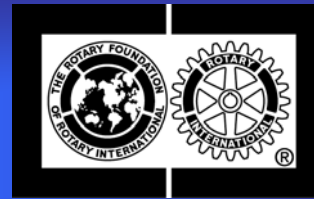


The Regional Rotary Foundation

COORDINATOR COMMUNIQUÉ



December 2005

A Forum for Foundation News

FUND DEVELOPMENT

Contributions Update

For the five months ending 30 November 2005, contributions to The Rotary Foundation totaled US\$35,504,037. Annual Programs Fund contributions are up 17.65% at 23,332,721. Gifts to the Permanent Fund are up 35.76% to \$5,095,596. Restricted giving is down -21.30% to \$7,075,720.

	<u>November 2005</u>	<u>November 2004</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
Annual Programs Fund	US\$23,332,721	US\$19,832,604	17.65%
Permanent Fund	US\$ 5,095,596	US\$ 3,753,252	35.76%
<u>Restricted Giving</u>	<u>US\$ 7,075,720</u>	<u>US\$ 8,990,258</u>	<u>(21.30%)</u>
TOTALS	US\$35,504,037	US\$32,576,114	8.99%

Tax Receipts For Calendar Year 2005 Contributions

Contributions requiring 2005 tax receipts in must be **postmarked on or before**

31 December 2005 and received at The Rotary Foundation by Friday, 6 January 2006.

Allow seven (7) days for mail delivery. Any contributions postmarked after 31 December 2005 will receive 2006 calendar year tax receipts. Contributions should be mailed to the appropriate Rotary International Office or designated fiscal agent.

Online contributions via MasterCard and Visa credit cards will be accepted until 2400 hours Central Standard Time on 31 December 2005 through Member Access at www.rotary.org.

Online contributors must print out their own tax receipts. A Foundation staff representative will be in the RIHQ offices on Saturday, 31 December from 0900 Hours until 1700 hours CST to accept last minute credit card contributions over the phone at 1-847-866-3352 or via fax at 1-847-328-5260.

Please note that online contributors outside of the United States are not eligible to receive the tax benefits from their respective countries for these contributions. Questions may be directed to your Development Services Representative at 847-866-3000; your local RI Office, or designated fiscal agent. Email inquiries may be sent to: everyrotarianeveryyear@rotaryintl.org.

2006-2006 Fund Development Goal Report Form Mailing to District Governors-Elect

In preparation for the International Assembly, Trustee Chairman-elect Luis Giay, sent a sample 2006-2007 Fund Development Goal Report Form to all the District Governors-elect in November. The Goal-Setting process will be discussed in Session 7 at the International Assembly. All DGEs are requested to collect their clubs' Goal Report Forms for submission to TRF by 1 May 2006. A

sample of the 2006-2007 Fund Development Goal Report Form in English is attached for your reference. If you would like to have a copy of this Goal Report Form in French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish or Swedish, please send an email to Roylene Gallas, Director of Annual Giving at: roylene.gallas@rotaryintl.org



06-07ClubGoalRepo
rtForm-EN.pdf...

PeopleSoft Migration – upgrades to The Rotary Foundation’s Systems

TRF is still on schedule to migrate its new PeopleSoft system early in 2006. During the week of 24 January 2006, no contribution reports will be available until after the migration is complete. For recognition reporting purposes, TRF will retain its current Donor System. During this time, everyone’s patience is requested as we work to de-bug any reporting issues concerning the Foundation’s Monthly Contribution Reports, Club Recognition Summary and other reports.

TRF Banner Recognition

Top Three Per Capita Giving, Top Three Highest Annual Giving; and 100% Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member annual banner recognition has been sent out to all of the District Governors and clubs as appropriate. If you learn of clubs that should have received banner recognition but did not, please notify the annual giving section through the everyrotarianeveryyear@rotaryintl.org for clarification and certification.

Permanent Fund Update

As of 30 November 2005, expectancies to the Permanent Fund stood at US\$303 million. As of 30 June 2005, the Fund’s net assets were US\$157.8 million.

Bequest Society Update

As of 30 November 2005, there were 4603 Bequest Society commitments with an expected value of US\$192 million. This is an increase of 60 new commitments valued at US\$1,522,203. These commitments represent a significant percentage of the expectancies to the Permanent Fund.

Donor Advised Fund Update

As of 30 November, there were 62 DAF accounts with a fair market value of US\$3.9 million. For additional information on The Rotary Foundation Donor Advised Fund, please visit <http://daf.rotary.org>.

