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A WORLD PEACE FELLOWSHIP

The telephone rang a little before 8:00 AM on a recent Tuesday morning. "I made it," she said, "I was accepted as a World Peace Scholar." I let loose a pretty loud scream, loud enough that Patti ran into my office asking what was wrong.

All is right I answered (pretty loudly too), Adrian was accepted as a Rotary Peace Fellow and will be going to the University of Bradford in England (the class of 2006-08)

CLUB TO DISTRICT TO THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE

Eleven months had passed since we started running ads in the local newspapers and at colleges and universities asking students and working professionals to apply for the numerous Rotary Scholarships our district was offering. We had ten responses to our club and we selected one applicant and added him to the eighteen applications for the district-wide competition.

I was a member (one of seven) of the District Scholarship Selection Committee and after spending quite a few days reading and studying the applications I wondered how our committee would ever select three applicants from those very qualified résumés. It wasn't easy and we all

wished our district had raised more APF money so that we'd had much more in District Designated Funds and perhaps had additional scholarships to offer.

After two days of interviews and discussion, selections were made and letters were written for the two Ambassadorial Scholars and we diligently submitted (by 1 July 2005) our district's recommendation for the Rotary World Peace Fellowship.

Our committee unanimously agreed we had an excellent WPF candidate. We hoped she would be accepted and eventually would help to make a difference in the world through this unique Rotary program—a program of studies in peace and conflict resolution.

Six months after we sent all of our committee's information (résumé, application and recommendation letters) to TRF - we received that happy telephone call. Yes, we really screamed with joy and we cried a little too!



There is a final three tier selection process utilizing TRF staff; then representatives and faculty of the Peace Centers and finally Rotary senior leaders. Awardees and alternates are selected. There are no applicant interviews during this final Rotary World Peace Fellowship selection process.

E.B.



SERVICE Above Self

*"The Rotary Foundation is not to build
monuments of brick and stone.
If we work upon marble, it will perish;
if we work on brass, time will efface it;
if we rear temples they will crumble into dust;
but if we work upon immortal minds,
if we imbue them with the full meaning
of the spirit of Rotary
we are engraving on those tablets
something that will brighten all eternity. "*

ARCH C. KLUMPH, PAST RI PRESIDENT

HAVE YOU INVITED A ROTARY SCHOLAR TO SPEAK AT YOUR LOCAL EVENTS?

2005 ROTARY WORLD PEACE DINNER

The 2005 Rotary World Peace Dinner took place on Saturday, 5 November at the Millennium United Nations Plaza Hotel. The event followed the October Trustee's meeting where The Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution were identified as The Rotary Foundation's highest educational priority.

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The Trustees approved a new Foundation initiative to secure the financial expenses of the Rotary World Peace Fellowship program through named and endowed gifts and commitments worth a cumulative amount of US\$95 million by 30 June 2015. The dinner was a fitting event to announce this news.

Please see related story on page 20.

2005 ROTARY ... WORLD PEACE DINNER

Testimonials given by the featured speakers were the highlight of the evening. Edwin M. Epstein, Director of the Rotary Center at the University of California, Berkeley, summed up the program's objectives:

- ... *to advance research, teaching, and publication of methods that alleviate conflict*
- ... *to advance knowledge and world understanding among potential leaders of government, business, education, media, and other professions*
- ... *To advance training that promotes greater tolerance and cooperation among peoples, leading to world peace and understanding*

Two alumni from the 2002-04 inaugural class of Rotary World Peace Fellows presented insiders accounts of how the Fellowships have provided a framework for peace and world understanding to their study, research, and practical responsibilities in their chosen field.

THE ROTARY WORLD PEACE FELLOWSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE

Did you know that the trustees approved a Rotary World Peace Fellowships (RWPF) subcommittee of the District Rotary Foundation Committee (DRFC) at their June meeting? Now there are 8 subcommittees.

Purpose of the RWPF SC:

The District Rotary World Peace Fellowship Subcommittee is responsible for promoting club and district participation in the World Peace Fellowship as well as for selecting candidates for the Rotary World Peace Fellowship. Ensures careful attention is paid to four basic elements – Promotion and Selection, Orientation, Hosting Fellows and Alumni Outreach.

Qualifications of Members:

The subcommittee reviewing Rotary World Peace Fellowship applications and selecting the district-endorsed candidate should include the current district governor, immediate past governor, the governor-elect, the district Rotary Foundation committee chair, and three Rotarians or non-Rotarians with expertise in the fields of

peace and conflict resolution, education, and/or civic or business leadership. Where practical, the committee should include members with language abilities who can assess an applicant's foreign language skills during the interview.

Subcommittee Duties and Responsibilities:

- Assist the Chair in notifying clubs of the Rotary World Peace Fellowship opportunities.
- Assist the Chair in promoting and understanding of and effective participation in the Rotary World Peace Fellowship through regular contact with each club in the district and through district meetings.
- Encourage and assist assigned club chairs in carrying out their responsibilities.
- Participate in the selection of a qualified Rotary World Peace Fellowship candidate from club-endorsed candidates.
- Assist the Chair in promoting an understanding of and effective participation in the Foundation's Rotary World Peace Fellowship program, through regular contact with each club in the district and through district meetings.
- Participate in meetings called by the subcommittee Chair.



POLIOPLUS ...

Q: Is it true that polio could finally be eradicated in the next 6-12 months?

