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The Clock Keeps Ticking



PRRFC Eddie Blender
Zone 25, 2002-04

Most of us remember the “Beatles” and the influence that they and their music had upon cultures throughout the world.

Over the years there have been many benefit concerts by artists (Live Aid, Farm Aid, etc.) raising funds for their specific causes. Did you know that Beatle George Harrison organized and was responsible in 1971 for the “Concert for Bangladesh”, which raised funds to help refugees fleeing famine, civil war and floods? He, along with his friends raised \$250,000 for UNICEF that night and royalties from the film and album eventually grew that donation to US \$15 Million.

Harrison believed strongly in helping children and spoke to his wife Olivia about his dream. He never saw it fulfilled for he died of cancer in November of 2001. Harrison was frustrated

because, when he became sick, he knew he wouldn’t have enough time to finish planning his philanthropy.

Illness and the day to day battle for his health prevented him from finalizing his wish to create a fund to aid children who are victims of war, natural disasters and other emergencies.

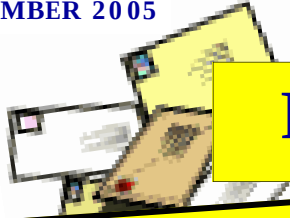
His wife Olivia eventually fulfilled his wish, his legacy, recently by giving One Million Dollars to UNICEF for a new fund to aid children.

The clock keeps ticking for all of us. What is your dream? What better place is there to realize your dream, your legacy, than through Our Rotary Foundation?

He was very specific that he wanted his legacy to benefit others but never lived to see it fulfilled



SERVICE Above Self



Readers Comments ...

Following the Tsunami my club and a Rotary club in India provided one small fishing village with the money, equipment, training and help to build a "boat factory." They now are producing their own fishing boats plus have a village income by selling low cost boats to others. This simple and fast project allowed the people themselves to provide and build back their own fishing industry rapidly.

Our district RUSHED to aid Katrina victims and since then we have had at least four other REAL needs in the US and our World! In each Rotary year, 7-10 major events are not uncommon.

While I do think it is important for our local clubs to be advised of each need I feel strongly that our district leaders should not push one event over others. This rush to aid Katrina prevented many of us from helping Rotarian's in the North East US, Pakistan/India, Mexico, Guatemala and Florida.

Rotary is not currently set up for rapid response and should not enter this early fray of support except perhaps on the local level of volunteer support. I believe we should encourage our clubs to select one on one projects and leverage our funds to the fullest EVEN if it takes a year to do so! Then the impact of Rotary could be so much greater.

*Scott Allen,
RC of Colorado Springs InterQuest, District 5470*

Dear Family and Friends,
Instead of buying and sending gifts to our family and friends this holiday season Patti, the children, the grandchildren and I have decided to give one gift, a gift given in your and our names.

We are making a contribution to world peace and understanding through our much loved organization, Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation.

We are contributing this holiday season to Rotary's Permanent Fund campaign.

We feel with our contribution we will be helping to make the world a better and safer place for our children and their children and generations of children to come.

*Happy Holidays and With Love,
Eddie and Patti*

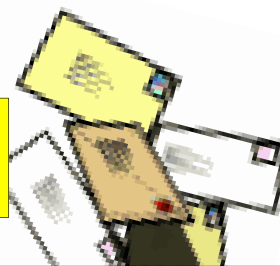
WE REALLY HAVE NOT DONE A VERY GOOD JOB RECRUITING FOUNDATION ALUMNI INTO ROTARY CLUBS!

The percentage (of Foundation Alumni who join Rotary) quoted at 11% is questionable to say the least. If you deduct all of the GSE team leaders who qualify as Alumni (they are already Rotarians before the leave on assignment) and then state just how many alumni ever join Rotary, I feel the percentage will be quite alarmingly small.

*Terry Edwards,
Rotary Foundation Alumni Coordinator
RFAC 2005-06
Australia*

"I was brought up to believe that giving ought to be entered into in just the same careful way as investing - that giving is investing, and it should be tested by the same intelligent standards. Whether we expect dividends in dollars or human betterment, we want to be sure that the gift is a wise one"

John D. Rockefeller, Jr.