Katrina Relief Fund Update

Current contributions total over \$1.2 million (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 in US\$ to "TRF DAF" and indicate "Katrina Relief Fund" in the MEMO line. Checks **MUST** be mailed to:

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

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Rotary Centers for International Studies

The Rotary Centers and Host Area Committees Met in Evanston, 13-18 November

A full week of meetings commenced at One Rotary Center last month as Committee members met to choose the next class of Rotary World Peace Fellows and to discuss issues of import involved in the seven-university centers program. 60 Rotary World Peace Finalists for Class V were selected, along with 10 alternate candidates. 36 of the finalists were female and 24 male. The average age was 29 years old and there were 30 countries represented. The following districts were successful in the last four or five selections:

1360 / Iceland
3130 / Maharashtra, India
3810 / The Philippines
4910 / Buenos Aires, Argentina
5360 / Alberta and Saskatchewan, Canada
7040 / Ontario and Quebec, Canada; New York, USA
9600 / Queensland, Australia; Papua New Guinea; Solomon Isl.
9800 / Victoria, Australia
9810 / Victoria, Australia

Profile of Rotary World Peace Fellow Alumna at work in West Africa



Jeanette Kroes, Rotary World Peace Fellow Alumna (Sciences Po 2002-04) works at the regional organization, West African Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP), in Lomo, Togo. WANEP was established in September 1998 as a non-governmental organization to promote local culture of peace, strengthen the capacity of peace building practitioners and institutions, develop conflict prevention networks and mechanisms, and advocate for just socio-politico-economic structures. WANEP has been actively engaged in the peacebuilding and conflict transformation process in Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea, northern Ghana and Nigeria. Its Women in Peacebuilding Program has also engaged women from Cote d'Ivoire, Liberia and other parts of the region in special initiatives that have raised the voices of women in peace talks at the regional levels. Jeanette is the External Program Advisor to WANEP's national bureau. She writes:

Planning for Scholar Orientation Seminars

Now that most applications for 2005-06 Ambassadorial Scholars have been submitted to TRF, it is a good time for districts to begin planning scholar orientations. Contact: Stephanie Veit, Scholarships Department Manager, tel: 847 866 3323, fax: 847-866-0934; e-mail: veits@rotaryintl.org.

Mandatory attendance at an outbound scholar orientation seminar is stressed in the following two letters from TRF: 1) cover letter addressed to District Governors acknowledging receipt of the 2006-07 Scholarship Applications from their districts; 2) assignment letters sent to 2006-07 Ambassadorial Scholars. Recipients of these letters are referred to the following link for more information: http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/seminars.html

Educational Programs is pleased to announce the creation of the first Pacific Northwest Scholar Orientation Seminar that will take place on 23-25 June in Tacoma, Washington, and would like to thank District 5020's Scholarships Chair Ron Adkins and RRFC Leigh Higinbotham for their great involvement, and support. This Regional Scholar Orientation Seminar will offer a comprehensive outbound orientation to scholars sponsored by districts in the Northwest of the United States and Western provinces of Canada.

Scholarships Fund Pool for Low-Income Countries

The Scholarships Fund Pool for Low-Income Countries Selection Committee met at RI World Headquarters 30 November through 1 December 2005 to select 16 finalists for Ambassadorial Scholarships for study during the 2006-07 program year. The finalists are citizens of 12 countries and their study fields include Agriculture, Education, Gerontology, and Medicine.

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 **2007-08**. All districts and non-districted clubs in low-income countries may submit one scholarship application to compete for up to 32 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 2007-08 Ambassadorial Scholarship applications: **1 October 2006**. Contact: Renée Stephenson, Resource Development Supervisor, tel: 847-866-3314; fax: 847-866-0934; email: stephenr@rotaryintl.org.

2006-07 Ambassadorial Scholarships and Replacement Candidates

The deadline for districts to submit applications for replacement candidates for scholars who have withdrawn their 2006-07 Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships is **1 February 2006**.

Group Study Exchange

2006-07 District Applications

Governors-elect that have applied for a GSE partnership for the 2006-07 program year will receive confirmation of their exchange via e-mail on a rolling basis through January 2006. Each Governor-elect will also receive a **district information form** as an attachment to fill out in conjunction with their partners to confirm their travel dates and departure cities. This information is crucial for the GSE Department to assist districts with their GSE team's pre-departure requirements and travel tickets. The district information form must be submitted to TRF prior to **31 December 2005**. It can be faxed to +1-847-866-0934 or e-mailed to gseinformation@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 entries 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 solicit entries from your district's GSE alumni as soon as possible. Please direct all questions regarding the poster contest to GSE coordinator Anita Daniel at daniela@rotaryintl.org.

Foundation-arranged GSE partnerships help districts to explore new horizons

Each year when District GSE applications are submitted to TRF, about 60% of districts have already arranged a GSE partnership with another district. The remaining 40% request that TRF find a GSE partner for them, and must remain flexible about their geographical preferences and the availability of partner districts.