A: Yes. The conclusion reached in October 2005 in Geneva by the Advisory Committee on Polio Eradication, the independent, technical oversight body of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, is that polio could be finished within six months everywhere, except in Nigeria.

With increased and effective national and sub-national immunization days that are planned, *Nigeria could be polio free within twelve months.* This strong progress is great news. However, the job is not yet finished and won't be finished until every last case of polio is gone. Importations will remain a threat until polio is gone everywhere. The support of Rotarians is needed now to ensure this success.

Q: What is meant by “support of Rotarians is needed now to ensure success?”

A: Rotarians in the polio endemic, importation and high risk countries are working on the front lines of the battle against polio. They organize volunteers to go door-to-door to deliver the vaccine, they inform parents about the need for vaccine and how to get it, and they put the precious drops in the children's mouths. But in order to be successful, they need social mobilization tools.

These tools are provided through the PolioPlus Partners Program.

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NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

Follow the eradication of polio through the following Web Sites and links:

Rotary: www.rotary.org/foundation/polioplus/index.html

WHO Web Site: www.polioeradication.org/risk

www.polioeradication.org/disease.asp

www.polioeradication.org/content/fixed/afp.shtml

...PROGRESS AND PROBLEMS

Q: I thought we had a fund raising campaign recently to fulfill the funding needs.

A: Yes, Rotarians were very generous and raised a lot of money during the 1985-88 PolioPlus campaign and again in the Polio Eradication Fundraising Campaign of 2002-05. All those funds were and are being used to help fund the eradication of polio. *The Partners program currently has several projects in need of millions of dollars.*

Unlike PolioPlus funds, support to these projects provides direct support to your fellow Rotarians fighting the polio battle for the expanded and synchronized national and sub-national immunization days in Africa and Asia. This includes the rental and maintenance of transportation equipment, communication equipment, training materials, etc.; and, the identification, reporting, and investigating of all potential polio cases.

Q: How is Rotary satisfying these social mobilization needs? Can I help?

A: The PolioPlus Partners Task Force members are currently contacting each district through the TRF chair and district governor for a one time Urgent Appeal seeking as much available DDF as possible that could be allocated/donated to Partners to satisfy these social mobilization needs. A simple signed form can be faxed to PolioPlus Partners that will authorize that allocation. Nicole Kreamer KreamerN@rotaryintl.org or Carol Pandak PandakC@rotaryintl.org can provide the form and additional information, including a PowerPoint presentation via email that can be shown at a Rotary club.

All Rotarians, especially newer Rotarians and Rotary clubs, are encouraged to make a contribution that will qualify them to say “Yes, we participated in the eradication of polio for all the world’s children in the future”. Surely, every Rotarian wants to be included. While this appeal is primarily for DDF, should a district choose to make a cash contribution, that contribution will be matched at the rate of US\$.50 per dollar donated and is eligible for Paul Harris Fellow Credit.

YES, POLIO PLUS PARTNERS IS A MOST PRESSING FUNDING NEED OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



*Louis Piconi, PRRFC
2000-01 RI VP*

Please confer with your District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair to see if you have any available DDF that can be allocated to Polio-Plus Partners.

We currently have a \$150,000 shortfall to meet NID needs.

*PDG Barb Feder
Polio Plus Partners Task
Force Coordinator*

The Number #1 most pressing funding need is PolioPlus Partners. Yes, we raised a lot of money during the 1987-89 Rotary years and lots of money for the Polio Eradication Fundraising Campaign during the 2002-05 Rotary years. All those funds were and are being used to help fund the eradication of polio with vaccine, epidemiologists, etc.

The critical need is for social mobilization items that support national immunization days (NIDs) and are funded through PolioPlus Partners — ONLY. PolioPlus Partners are the shoes on the race horse. Without shoes, the race horse cannot get to the finish line! These next rounds of NIDs and SNIDs are very critical and need PolioPlus Partners to come through. I mention this for a few reasons.

We still have “angels” in our districts who ask about the project and want to continue that support. If so, say yes and thank them. Additionally, any DDF that may be available at this time would be much appreciated.

Also, all of us should continue to make all new Rotarians aware of the program and give them an opportunity to make a contribution and be a part of Rotary’s finest service project for all the world’s children into the future.

*Lou Piconi,
RRFC 1988-91,
Chair Polio Eradication Fundraising Campaign,
North America*

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

THE ONGOING BENEFITS OF POLIO ERADICATION

The global eradication of polio will leave a legacy of better health for children not only by ending a deadly, crippling disease but in many other ways, including:

- Potential global savings of more than US\$1 billion dollars per year with the eventual elimination of immunization, treatment and rehabilitation expenses
- Continued benefits from the World Health Organization's surveillance network, established with Rotary's help, which includes 140 laboratories worldwide. This infrastructure, created originally for the Polio Eradication Initiative (PEI), is now also being used to fight yellow fever, meningitis, cholera, measles, and other diseases.
- The PolioPlus program as a model of cooperation between nongovernmental organizations and government agencies on a large-scale public health initiative. It is often referred to as the ROTARY MODEL



Progress in polio-endemic countries continues...

The 2004-05 Rotary year has been one of progress and cautious optimism in the global effort to eradicate polio. Here is an overview of gains being made in polio endemic countries.