... And Opinions

I agree with your editorial in the November 15 issue of Our Foundation. Yes, it is time to place a central focus on promoting the Permanent Fund.

It seems to me that The Permanent Fund initiative has almost fallen off the radar screen over the past several years. But look at what was uncovered/produced as a result of the first three-four years of serious promotion of Permanent Fund giving. Further, this effort obviously did NOT detract from annual giving and PolioPlus giving ... in fact the reality is the synergy caused by these various appeals caused greater awareness of ways to give to TRF.

I have said for the past six years: \$1 Billion by 2025 isn't a worthy goal for TRF. \$1B by 2010 is well within our grasp — and is a time-frame all Rotarians can connect with. Not so 20 years down the road. Nonetheless, \$5B by 2025 is also a noble AND achievable goal — and worth articulating in Rotary's strategic plan.

Paul Netzel, PDG
 Rotary Club of Los Angeles District 5280
 Permanent Fund Advisor (2000-02)

I seem to be following disasters this year. Here in Guatemala they had a major mud slide, at least 2000 people died, one whole village was declared a cemetery. Rotary is helping making packets of beans, rice and corn to give to families. The roads and bridges are out and with the weather we have been having, helicopters are the only way to get to those people. They have some helicopters delivering food and supplies. They are all quite small and they cannot land because the people in the villages storm them and it is quite unsafe. The strongest and fastest or the more aggressive (of the survivors) of course end up with more.

Kim Shilling, DDS
 RC of Colorado Springs

Rotary Foundation Takes Another Hit

Mixed emotions? When your mother-in-law drives over the edge of a cliff in your new BMW is said to qualify. Another example is what is happening to Rotary Foundation this year. November focuses on your Foundation. Rotary Foundation will take another direct hit this year - this time from hurricanes, mudslides, floods and earthquakes. Rotarians are generous to our Foundation. But Rotarians have mixed emotions in this year's giving. Should our giving support our Foundation or for hurricane relief? Mixed emotions!

There is no good answer. Certainly the needs of the hurricane victims are great and a lot of great Rotarians have given help. There are a lot of stories about "service above self" acts that Rotarians have done for hurricane victims. All of those stories make us proud to be part of Rotary. That is a good and noble effort.

On the other hand, your Foundation has been in the business of "service above self" since 1917. The Rotary Foundation became the engine that drives Rotary forward. The heart and soul of Rotary. Thousands of projects have been done that have saved lives and enriched the lives of millions of people around the world.

Unfortunately, the need for dehydrated soup mix for starving children in South Africa was not erased by hurricane Katrina, or any other hurricane. That need goes on. World needs like starving children have been our business since 1917.

I believe our terrific efforts to help hurricane victims will certainly dig into the contributions to our Foundation. Much in the same way as PolioPlus cut into contributions to Rotary Foundation three years ago as we made one dramatic push to try to eliminate polio as a cripple of children. Contributions to your Foundation come back to the district in three years as DDF, District Designated Funds. Contributions to hurricane relief do not.

Your District's ability to do humanitarian projects is in part made possible by DDF. So in November, designated as Rotary Foundation Month, take a little time out to think about where you want your dollars to go. Maybe some dollars to each? Maybe a few extra dollars this year? Think it over. Now is the time to think through with some mixed emotions.

Bob Deffeyes
 D5470

"You must give something to your fellow man - even if it's a little thing, do something for others - something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it."

About 20% (1.2 billion people) of the world's population lack access to safe drinking water



- Today, water related diseases are the single largest cause (80%) of human sickness and death in the world



- 25,000 people die every day due to unsafe water



- 400 children under five die every hour due to diarrhea



- Access to water (even when it is not safe) is a major reason for hardship and suffering



- Many women and children (usually girls) spend up to 6 hours a day fetching water

- Families often spend up to 25% of their income to purchase water and then carry it home



- Water is determined to be one of the main underlying sources of many conflicts in the world

The Desperate need for safe drinking water



Photo by: Water For People

Water related diseases are the single largest cause (80%) of human sickness and death in the world.

