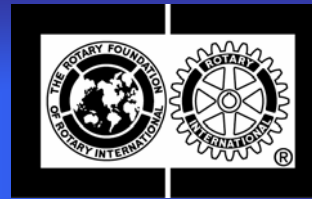


The Regional Rotary Foundation

COORDINATOR COMMUNIQUÉ



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A Forum for Foundation News

FUND DEVELOPMENT

Contributions Update

Contributions for the six months ending 31 December 2005 totaled US\$53,822,243, up 13.04% over last year. Contributions to the Annual Programs Fund increased 19.16% to US\$36,353,957. Contributions to the Permanent Fund increased 37.86% to US\$7,095,051. Restricted giving declined – 13.25% to US\$10,373,235.

	<u>December 2005</u>	<u>December 2004</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
Annual Programs Fund	US\$36,353,957	US\$30,509,138	19.16%
Permanent Fund	US\$ 7,095,051	US\$ 5,146,461	37.86%
<u>Restricted Giving</u>	<u>US\$10,373,235</u>	<u>US\$11,957,265</u>	<u>(13.25%)</u>
TOTALS	US\$53,822,243	US\$47,612,864	13.04%

With annual giving ahead nearly 20% over last year, The Rotary Foundation is targeted to reach US\$99 million for the 2005-2006 Rotary year. This is short of our US\$105 million Annual Programs Fund goal by \$6 million. Each day, Rotarians around the world are discovering more and more needs that could be addressed through the generosity of Rotarians around the globe. It is important that we all strive to help Rotarians in our zones to achieve this year's goal of US\$105,000,000 so that we can do more good in the world. In the aftermath of the Tsunami, Hurricanes Katrina and Stan, and the Pakistan earthquakes, the people impacted by these disasters will need our help to rebuild their lives and their communities over the course of the next several years. When *Every Rotarian* contributes *Every Year*, we can really make a difference in their lives and in the lives of many others.

Goal Achievement

As you review your RRFC Fundraising Progress Reports, are the clubs and districts in your zones at 50% of their goal achievement for the Annual Programs Fund? The benchmarks listed below serve as a guideline to clubs and districts as to where each should be in achievement of their annual giving goals:

- 20% Goal Achievement by 30 September
- 33% Goal Achievement by 30 November
- 50% Goal Achievement by 31 December
- 67% Goal Achievement by 30 March

100% Goal Achievement by 30 June

EVERY ROTARIAN, EVERY YEAR

Clubs to Set a 2006-2007 Annual Programs Fund Goal at PETS

Following the International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA, the first of the 2006-2007 President Elect Training Seminars (PETS) will begin. At PETS, each club president-elect will receive a 2006-2007 Fund Development Club Goal Report Form to complete and submit to their DGEs **no later than 1 May 2006**.

2006-2007 Appointment Reminder

If you haven't yet done so, please submit your nomination forms for the open Annual Programs Fund Strategic Advisor and Major Gift Advisors positions for consideration by Trustee Chairman-elect Luis Giay. Nomination forms were due on 20 January 2006.

Permanent Fund Update

As of 31 December 2005 expectancies to the Permanent Fund stood at US\$303.9 million. As of 30 November 2005 the Fund's net assets were US\$149.8 million.

Bequest Society Update

As of 31 December 2005, there were 4639 Bequest Society commitments with an expected value of US\$193.4 million. This is an increase of 36 new commitments, valued at US\$982,000. These commitments represent a significant percentage of the expectancies to the Permanent Fund.

Donor Advised Fund Update

As of 31 December 2005, there were 65 DAF accounts with a fair market value of US\$6.4 million. For additional information on The Rotary Foundation Donor Advised Fund, please visit daf.rotary.org

Katrina Relief Fund Update

Current contributions total over \$1.4 million (unaudited). Contributions to the Katrina Fund should **NOT** be sent to The Rotary Foundation, but instead checks should be mailed to:

TRF DAF - Katrina Relief
The Ayco Company
855 Route 146, Suite 120
Clifton Park, NY 12065

Make all Katrina Relief checks payable in US\$ to "TRF DAF" and indicate "Katrina Relief Fund" in the MEMO line.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Rotary Centers for International Studies (long-term studies)

Deadline for Districts to Submit 2007-09 Rotary World Peace Fellowship Applications is 1 July 2006

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 1 July 2006. Thank you for helping us choose outstanding Rotary World Peace Fellows in 2006.

