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BRICKS AND MORTAR IN CAMBODIA



PRRFC Eddie Blender
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My daughter Sharon is passionate about education.

Five years ago while traveling to Phnom Penh (where she

adopted my grandson Adam) she learned of the need for basic educational facilities in Cambodia and has actively supported the bricks and mortar, educators and educational tools needed to turn despair into hope.

Small village schoolhouses and supplies are desperately needed for Cambodia is one of the poorest countries in Southeast Asia with an annual income of US\$300 yearly.. During the Vietnam War the United States dropped tons of bombs on Cambodia destroying so much of the infrastructure and im-

mediately after Vietnam came the Khmer Rouge regime, which sent two million people to their deaths. The Khmer Rouge brutally annihilated Cambodia's educated class.

Today, 30 percent of the country remains illiterate. Yet rural villagers hunger after education. Education ranks for them alongside food and water as a necessity of life.

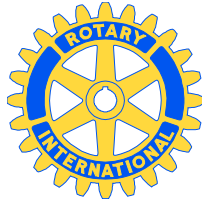
I discovered while doing a simple Google search that NGOs worldwide (**and especially Japanese Rotarians**) have been actively building and supplying rural schoolhouses in remote villages in Cambodia. A priority of their project is to establish schools in poor, rural areas whose children have been deprived of any educational facilities or been forced to learn outdoors for lack of funds to construct schoolhouses.

***Education
Forms
the Mind.
As the Twig
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SERVICE Above Self

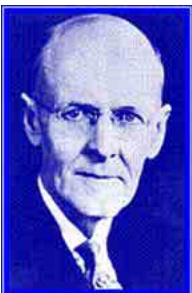
WHAT PAUL HARRIS SAID...



Rotary...
**"...evolutionary
at all times,
revolutionary on
occasions"**

***"I am not ashamed of the
Rotary of 1905.
It contained the germ of all
that there is today,
although it was at first
very much self-centered.
The cants had never won
a single permanent victory.
The broad visions,
the nobler purposes
have always won.
Rotary is a social movement.
If Rotary is to realize
its proper destiny,
it must be evolutionary
at all times,
revolutionary on occasions."***

**Paul P. Harris
1930 message to the
RI Convention**



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

ROTARY ACTION GROUPS

(A BRIGHT NEW CENTURY FOR ROTARY)



The well-known RI Structured Program called Rotary Fellowship Groups has been removed from that RI Program.

Henceforth, Fellowships with a recreational and vocational focus will remain under the current title of "Rotary Fellowships," **while those with a service focus will now be referred to as "Rotarian Action Groups (RAGs)."**

Both Rotary Fellowships and Rotarian Action Groups will no longer be categorized under the RI Structured Programs entity, but will exist under a new category called "Global Networking Groups." These organizational changes will take effect 1 July 2005.

The central rationale behind this change is to restore the focus of the Rotary Fellowships program to its original emphasis on fellowship, while providing the growing class of service-oriented fellowships with an administrative structure that will better support the work that is their primary focus.

Each Global Networking Group

will have its own distinct set of policies; however, these policies differ very little and are meant to cater to the specific definitions of the respective groups. The traditional and time-tested value of Vocational Fellowship Groups and Recreational Fellowship Groups will remain in the "Fellowship Groups" category.

If and when RI decides on a new corporate program to follow Polio Plus, perhaps the Rotary Action Groups will have evolved to an operational quality that the trustees will see as being worthy of support. Indeed, the Rotary World will be looking at them with great interest

A Rotarian Action Group (RAG) is a voluntary association of Rotarians who unite themselves for the purpose of conducting international service projects that advance the Object of Rotary. Rotarian Action Group activities must be conducted independently of RI, but must be in harmony with RI policy, including the use of the Rotary Marks. Rotarian Action Groups may not be used to promote religious beliefs, political issues, or other organizations.

**RI Director
John Eberhard
2003-2005**

Let it not be said that Rotary does not act from time to time in a revolutionary way that Paul Harris said was essential for the growth and continuing relevance of our evolving organization. This is a revolutionary and I dare say, visionary step for RI. It will provide for a new paradigm of service delivery, to be sure. It is consistent with Rotary's strategic plan. RI and the Foundation might take advantage of the recognition that RI has given to the Action Group delivery vehicle in the context of the Strategic Plan's objectives.



