

OUR FOUNDATION



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FOUNDATION ALUMNI



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Who are they? They are our Ambassadorial Scholars, almost 40,000 since 1947. They are our Group Study Exchanges, nearly 46,000 individuals

(more than 11,000 teams). They are numerous University Teachers, World Peace Fellows and uncounted Rotary Volunteers from hundreds of countries serving in countless areas, doing good in our world and making a difference.

WHY? WHAT FOR?

They are undertaking and fulfilling the mission of Our Rotary Foundation, *"...the achievement of world understanding and peace through local, national, and international humanitarian, educational, and cultural programs."*

FOUNDATION MONTH

Our Foundation Alumni totaling 90,000 strong are supported by the fundraising efforts of Rotarians worldwide. This past Rotary year the Annual Programs Fund raised nearly 90 million dollars and those donated funds will be used doing good in the world.

OUR HEARTBEAT

The heartbeat of Our Foundation is our programs and the fuel that drives our programs is our Annual Fundraising dollars.

Celebrate Foundation Month this November! Invite our numerous Foundation Alumni to your meetings and have them share with you their adventures. Have them tell their stories of changing the world and making a difference in the world that you and your fellow Rotarians through Our Foundation makes possible.

Your leadership will help grow our Alumni programs. As the world begins to understand and appreciate the power of Our Foundation... both Alumni and Rotarians will support TRF considerably more than they ever have done in the past and the cycle of Fundraising and TRF Programs will grow stronger.



SERVICE Above Self

2004-05 GLOBAL SERVICE TO HUMANITY AWARD.

Khanh Nguyen was 10 years old when she, her mother, and siblings fled war-ravaged Vietnam on a military transport plane in April 1975 to avoid political prosecution. Her father, who fled a few days later, was a military officer for South Vietnam, which was at war with the communist North Vietnamese. The family initially lived in refugee camps in Guam and then Fort Chaffee, Ark., USA. They later relocated to Houston under the sponsorship of two churches.



*Foundation Ambassadorial
Scholar Alumnus
Dr. Khanh Nguyen*

“Circumstances can change in an instant, for good or for bad. If I can change someone else’s circumstances for the better - give them better healthcare, a scholarship, or even just food - then I can change their life for the better.”

Little did she know that she would later receive The Rotary Foundation of RI's 2004-05 Global Service to Humanity Award. On 18 June, Trustee Chair Carlo Ravizza presented Nguyen with the award at a Foundation alumni reunion during the convention.

The award honors a Foundation alum who has achieved high professional distinction and whose volunteer efforts exemplify the Rotary ideal of Service Above Self.

Dr. Nguyen's ties to the Foundation date to 1987-88 when she studied at the National University of Singapore on a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship. While abroad, she studied Singapore's family planning program, and she volunteered to teach

English at a camp for Vietnamese refugees. Nguyen went on to earn her doctorate in medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. During her residency she volunteered at a free clinic in Charlottesville, Va., USA, for low-income people. Later, she joined the Peace Corps in Malawi where she volunteered in a hospital that served 3 million people. While there she also drafted a program to train volunteers to counsel patients before and after they got tested for HIV.

Today, Nguyen (above) lives in Houston, where she is a physician in private practice and a volunteer assistant professor in internal medicine at the University of Texas Health Science Center. She also volunteers to help manage a health care clinic for Houston's homeless. In addition, she leads a campaign that aims to keep Vietnamese-American youths from joining gangs and committing crimes, and she works with the Asian-American Health Coalition to establish a federally funded community clinic.

Nguyen's goal is to help society's less fortunate. "These individuals share a universal dream of being healthy and working for a better life. They also are the fabric of our community," she says. "So I hope this (alumni service) award will shine light (on) the cause and those whom I seek to serve."

— D'Lisa Simmons and Tiffany Woods

Have you nominated a local Rotary Alumnus from your district for your “ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR AWARD” at your district conference?