In 2004-05, District 3720 of Korea was paired by TRF with District 3150 of India. Since the districts had not prearranged this partnership, they had some concerns about language differences and the benefit of such an exchange. Upon arrival in Korea, the Indian GSE team was surprised by the similarities between their country and their host country. The language challenges did not prevent team members from learning new techniques in their professions (the medical professionals observed eye surgery, for example). Another team member who was a professional dancer realized that traditional Indian dancing had several similarities to traditional Korean dancing.

Thanks to this GSE, the two districts formed a friendship that will continue to grow through joint community projects: they have recently decided to collaborate on a drinking water project in India.

Each year, over 30 matching grant projects are born of GSE relationships. If districts in your area tend to partner with the same geographical regions year after year, encourage them to consider a GSE pairing with a developing country and to explore partnerships that might hold potential for future collaboration!

HUMANITARIAN GRANTS PROGRAM

Solidarity in South Asia

The following are updates on the use of Solidarity in South Asia funds:

India

With India's eastern coast spanning almost 2,000 kilometers, the country faced a formidable task of identifying the needs of communities over such a wide geographic span. Recovery projects are taking place from the southern most tip of India all the way to the Andaman and Nicobar islands. The National Committee for India collectively decided that using the funds for school reconstruction and community centers would be the best way to meet the country's needs. As both governmental and non-governmental organizations had committed to shelter reconstruction, the National Committee is supplementing the reconstruction process by focusing its efforts on building the country's foundation by reconstruction schools and providing community centers. The first set of projects will be taking place in southern India.

Many other Rotary Clubs and Districts have taken up impressive efforts on their own. Hundreds of boats, fishing nets and fishing provisions have been purchased and distributed by Rotary clubs around the world that have partnered their efforts with Rotary clubs in India. Additionally, there have been Matching Grants in tsunami affected areas to help with the implementation of clean drinking water.

Thailand

With over 3,000 homes washed away, mostly in fishing villages, the National Committee in Thailand has used its funds for aquaculture, vocational training, and small business development. These projects include restoring fish pens, donation of fishing tools, vocational training for fish health and management, fish food and seed. The loss of capital for the fishermen has been so severe that many women need to work in the informal sector to help support their families. In addition to assisting the fishing economy, other small business development is geared towards women, such as sewing, cloth batik making, and artificial flower making. Clean drinking water was also contaminated due to the flooding and damage to water systems. Along with providing shelters, Rotarian efforts have also included sanitation and water improvements.

Indonesia

The Aceh province, on the northern tip of Sumatra island, was the worse hit area in Indonesia. The destruction has nearly devastated many of the citizens traditional means of earning a living and destroyed basic community infrastructure such as medical clinics, community gathering places and youth facilities. The recovery and reconstruction of fishing, farming and other vocations are imperative in helping the affected communities recover from this disaster. The National Committee for Indonesia is working on a comprehensive plan that will assist in all areas of recovery. With its first installment of funds, the Committee is establishing Micro-credit and empowerment program in the coastal communities of southwest Aceh. Additionally, installment funds will be used to construct and support medical facilities for Bumi Sehat, Samatiga, Aceh. Future installments will be used to construct and operate the Rotary Youth Center and an entire community complex in this area.

While the National Committee is focusing on large scale projects, the Rotary clubs throughout Indonesia have been instrumental in securing additional funding for boats, fishing provisions and educational supplies. The existing Rotary network is branching out to work with other countries, aid agencies and NGOs to support these projects.

Sri Lanka

In Sri Lanka, almost every citizen was affected by the devastation of the tsunami. The disaster affected 182 schools throughout the country, including 92 that were totally destroyed. A total number of 85,000 students and 3,400 teachers were without schools after the tsunami disaster.

Rotary Sri Lanka was one of the first organizations that offered to rebuild the schools, and the Ministry of Education allocated 25 schools spread across the country for Rotary to rebuild. Initial estimates indicate that a sum of 997 Million Laks (USD 10M) will be required to complete the 25 schools. Every single Rotary Club in the country was assigned a role in the challenging task of rebuilding the schools. All schools will have the following:

- Well-ventilated classrooms with built-in cupboards, blackboards, raised teacher platforms, electric fans and lockable doors and windows
- Administration facilities, principal offices, an assembly hall, a staff room, a canteen, a library and a medical center
- Fully equipped science laboratories, gymnasiums, computer rooms and multi-media facilities
- A public address system, permanent sources of water and electricity, or solar panels
- Quarters for principals and staff where necessary
- A suitable playground

In addition to working with the schools, local Rotarians are developing several projects that involve providing fishing boats, nets and motors. The number of orphaned children is also substantial and clubs are helping improve facilities at local orphanages and supplementing their supplies so each child receives care.

Stewardship—Zone Reporting Information

The attached spreadsheet provides a summary of grant reporting in each zone. The grant types included are Matching Grants, District Simplified Grants, Individual Grants and 3-H Grants. You will receive a separate mailing containing detailed reporting information for the districts in your zone.