Did you know? That the TRF Trustees (at their April 2005 Meeting) made a decision on the utilization of former Rotary Regional Foundation Coordinators?

The Trustees:

1. **Recognize** that past Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinators (RRFCs) are among the most knowledgeable volunteers for The Rotary Foundation, given the training provided during the course of their service as RRFCs;

2. Encourage:

- continuation of the volunteer-produced past RRFC newsletter at no cost to Rotary;

- 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 for special projects as such projects arise, and to include them as members of the Humanitarian Grants Cadre when feasible;

3. **Reinforce** the importance of the cur-

rent RRFCs including past RRFCs in plans to support The Rotary Foundation, in order to gain the benefit of long-term return on investment;

4. **Agree** to hold a reception and workshop for current and past RRFCs as an adjunct meeting at the annual convention, and increase the budget for 2005-06 and future years by US\$5,000 to support this effort.

PRRFCs: Communicate with the current RI Directors, RRFCs and 2005-06 DGs and apprise them of your availability to participate at:

- ROTARY ZONE INSTITUTES
- DISTRICT ROTARY FOUNDATION SEMINARS
- DISTRICT CONFERENCES
- DISTRICT PETS (or multi-district PETS)
- DISTRICT ASSEMBLY
- ANY SPECIAL TRF FUNDRAISING OR SPECIAL EVENT PLANNED
- DISTRICT LEADERSHIP SEMINARS
- ENCOURAGING PEACE BUILDER DISTRICTS
- AS A SPEAKER AT CLUB LEVEL FUNCTIONS, ETC.

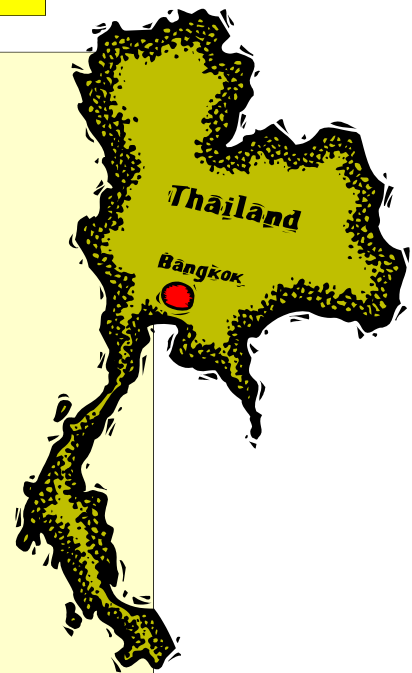
A NEW CENTER FOR WORLD PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

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.

Rotary clubs may nominate applicants to a selection committee of The Rotary Foundation, 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 Harvey Newcomb



Did you know?

There are now more than 90,000 Foundation Alumni. 60% are former Group Study Exchange Team members, 39% are former Foundation Ambassadorial Scholars, and 1% are former recipients of Grants for Rotary Volunteers, Discovery Grants, Individual Grants, or Grants for University Teachers.



**The
Foundation
Alumni
Resource
Group**

LIVE 8 VERSUS ROTARY

Over the July 4th week-end millions of folks participated in a tremendous event aimed at eliminating world-wide poverty.

"Even if they cancel the debt, even if they give our governments aid money, ordinary Africans will not benefit," said African coffee farmer Peter Kanans, "...that money will only make the corrupt people richer and Africans - international beggars for decades to come."

Throngs of citizens carried placards directed at developed nations imploring direct action by the world's leading economic powers, the G-8 to address poverty.

But solutions offered by big countries with big plans are not so easy. From 1960 to 2003, the world had spent \$568 billion to end poverty in Africa. Has Africa's despair and misery been improved? I don't think so!

Why? Corruption and lack of accountability and goods never arriving and the G-8's big plans and big projects hung up and rarely trickling down to where needed.

What works? Rotary works and although many deride Rotary's piecemeal approach there has been positive results.