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION ALUMNI RESOURCE GROUP (FARG)

The overall goal of the Foundation Alumni Resource Group (FARG) is to:

1. encourage Rotary clubs and districts to involve Foundation Alumni in Rotary activities;
2. to urge clubs to consider Foundation Alumni as potential members of Rotary
3. and to consider Alumni as potential contributors to Our Rotary Foundation;
4. and to use Alumni as effective advocates for the programs of Our Rotary Foundation.



Foundation Alumni are.. Ambassadorial, Cultural, World Peace Scholars, Group Study Exchange Team Members, University Teachers, Rotary volunteers, etc.

Some New Ideas For Foundation Alumni

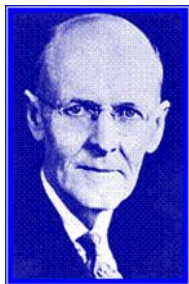
- Collective updating of alumni records/lists and search for lost alumni by Foundation staff, alumni, Rotarians and FARG;
- Produce CDs with Alumni instructions and testimonials -consider DDF to cover
- Post alumni data base on internet and RI website (reports on home page) and link to district web sites; establish opportunities for clubs and districts to search for lost alumni
- Support alumni subscriptions to *The Rotarian* magazine; publish district alumni bulletins/newsletters; submit alumni stories to mass media;
- Publish alumni and FARG training articles in *The Rotarian*
- Appoint alumni to club projects, district committees and subcommittees, incoming/outgoing orientation sessions, and awardees selection committees; schedule alumni presentations at district conferences
- Invite alumni parents to become Rotarians; charter all-alumni Rotary clubs
- Publicize Rotary Foundation Scholarships Call them Rotarys and bench mark Rotarys with Rhodes and Fulbright Scholarships
- Appoint Rotarian-university professors to Scholarship selection panels; establish experience level criteria for program counselors
- Enforce alumni attendance at orientation sessions
- Select applicants qualified for club membership; provide applicants with Rotary history; instruct applicants on ambassadorial role; enforce alumni attendance at Rotary meetings
- Encourage alumni donations at economically feasible career juncture

WHAT PAUL HARRIS SAID...

The world is a huge orchestra in which each one of us has his own little insignificant part to play. The success of your instrument and mine depends not upon the amount of noise they make, but upon how perfectly they harmonize with the instruments about us; and he who, sufficient unto himself, insists upon blowing his own horn in his own big and pompous way, finds himself not only a maker of discords, but also persona non-grata to all the rest of the band.

If Rotary can bring home to us a fuller realization of the fact that we are not individual performers, but rather small parts of a stupendous entirety, not only will our lives harmonize better with the lives of those around us, but we will also find them easier and better worth living.

Paul P. Harris
The National Rotarian,
March 1912



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

OUR ROTARY PROGRAMS GROW STRONGER THROUGH OUR FUNDRAISING

Our fundraising supports our programs. Are there Rotarians who once they know they can name an endowed gift—will do so? Are there Rotarians or clubs for that matter (using their own endowments) who would name after them, an Ambassadorial Scholar or World Peace Fellowship or Group Study Exchange?

Education is a key component. Did you know that for a contribution of \$150,000 a Rotarian (or club) could endow a named Ambassadorial Scholarship in perpetuity? Meet with your Zone's Major Gift Advisors (MGA) for more Information

Rate a Rotarian and their Ability to Give.

The **object is to raise dollars** and not leave any money on the table. Paul Harris Fellows are a result of dollars raised, not the objective. Unfortunately the message our Rotarians hear is that a \$100 gift is a great gift. Yes, we are grateful for the \$100 gift, but many of our dedicated Rotarians, "Believers" if you will, are capable of giving us much more, if we ask and challenge them to do so.