HP reporting summary.lnk

Phased-out Grant Reporting

Congratulations to Zones 1, 2, 3 and 26 for having closed all of their phased-out grants. As a reminder, the phased-out grant programs that were terminated nearly three years ago include Discovery, New Opportunities, Children’s Opportunity, Helping and Community Assistance Program Grants. All other zones have at least one phased-out grant still open and unreported.

In April 2002, the trustees decided that all grants awarded under phased out programs must be closed by July 2004. As of July 2005, a year after the deadline, there were still 279 open grants under these programs. The General Secretary has made it a priority this year to close all phased-out program grants by 28 February 2006. As of 12 December 2005 there are only 123 open files. With your help we can close all of these files by the February deadline.

The attached list tells you how many of these grants are in your zone and which districts in your zone still have open grants. Club and district leadership have been advised of outstanding reports. Your support will be most appreciated.

If you would like additional details, please contact the Humanitarian Grants Program staff at grants@rotaryintl.org.

Zone	# unreported phased out grants	Districts
1	0	
2	0	
3	0	
4	5	3450, 3480, 3490
5	5	3120, 3260, 3290
6	8	3020, 3150, 3210, 3280, 3350, 3400
7	3	3780
8	7	9680, 9700, 9750, 9790, 9800, 9940
9	1	3630
10	10	1970, 2420, 2450, 9010, 9100, 9200, 9270
11	5	1520, 1700, 1730
12	1	2030
13	2	1560, 1590
14	3	1830, 1860, 1870
15	1	2410
16	3	2230, 2260

(Con't)

Zone	# unreported phased out grants	Districts
17	5	1020, 1190, 1220, 1230, 1280
18	2	1250
19	1	4740
20	1	4440
21	7	4130, 4170, 4250, 4270, 4450, 4460
22	1	5550
23	6	5030, 5130, 5160
24	3	5280
25	7	5450, 5630
26	0	
27	2	6440
28	5	6360, 6630, 7090
29	2	6820
30	9	6580, 6670
31	2	7190, 7890
32	3	7250, 7370
33	4	7530, 7670, 7720
34	9	6900, 6960, 6970, 6990, 7000

Humanitarian Grants Training Presentations

The Humanitarian Grants Program has developed a number of training PowerPoint presentations that are listed below. If you would like any of these presentations, please contact Karen McLeod (mcleodk@rotaryintl.org), and she will be happy to email them to you.

- Humanitarian Grants Overview (23-slide presentation that provides an overview to Humanitarian Grants)
- Stewardship (32-slide presentation that discusses the various aspects of stewardship)
- How to Complete a Matching Grant Application (22-slide presentation that goes step-by-step through the Matching Grant application)
- Humanitarian Grants Modules (9 individual modules that cover the topics below)
 - Overview
 - Program Updates
 - Creating a Viable Humanitarian Project
 - Partnerships and Communication
 - District Simplified Grants
 - Matching Grants
 - 3-H Grants
 - Stewardship
 - District Leadership
- Humanitarian Grants Seminar (90-slide presentation that combines the information contained in the modules—intended for a full-day Humanitarian Grants Seminar)

POLIOPLUS

PolioPlus Partners DDF Appeal Continues

The members of the PolioPlus Partners Task Force are continuing to call districts to ask for their urgent help in supporting the Partners Program through the use of DDF. Funds are needed to support upcoming NIDs in Africa beginning in February. Cash contributions are also welcomed and will be matched at the rate of US\$.50 per dollar donated. The need is urgent because the Polio Eradication Initiative has a golden opportunity to finally wipe out polio in all countries other than Nigeria within the next six to eight months. This opportunity can only be seized if high quality NIDs are held in the next few months.

PLANNING & ADMINISTRATION

“Best Practice” – An Example of Effective Leadership

After reading the 1st issue of the RFAC newsletter from TRF, RRFC Chuck Frazier recognized a golden opportunity to lead and encourage his RFAC, Travis Adams, for Zone 29 to share this valuable information with his districts (see below). This type of initiative is exactly what is needed to take the Alumni awareness efforts to a whole new level. We encourage all RRFCs to use this type of approach with your teams, where appropriate.

“Greetings Travis,

I received the first RFAC newsletter from TRF and wondered if you have plans to forward it on to the Zone 29 TRF leaders - at least the DG's, DGE's, DGN's, DRFC's and Alumni sub-committee chairs (and maybe the assistant DG's). If you do not have that contact information, I have a complete database of names for Z29 in an Excel spreadsheet and would be happy to forward it on to you. I can also forward the newsletter but think it might be good PR for it to come from you - the main man! Have a HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

Chuck Frazier, RRFC

EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR

Consider TRF-Direct as the way to give!”