Many Rotary

"piecemeal" projects in Africa have led to progress:

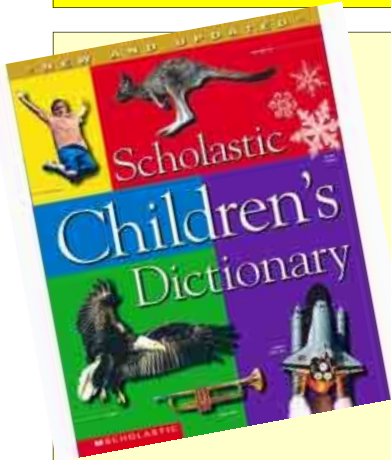
- Twenty-five percent of the population in African countries had access to clean water in 1970; 60 percent do so today.
- The enrollment rate in secondary school has gone from less than 5 percent to more than 30 percent over the last 40 years;
- And over the same period, increased vaccination helped infant mortality fall by more than a third.
- Rotarians against Malaria, PolioPlus, National Immunization Days, Books for Africa, etc. have made a difference.

William Easterly wrote in the NYT that "...agencies are more accountable on visible piecemeal steps like water pipes and wells, school buildings and vaccinations - where individual contributions can be measured - than they are on nebulous goals like African poverty reduction, which depends on many players and many factors. Piecemeal fixers do not promise the miracles that planners do; they just quietly deliver results."

Rotarians do make a difference!

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EMPHASIS ON LITERACY



You can deliver a dictionary to every third Grade Student in your area, very simply, efficiently and inexpensively through an innovative club level program and complete this project without submitting any documentation to and through The Rotary Foundation.

In D5470 (Colorado USA), they have impacted over 30,000 students in their local communities over the past four years...one half of a million dollars worth of dictionaries. Is your zone interested in this literacy project?

Cost: A *special* Rotary Group price of \$7.50 per book (retails for US\$18.00) and your club easily finds local business sponsors to *invest* in the project so that little or no club funds are used. The delivery includes dictionary, club label including up to two sponsor names, four way test and district web site address on a label provided for each book.

It is amazing the level of respect and interest that these third graders will show towards their new book. This dictionary is so much more than just words. It is utilized! The pleasure on the faces of the recipients will solidify the story!

And there is almost 100% involvement - once members participate and distribute to a classroom they will continue to support the project. The joy your club members receive will assure an on-going club project.

Interested? This project can be initiated and completed in most of the Rotary World. For information write to:

Contact: Scott Allen,
mrrotary@adelphia.net
 1-(719) 338-7939

"Literacy is a huge area with many needs. I strongly recommend cooperation with other organizations working in the same field."

**RI President
 Carl-Wilhelm
 Stenhammar**



SERVICE Above Self





CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS EFFORTS TO BUILD ENDURING PEACE



PRRFC Eddie Blender and RI Past President Chuck Keller participating at the Duke — University of North Carolina Rotary Centers Seminar

More than one hundred guests, including Past Rotary International President Charles Keller and Past Rotary Foundation Coordinator Edward Blender attended the third annual Duke-UNC Rotary Center spring conference on April 16th at UNC's School of Government. The conference featured presentations by the Duke-UNC Rotary World Peace Fellows and a keynote address by George Piwang-Jalobo, Founder and Director of the Center for Conflict Management and Peace Studies at Gulu University in Uganda.

***The
more we
sweat in
peace,
the less
we bleed
in war.***

**~ Vijaya
Lakshmi
Pandit**



This year's conference theme, "Building Sustainable Development and Durable Peace," reflected the common link between the Fellows' diverse academic pursuits and Rotary International's interests. Dr. Peter Coclanis, Associate Provost for International Affairs and Director of UCIS at UNC, highlighted this link as he opened the plenary session by affirming Rotary International's commitments to the Rotary World Peace Fellowship and to polio eradication.

"These investments in education and health," he contended, "are the most important components of human capital development, and are two parallel routes to peaceful and sustainable development."

This year's conference succeeded in not only giving the community the opportunity to learn more about the field of peace and conflict resolution, but also about the *Rotary World Peace Fellowship* itself. As one guest wrote, the conference gave attendees "a greater respect and admiration for what the peace scholars have done and will do to contribute to peace in the world."

