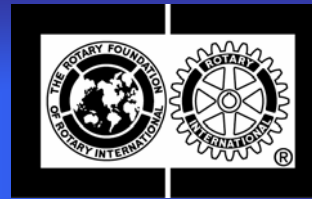


The Regional Rotary Foundation

COORDINATOR COMMUNIQUÉ



February 2006

A Forum for Foundation News

FUND DEVELOPMENT

Contributions Update

As of 20 February 2006, final contribution figures for January 2006 are not yet available. An update to this Communiqué will be sent as soon as the report becomes available.

2005-2006 Worldwide Annual Programs Fund Goal – US\$105,000,000

This is simply to remind you to promote achievement of this year's Worldwide APF Goal of US\$105,000,000 at upcoming district conferences, district assemblies and appropriate meetings.

PeopleSoft Migration

In late January 2006, the DONOR System financials were successfully migrated into PeopleSoft system. There were only a few glitches in the reporting functions. For example, on the Monthly Contribution Reports, the contributions are reporting accurately but the club goals are not listed on the report. We hope to have this functionality restored soon. As staff continues to become more proficient on the new system, we will be able to proactively query data and provide much better service to districts and clubs as well as individual Rotarians.

EVERY ROTARIAN, EVERY YEAR

An Update

As of 1 January 2006, the EREY email address was changed to:
EveryRotarianEveryYear@rotary.org or erey@rotary.org.

2006-2007 Fund Development Club Goal Report Form -- PETS

The 2006-2007 Fund Development Club Goal Report Forms are now available for download on Rotary's website in English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish and Swedish. The three-part Goal Report Forms were sent out to the District Governor-elects with the PETS II Supplemental Mailing. Club president-elects should submit Club Goals to their District Governor-elects by 1 May 2006. District Governor-elects should submit all Club Goals to the Foundation by 15 May 2006 for inclusion in the Worldwide Annual Programs Fund Goal announcement at the Convention in Malmo, Sweden in June 2006. For more information, contact the Annual Giving Section by e-mail: EveryRotarianEveryYear@rotary.org; by telephone at 1-847-866-3352; or by fax at 1-847-328-5260.

2006-2007 Club Success Kits

The 2005-2006 Club Success Kits will be mailed directly to each club president-elect in late April. The Kits will be similar in design to the 2005-2006 Kits (958-ENP) except the information will be in booklet form, not single sheets. Each Kit contains the following:

- 2006-07 Cover Letter from Trustee Chairman Luis Giay
- 2006-07 Fund Development Club Goal Report Form
- 2005 Rotary Foundation Facts (159)
- One Every Rotarian, Every Year Brochure/contributions form (957)
- One sheet of 2006-07 Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member Badge Stickers (956)
- Publications Order Form (337)
- 2006-07 Every Rotarian, Every Year Club Success Booklet containing: Every Rotarian, Every Year Resources on the Web; Weekly Rotary Foundation Thoughts; Your Annual Contributions at Work; Annual Programs Fund Challenge/Leverage Gift Examples and more.

All RRFs will receive a copy of the “yellow” 2006-2007 EREY Club Success Kit in their respective languages when they become available.

One Millionth Paul Harris Fellow

It is anticipated that The Rotary Foundation will achieve the milestone of the One Millionth Paul Harris Fellow by 30 June 2006. As that milestone is achieved, one new Paul Harris Fellow from each zone will be selected to represent the “One Millionth Paul Harris Fellow.” To be eligible, the Paul Harris Fellow must be a living person and a first-time Paul Harris Fellow. Each recipient will receive the standard PHF pin, medallion and certificate recognition plus a 1,000,000th Paul Harris Fellow commemorative plaque and special certificate for presentation at a club, district and/or zone event. Recipients will be listed on Rotary’s website and in a *Rotarian* magazine article.

Fundraising Success Stories

Please share any success stories you may have heard from clubs and districts that we can promote both in the *Every Rotarian, Every Year Newsletter* and Rotary’s website or other Rotary publications. Fundraising stories can be emailed to: roylene.gallas@rotary.org or erey@rotary.org or you can fax them to: 1-847-328-5260.