Alumna to Deliver Plenary Speech at International Assembly

Rotary World Peace Fellow Alumna Carmen Strigel will be a plenary speaker at the International Assembly in San Diego in February. Carmen, sponsored by District 1930 in Germany, was the 2002-04 Rotary Deutschland Gemeindienst Named Peace Fellow at the Duke University/University of North Carolina Rotary Center. Currently, Carmen is a researcher at the Research Triangle Institute (RTI) in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. RTI is an independent organization, which serves clients in government, industry, academia, and public service throughout the United States and abroad through active research and development programs in health, environment, advanced technology, economic and social development, and education and training. Carmen has worked on a major education reform project in Pakistan and on a health decentralization project in Rwanda, among other projects. She is also an excellent public speaker.

Rotary Centers to Hold Annual Academic Seminars

The following Rotary Centers for international studies in peace and conflict resolution will conduct their annual seminars this spring and summer:

- University of California, Berkeley: 9 April 2006
- Duke University/University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill: 8 April 2006
- International Christian University: 27 May 2006 (tentative)
- Sciences Po: 28 May 2006 (tentative)
- Universidad del Salvador: 28 August 2006 (tentative)

Please encourage Rotarians in your districts to attend to meet Peace Fellows from the classes of 2004-06 and 2005-07. Center Fellows will present research and receive their Rotary Center Certificates at each seminar. Contact: Judy Gibson, Rotary Centers Dept. Manager, tel: (847) 866-3834; fax: (847) 866-0934; e-mail: Judy.Gibson@rotary.org

District Designated Funds are Always Appreciated

Please continue to encourage Districts in your area to contribute any unused DDF to the Rotary Centers Program. It is estimated that there is over **US\$ 37.3 million** in 2005-06 DDF currently not allocated. It is easy to designate funds to become a Rotary Centers Peacebuilder District. Each RRFC is asked to set the goal to obtain at least one additional Rotary Center Peacebuilder District Commitment for TRF by 31 August 2006. Donations made by the end of August will ensure that TRF is able to fund at least 60 2007-09 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 on the 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 2007-08.

February Travel

In the beginning of February 2006, 2003-05 Rotary World Peace Fellow Jeanette Kroes will represent both the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies and Rotary Centers for International Studies programs at the West African Youth Network's Leadership Training Institute in Sierra Leone. Ms. Kroes will facilitate the conflict resolution portion of the institute.

Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program (short-term studies)

Call for Applications

The Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program is still accepting applications for the 2006-07 program year. The application deadline has officially been extended to **1 February 2006** but we will be accepting applications that arrive in our office by **15 February 2006**. We appreciate the efforts of Rotarians in facilitating a speedy application process for qualified candidates. Application forms and other program materials can be downloaded from the RI Web site. Contact: Jennifer Weidman, Program Coordinator, tel: 847-866-3374; fax: (847) 866-0934; email: Jennifer.Weidman@rotary.org.

Curriculum Finalized



In January, a meeting of international experts, Rotary Seminar leaders and TRF Staff at the Rotary Center for Peace and Conflict Studies at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand, finalized the curriculum for the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program. The curriculum includes three fieldwork experiences throughout the course and is an intensive powerhouse taught by leading experts in the field of conflict resolution.

Selection Committee Meeting

The Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program Selection Committee will meet from 23-25 February 2006 in La Jolla, California. The committee will select the participants for both 2006-07 program year sessions.

Ambassadorial Scholarships and Rotary Grants for University Teachers

Acceptance Packet and Handbook for 2006-07 Ambassadorial Scholars

2006-07 Ambassadorial Scholars will receive their scholarship Acceptance Packet very soon, including the Scholar Handbook, which for the first time is being sent as a CD-ROM. 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 (i.e. mailing to District Governors acknowledging receipt of the 2006-07 Scholarship Applications from their districts; mailing to Sponsor Counselors scheduled for March 2006). 2006 Regional Scholar Orientation Seminar information is posted on the Rotary International website at:

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

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 **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:

Renee.Stephenson@rotary.org.

Group Study Exchange

International Assembly

Please remind districts that have received a confirmed GSE partnership for the 2006-07 program year to submit their District Information Sheets to TRF prior to **31 January 2006**. It is important that partnered DGEs contact each other and confirm the dates of travel (and departure cities) for their exchange. They may submit the form to the GSE Department by fax at +1-847-866-0934 or by e-mail at gse@rotary.org.