***DO YOU KNOW* - HOW RRFC'S ARE SELECTED AND APPOINTED?**

5.050. RRFC SELECTION AND APPOINTMENT PROCESS

5.050.2. Selection

1. Letters of solicitation are sent to the RI president, RI president-elect, trustee chairman, trustee chairman-elect, trustee vice-chairman, trustees, relevant directors and directors-elect, and current RRFCs not later than 15 July each year.
2. Names of the recommended Rotarians with respective backgrounds are presented to the trustee chairman-elect.
3. The trustee chairman-elect is requested to prepare a list of all names suggested for appointment and send said list to all trustees for review.
4. Each trustee will respond within fourteen days of receipt of the list, providing to the chairman-elect, on a confidential basis, his/her advice concerning those individuals who in his/her opinion are inappropriate to receive an appointment for the following year and information, when known, on the skills and experiences of the individuals listed.
5. The trustee chairman-elect reviews the information and makes the selections.
6. The trustee chairman-elect shares the selected names with the RI president-elect for consultation.
7. Letters of appointment are sent to the selected Rotarians no later than 1 September.
8. Announcement of the appointments is made after all acceptances are received.



Did you know?

That Trustees agreed to change the title of Permanent Fund National Advisor to MAJOR GIFT ADVISOR, Effective 1 July 2005.

HUMANITARIAN GRANTS CADRE OF TECHNICAL ADVISERS

Foundation Grant Project Monitoring

Many 3-H or Matching Grant projects are monitored by independent Rotary volunteers assigned by the Trustees to evaluate the effectiveness of the grants in achieving the project goals and purposes.

“Utilization of past RRFCs as trainers for special projects as such projects arise, and to include Past Rotary Regional Foundation Coordinators as members of the Humanitarian Grants Cadre when feasible”

The Trustees established the Humanitarian Grants Cadre of Technical Advisers to recruit and provide orientation for Rotarian volunteers to serve as technical advisers for projects.

Should the Foundation require assistance for routine grant project monitoring, review, or intervention, the governor, district Rotary Foundation committee chair, and district grants subcommittee chair may be requested to provide assistance. When requested by the Foundation, the governor (or a designee) shall assist in addressing a problem in the district including, as necessary, securing a response from project sponsors for clarification, information, and required reporting; helping to determine the status of a project; reiterating the Foundation guidelines; and handling local disagreements.

Governors are encouraged to visit Foundation grant-funded projects, commend local clubs for their work, and help identify, resolve, or prevent problem situations from occurring. Governors also are encouraged to make site visits to assess the outcome of past projects. (TRFC 10.020.4.3.) Further, governors shall be ex officio members of project committees for district-sponsored grants.



POLIO STILL A THREAT BUT A FADING ONE

By Michael Conlon, Reuters

CHICAGO (Reuters) -- With more than 500 new polio cases worldwide so far this year, the disease is still a threat but the goal of eradicating it globally is within reach, top health officials said Tuesday.

"As long as there is polio anywhere in the world it's just really one traveler from being elsewhere in the world," said Julie Gerberding, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"We want a polio-free world" and that is possible, she added.

Lee Jong-wook, director-general of the World Health Organization, said most of this year's problem can be traced to the fact that Nigeria suspended vaccinations for a year, and by the time it resumed them 10 other countries had become infected.

FROM 350,000 TO 1,000 CASES

But going from 350,000 cases a year in the mid-1980s to a slightly more than 1,000 in 2004 and less than that so far this year indicates that what's left in ending the disease is really just a "clean-up job," he said.

Endemic, wild polio virus has been eliminated from all but six countries - Nigeria, India, Pakistan, Niger, Afghanistan and Egypt - and the incidence of the disease has been reduced by more than 99 percent, according to the World Health Organization.

Travelers visiting areas where the disease is endemic are responsible for the reintroduction of it in places where it was thought to have been eradicated. The 50 cases reported recently in Indonesia, for example, may have come from a returning pilgrim.

Polio is a viral disease that attacks the central nervous system, causing paralysis and death in some cases.

Lee and Gerberding spoke at a briefing during Rotary International's annual convention. The service club group along with the WHO, CDC and UNICEF, have for the past 10 years been working to eradicate the disease in what has been termed the largest global health initiative under way.

ERADICATION MEASURED BY NO NEW CASES FOR A THREE YEAR PERIOD

If no new cases are reported for three years it would be considered eradicated, as is already the case with small pox.

To accomplish the goal of eradicating polio, the groups need to raise \$250 million for vaccinations this year and in 2006, Lee said, adding that "the last countries are always the most difficult."

"We are confident we will end polio very soon," said Carlo Ravizza, Rotary Foundation trustee chairman. Many believe, he added, that this is the best year to accomplish the goal. But he and others at the briefing declined to name a specific date by which they hope to see it happen.

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AS A PEACOCK?**



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