay** (2004 RWPF, The University of Queensland) is working in Cairo, **Egypt** for the United Nations Development program working on the organizations HIV/AIDS regional program in the Arab States.

**Carolyn Fanelli**, (2004 RWPF, The University of Queensland) is a Documentation and Dissemination Officer with Catholic Relief Services in **Zimbabwe**. The position is a communications role—gathering information about their programs in Zimbabwe and facilitating information-sharing. The work is heavily focused on orphaned and vulnerable children and people affected by HIV/AIDS

**Helga Bara Bragadottir** (2004 RWPF, University of Bradford) is in **Angola**. She is a Junior Professional Officer working for the United Nations Development Program.

**Mai Hosoi** (2005, RWPF, Duke University) is a Junior Professional Officer at the International Organization on Migration, based in Khartoum, **Sudan**.

### *Universidad del Salvador Holds Annual Seminar*

The Rotary Center at the Universidad del Salvador (USAL) in Buenos Aires Argentina held its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual seminar on August 30<sup>th</sup>. After introductory remarks from Trustee Louis Giay, the Fellows gave summaries of their research in various break-out sessions.

Annual seminars will be held at the University of Bradford and at the University of Queensland in November. Look for their programs on our website.

**Site Visits carried out at all Rotary Centers for International Studies**

Between the months of August and October, Rotarian Site Visitors will visit all seven Rotary Centers for International Studies in preparation for the annual evaluation of the program that will be submitted to the Board of Trustees at its October meeting. The site visits include interviews with the Rotary World Peace Fellows, Center Directors and staff, university administrators and host Rotarians. The Centers are evaluated on an annual basis in an effort to make improvements to curriculum, facilities and fellow support as needed.

**Ambassadorial Scholars and University Teachers Arrive in Host Countries**

Most 2005-06 Ambassadorial Scholars scheduled to begin studies in August through October have now started their academic programs in their host countries. If you would like to obtain a list of the scholars studying in your Rotary Zones, please contact Stephanie Veit, Scholarships Department Manager, (tel.) 847-866-3323, (e-mail) [veits@rotaryintl.org](mailto:veits@rotaryintl.org).

**Planning for Scholar Orientation Seminars**

Now that applications for 2006-07 Ambassadorial Scholars are being submitted to TRF, it is a good time for districts to begin planning scholar orientations. Attendance at an **outbound orientation seminar** has become mandatory for all scholars starting in 2004-05.

For an updated list of all Regional Orientation Scholar Seminars taking place in 2005-06, please visit [www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb\\_scho/seminars.html](http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/seminars.html) or contact Stephanie Veit, Scholarships Department Manager, (tel.) 847-866-3323, (e-mail) [veits@rotaryintl.org](mailto:veits@rotaryintl.org).

**Scholarships Fund Pool for Low-Income Countries- There is still time to submit an application!**

To date, TRF has received 19 applications for the Scholarships Fund Pool for Low-Income Countries competition. The table below lists districts/countries that sent in applications as of 23 September 2005 to compete for 2006-07 Ambassadorial Scholarships through the **Scholarships Fund Pool for Low-Income Countries**:

D-1910 Hungary	D-3340 Thailand	D-4360 Chile	D-4860 Argentina
D-2240 Czech Republic	D-4060 Dominican Republic	D-4540 Brazil	D-4970 Uruguay
D-3100 India	D-4250 Belize	D-4680 Brazil	D-9300 South Africa
D-3120 India	D-4280 Colombia	D-4690 Bolivia	D-9350 South Africa
D-3300 Malaysia	D-4320 Chile	D-4790 Argentina	

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, and includes as its members Past RRFC's David Liddiatt, P.T. Prabhakar, and Jesse Devlyn. The deadline to submit 2006-07 applications to TRF has been extended to **15 October 2005**. If you have any questions, please contact Renée Stephenson, Resource Development Supervisor, Educational Programs at tel: 847-866-3314 or via e-mail at [stephenr@rotaryintl.org](mailto:stephenr@rotaryintl.org).

### **GSE Poster Contest**

To celebrate 40 years of success as a TRF Educational Program, the Group Study Exchange (GSE) Department is sponsoring a Poster Design Contest for all GSE alumni (this includes both former team members and team leaders). A TRF panel will choose the winning design from all eligible designs submitted by the **deadline of 30 December 2005**, to be unveiled at the 2006 Rotary International Convention in Malmo/Copenhagen. The poster will also be available for purchase through the RI publications catalog.

Since the deadline is fast approaching, we ask that you please contact GSE alumni as soon as possible. Please direct all questions regarding the poster contest to GSE coordinator Anita Daniel at [daniela@rotaryintl.org](mailto:daniela@rotaryintl.org)

### **GSE Partnerships-Don't Wait for the International Assembly**

GSE applications for the 2006-07 exchanges are due by **1 October 2005**. DGEs should not expect to find a partner at the International Assembly—GSE partnerships must be secured in the months prior to the Assembly. Districts participating in GSE in 2006-07 will be paired with a partner district by the Trustees if they have not already arranged a pairing independently. A letter confirming the GSE pairing will be sent to participating districts between October and December 2005.