Look at the Rotarians Recognition History. Decide what might be best for them, from what you know about them. Possible "rating" scenarios:

- They are at \$1,750. Are they capable of giving a \$1,000 or \$5,000 gift?
- They are at \$1,750 and did not give last year, get them to make a \$25, \$35, \$50 or \$100 a quarter commitment, reminded by the treasurer.
- They are at \$1,750, perhaps a **\$25 a month** commitment, via a draft from their checking account is best.
- They are at \$1,750-----Just ask them for the \$250!
- They are at \$400 or \$1,400 or \$2,400. Can they make a \$600 gift? If not, can a match of \$300 be used to get them to give \$300? (Use match wisely, so you do not leave money on the table.)
- They are new and have a recognition amount of \$0. Can a \$500 match motivate them to give \$500?

The **key is to evaluate each Rotarian on their ability to give and having the right Rotarian ask** for the gift. Past Rotary Regional Foundation Coordinators with their passion and connection to Rotary and the good work of our Foundation are ideal persons to do this.



A MONEY-RAISING ACTION PLAN



Rotary District 5450 was one of the top per capita districts in the world for 2004-05 due to the enthusiastic leadership of their Annual Programs Fund Chair Bill Eck. Chairman Bill shares his action plan as follows.

The Rotary Club of _____.
2005-2006 Rotary International Foundation

Annual Programs Funds (APF) Money Raising Action Plan

Musts for clubs:

1. Appoint a Rotarian to be the Chair for The Rotary International Foundation
2. The chair is trained and ready to at a minimum achieve the club's APF goal
3. The goal for the club has been submitted to the Foundation
4. An action Plan has been submitted to the District

Action Plan Items (Please choose some items and add your own)

- We will have at least four Rotary Foundation programs during the 05-06 Year.
- We will utilize the District's matching pool to encourage stronger giving and have 50% of our members become a PHF or move to the next level of PHF.
- We will utilize the District's matching pool to encourage stronger giving and have 75% of our members become a PHF or move to the next level of PHF.
- 100% of the Board will be PHFs and all board members will be committed to give at the sustaining member level.
- The club will commit to a \$1,000 gift to The Rotary International Foundation.
- We will conduct a one-on-one visit with each new Rotarian to help them understand our Rotary International Foundation and get their gifting commitment.
- We will get 25% of our members to give \$300 a year, which is \$25 a month.
- The club will conduct a piggy bank program to benefit the Rotary International Foundation and the Club Foundation.
- We will commit to a 15% increase over last year per capita gifting.
- We will commit to being at the \$200 per capita level of gifting.
- We will commit to being at the \$300 per capita level of gifting.
- We will commit to getting at least two new Benefactors and at least one new Bequest Society member.
- We will commit 15% the club's Fundraising proceeds to go to The Rotary International Foundation.
- We will get all of our members to make a gift to The Rotary International Foundation.
- We will commit to using Foundation Alumni in our Programs.
- We will solicit Alumni for TRF gifts.
- We will invite APF Strategic Advisors as presenters
- We will invite Alumni Coordinators as program presenters

You could enlarge this list fourfold with your own fundraising ideas.

PERSISTENCE IS A KEY! KEEP FOCUSED ON OUR FOUNDATION.

Utilize a club check list.....



- Club Foundation Chair Appointed
- Foundation Chair Trained
- Goal Sheet In
- Records kept up-to-date
- Goal Achieved
- One minute TRF promo each meeting
- Club members have a One on One visit with Club Chair
- Plan Rotary Foundation Project
 - Educational
 - Cultural
 - Humanitarian
- Keep updated
 - # of new \$25 per month commitments
 - # of new \$1,000 donors
 - Quarterly dollars collected, in @ TRF
- Schedule full Rotary Foundation Programs
- Be sure your club President is at a PHF level for this year
- Club Board 100% committed to at least a TRF sustaining level
- Can you reach?
 - \$100 per capita Mark
 - \$200 per capita Mark
 - \$300 per capita Mark
- New Benefactor/Bequest Society Members
- Keep records:
 - # attending TRF Dinner
 - # attending TRF Seminar
 - Previous Year Per capita:
 - Previous Year Sustaining Members:
 - Previous Year Sustaining Members %:
 - Keep the 2005-06 Year's Goals in front of the club
- Go For It! Rotarians are changing the world!

