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TRUSTEES DECISION — UTILIZING PAST RRFCs



**Louis Piconi, PRRFC
2000-01 RI VP**

A wise author once wrote ***“We need history, not to tell us what happened or to explain the past, but to make the past alive so that it can make a future possible.”***

At the April 2005 Trustees Meeting, it was recognized that past Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinators (RRFCs) are among the most knowledgeable Rotarians that The Rotary Foundation has, given the training provided and experience during their course of service. The trustees also recognized the benefit of long-term return on investment the past RRFCs can provide, especially when current RRFCs include them in plans to support The Rotary Foundation.

The significant aspects of the decision made by the trustees at the April 2005 meeting are:

- The Trustees encourage a continuation of the volunteer-produced past RRFC at no cost to Rotary;
- The creation of a volunteer-developed online forum, should the past RRFCs agree to this, at no cost to Rotary;
- The use of past RRFCs as trainers (zones, districts) for special projects as they arise;
- To include them as members of the Humanitarian Grants Cadre when feasible; and,
- To hold a reception and workshop for current and past RRFCs as an adjunct meeting at the annual convention.

The bottom line – the past RRFCs are asked to continue to support The Rotary Foundation to help create a better world in the future.

**WE NEED TO
SHARE TRF
SUCCESS STORIES
FROM PREVIOUS
AND CURRENT
RRFCs AS WELL
AS FROM OTHER
MEMBERS OF THE
TRF VOLUNTEER
TEAM.**



SERVICE Above Self

SHARING YOUR WEALTH

Do you know of some of the many opportunities to share your wealth through Our Rotary Foundation (TRF)? In addition to the joy of giving, there are a number of other incentives for charitable contributions.

There are many ways to share wealth with others: giving to children, grandchildren and charities are just a few examples.

A charitable gift to TRF can provide a significant income tax deduction in addition to the satisfaction of helping the programs of Our Rotary Foundation. And, when properly structured, such gifts may also enable you to avoid capital gains taxes, reduce or eliminate estate taxes and even diversify your investment portfolio.

Some of these diverse objectives may be achieved through a type of tax-exempt trust known as a charitable remainder trust (CRT). In establishing a CRT, the donor receives:

- ***An income tax deduction for the present value of the trust's remainder interest directed to the charity.***
- ***Lifetime annual income for the donor and spouse.***
- ***The principal of the trust distributed to a designated charity.***
- ***The donor's estate is reduced by the assets transferred into the original trust.***

A CRT may offer substantial financial flexibility, even to middle-income bracket taxpayers who have held onto non-income producing assets.

Sound interesting? Learn more about options for gifting. Speak with Eric Schmelling at TRF...

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ROTARY PEACEBUILDER FELLOWSHIPS

I volunteered to become a member of my district's Rotary Scholarship Selection Committee and just returned from a rigorous but uplifting weekend of work. The Scholarship Committee is one of the seven Sub-committees under the leadership of the District Rotary Foundation Committee (DRFC) Chair.

Our six-person committee interviewed 15 applicants and selected two Ambassadorial Scholars and recommended one Rotary Peace Fellowship (RPF) candidate to represent our district and she will go into the worldwide competition pool for selection for the award, which leads to a Master's Degree in Peace and Conflict Resolution.

There were so many



PRRFC Eddie Blender
2002-04

wonderful students (deserving, motivated, focused and passionate) that were interviewed we wished that we had more District Designated Funds (DDF) available so that we could have doubled (or tripled) our recommendations.

Additional Funds are also needed for the Rotary Peace Fellowship (RPF) Program. Last year we (TRF) were only able to award 60 RPF (rather than 70) due to insufficient funds.

You can help support this extraordinary RPF Program by educating your district about the Peacebuilder Program (and also help by soliciting contributions).



**SHARE YOUR SUGGESTIONS, COMMENTS AND SUCCESS STORIES WITH YOUR
RRFC COLLEAGUES. WRITE: TO THE EDITOR AT EBLENDER@AOL.COM**

WHAT PAUL HARRIS (AND OTHER ROTARY LEADERS) SAID...

"It has been the way of Rotary to focus thought upon matters in which they are in agreement, rather than upon matters in which they are in disagreement. Rotary has satisfactorily demonstrated the fact that friendship can easily hurdle national and religious boundary lines."

*Paul P. Harris,
Page 86 from
"Adventures in Service"*

This approach represents the technique of the simple act; the small man-to-man acts of service and fellowship. Rotary offers no magic formula, no quick solution. Its method does not make headlines. But it does make friends.



The genuine approach to Rotary fellowship--the firm handclasp and the warm, informal greeting -- speaks in inaudible eloquence: "You don't pray or talk the way I do, but you are a fellow human being and I like you."