For any questions about the GSE district application forms, please contact your GSE coordinators and they will be able to assist.

### **GSEC Information Packets**

In August and September 2005 the 2005-06 GSE information packets were sent to every district in care of the GSE District Chair. The packet contains the GSE Program Guide for Rotarians, the GSE Team Handbook, Team Leader and Member applications, GSE brochures and Foundation alumni pins. If your district has not received a GSE packet, please notify the GSE staff immediately for a replacement. All publications can be easily downloaded from the RI website at <http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/foundation/educational.html#gse>

When submitting team applications to the TRF, please use the new, updated application forms rather than versions from previous years.

### **Reminder for GSE teams traveling in 2005-06**

All travel request forms and predeparture documents (team member applications, team member applications, medical and insurance certificates) must be submitted to the TRF **at least 6 weeks before departure**. Failure to submit this information in a timely basis may result in a delay of travel for the team. Please contact your GSE coordinator at TRF for questions and concerns.

### **Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program- Application Deadline**

The Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program is currently accepting applications for the 2006-07 program year. Districts must submit all endorsed applications to TRF by **15 January 2006**. Applications can be downloaded from the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies website at: <http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/rpcsp/index.html>.

## HUMANITARIAN GRANTS PROGRAM

### *Use of DSG Funds for Disaster Relief Efforts*

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, many Rotarians are interested in developing projects to alleviate the suffering and hardship of individuals in the affected communities. District Simplified Grants (DSG) are one means by which Rotarians can be actively involved in disaster relief efforts. District Simplified Grants are administered by district leadership and can be used to support local or international humanitarian projects that are conducted by Rotarians. Many of the needed items, such as basic necessities and medical care, can be provided through a District Simplified Grant. Non-financial participation and direct oversight of grant funds is essential for all DSG-funded projects. DSG funds can be used for disaster relief efforts as long as Rotarians clearly identify the proposed grant-funded expenditures and Rotarian participation. DSG funds cannot be used as straight donations to a disaster-relief organization for unspecified purposes.

We encourage you to develop humanitarian projects in response to the disaster that meet DSG criteria. There are many in need of assistance following Hurricane Katrina, and we believe you will rise to the challenge to identify the needs and work to alleviate them. To determine the availability of DSG funds in your district, contact your district Rotary Foundation committee chairperson or your district grants subcommittee chairperson. Please don't hesitate to contact the humanitarian grants staff via email at [grants@rotaryintl.org](mailto:grants@rotaryintl.org) to discuss the eligibility of your disaster relief project. We wish you the very best in your humanitarian endeavors.

## POLIOPLUS

### *The Service Award for a Polio-Free World*

A number of Rotarians have contributed significantly to the tremendous progress so far achieved in the global effort to eradicate polio. The tireless efforts of these Rotarians on behalf of the PolioPlus Program are worthy of great praise and recognition. An excellent means to communicate appreciation to them is through The Service Award for a Polio-Free World. The Award was created to recognize outstanding active personal service since 1 November 1992.

Service Awards are given at two levels, regional and international. The award will be given based upon the details of the service activities for which the individual is being nominated. Complete information is essential for a fair evaluation. Financial contributions, however noteworthy, are not a basis for the award.

Attached for your information are the award Criteria and Guidelines as well as a nomination form. Please submit your nominations to Melanie Streich at World Headquarters (fax: 847-866-0269) **by 01 November 2005**. We look forward to receiving your nominations and appreciate your support in recognizing the exemplary commitment of these Rotarians.



Award Criteria and Guidelines...



PolioPlus Nom Form  
2005-06 ENG...

## PLANNING & ADMINISTRATION

### 2006 RRFC Training Institute Scheduled

The 2006 RRFC Training Institute has been scheduled for **19-24 March 2006**. The training will be held again at the North Shore Skokie Hotel (formerly the Doubletree Hotel) in Skokie, IL. RRFCs who are expected to attend will receive a call-to-meeting letter in October 2005. We are currently in the planning stages for this event and we are anticipating another exciting week of sharing, listening, and learning.

### Chairman Asks Districts to Recognize Worthy Rotarians

Chairman Frank Devlyn has asked to have you remind district governors that The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service is available on a rolling basis from 1 July through 15 May to recognize the service of worthy Rotarians in their districts. One is available to each district each year. The Chairman asks that district governors make every effort to identify a deserving, qualified Rotarian and forward the application to The Rotary Foundation for consideration. Attached is a list of those districts that did not participate in this program last year and might need to be reminded. Nomination forms are available on the website at

<http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/programs/recognition.html#foundation>



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### 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.

*(reprint from Aug. issue of Coordinator Communique)*