Permanent Fund Update

As of 31 January 2006, expectancies to the Permanent Fund stood at approximately US\$305.1 million. As of 30 November 2005 the Fund's net assets were US\$149.8 million.

Bequest Society Update

As of 31 January 2006, there were 4679 Bequest Society commitments with an expected value of US\$194.7 million. This is an increase of 40 new commitments with a value of US\$1.2 million. These commitments represent a significant percentage of the expectancies to the Permanent Fund.

Donor Advised Fund Update

As of 31 January 2006, there were 66 DAF accounts with a fair market value of US\$6.5 million. For additional information on The Rotary Foundation Donor Advised Fund, please visit daf.rotary.org

Katrina Relief Fund Update

Current contributions total over \$1.6 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

Alumni Working Toward Tangible Results in Peacebuilding and Conflict Transformation

Rotary Peace Fellow Alumni are securing positions in organizations that are working directly in areas of conflict resolution and peacebuilding:

Renia Corocoto (2003-05 University of California, Berkeley) is a director in the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process in Manila, Philippines. This office was established by the Philippine government in 2001 to coordinate several regional peace negotiations between indigenous groups and the government. For more information, see Renia's article, which she delivered at the University of Notre Dame "[Conflict Transformation: The Case of Cantomanyog Peace Zone, Negros Island, Philippines](#)".

Nisa Chamsuwan (2003-05 International Christian University) coordinates a police training program for the Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development in Bangkok, Thailand. She works with police officers to become trainers in effective policing while protecting human rights of community members.

Bautista Logioco (2002-04, Duke University) is a program officer in the Special Area for the Promotion of Dialogue and Conflict Resolution, Department of Democratic and Political Affairs at the Organization of American States. Bautista's work has taken him to several countries in Central and Latin American to oversee the electoral process.



Bautista Logioco in Bolivia

Jeanette Kroes (2003-05 Sciences Po) is at the regional civil society organization, the West African Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP). 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. Since its foundation, WANEP has dedicated itself to building local capacities for peace through training and information sharing among local organizations.



Jeanette Kroes in Togo

Rotary World Peace Fellowship Application Deadline

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 select outstanding Rotary World Peace Fellows in 2006.

Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies

Planning Process

Planning for the 2006-07 Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program year is progressing well. The Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program staff would like to thank PRIP Bhichai Rattakul, Director and Past RRFC Noraseth Pathmanand, PDG Saowalak Rattanavich, and the Rotary Centre in Thailand for their assistance with the new center and coordinating key meetings in Bangkok. We would also like to thank the Rotary Club of Bangkok South for inviting us to join them and promote the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program at their Ladies' Day celebration that included representatives of 28 nations.

Stay tuned next month for news from our February Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program Selection Committee Meeting and the announcement of our first class of program participants!

Ambassadorial Scholarships and Rotary Grants for University Teachers

2006-07 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 2006-07 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 2006** (fax: 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.

Regional Scholar Orientation Seminars

Thanks to Regional Scholar Orientation Seminars held throughout the Rotary world, 2006-07 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 seventh year, the Trustees have offered grants to defray the costs of large-scale, multi-district seminars. Nearly US\$126,000 total was awarded to 23 seminars in 2005-06. 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 3 new Regional Seminars are taking place in 2005-06: in Bologna, Italy, in July 2005, in Sao Paulo, Brazil, in August 2005, thanks to RRFC Gedson Junqueira Bersanete's persistence and involvement, and in Tacoma, USA, in June 2006, where RRFC Leigh Higinbotham will play an important role. We are currently working with past RRFC Eddie Blender to help him start a Regional Scholar Orientation Seminar in the Rockies region of the United States for the 2007-08 year.

We are also pleased to announce that RRFC Rob Brown has accepted to become the organizer of the Valley Forge inbound and outbound orientation seminars, as of 1 July 2006. RRFC Rob will inherit this responsibility from PDG Tom McCarthy who has done such an outstanding job for so many years. Many thanks to PDG Tom for his continued involvement with our program and scholars, and to RRFC Rob for embracing this opportunity.

We strongly encourage all RRFCs to get involved as much as possible with these amazing events, as they obviously bring a tremendous wealth of knowledge and field experience to our scholars, but also because we need RRFCs to meet our scholars, fellows and teachers to help us eradicate the preconceived idea that our program participants might not be a good return on our investment.