- **Nigeria**, which has the highest incidence of polio, halved the rate of new polio infections in the first quarter of 2005, compared with the same period in 2004. RI and its partners are optimistic that the outbreak of polio in Nigeria, which led to importations of the disease in other countries, is being reversed through joint immunization campaigns.
- **India** made its most important progress to date during 2004 and early 2005. The country's children are better protected against polio than ever before through more effective immunization strategies, and its surveillance system continues to improve.
- In **Pakistan**, major improvements in immunization activities have reduced the number of cases to half that reported during the same period last year.
- The need for improved surveillance remains in **Niger**, which confirmed in April its first polio case since October 2004. Last year at the same time, the country reported eight cases of polio.
- Improved immunization continues in **Afghanistan**, where five months have passed (as of May 2005) with no reported polio cases.
- **Egypt** used a powerful new oral polio vaccine during its May NIDs. The vaccine, also being used in several other countries, is a critical part of the strategy to eradicate polio worldwide.



RI Past President Jonathan Majiyagbe
immunizing Children in Nigeria

WHAT PAUL HARRIS SAID...

“Rotarianism thrives in all places where men think and where men’s hearts are large enough to include the care of others.”

Paul Percy Harris

The Rotarian

September 1912

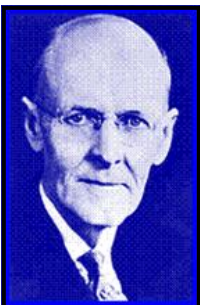


The Extra Mile Points of Light Volunteer Pathway in Washington, DC, tells the stories of great Americans who, through their caring and personal sacrifice, built their dreams into great movements that have created enduring change in America.

The monument takes the form of a series of bronze markers laid into the sidewalks in an area adjacent to the White House. The markers are circular, three and a half feet in diameter, and laid into a surrounding six-foot square apron of granite. Each marker bears the likeness of an honoree, a description of his or her achievement and a quote.

In a ceremony led by Former President George Bush Rotarian Paul P. Harris (1868-1947) was recognized for establishing Rotary International in Chicago in 1905. And he stated:

“Harris wanted to recreate in the big city the atmosphere of fellowship and neighbors-helping-neighbors that he experienced growing up in small-town America. The concept of volunteer service caught on immediately and Rotary quickly expanded nationwide and internationally. “



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

FOUNDATION ALUMNI — *FIND THEM - AND INVITE THEM INTO ROTARY*

Alumni will be front and center at the 2006 International Assembly in San Diego this year. There will be a plenary session featuring three excellent TRF alumni and the following breakout has time devoted to getting the DGEs to talk about, and think about, how they will make better use of their alumni.

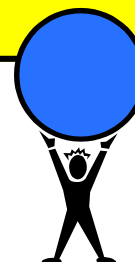
Clubs and districts have not utilized our Rotary Foundation Alumni to their full potential. We have sponsored them as Group Study Exchange members, Rotary Volunteers, Ambassadorial and World Peace Scholars and yet over the past 50 years less than 11% have ever joined Rotary.

Historically we have a lot of Rotary inertia to overcome regarding alumni. It will not all happen in one year, but will take two or three years before we see substantial changes. Realistically, it takes that long for substantive change (or thinking) to take place in Rotary – just think how long it took for the District leadership plan to be adopted by everyone.

We can change the Rotarian outlook on Alumni by continuing to tell compelling stories about the success of our alumni. As a result, we will see more contributions to TRF, more members for Rotary, and greater numbers of Scholars sponsored throughout the world.

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- more contributions to TRF,
- and eventually greater numbers of Scholars sponsored throughout the world.



NOTEABLE: Rotary Foundation Alumni Coordinator (Z-22) Judy Harcourt has been proactive in seeking Foundation Alumni. A member of RFAC Judy's District 5370 Alumni Committee recently reported... that she called a number to verify the location of a former Rotary Ambassadorial scholar. The mother answered and told the story that through Rotary her daughter was able to get a PHD and live and work for 8 yrs in London England. She worked for WHO and now works for the World Bank in Wash DC. None of this would have been possible without Rotary. The young lady's dad had died and her mom could not have afforded that kind of education for her daughter. The young lady is coming home for the holidays and the Alumni Committee is going to contact her to keep her active in district and zone activities and invite her into Rotary and to be an Alumni speaker.

A WORLDWIDE CLEAN DRINKING WATER PROJECT AND THE BLUE PLANET RUN FOUNDATION

A 15,000-mile World Foot Race around the world to bring attention to the lack of safe drinking water.

The Blue Planet Run Foundation (BPRF) has a vision of enormous scope and possibility. While we lack a cure for cancer, aids or muscular dystrophy –yes, we do have the cure for the lack of safe drinking water. There are no mechanical or technological barriers to solving this condition. What is lacking is the concerted collective effort to end the single largest cause of sickness, death and economic underdevelopment

**Hopefully to bring
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BPRF has two interdependent parts: one, starting in Spring 2007, the 100-day WORLD FOOT RACE with funds raising and two, selection of safe drinking water organization/projects, funds disbursement and monitoring of results.