Where easy access to safe drinking water is made available, economic productivity increases (surpassing the water cost), literacy rises, and birthrates decline.

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RI President Glenn Estess Sr. stated in the July 2004 Rotarian, "... *in many parts of the developing world, safe water is a scarce luxury. At a meeting of the United Nations, I learned that more than one billion people do not have safe drinking water. As a result, some 6,000 people, mostly children, die every day from diseases associated with contaminated water. I have visited many outstanding Rotarian-supported water projects ... that are saving countless lives.*"

NOW IS A GOOD TIME F o r

.... Rotarians in countries where tax advantages apply to make plans for calendar year-end contributions to our Foundation's Permanent Fund. Contributions must be post-marked by 31 December 2005.



THE POWER OF ONE: A ROTARIAN'S VISION INITIATES A WORLDWIDE CLEAN WATER CAMPAIGN

.... TELLURIDE ROTARIAN PHILANTHROPIST (PHILANTHROPIST AND ACTIVIST): JIN ZIDELL AND THE WORLDWIDE CLEAN DRINKING WATER PROJECT



*Jin Zidell, Blue Planet Run
Foundation Director & CEO
Photo by JISVision*

In 2001, Jin wanted to do something of lasting value for Humankind. As a successful industrialist and venture capitalist, Jin knew the project had to be “doable, measurable and focused,” that is, results oriented – just like Rotary. Following two years of reflection, with the help of friends and consultants, he narrowed the cause down to

safe drinking water. Exhaustively studied and measured, the problem is solvable with old technology such as rainwater harvesting, bore wells, pumps, sand filters and sanitation education. The projected cost of a lifetime supply of safe drinking water is only \$25 per person.

To implement his vision, Jin started the Blue Planet Run Foundation (BPRF). The BPRF has two interdependent parts: first The World Foot Race to raise money, and second, the partnering, funds disbursement and monitoring of the safe drinking water projects - in rural and peri-urban crisis areas.

The World Foot Race is a biannual 15,000-mile relay foot race around the world. Yes, around the World! Countries will enter 14 person teams racing 24/7. The first race in 2007 will start and end in Telluride, Colorado, District

5470. Today the race has a sponsor (Coca-Cola Company www.coca-cola.com), an operator (Ignition www.ignition-inc.com), and a film company (Synergy – a spin-off of Warren Miller Films).

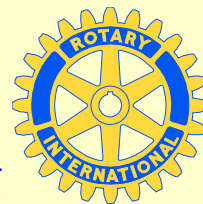
The BPRF is 100% pass-through to water projects. Serving as a “maypole” for NGO’s and nonprofits, the goal is to bring safe drinking water to 200 million people. With the help of Rotary, the impact could be larger.



<http://blueplanetrun.org/>

The Blue Planet Run and the Rotary International foundations share the same values, culture, operating frameworks, and common goal of safe drinking water. Rotary Clubs along the race route may opt-in to assist while displaying the Rotary Wheel and Ideal of Service to a worldwide viewing audience.

With BPRF money, the RI Foundation could fund many additional water projects identified, sorted and monitored by Rotarians. BPRF believes partnering with Rotary is a natural fit.



*George Jones
Paul Harris Fellow
Telluride, Colorado USA*



THE ROTARY MODEL

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative is recognized worldwide as a model of public and private cooperation in pursuit of a humanitarian goal.

THE ROTARY MODEL

1. Mass Social Mobilization – Gets the mothers motivated to bring children for vaccinations
2. Logistics has two parts – to build a ‘cold chain’ to deliver viable vaccines to the farthest reaches of the earth and to manage efficiently the millions of mothers and children when they appear for vaccinations
3. Surveillance – provides follow up detailed laboratory analysis to track the elimination of the disease and stop its spread.

*Drake Zimmerman
DRFC Chair
2005-06*

Foundation Alumni Initiative

IT'S TIME WE VERY ACTIVELY RECRUIT ALUMNI INTO OUR ROTARY CLUBS!