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

FUTURE VISIONS

DO YOU WISH TO SEE CHANGES IN TRF?

Are you interested in restoring small matching grants or perhaps you wish to have that ruling remain in place? Would you like to see Immediate Disaster Relief return? Allow your voices to be heard. Rotary Zone Institutes are in full swing worldwide. Share your opinions with TRF Trustees, RRFCs and your Director's at the Zone.



Can Niger's next crisis be prevented? Nearly a quarter of the country's 12 million or so people have no money for food when crops fail. What they need, development experts say, are modern farm tools, irrigation equipment and seed to raise crops that are more productive, more diverse and drought-resistant. *Emergency aid isn't cheap—and it never comes in time to save all the children.*

Should Rotary Revive Immediate Disaster Relief Programs?

The food crisis in Niger continues as the death toll mounts despite attempts to bring in foreign aid. While many million of dollars (as of September 2005) has been contributed by foreign donors, *tangible assistance often arrives after many in an area have died.* Some say the U.N. underestimated the depth of the crisis early on, making timely aid difficult at this stage in the crisis.



BUILDING TRUST

“Rotary has become synonymous with a trusted, credible service-oriented organization, touching the lives of many people in need.”

A polio crisis in Indonesia is unfolding.

The strain of polio now circulating in Indonesia originated in northern Nigeria, where the overwhelmingly Muslim population turned against vaccinators (NIDS) after

rumors spread that immunization was a Western plot to weaken Islam by causing sterility or AIDS. But in Indonesia, the resistance has no religious overtones but is being caused by rumors and lack of trust in the vaccines safety.

With polio now spreading faster in Indonesia than anywhere else, U.N. health experts and local officials are struggling to counter rumors that the vaccine is harmful, and to contain the outbreak before the coming rainy season turns it into a full-blown epidemic.

Winning public support now is crucial, David L. Heymann, the chief of WHO's global polio eradication programs said: "What we don't want to see is rumors get out of control and stop progress like in Nigeria."

Through the Humanitarian Grants Program of The Rotary Foundation RI has provided tools to Rotary clubs and districts as they implement projects that help improve the lives of people in communities throughout the world. Through the Humanitarian Grants Program (Individual Volunteers, Matching Grants and 3-H Grants), **Rotarians have made their presence known and have built trust and support over many years.**

Indonesia, which until recently has been polio-free for a decade, plans to immunize 24 million children under 5. If the nationwide drive succeeds, it could turn back polio at its farthest frontier since the disease erupted in Nigeria two years ago. But if it fails, international health experts warn, the outbreak could spill over Indonesia's borders to other East Asian countries, dealing a setback to global efforts to eradicate the illness.

The Rotary Foundation has been building trust for decades but there now is a moratorium on Individual Grants and Matching Grants are capped at a \$5,000 minimum award, which many Rotarians feel have essentially eliminated smaller, localized Humanitarian Grants.

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DISASTER RELIEF

—HELP VICTIMS OF HURRICANE KATRINA

Hurricane Katrina has blazed a trail of devastation throughout Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. Across the Gulf Coast, Katrina engulfed thousands of homes and decimated the landscape in what could become the most destructive storm in U.S. history. Victims are stranded and in need of immediate medical care, food and water, and tens of thousands of people will need temporary housing for months.

The Rotary Club (Vail-Eagle Valley) passed the hat at its 31 August meeting and raised US \$900.00, which was sent immediately. By searching our Rotary International Official Directory we found two local District Governors with whom to work.

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Please help the people affected by this storm by making a donation today.