The World Foot Race is a 15,000-mile biannual relay foot race around the world to bring attention to the lack of safe drinking water. The undertaking requires detailed foresight and planning, advance teams, and day-to-day coordination for in-country logistics, marketing, PR, and bureaucracy-challenged approvals. Besides excellent runners, teams must have directors, doctors, nutritionists, operations personnel, drivers, supply managers, air and

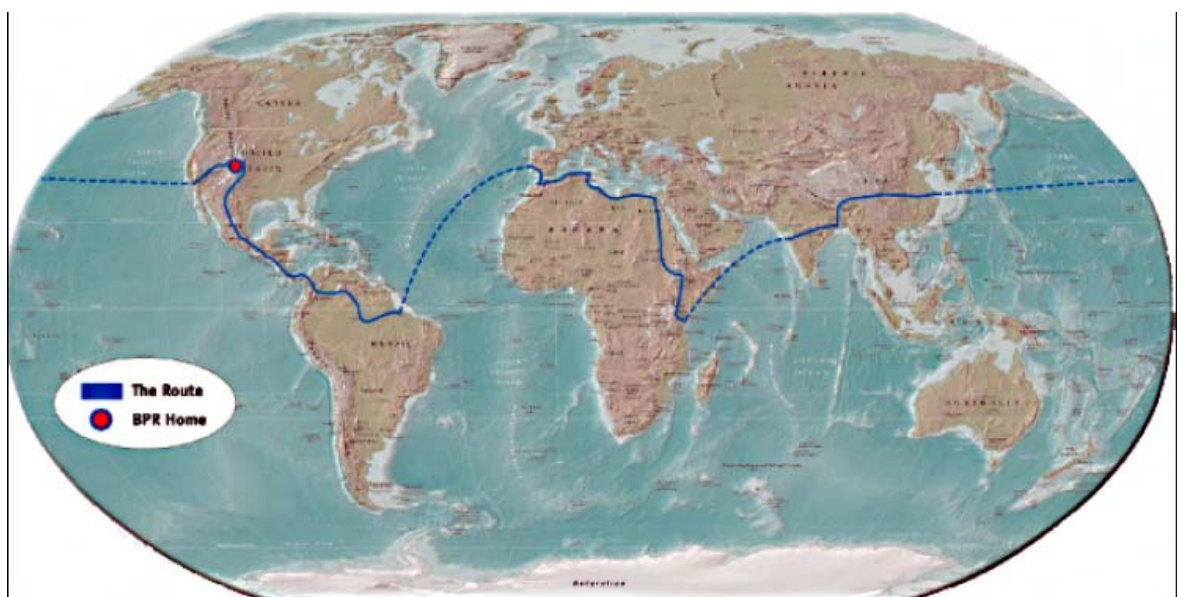
ocean transport, communications, and film/video teams plus accommodations, vehicles and supplies.

To fund the water projects the plan is to raise money through ancillary race activities. Obvious revenue sources are television and film rights, DVD and souvenir sales, and individual donations. Proven success will catalyze corporate and foundation giving.

To bring a lifetime of safe drinking water to 200 million people, the BPRF must scale to 10-12,000 water projects per year – a huge undertaking in management, implementation and monitoring. BPRF envisions slashing traditional overhead waste via an EBay type peer-to-peer self-managing, internet-based resource allocation and control system. Projects will be visited during implementation, completion, and annually with results posted on the web. New project and NGO/Nonprofit implementer selection will be based on verifird success and failure.

With RI and BPR foundations' collaboration, Rotarians would benefit from media exposure and resulting membership and participation growth. Adding to the success of PolioPlus and other service projects, Rotarians' integrity and world presence fills the need for independent monitoring and reporting. A natural fit.

*George Jones
Centennial President
Rotary Club of Telluride*



WHY I AM A ROTARIAN

In a single word, Rotary means "opportunities." Through Rotary membership, you can discover dozens of opportunities to enhance your life and enrich the lives of family and friends.

There may be opportunities to establish close friendships with individuals around the world whom you would never have met, except through the magic of Rotary. There are opportunities to share with many others a common belief and philosophy of service, without any thought of personal return.

There are opportunities to work side-by-side with other community leaders whom we highly respect. There are opportunities to stretch your horizons by listening to interesting programs and enjoying the good times at the weekly meetings. There are opportunities to represent your profession and demonstrate how high ethical standards are a vital part of your day-to-day occupation.

There are opportunities to travel into virtually every land and find an open door and a cordial welcome to a totally new world of Rotary fellowship. There are opportunities to make your small part in the world really count through the achievements of the great

and noble activities of Rotary's programs of service. There are opportunities to touch the lives of thousands of people whom you will never know, except through the rewarding glow of satisfaction which comes from knowing that somewhere, someone needed your help, and you took the time to do something. There are opportunities to join in the search for world peace and goodwill through the dynamic work of The Rotary Foundation.

And finally, all of these opportunities add up to one conclusion: Rotary helps you become a better person and makes the quality of your own life just a little richer and more meaningful. What a wonderful experience it is to have all of these opportunities knocking at your door—just because you are a Rotarian.

Clifford L. Dochterman

President, Rotary International, 1992-93
Member of the Rotary Club of Moraga,
California, U.S.A.

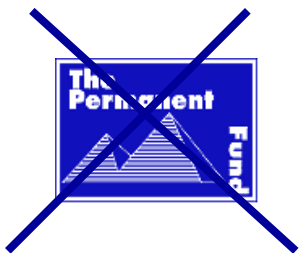


WHY ARE YOU A ROTARIAN?