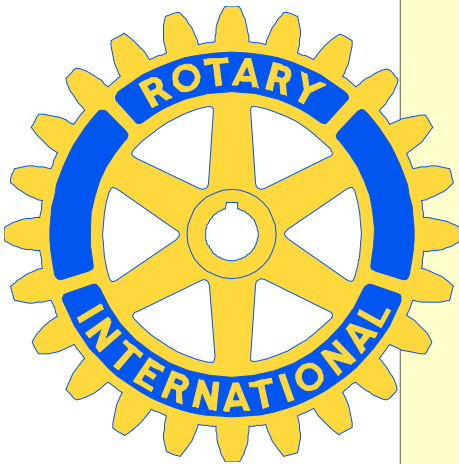
Alumni of The Rotary Foundation have the potential to be excellent Rotarians. Although Rotary clubs should not establish any special kinds of memberships or classifications for TRF alumni, they should actively recruit as club members those alumni who are qualified for membership.

Rotary clubs also should maintain contact with TRF alumni in their respective localities, and use the talents of such alumni, who are not yet qualified for membership or who have declined invitations for membership.

You should encourage the sponsor clubs of educational awardees, including scholars and Group Study Exchange (GSE) team members, to invite the awardees to all club meetings from the time of their selection by TRF to the time of their departure to the host countries and for at least three months after their return from the host countries.



What Paul Harris Said...



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

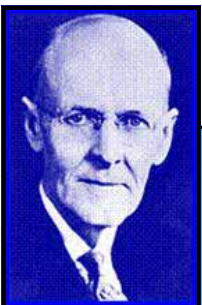
**Paul P. Harris,
We Must Plan for Peace,
THE ROTARIAN,
February 1940**

On the occasion of the 115th anniversary (October 21, 2005) of United States Past President Dwight David Eisenhower’s birth — we share his words:

"Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired, signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and not clothed.

This world in arms is not spending money alone; it is spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children."

Be the
change you
want to see
in the world..
**Mahatma
Gandhi**



A "WHAT PAUL HARRIS SAID" message will be sent (free-of-charge) to you and to whoever you wish. Please register for this free service by sending an e-mail to: Chairman@RotaryHistoryFellowship.org

the Kashmir Earthquake

A first hand account by Kamran Makhdoom, a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar recently returned home to Pakistan after earning his international LL.M. during his year in Houston and quickly volunteered to deliver needed aid to the earthquake victims.

The Rotary club of Multan Mid-Town collected an amount of Rupees 225,000.00. Initially we had planned to purchase items like tents, blankets, sweaters and certain food items and send them to the earthquake struck areas. But then I along with another Rotarian volunteered to take the stuff ourselves and deliver it to those who deserved it most. It was in the news that aid was used mostly by those who were in the main towns and the suburbs were unattended. We therefore took upon ourselves the task to deliver these goods to the most remote area we could find.

We got help from one of the local people who guided us to that area called "Darah" located on the top of the hilly mountains of Kashmir valley.

The scene was very disturbing. Houses and buildings completely or partially destroyed, but one thing for sure: empty. Despite the cold weather the inhabitants live in tents and bear the cold weather rather than risk their lives and live in the semi broken homes. It is not uncommon for the localities to have an indifferent look on their face and say that two to six family members fell prey to the deadly earthquake. Streets are filled with people. We saw people who were not going somewhere but just wandering because they have nothing to do, no work, no house, no family, just wandering aimlessly. The situation is extremely disturbing and unprecedented.

District 3270 is also doing some efforts. Some special tents were sent by the Rotary clubs in U.K. (Shelter boxes). The relief efforts are continuing and the earthquake victims need help more and more. International aid is arriving too and hopefully we will manage this crisis.



Ambassadorial Scholar Kami Makhdoom at a tent city (provided by Rotarians from the UK) in Darah



Ambassadorial Scholar Kami Makhdoom helping to distribute supplies

As terrible as the Kashmir quake's toll already is, it seems certain to get worse. The United Nations believes that 2.5 million people have been left without shelter. Landslides have destroyed many roads making it extremely difficult to bring in medical and food supplies. Many more people seem destined to die from illness, injury, hunger or hypothermia, as Kashmir's bitter winter begins.