An updated list of Regional Scholar Seminars is posted on:

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

For questions, please contact: Stephanie Veit, Scholarships Department Manager, tel: 847-866-3323; fax: 847-866-0934; e-mail: Stephanie.Veit@rotary.org or visit our 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. All applications are considered on a world-competitive basis by a Trustee-appointed committee. 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

2005-06 Predeparture Documents and Letters of Support

In order to avoid postponements or cancellations of GSE teams that need visas to travel to their host district, GSE Chairs/team leaders should supply their GSE coordinator at TRF with the names of the team members (as they appear on the passport) as well as the dates of travel. Please note that providing this information to the GSE coordinator does not mean that tickets have been authorized. Tickets are only authorized when all completed predeparture documents have been submitted to TRF.

2005-06 Reimbursements

Did you know that TRF provides GSE teams with subsidies and grants to assist with costs associated with the GSE program? For example, TRF reimburses a maximum of USD\$1,000 for language training. In addition, it provides a USD\$500.00 subsidy for districts that have hosted a GSE team at their district conference. In order to be eligible for these reimbursements and others, TRF requires that reimbursements be submitted with original receipts within two months of expenditures (with the completed request form). Please refer to the Group Study Exchange Program Guide for further details regarding these reimbursements.

2005-06 Travel Request Forms

In order for the RITS travel agents to be able to provide a correct and timely itinerary, TRF asks districts to please do the following:

- Provide a legible Travel Request Form with names of the team members written as they appear on their passport (printed if possible)
- Confirm the dates of travel as well as the city of arrival and departure with the partner district prior to submitting the Travel Request Form to RITS.
- Confirm the travel itinerary that the travel agents send as soon as possible. This also includes looking over the names, dates of travel, and city departure. If the district does not confirm the itinerary with the agent, the ticket cannot be booked on time.
- If districts would like to purchase tickets locally, they must submit a Local Purchase Request form to RITS in order to confirm that RITS cannot find a more competitive price for the trip.
- Submit the Travel Request Form at least 45 days before departure in order to ensure that tickets will still be available for those dates of travel.

For any questions regarding your teams travel, please consult your GSE Program Guide or contact your GSE coordinator at TRF.

HUMANITARIAN GRANTS PROGRAM

2005-06 Approved-status District Simplified Grants

While most districts are currently in the process of implementing DSG-funded projects for the 2005-06 Rotary year, a number of districts have not yet received funding for their 2005-06 DSGs. Payment of these grants has been delayed due to a variety of reasons, including failure to sufficiently report on previous DSGs or to provide required pre-payment documentation. Districts that are unable to meet pre-payment requirements in a timely manner will be contacted and provided a specific deadline for the submission of all requirements. To date, 44 districts have received this type of communication from TRF for their 2005-06 DSGs. Below you will find a list of 2005-06 DSGs that have not received funding as of 14 February 2006. Please contact the designated TRF staff member should you have any questions about these grants.

PROJECT ID	DISTRICT	COUNTRY	FUNDING TOTAL	STAFF NAME
DS0656913	1030	England	\$5,869.00	Adam McCormack
DS0656532	1070	England	\$15,990.00	Adam McCormack
DS0657616	1120	England	\$7,000.00	Adam McCormack
DS0656562	1290	England	\$3,011.00	Adam McCormack
DS0656922	1410	Finland	\$958.00	Adam McCormack
DS0655510	1450	Denmark	\$1,636.00	Adam McCormack
DS0654781	1830	Germany	\$12,460.00	Adam McCormack
DS0656566	2170	Belgium	\$16,065.00	Adam McCormack
DS0657464	2210	Spain	\$6,088.00	Adam McCormack