Send your statement in 300 words (or less) to:

EBlender@aol.com

A CLUB SPEAKER PROGRAM LIMITS ITS ROTARY PRESENTATIONS TO 8 PER YEAR (RI/TRF CALLED BORING, REDUNDANT)



“... The program committee members’ mission is to have a vibrant, world-class Rotary speaker program ... that helps recruit and retain our members. To fulfill that mission, the program committee has set criteria and goals regarding the type of speakers and the subject matter of our programs. We are increasing the number of programs that fit those goals, in part by reducing the number of Rotary-focused programs.

In the past, Rotary presentations tended to be redundant (presented year after year without giving new information) and to dominate the speaker program. For example, in the first 6 months of 2004, half of the talks, 13 in all, were Rotary topics such as RYLA, exchange students, foundation, etc. While these projects are a vital part of our club, the committee feels it is our job to offer more variety to the members when it comes to speakers.

... As such, the committee has adopted the following criteria for Rotary specific programs in any given year ... ”

Rotary-specific programs should be limited to 8 programs per year:

- a. Required annual meeting (1)
- b. Quarterly assemblies (4)
- c. Fund Raiser (1)
- d. Other (e.g., Exchange student, RYLA, Foundation, etc.) (2)

WHAT DO YOU THINK? SHARE YOUR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS WITH YOUR RRFC COLLEAGUES. WRITE: TO THE EDITOR AT EBLENDER@AOL.COM

FORMER ROTARY WORLD PEACE FELLOW NAMED PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER

A Rotary World Peace Fellowship helped open the door for Arnoldas Pranckevicius of Lithuania to become a domestic policy adviser to his “idol of moral leadership” and president of the Baltic republic, Valdas Adamkus. Pranckevicius, who speaks English, French, Lithuanian, and Russian, graduated from the Rotary Peace Center, Sciences Po in Paris with a master’s degree in international affairs.

His fellowship was sponsored by District 7150 (New York, USA). “I was indeed blessed with the opportunity to join his team and contribute in his effort of making Lithuania an ever more democratic, secure, and prosperous nation,” he said.

Pranckevicius analyzes trends and developments in Lithuania’s political system, along with drafting speeches and policy statements for the president. The 25-year-old adviser has tackled issues such as political corruption, advancement of ethical standards, and promotion of a civic and open society. The country’s parliamentary elections in 2004 and information of a new government proved particularly challenging.

“I not only had to follow and analyze the campaign and programs of the political parties [and] make election predictions,” he said, “but also draft possible coalitions and suggest the long-term consequences of one of the other formations in the government.”



Arnoldas Pranckevicius (left), adviser to Lithuanian President Valdas Adamkus (front)

MY PERSONAL GULF WAR AS A MEMBER OF DMORT III

This was my first deployment so I really had nothing to compare it to. My 10-day deployment was to Baton Rouge. My assignment was a relatively clean one. I knew ahead of time that I would be in the Family Assistance Center (FAC). I would not be in the Morgue and I would not be collecting bodies. As a forensic dentist I would be helping to identify victims of Katrina.

The Family Assistance Center (FAC) was set up in a former sporting goods store in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. There were miles of

telephone and computer wires connecting some 200 phones and laptops. There were mobile partitions separating sections and making smaller booths where DNA and family interviews were done. The other sections included a call center, a data entry center, an administration and logistics center, a web search center, a dental and a medical section, as well as a section for chaplains and information technology (IT).

You do need to have a somewhat laid back personality to survive this kind of work. I was fascinated as I looked

**Helping
in the
aftermath
of Katrina**

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Continued from page 13 around at the various people involved with this mission. Most of them are funeral directors or connected with the mortuary field. After all DMORT by definition was originally made up with mortuary people. There is no question but that it takes a different breed of cat to want to be involved with the DMORT mission. It's not for everyone.

You have to be willing to put in 12 hour days, go home, perhaps unwind over dinner and a few drinks and still find your self compelled to talk about your successes or failures of the day. You have to be willing to work in very unpleasant conditions in the morgue or retrieving bodies or as I did, go into dental offices that until recently had been under 6 to 8 feet of water.



ecstatic when I made a hit and

My job was to try to locate dentists in order to get records of potential victims. Our information was gleaned from informants who had called in search of friends or loved ones. Most of the times they did not know the dentist. Sometimes the name was wrong. Keep in mind that some 120-140 dentists were displaced and it was common to search all over the country for them and following up leads all over the country, just as any good detective might do.

You could spend an hour and end up at a dead end. After a couple of days I had gotten to the point that I became absolutely incredibly frustrated when I didn't. There was a lot of frustration and disappointment, phone lines that are dead or overcrowded, finally locating a dentist who says he does not recognize that victim's name, or getting into an office and spending a half to three quarters of an hour using crowbars and cement trowels to try to pry swollen records loose from file cabinets, only to discover that the record you are looking for is not there.

We went into New Orleans one day to retrieve dental records. I had a chance to see first hand some of the devastation in St. Bernard and Orleans parishes. A virtual war zone, more than 2 months after Katrina, it looks like a neutron bomb hit, no people but many of the buildings still standing.

There is one street that comes to mind. At first glance, except for a lot of trash on the sidewalk, some very nice houses looked pretty good. But as we drove slowly down the street and looked in the doorways or windows you saw that the inside was totally gutted. All you see is the studs covered with mold. Clean up crews work at removing the drywall so that drying can take place. You see water lines that are 6-9 feet high. There is no electricity but current can't be turned on until homes and buildings pass inspection.