GSE Networking Opportunities at 2006 International Assembly

Governors-elect that is still looking for a 2006-07 GSE partner, or who wish to arrange future GSE pairings on behalf of their district, should attend the **GSE meeting point** at the 2006 International Assembly in San Diego. The GSE meeting point is an optional networking session from 11:20 – 12:15 on Sunday, 19 February 2006, in the Manchester Foyer of the Manchester Grand Hyatt. Language assistance will be provided.

Language Training Opportunities

Berlitz is pleased to offer their new online language experience to TRF program participants, including Group Study Exchange teams. GSE team members and team leaders will learn to speak, write and understand a new language using their natural language-learning abilities and fully interactive technologies. For further information regarding cost and course structure, contact William Seaver, tel: 310-285-5454; E-mail: William.Seaver@berlitz.us

2005-06 Predeparture Documents

In order to avoid postponements or cancellations of GSE team travel, please remind your districts that the predeparture documents must be submitted to TRF 45 days prior to the date of departure of the team. In addition, names of team members should appear on the applications as they appear on their passports. This will alleviate any possible problems with airline tickets or letters of visa support. GSE Chairs and GSE team leaders should work closely with their team to allow plenty of time for the issuance of travel visas from the Consular Authorities, if travel visas are necessary for the country of destination.

HUMANITARIAN GRANTS PROGRAM

Health, Hunger and Humanity Grants (3-H)

Update

In January 2005, The Rotary Foundation reinstated the Health, Hunger and Humanities Grants (3-H) after a four year moratorium. In preparation for the April 2006 meeting of the Trustees, the Foundation received 62 proposals and 26 applications for 3-H Grants. Upon a careful review of these 26 applications, the Trustees Programs Committee selected 14 projects for advance site visits. These projects will be given final consideration in April 2006.

Many of the 3-H project proposals TRF received in 2005 could not move on to the application stage because the club and district sponsors had not previously sponsored a Matching Grant together in the last 5 years. This is an important requirement for all 3-H grants, which helps ensure the sponsors can effectively work together and fulfill the Foundation's requirements with smaller grants before offering larger ones. Effective communication and experience working together as partners on grant projects often results in the most successful 3-H projects.

District Rotary Foundation Chairs, District Grants Subcommittee Chairs and Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinators can be a helpful resource in identifying clubs and districts that have had success implementing Matching Grants with their partner clubs. These clubs and districts are encouraged to take their Matching Grant projects and develop them into more sustainable projects with a long-term impact that would qualify for consideration as 3-H Grants.

The 3-H proposal submission deadline is 31 March 2006 for projects to be considered for funding in April 2007. The proposal form with details about the program requirements and the answers to frequently asked questions are available for download from the Rotary website at:

<http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/foundation/humanitarian.html#3h>

If you have questions about 3-H Grants or ideas about how to encourage clubs to participate in 3-H Grants, you can contact James Robinson, 3-H Grants Program Officer, by phone at 847 866 3349 or e-mail at james.robinson@rotary.org

POLIOPLUS

Golden Opportunity to Eradicate Polio this Year with Upcoming NIDs

According to the World Health Organization, in 2006 the world has a chance to eradicate polio everywhere except Nigeria. This can only be accomplished if political will is maintained and adequate financial resources are secured. With all time low levels of polio in most endemic countries, upcoming National Immunization Days (NIDs) will be the key in ensuring that the final reservoirs of the virus are knocked out. Several National PolioPlus Committees have or will be submitting projects to support these critical NIDs this spring. All Rotarians are encouraged to help finish the battle against polio by supporting these projects. Please see the Open Projects List on Rotary's website at http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/ppp_openprojects.pdf.

PLANNING & ADMINISTRATION

District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair Nominations – Important Reminder

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 packages we provided a list of the current appointments and when the three-year term ends, and asked 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. During the October meeting of the Trustees the following was added: "The district governor (if selected) scheduled for each of the years of the three-year term for the DRFCC will participate in the selection of the DRFCC". The appointments are due to The Rotary Foundation by **1 March** for those who will be making the appointments. Please reinforce this information with the DGEs. If an appointment is due because the current DRFC Chair has served three years they should provide that information by 1 March. If the current DRFC Chair has not served three years, a DGE will be disappointed when the request for a new DRFC Chair is not accepted.

Should you require a new list of the districts that are eligible for a new DRFC Chair, please contact Steve Lyons, [Email: steve.lyons@rotary.org](mailto:steve.lyons@rotary.org).