PROJECT ID	DISTRICT	COUNTRY	FUNDING TOTAL	STAFF NAME
DS0657369	3030	India	\$11,273.00	Dia Hart
DS0657604	3090	India	\$916.00	Stephanie Hansen
DS0655012	3140	India	\$31,000.00	Dia Hart
DS0657023	3180	India	\$1,690.00	Stephanie Hansen
DS0656701	3250	India	\$3,287.00	Stephanie Hansen
DS0655629	3310	Malaysia	\$9,100.00	Steve Townsend
DS0656847	3400	Indonesia	\$6,431.00	Kate Slattery
DS0656849	3450	Hong Kong	\$67,800.00	Steve Townsend
DS0657953	3510	Taiwan	\$25,680.00	Steve Townsend
DS0655884	3590	Korea	\$18,108.00	Mai Katayama
DS0656705	3740	Korea	\$14,450.00	Mai Katayama
DS0656439	4320	Chile	\$1,456.00	Kristine Delacourt
DS0657513	4651	Brazil	\$698.00	Maria Emig
DS0656966	4750	Brazil	\$3,205.00	Valerie Pereira
DS0658562	4890	Argentina	\$1,051.00	Maria Emig
DS0657599	4970	Uruguay	\$453.00	Maria Emig
DS0656438	4980	Uruguay	\$684.00	Maria Emig
DS0656859	5040	USA	\$8,518.00	Mireya Dominguez
DS0656175	5130	USA	\$27,534.00	Mireya Dominguez
DS0654706	5190	USA	\$20,865.00	Mireya Dominguez
DS0657393	5240	USA	\$43,591.00	Mireya Dominguez
DS0658253	5450	USA	\$37,660.00	Susana Owen
DS0656721	5890	USA	\$28,466.00	Susana Owen
DS0658136	5910	USA	\$16,318.00	Susana Owen
DS0656019	5930	USA	\$20,086.00	Susana Owen
DS0656860	5970	USA	\$10,604.00	Susana Owen
DS0654964	6250	USA	\$11,142.00	Susana Owen
DS0655355	6290	USA	\$24,950.00	Susana Owen
DS0655922	6450	USA	\$14,493.00	Molly Quish
DS0657064	6540	USA	\$9,365.00	Molly Quish
DS0655923	6600	USA	\$10,592.00	Molly Quish
DS0656574	6710	USA	\$6,172.00	Molly Quish
DS0658443	7120	USA	\$8,858.00	Molly Quish
DS0656871	7210	USA	\$5,903.00	Molly Quish
DS0656604	7410	USA	\$9,452.00	Molly Quish
DS0656876	7490	USA	\$3,104.00	Molly Quish
DS0656016	7510	USA	\$15,000.00	Molly Quish
DS0655929	7680	USA	\$20,789.00	Molly Quish
DS0656293	7690	USA	\$40,000.00	Molly Quish
DS0656909	7750	USA	\$22,386.00	Molly Quish
DS0656708	7870	USA	\$18,500.00	Molly Quish
DS0655910	9500	Australia	\$5,602.00	Colette Martin-Wilde
DS0654961	9700	Australia	\$3,937.00	Colette Martin-Wilde
DS0657029	9790	Australia	\$7,289.00	Colette Martin-Wilde
DS0656840	9800	Australia	\$18,650.00	Colette Martin-Wilde
DS0655549	9810	Australia	\$12,373.00	Colette Martin-Wilde
DS0655882	9820	Australia	\$4,190.00	Colette Martin-Wilde

March Madness

Humanitarian Programs staff would like to bring your attention to the 31 March 2006 deadline for receipt of Matching Grant applications, District Simplified Grant requests and 3-H proposals. Each year March and April are the busiest months for the Humanitarian Grants Program staff. We expect to process 50% of all 2005-06 Matching Grant requests during these months in addition to the normal flow of correspondence, payment requests, etc. As might be expected, our response time will be longer than normal during these months. We thank you in advance for your patience.

We would like to request your assistance in communicating the following reminders and tips to clubs and districts in your zone.

Reminders:

1. New applications are entered into our system in the order they are received.
2. Application acknowledgements and the corresponding file numbers are sent by email to the primary contacts, as listed in the application.
3. During March and April it may take 15 working days for us to acknowledge receipt of new applications so please be prepared for some delays.

Tips:

1. Send only one copy of the application to TRF. Sending multiple copies only increases the likelihood of double entry into our system, resulting in further delays.
2. Keep a copy of the application for your records.
3. Keep record of the date, by what method and to what address or fax number the application was sent.
4. If after 15 working days the applicants have not received their file number in the form of an acknowledgment letter, confirmation of application receipt should be requested via email.