We wore Tybec suits with masks and booties because of mold and debris and we went into offices with crowbars, cement trowels, and flashlights to help us get in between records without destroying them. Our lead dentist was not a member of FEMA but a local New Orleans dentist who lost everything, house, office, cars, even boats. He was invaluable because he knew many of the dentists and he knew where the offices were located.

As I said, these people (volunteers) are unique. They are willing to leave their jobs, put in 12-hour days under sometimes-harsh conditions, doing work that is certainly not pleasant.

You have to be a psychiatrist when family members call and sometimes simply want to talk. I worked with and met some very interesting people. All were committed to do the very best they can. Some were military, some self employed, some retired, some worked for international companies and I heard only favorable comments about our group. I could see that there is a special bonding that develops among those who are deployed (or who volunteer) on disaster missions.

At the end of the day you are drained physically and mentally, but I found it to be a very rewarding experience and I am glad to have been part of it.

What maximizes the success of a local solution. Nobody knows how anybody locally has decided to solve their problem just that whatever solution they have chosen will be well supported and carefully measured.

Dr. Robert Singer, Dentist, Jenkintown, Pennsylvania USA, DMORT 111



RI/TRF TAKES POSITIVE STEPS FOR DISASTER RELIEF

So many Rotarians recently expressed their opinions on how startlingly ill-equipped our organization was to cope with fast-moving natural disasters.

Our leadership recently took some positive steps.

On November 11, in a letter signed by RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar and TRF Trustee Chairman Frank J. Devlyn steps were taken to address rapid disaster response: ... "in response to the recent earthquake in Pakistan, India and Afghanistan and flooding caused by Hurricanes Stan and Wilma in Mexico, Central America and Florida, The Rotary Foundation is establishing accounts for the collection of funds for clubs and districts in the affected ar-

reas to be used for long-term recovery projects.

Committees of senior leadership will be appointed to manage and distribute the funds. Detailed information on how to contribute funds for local projects will be posted on the RI Web site

(www.rotary.org).

Rotary International is continuing to provide information regarding club and district relief efforts on the RI Web site.

Rotarians wishing to contribute funds and/or donated goods directly to club and district relief projects may visit the Web site for opportunities to work with Rotarians in the affected areas."



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THE GLOBAL ALUMNI SERVICE TO HUMANITY AWARD

Was created by The Rotary Foundation Trustees to honor outstanding alumni who have contributed to greater understanding and peace through service to humanity, and whose significant achievements have either enriched their profession or vocation.

- **One award currently is given each year.**
- **Communicate with your RRFC for applications and criteria.**

HAVE YOU NOMINATED SOMEONE FROM YOUR DISTRICT?

HAS YOUR DISTRICT CHOSEN A LOCAL TRF “GLOBAL SERVICE TO HUMANITY AWARD?”

With over 500 districts worldwide, wouldn't it be wonderful if each district researched their Foundation Alumni database and then selected each and every year a local representative to be honored

SCHEDULE THE AWARD IN YOUR DISTRICT

Three very good things happen if you campaign for nominations from your district:

1. You will help your district to become MORE aware of the importance of Alumni and who they are.
2. You will be able to add "lost" Alumni names to your district's database
3. And eventually TRF programs receive more awareness and TRF contributions, which eventually equates to greater participation in our programs.

The Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award was created by The Rotary Foundation Trustees to honor outstanding alumni who have contributed to greater understanding and peace through service to humanity, and whose significant achievements have either enriched their profession or vocation.

Trustee awards to prominent alumni began in 1995-96. Although criteria and award titles have changed over the years, one award currently is given each year.

Perhaps your district's nominee will be the next to receive *the international.... “Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award”*.

Structure of the District Rotary Foundation Committee (DRFC)

1. Annual Fund Subcommittee (APF)
2. Permanent Fund Subcommittee (PF)
3. Polio Subcommittee
4. Group Study Exchange Subcommittee (GSE)
5. Scholarship Subcommittee
6. Grants Subcommittee (DGSC)
(District Simplified Grants [DSG] is considered a subcommittee of the DGSC)
7. Alumni Subcommittee
8. World Peace Fellows (WPF) Subcommittee

at their District Conference with the District's Rotary Foundation: “Global Service to Humanity Award ?”

Are you aware of the District Rotary Foundation Committee (DRFC) and its Chairman? You all know that the DRFC has seven sub-committees (and TRF is contemplating another — World Peace Fellows). See insert.

Four of those DRFC sub-committees directly relate to Foundation Alumni

ZONES 25/26 SELECTS THE ROTARY FOUNDATION GLOBAL SERVICE TO HUMANITY AWARD

DR. DAVID J. FIHN SELECTED AT THE ROTARY INSTITUTE AT CORPUS CHRISTI TEXAS THIS PAST SEPTEMBER

Dentist David J. Fihn, of Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, a Past District Governor from District 5580, was the Zone 25 selection for the Rotary Foundation Global Service to Humanity Award.

A Rotarian since 1963, Dave has been called the ultimate volunteer serving as a dentist over 15 times in some of the “forgotten places of the world.” He has with his wife Shirley most often traveled at his own expense to live, work and truly become a part of the many struggling people in our world.