US \$ ONE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS (\$100,000,000)

The amount \$100,000,000 was appearing in newspapers with a great deal of frequency the first week of November 2005.



An anonymous donor gave \$100 million dollars to the Yale Music School and stipulated that the school never charge any student tuition again (over \$23,000/yearly/student). The founder of eBay started a foundation with a \$100,000,000 contribution and its purpose was to provide micro loans for village banking. The Dean of a western US medical school advertised that for a \$100 million dollar donation (or more) someone could name the medical school after themselves. And the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation gave \$250 million dollars to fight Malaria. By the way most pundits believe that the battle (against Malaria) lacks leadership and will not succeed.

The Rotary Foundation is asking its Every Rotarian, Every Year to donate \$100 (or more) to hopefully raise its \$100 million. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could find someone to write TRF a check for \$100 million or maybe \$250 million dollars?

Are you, Your club or district, considering starting your own Foundation?

*...And while doing so reduce administrative costs
and obtain professional asset management..*



THE DONOR ADVISED FUND (DAF) MAY BE EXACTLY WHAT YOUR ARE LOOKING FOR.

Your Rotary club or district may be missing out on contributions from Rotarians, community members and local businesses looking for a way to:

- Receive a tax receipt for their contribution
- Contribute appreciated securities

- Contribute to an organization with professional asset management

Your Rotary Foundation staff will be happy to work with you, your advisor and your Rotary club to explore the opportunities of using a Donor Advised Fund. Please Contact:

Karena J. Bierman, J.D.
847-866-3100

plannedgiving@rotaryintl.org

EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR

Have your clubs begun to think about its annual giving goals for 2006-07? If not, be sure to recommend they do so as soon as possible and submit the goal to your district governor-elect (DGE 2006-07).



The 2006-07 Fund Development Club Goal Report Form is available at <http://erey.rotary.org> (under Club Success Kit Downloads). The club goal and percentage of goal achieved will appear on the District Monthly Contribution Report.

A sample club goal report form was sent in November to district governors-elect (DGEs). The form is designed to help DGEs plan for giving to the Foundation's Annual Programs Fund (APF) in the 2006-07 year.

KEEPING ALUMNI ACTIVE IN YOUR DISTRICTS

Your District Alumni Committee Chair should not only request, but also encourage and invite Alumni to continue their involvement in District and Rotary club activities. Your District Alumni Subcommittee Chair should:

- Welcome back returning Alumni
- Invite Alumni to speak at Rotary club meetings and to non-Rotary audiences
- Invite Alumni to attend or participate as speakers at special District and Club functions
- Invite Alumni to make presentations at Foundation Seminars and at District Conference
- Invite Alumni to participate in Rotary club community projects and to participate in World Community Service projects
- Invite Alumni to serve on Scholarship, GSE and Grant for University Teacher selection committee.
- And also provide ongoing Rotary education and information
- Utilize your Zone's Rotary Foundation Alumni Coordinator (RFAC)



IMMUNIZATION CAMPAIGNS are a Major Blow Against Measles in Africa

"It's immoral for people to die like flies in countries that are poor of diseases that kill no Americans," former president Bill Clinton said at a summit (In November in New York) on global health sponsored by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Time magazine and others....



MEASLES KILLS 400,000 CHILDREN A YEAR

Despite the gains, measles still kills more than 400,000 children a year, half of them in Africa. The highly contagious disease kills about 5 percent of children who get it in poor countries. A vaccine that costs less than \$1 per dose has been available since 1963, and its widespread use has virtually eradicated measles in high- and middle-income countries.