Would you like to have a Rotary minute delivered every week to you and your club via email? A "WHAT PAUL HARRIS SAID" message will be sent (free-of-charge) to you and whomever you sign up. Give it to your club presidents as a gift -- you can use it at your club as a weekly Rotary minute. Please register for this free service by sending an e-mail to: Chairman@RotaryHistoryFellowship.org

A NEW ROTARY CENTER FOR PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES

...a special three-month course in peace studies, conflict resolution and mediation training aimed at middle and upper-level managers in governments, non-governmental organizations, and private corporations



As part of its ongoing effort to promote world peace and international understanding, Rotary International will establish a Rotary Center for Peace and Conflict Studies at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand.

Beginning in July 2006, the new center at Chulalongkorn University will pilot the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies program, a special three-month course in peace studies, conflict resolution and mediation training aimed at middle and upper-level managers in governments, non-governmental organizations, and private corporations.

The Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies program will accept 30 fellows per session with about one third of the openings reserved for students from outside of Thailand. Sessions will be held twice each year. Offered in English, the program will begin in July 2006 and will be evaluated after three years. The oldest university in Thailand, Chulalongkorn will draw upon its faculty's strength in international relations, political science and business management, as well as guest lecturers and outside experts to provide case studies and practical training.

Rotary clubs may nominate applicants to a selection committee of The Rotary Foundation (TRF), which administers the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies program and other popular educational initiatives of Rotary, the world's largest privately funded source of international, university-level scholarships.

Each fellow's employer will be expected to cover the US\$4,000 cost of the three-month session, including tuition, room-and-board and educational materials. The Rotary Foundation will cover the expenses of roundtrip travel between the fellow's home and Bangkok.

Application forms will be available in the RI Web site's Download Center and on Chulalongkorn University's Web site in June 2005. For more information, contact TRF Educational Chairman Harvey Newcomb III: (newcombH@rotaryintl.org)

**"Must the best
genius of men
be devoted to
the science of
war and none
to the science
of averting it?"**

Paul P. Harris,
We Must Plan
for Peace,
THE ROTARIAN,
February 1940

PERSUASION



*Glenn E. Estess, Sr.
RI President
2004-05*

PROVIDING SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS IN THE COMMUNITY

President Glenn recently stated in the June 2005 issue of the Rotarian, "I've seen projects involving tremendous financial input and projects involving very little. But as local Rotarians know, what's most important is choosing a project that provides a real solution to a problem in the community. To those of us in North America, a project to add a girls' bathroom onto a primary school might not seem life changing. But in a part of the world where girls traditionally do not attend school, it can have an enormous impact."

PROVIDING A LIFETIME OF LITERACY

"There, it epitomizes Rotary's unique understanding of the local community and its needs. Building that girls' room means welcoming girls to school – and to a lifetime of literacy."

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PERSUASION

I believe that this change in the rule restricting grants to a minimum of \$5,000 will exacerbate instead of alleviate misery as clubs pull out of projects because of an inability to comply.

A cursory look at Matching Grants over the past two years in my district (9350) where the grant amount was below \$5,000 reveals that the completed projects are sustainable and still making a difference in the lives of the communities today: (see yellow sidebar)

There are at least as many other cases that I could mention but are still in the process of being completed. And that is only in my district. Multiply the above at least two thousand-fold to get a worldwide picture and you will get an idea how this rule will affect those looking to Rotary clubs for help. The examples in my district make a difference to many tens of thousands of lives now and into the future. →

I suggest **let us find ways to administer these programs differently** instead of cutting the ability of so many smaller clubs to participate in TRF MG programs.

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- the RC of Upington would not have been able to start a craft centre for unemployed and physically challenged individuals (MG 1610)
- the RC of Saldanha could not have provided two vehicles for itinerant nurses to visit hospice patients over a large area (MG 52412 & MG 55591)
- the RC of Caledon could not have provided equipment and furnishings, etc., for a safe home for abused and abandoned children (MG52492)
- the RC of Sea Point could not have provided storage facilities and bedding to Aids orphans in Cape Town (MG453592)
- the RC of Cape of Good Hope could not have provided desks, chairs and other school equipment to a pre-school in an impoverished area of Cape Town (MG554000)
- the RC of Gordons Bay could not have equipped a sanctuary home for Aids orphans in a township near Cape Town (MG554134)
- the RC of Wynberg could not have equipped a cash strapped hospital with essential, non-consumable material for its pharmacy (MG554421)
- the RC of Plettenberg Bay could not have provided sports facilities for an impoverished community in the local township (MG554487)
- the RC of Sea Point could not have provided training in beadwork for unemployed women in Cape Town (MG554660)
- the RC of Knysna could not have provided medical equipment to the state hospital and to an elementary school (MG555598)
- the RC of Knysna could not have provided two computers and educational materials to two primary schools in the town (MG556109)

SIX MILLION DOSES OF VACCINE SHIPPED TO YEMEN FOR EMERGENCY POLIO OUTBREAK

HIGH QUALITY IMMUNIZATION CAMPAIGNS NEEDED TO CONTROL OUTBREAKS

Experience shows that sporadic ***polio outbreaks*** in previously polio-free countries, such as Yemen and Indonesia, ***can be stopped quickly***, provided high-quality ***immunization campaigns are implemented rapidly***. While these events strain the financial resources of the global eradication effort, they do not threaten its ultimate success.