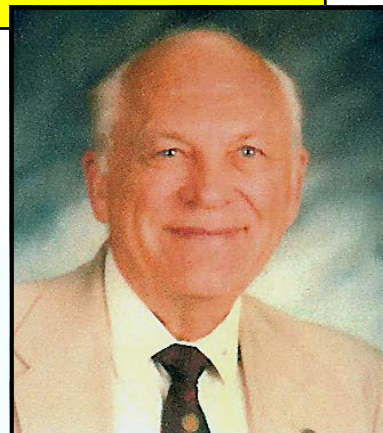
With special interest in Youth and the Rotary Foundation he has chaired TRF—PolioPlus, Annual Programs and Permanent Fund drives and excelling in all those initiatives while exceeding previous numbers.

Dave was a GSE Team

Leader to D1470 in Denmark and led a Friendship Exchange to South Africa.

Notably he chaired the first PolioPlus initiative in 1986 for his district and raised over \$850,000 dollars in that campaign. He stated “never underestimate the generosity of Rotarians.”

Dave is a Rotary Volunteer, an outstanding Rotarian, the general secretary of the International Fellowship of Rotary Dental Volunteers and is loved and respected by Rotarians and his community.



*Rotarian
Dr. David J. Fihn*

DR. DAVID J. FIHN DEVOTES A LARGE PART OF HIS LIFE TO HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS AND VOLUNTEERS ON A WORLDWIDE SCALE.

SERVICE ABOVE SELF IS A WAY OF LIFE FOR DAVE AND HIS WIFE SHIRLEY.



IS THE ROTARY FOUNDATION YOUR CHARITY OF CHOICE? ... READ HOW A ROTARIAN HANDLES HIS GIFT LIST.



Our Holiday Message and Gift to You From Synergetic Systems LLC



As our gift to you this holiday season, please accept our donation to The Rotary Foundation, 100% of which is spent on educational and humanitarian programs designed to create world peace and understanding. Every day, Twenty-five years ago, 1,000 children contracted polio and 100 died. Today, thanks to efforts spearheaded by The Rotary Foundation, this scourge is almost eradicated from the entire world.

In 2005, 6,000 people die daily from contaminated water. This donation made in your honor, may be used to provide: a well producing safe water for an African community of 300 people - or 30 cataract surgeries in India, - or sewing machines for young girls to make uniforms and attend school in Battambang, Cambodia - or a youth rehab facility in Oradea, Romania - or thousands of other similar programs aimed at improving the lives of people and creating international understanding and peace worldwide.

May you experience a Holiday Season filled with love, blessings, peace, and a renewed acknowledgement of all the good we have in our lives. Thank you for allowing us to honor you.

Lloyd Gottman



JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH!

With the success of the centennial celebration, continuing effort to eradicate polio, and global membership numbers topping out at nearly 1.2 million, there has never been a better time to promote Rotary.

Here are some tips on what you can do to reach out to your community:

- Pursue the placement of Rotary PSAs at your local movie theaters.
- Order a broadcast quality version of a Rotary PSA for your community radio stations.
- Contact your local library about renting a display case for the month. Decorate it with photos of club projects and club members, awards, posters, and other Rotary-related items. Create a supplemental Rotary fact sheet to accompany the display
- If your club is planning a volunteer project in January, send a press release to a local newspaper or reporter outlining your plans.
- Start a membership drive. Encourage your club's members to invite friends along to a meeting so that they can learn more about Rotary. There has never been a better time to join!



Foundation Facts

**Paul Harris
Fellows:
971,367**

**Foundation
Benefactors:
68,773**

**Major
Donors:
6,812**

WELCOMING OUR INBOUND AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARS

*DO YOU KNOW THAT IN 2005-06 THERE WERE
ABOUT 800 AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARS GOING TO 74
DIFFERENT HOST COUNTRIES?.*

TRF SEEKS NAMED AND ENDOWED GIFTS FOR WORLD PEACE FELLOWSHIPS



Trustees approve new plan to support the Rotary Centers Program

The Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution has been identified as the highest educational priority for The Rotary Foundation. With the matriculation of the first few classes of Rotary World Fellows, this program is no longer a dream but is a program producing tangible results. The financial future of the program will be secured through a new initiative of The Rotary Foundation which seeks named and endowed gifts and commitments worth a cumulative amount of US\$95 million to cover Rotary World Peace Fellowship program expenses by 30 June 2015.

The long-term fund development plan focuses on identifying, cultivating and securing major gifts at or above US\$500,000. Districts, however, will be encouraged to continue donating District Designated Funds (DDF) to become Rotary Centers Peacebuilder Districts. The plan builds on the Foundation's fund development efforts, including the momentum gained with the *Every Rotarian, Every Year* message. Over US\$10.1 million, excluding DDF, has been given or committed to support Rotary World Peace Fellowships thus far.

News of the plan was shared by Trustee Chairman Frank J. Devlyn during a special Rotary World Peace dinner held in conjunction with Rotary Day at the UN on 5 November 2005. Trustee Chairman-elect Luis Vicente Gaiay also highlighted the plan during a special brunch at the University of California Berkeley, on 6 November 2005.

Working Toward . . .

*Mediation, conflict resolution, and peace where there is war,
understanding where there is disharmony,
food security where there is hunger,
health care where there is disease,
education where there is illiteracy,
conservation where there is environmental degradation,
sustainable economic development where there is poverty.*

Additional information on communications, major events, training, donor relation activities and naming opportunities will be forthcoming shortly. Please contact: Eric Schmelling at schmelle@rotaryintl.org with any questions or if you know a Rotarian who might be interested in supporting the Rotary Centers in a significant way.