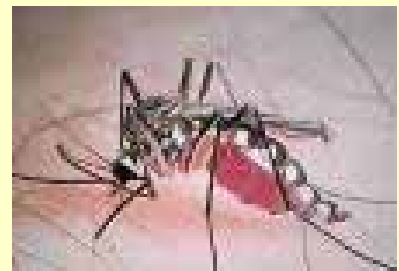
THE MEASLES INITIATIVE

Ted Turner, who created a foundation that has played a key role in the efforts, announced a new grant of \$20 million recently to extend the vaccination campaigns. The American Red Cross, one of the leaders in the effort known as the Measles Initiative, said it would broaden the vaccination efforts to include some Asian countries where measles is a lingering problem.

"This is one of the true public-health success stories of modern times," said Stephen B. Blount, global health coordinator at the CDC in Atlanta. "The Measles Initiative has achieved an enormous amount (of success) in just the last five years."

MEASLES IMMUNIZATION PLUS MOSQUITOE NETS

The effort involves massive campaigns, lasting several days apiece, to give every child in a country a measles shot. Lately, the program has also been distributing sleeping nets (ITN's) that protect children from mosquitoes, which can carry malaria.



PROBLEMS IN NIGERIA

Advocates said the Measles Initiative had made headway throughout sub-Saharan Africa, with the notable exception of Nigeria, Africa's most populous country, where several types of vaccination campaigns have run into cultural and logistical snags.

Five cases of Polio in Minnesota raises new fears

THE SOURCE WAS AN 8-MONTH OLD INFANT GIRL WHO HAS AN IMMUNE DEFICIENCY



The poliovirus has spread from an 8-month-old girl in Minnesota to four children on two neighboring farms. The infant has an immune deficiency. Her body is not able to rid itself of the poliovirus and has spread to unvaccinated children.

The girl is now a wellspring for polio and can pass the virus along to others. She has been hospitalized and isolated. Anyone who has not been vaccinated is vulnerable.

It has been feared (by Polio experts) that an immune-deficient person could cause an outbreak of paralytic polio among the unvaccinated. This is especially true in poorer countries.

In much of the developing world, children are given an oral vaccine made of a live, non-paralytic poliovirus. Two drops confer partial immunity, making mass vaccination campaigns achievable in poor countries. To become fully immunized, a child must be vaccinated several times. The vaccine causes an infection that usually lasts a few weeks. The infection can spread to others and immunize them, too.

But if the virus spreads too far among previously unvaccinated people, its genes will change and the virus will regain its ability to cripple and kill. Such a virus caused an outbreak of paralytic polio in Haiti and the Dominican Republic in 2000 and 2001, crippling 21.

The recent outbreaks in Africa and Asia began after many Nigerians refused vaccinations in 2003. This occurred because of a campaign suggesting that immunization was a Western plot to sterilize Muslim girls.

Dr. Harry Hull, one of the world's foremost polio experts stated:
"...that such a polio wellspring would be born among a largely unvaccinated population like the Amish was a random unlucky event.
It's a model of what might happen if we stop vaccinating too soon."

WHAT IS THE LESSON LEARNED BY THIS EXPERIENCE?

There are three important lessons to be learned:

1. it is important to vaccinate all children for polio;
2. all countries live under a continued threat as long as polio transmission continues in any country;
3. and finally, this experience reminds us of the importance of rapidly completing global polio eradication.

profiting while the hungry die

U.S. agribusinesses and shippers reap a windfall from America's emergency food-aid policy.

Rapid Response Is Needed And Breaking Bureaucratic Delays Is Essential



By Christopher B. Barrett and Daniel G. Maxwell
(26 OCT 05, LA TIMES)

FAMINE LOOMS again in southern Africa. Meanwhile, earthquake survivors in Pakistan struggle to find shelter and food amid harsh weather conditions, hurricane survivors along the Gulf Coast try to rebuild shattered lives, and the malnourished children of Niger — whose emaciated frames haunted our television screens this summer — try to hold on until the next harvest.

Humanitarian crisis is disturbingly frequent. (The ability to) ... anticipate crises and respond quickly and skillfully has advanced considerably in recent decades. This saves lives and dollars while creating valuable goodwill in a world rife with danger, where friends are scarce and precious.