If sending the application by email, it should be sent to grants@rotary.org. For more efficient processing the subject line should say "New request", indicate the type of grant being requested and name the country where the project will take place. For example: New Matching Grant request – Mexico" or "New DSG request – Canada".

We thank you for your patience and assistance in spreading this message to clubs and districts in your region.

3-H Grants Program

3-H Grant Proposal Deadline Approaching

The Rotary Foundation's deadline for submitting Health, Hunger and Humanity Grant (3-H) proposals for funding consideration at the April 2007 meeting is fast approaching. Clubs or districts must submit proposals on the 3-H proposal form by 31 March 2006. Below is a timeline for processing these proposals for consideration by the Trustees at their April 2007 meeting:

Date	Action
1 July 05 – 31 March 06	Proposals for 3-H funding accepted. Eligible proposals will receive an application form to be completed by the sponsors.
1 August 06	Completed application deadline
1 November 06	Final deadline for sponsors to respond to all TRF staff inquiries regarding applications received by 1 August 06.
December 06–Feb 07	On-site project evaluations selected and conducted.
April 07	Funding decisions announced

POLIOPLUS

Important Update

The number of countries with indigenous polio has dropped to an all-time low of four. On 1 February 2006, Egypt was officially declared polio-free and all of the cases in Niger were determined to be the result of imported polio cases. Nigeria, India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan are now the only countries considered endemic for the wild poliovirus. In 2006, monovalent vaccines, aimed at individual virus strains, will be the primary platform for eradication in all remaining polio-affected areas -- enabling the eradication drive to hone in on poliovirus types 1 and 3.

In addition to mass immunization with monovalent vaccines in the four endemic countries, large-scale campaigns with these vaccines will need to take place in 2006 in eight countries --- including Somalia, Indonesia, and Yemen -- to stop recently imported polioviruses.

The need for high quality NIDs is of such importance that an urgent appeal is being made to every district to donate a portion of their District Designated Funds to PolioPlus Partners to ensure that your fellow Rotarians can carry out the activities necessary to finally win the war against polio. Contact your District Governor or District Rotary Foundation Chair to encourage them to support this urgent appeal.

FEATURE ARTICLE

by Tom Thorfinnson, RRFC 2003-06

My Best Day As a Rotarian

It was July 24, 2004 and I was in the middle of my third trip to Haiti. A two hour car ride had landed us in rural farm country 21 miles away from our base in Hinche. It was 90 degrees F. and we had traveled over some of the toughest roads I had ever seen. Packed four to the back seat on this bumpy ride we had long since given up on trying not to touch or sweat all over the person next to us.

Just before noon we arrived in a village called Ti Kampeche. We were there to attend a dedication ceremony for the very first well drilled as part of our large matching grant project, which we call Haiti Safe Water Plus. I was there with seven others from the US, all with Rotary connections. Included in the group was my then 19 year old daughter, Ashley. We arrived in Ti

Kampeche to find a packed church: Locals immediately got up and offered us their seats. The church was cool: It was cinder block, but painted in a faded blue and teal. The locals danced, prayed, sang and performed a play: All along they thanked God, Rotary and World Vision (our project partner) for the water well. The play told a story of how locals were no longer sick, the illnesses of the past having come from bad water not evil spirits.

During the service, my eyes glanced to Ashley. She sat next to a little girl from the village. While my daughter smiled the warmest smile you can imagine, the little girl reached out to touch Ashley's very white skin. Ashley lightly touched her back. They giggled together.

Moments later we were at the well site, cutting the ribbon and pumping the first "official water" from the first of 141 wells to come. I stooped down and drank; so very cool and refreshing! One of us pumped water for the senior members of the village.

We soon were back in the car and off again on the dusty road to two other villages scheduled for drilling.



9 hours later and after 5 more hours of riding, we were at La Maguana, a bar/restaurant in Hinche. We quenched our thirst with Prestige beer, and we danced with the Haitian Rotarians as they taught us their favorite Caribbean step. In the middle of our dance, Ashley said into my ear "Dad, I never knew Rotary was like this."

I doubt I will ever stop serving, because I too never knew Rotary could be like this.

Tom Thorfinnson (dance with me!)