MAJOR GIFTS

The Rotary Foundation has received major gifts throughout its history and has been actively developing a major gifts effort since 1996, when the Permanent Fund Initiative (PFI) was launched.

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) defines a major gift as a gift of US\$10,000 or more.

A major gift depends on matching a donor's interest with the mission and needs of the Rotary Foundation. Most TRF zone advisors believe their energies are best spent working with donors who are knowledgeable about the Foundation's programs and mission. And feel that someone who does not have a pre-existing relationship with TRF is unlikely to make a major gift.

Rotary solicitors believe the major gift process must be "donor-centric." In other words, they feel they must help Rotarians and others accomplish their philanthropic goals in conjunction with The Rotary Foundation's programs.

The fulfillment of a philanthropic goal may be to leave a legacy to Rotary by making a gift to the Permanent Fund, making a significant gift to a special cause like PolioPlus, a named endowment, or a challenge gift for the Annual Programs Fund.



Action Taken by the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation - October 2005

Recognizing the concern expressed by Major Donors that diamond circle pins do not distinguish between those who have made outright gifts to the Foundation and those who have made a commitment to the Foundation in their will or other estate plans, the Trustees authorized the development and implementation of wearable recognition that will provide greater distinction between the two groups of donors.

The above major donor and/or bequest society award will become history as new awards will be designed for each category

MOST DISTRICTS DO NOT HAVE AN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Would you encourage your Alumni to initiate an Alumni Association?



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DEFINED:

Each district, either singly or by regions or nations, is encouraged to establish an Association of all living Rotary Foundation Alumni in that district, region or nation.

The purposes to be served by these Alumni Associations:

- A source of members for Rotary Clubs.
- Support for Rotary programs, e.g., to orient and counsel outbound or returning Scholars, to help with community service projects.
- Provide addresses and programs for Rotary Clubs and Districts.
- Help for the public relations of RI and The Rotary Foundation in creating and sustaining international good will.
- A source of financial support for the Foundation programs.
- A sense of pride in and identification with an outstanding group of men and women.

John Ortengren, D 2370,
RFAC Zone 15.

BUILDING GREAT RELATIONSHIPS THROUGH HUMANITARIAN GRANTS

Great personal communication and contact is not often possible due to the distances so often involved with grants, but this particular project has been a smashing success. I've watched good communication between host and sponsor clubs, several visits by host and sponsors to each other's clubs and excellent press coverage in both the host and sponsoring communities.

It is great that a humanitarian need has been met and that Rotary has been given credit for it, but the most important thing is that this grant is really living the Foundation's Mission of World Understanding and Peace. *How can we help but to be friends* with the citizens of Nuevo Casas Grandes, Mexico and them with us? The efforts made by many to make this a successful project were well worth it.

Richard A. Foster, D5470
Past DRFC & DGSC Chairman (2002-05)

REGIONAL SCHOLAR ORIENTATION SEMINARS ARE MANDATORY



As most of you probably already know, the Rotary Foundation is subsidizing Regional Scholar Orientation Seminars to allow Rotarians in the field to provide Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholars, Grants for University Teachers Recipients and Rotary World Peace Fellows with a comprehensive and inspiring orientation on Rotary International, the Rotary Foundation and its programs, and what is expected from our grantees before, during, and after their grant period.

Please check the list of Regional Scholar Seminars organized in the world, which is: regularly updated on the RI website, at:

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

A THANK YOU NOTE:

Personal hand written “thank you letters” for a contribution to The Rotary Foundation not only from the Governor but also from the District Rotary Foundation Chair and recent Past district Governors? District 5450 in Colorado USA really appreciates their members participating in TRF and routinely lets them know that by writing to them. It’s relatively easy to see why D5450 is one of the top Foundation giving districts in the world. Other benefits? How about a thank you received for the thank you letter.

- Your letters thanking me for my contribution to TRF “ reminds my of little things that make me want to do more for Rotary.
- This thanks is for all of you pushing me to become a better person, which made me become a better Rotarian.
- That I can never repay but I can continue to do my best to hopefully never let you down on my quest to do better.”

**TAKING
TIME
TO SAY
THANK
YOU!**



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SIX MILLION CHILDREN DIE EACH YEAR Most often from treatable diseases like Malaria and Measles

PAKISTAN, UNITED NATIONS OFFICIALS ESTIMATED THAT A MILLION PEOPLE REMAINED HOMELESS, HUNGRY AND THREATENED BY DISEASE IN HUNDREDS OF SHATTERED MOUNTAIN HAMLETS.

HERE'S A QUIZ. SEE HOW YOU DO:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.

The lesson: You remember the people who make a difference in your life, they are the ones who care.

Will The Worldwide APF Goal for 2005-2006 be US\$105,000,000?

At their October 2005 meeting, the Trustees officially endorsed a Worldwide Annual Programs Fund Goal of US\$105,000,000. Going forward, the Trustees will receive a report on Fund Development Club Goals at the International Institute in advance of the International Convention. Upon review of the club report, the Trustee Chairman-elect, in consultation with the Board of Trustees, will recommend a Worldwide Annual Programs Fund Goal for announcement at the Convention. At their June meeting each year, the Trustees will officially endorse the Annual Programs Fund Goal for the new Rotary year.