In emergency medicine, the "golden hour" is the first 60 minutes after an accident or the onset of acute illness — the window during which the chances for saving a patient and permitting full recovery are greatest. The international humanitarian community has internalized the principle of the golden hour:

Rapid response is essential. Meanwhile, a child dies every five seconds from hunger-related causes.

In 2000, the average delay in delivering emergency food aid — the time between a formal, bureaucratic request and port delivery in the affected country — was nearly five months.

As reported by the New York Times, the food delivered by NGOs and the U.N.'s World Food Program last year cost only 40% of the U.S. food-aid budget. The rest was pocketed by suppliers. The NGOs provide big agribusinesses and shippers with political cover, putting an appealing humanitarian face on private profits, because they fear the bad deal they get — less than half the resources intended for the disaster-affected populations they serve — is the best they can muster in the current political environment.

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

Who is Looking after THE POOREST NATIONS IN THE WORLD?

Breakthroughs in public health have enabled humans to live longer, healthier and more productive lives..... But the benefits of public health have yet to be extended to many of the poorest nations in the developing world.

In the past two decades, infectious diseases that had nearly been conquered, such as tuberculosis, have come surging back, while devastating new diseases such as AIDS, SARS, Avian Flu and West Nile Virus have emerged.

Microbial resistance to many modern drugs is rising, threatening people everywhere.

And in our world of globalized travel, the latest epidemic is only a plane ride away.



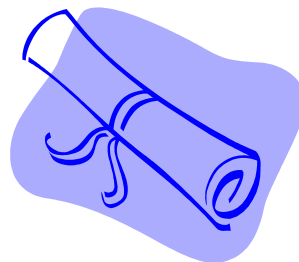
Who Are Foundation Alumni?

Anyone who receives a Rotary Foundation grant or scholarship award is an alumnus of a Foundation program:

- Ambassadorial Scholars,
- Cultural Scholars,
- Rotary World Peace Fellows,
- Grant for University Teacher recipients,
- Carl Miller Discovery Grant recipients,
- Group Study Exchange team members,
- Group Study Exchange team leaders, and
- Rotary Volunteers

.... are all Rotary Foundation alumni.

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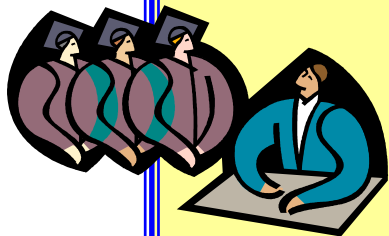
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ANNOUNCEMENT.. The 40th Anniversary GSE Poster Design Contest!

In honor of this milestone, all GSE Team Member and Team Leader alumni of the Foundation's Group Study Exchange Program are invited to submit original artwork designed to celebrate the purpose and goals of the GSE Program. Deadline for submissions is 30 December 2005. Please publicize this contest to your districts' GSE Alumni. You can download more information from: http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/gse_poster_contest.pdf Or contact GSE Coordinator Anita Daniel at daniela@rotaryintl.org with any questions.

HAS YOUR DISTRICT SELECTED "AN ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR" TO BE HONORED AT YOUR DISTRICT CONFERENCE?



Has information been passed to the clubs soliciting their nominations for an outstanding Rotary Alumnus? When that information is gathered your District Rotary Foundation Committee should be meeting ASAP to select a district ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR who will be honored at your upcoming District Conference. Perhaps your District's Alumnus would eventually be honored with Rotary's Global Service To Humanity Award. The Alumni, Scholarship, Group Study Exchange Committees can be very helpful in identifying deserving Alumni.

WILL THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION SUGGEST ADEQUATE CHANGES IN ORDER TO HELP FARMERS IN POOR NATIONS?



The developed world funnels nearly \$1 billion a day in subsidies to its farmers, encouraging overproduction. That drives down prices and leaves farmers in poor nations unable to compete with subsidized products, even within their own countries. In recent years, American farmers have dumped cotton and other products on world markets at prices that do not begin to cover their cost of production. Europe's system is even worse; the United States' farm subsidies are only a third of Europe's.