The real challenge to global eradication remains stopping polio transmission in the last remaining reservoirs of transmission, from where poliovirus has been exported, such as northern Nigeria, northern India and Pakistan.

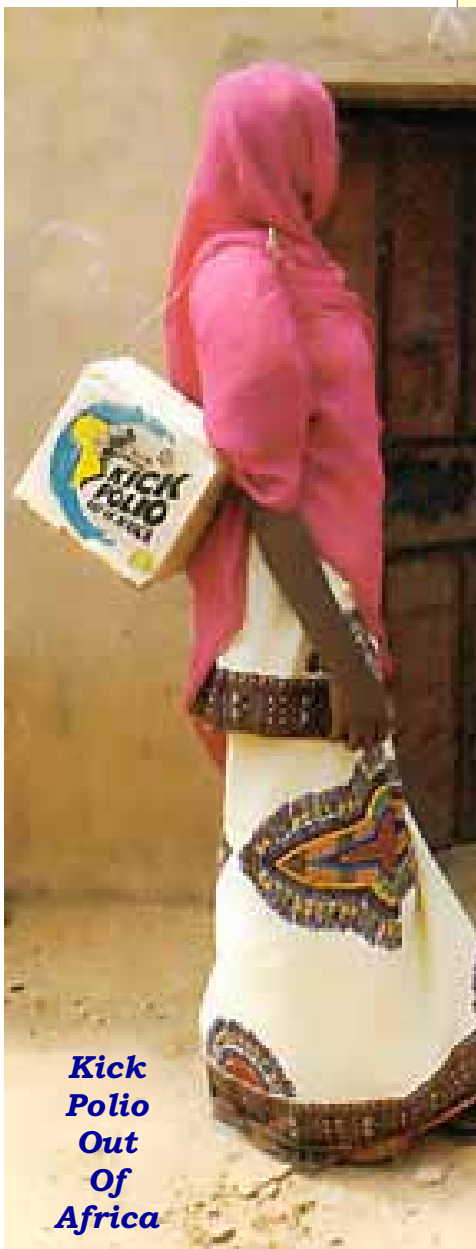
Epidemiological evidence demonstrates that polio's grip is rapidly slipping in all three of those key endemic countries. India has reported only 14 cases to date this year, all of them polio type 1. Pakistan has recorded only six cases to date in 2005, while Nigeria has largely driven polio out of its southern states, immunizing a record number of children in the past round.

Despite this progress, as long as the epidemic in Africa is ongoing, continue to be at-risk of importations.

Concern is particularly high to protect the Horn of Africa, where weak health systems, low levels of routine immunization and hampered access to all populations due to civil conflict means children in this area are at particular risk of potential spread of polio

polio-free countries will

THE REAL CHALLENGE TO GLOBAL ERADICATION REMAINS STOPPING POLIO TRANSMISSION IN THE LAST REMAINING RESERVOIRS OF TRANSMISSION



**Kick
Polio
Out
Of
Africa**



CONSIDER THIS AN EMERGENCY!

POLIOPLUS PARTNERS SEEKS FUNDING FOR 12 URGENT PROJECTS

The final phase of polio eradication involves an increased number of National Immunization Days and Sub-National Immunization Days to stamp out remaining reservoirs of disease.

For instance, India will hold 8 rounds of NIDs or SNIDs this year. Nigeria will hold at least 5 rounds.

Rotarians in these countries need support! Twelve (12) projects from Asia and Africa have been received and need a total of nearly US\$3.5 million.



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PolioPlus Partners projects do not receive funding from the PEFC campaign and are dependent on contributions of cash or DDF from Rotarians around the world.

Cash contributions to Partners are automatically matched at the rate of \$0.50 per dollar donated and are eligible for Paul Harris Fellow credit. Please consider support of your fellow Rotarians in endemic countries through this program. Open Projects Lists can be obtained by visiting Rotary's website at: **<http://www.rotary.org/foundation/polioplus/index.html>** or by contacting Nicole Kreamer at:

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***Global Polio eradication efforts
have reduced the number of polio
cases from 350,000 annually in
1988 to 1,267 cases in 2004.***

***Six countries remain polio-
endemic (Nigeria, India, Pakistan, Ni-
ger, Afghanistan and Egypt), with a
further six where polio transmission
is re-established (Burkina Faso, Cen-
tral African Republic, Chad, Côte
d'Ivoire, Mali and Sudan).***