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GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE - FROM TEAM MEMBER TO TEAM LEADER

As a member of a team of Rotary volunteers on a Dental Mission to the El Impenetrable area of Argentina we had the opportunity to interact with Rotary Clubs in the cities of Buenos Aires, Resistencia, Castilli and Nueva Pompeya. "Pure joy" is what I felt when we frequently had the opportunity to share meals and fun and fellowship with our Rotarian friends from Argentina.

I met María Elena Ocaño de Herrero (a Rotarian for only a few years) of the Rotary Club of Barranqueras - District 4790 - Argentina. We were just by chance seated next to one another at a dinner meeting. Of course we talked Rotary.

María Elena was a member of Rotaract not long ago and she told me that as a Rotaract member and during those college years she never felt the essence of Rotary. But when she participated as a team member (in 2000-'01) on a Group Study Exchange to the US, Rotary began to open, to blossom for her. She began to understand what Rotary was about.

María Elena said to me...

"Immediately after my GSE experience I was invited into membership. With pride and with greater understanding I was able to share with Rotarians throughout my district the importance of Our



PRRFC Eddie Blender with Rotarian María Elena Ocaño de Herrero of the Rotary Club of Barranqueras, Argentina.

Rotary Foundation Programs. All from the first-hand perspective of my GSE experience.

The cycle now continues for me for within a few weeks I will interview for the upcoming GSE Team Leader* position. As a GSE Rotary Foundation Alumnus I now have the opportunity to speak for world understanding and peace. And also the opportunity to raise TRF funds for the same organization that sponsored me. I am honored!"

E.B.

**María Elena was recently selected as her district's GSE Team Leader. Please see related story on page 2*

"... I was able to share with Rotarians throughout my district the importance of Our Rotary Foundation Programs. All from the first-hand perspective of my GSE experience."

María Elena



SERVICE Above Self

PLANNING THE GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE ... FROM ARGENTINA TO AUSTRALIA



I'd like to tell how we are getting ready for our unforgettable GSE experience. As we live in different cities, our team has planned a monthly meeting in everyone's home city. Besides being fair for every member, it's a good opportunity to know each other's hometown.

At every meeting we have speakers from local Rotary Clubs who talk to us about general Rotary and District Information, and we devote especial attention to Rotary Foundation Programs such as GSE and Matching Grants.

Our speakers have been so motivating that the four team members decided to prepare a Project on their own (Newborn Health Program) and submit it to everyone's sponsoring club to carry out a District Matching Grant Project. Their idea is to find international sponsor clubs from the Host District 9700 and develop the health program back home in Argentina for the benefit of their own communities.

We also keep fluent email communication with the Australian Team Leader, John Studdert, who will be in our D4790 with his GSE team just a couple of days after we arrive home.

The exchange of before hand mu-

tual information is very important so as to start knowing about the new culture to be experienced. It also creates ties of friendship that will reach their best moments when the face to face meeting occur.

Some other ideas for our next GSE training meetings are to find out as much as possible about the host country and cities and make "an imaginary trip" sharing information about that. We've also decided to develop our next team meeting in English and see how we are going to feel completely immersed in a different language. My team: Marcelo Degregorio (dentist), Nora Scoffield (Lawyer), Agustín Chiappe Beláustegui (Accountant) and María Eugenia Mancebo Grab (BA in Public Relations) are working to share their excitement with other GSE Teams around the world who are also now preparing these program steps.

As the Team Leader, I already feel proud of them.

María Elena Ocaño de Herrero
Rotary Club of Barranqueras
District 4790 – Argentina



TRUSTEE CHAIRMAN DEVLYN SPEAKS TO ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS ... AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF RAGS (ROTARY ACTION GROUPS)

When I see members of The Family of Rotary with a Special Interest which might be a hobby, recreational activity, vocation, humanitarian, educational or health related issue, I look for ways that they might come together & at same time enhance Rotary. One of those ways that is more meaningful and with some degree of continuity is via Fellowships.

I have a personal goal of helping Rotarians that have or live with someone who has one of life's many health related issues coming together in Rotary Fellowships to explore how they might benefit, support, help one another, create awareness, take action, etc. to help themselves and others.

I also want to help Rotarians who have so many reputable "Special Interests"

whether they be regarding landmines, population issues, literacy, water issues, etc. also having the opportunity of coming together to give themselves support via existing or new fellowships.

I like seeing Fellowships like that of Rotary International Convention Goers that is made up of Rotarians who not only like going to our Conventions year after year but they also want to promote Convention Attendance as a unique way to promote better International Understanding.

I'd like to see a fellowship of those Rotarians who like sharing information about the work of the United Nations. Other fellowships could be one of persons wanting to share information of the work of the



Trustee Chairman Frank Devlyn



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ROTARY ACTION GROUPS (RAG)

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

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

Both Rotary Fellowships and Rotarian Action Groups will no longer be categorized under the RI Structured Programs entity, but

THE ROTARIAN ACTION GROUPS ARE MORE SERVICE ORIENTED (IE DENTAL VS. GOLFING FELLOWSHIP), AND ALL EXISTING FELLOWSHIPS WILL DECIDE THIS YEAR TO REMAIN A FELLOWSHIP OR MOVE TO A ROTARY ACTION GROUP WITH APPROVAL FROM THE RI BOARD.

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WHAT PAUL HARRIS SAID...

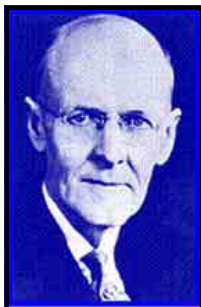


"The importance of placing and maintaining Rotary standards and ideals aloft cannot be overestimated.

The star of hope in the Rotary ethical firmament must be high. It is hardly possible for it to be too high.

May it be high enough so that there will always be something to strive for."

**Paul Harris
in The Rotarian,
September 1912**



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

AID TO AFRICA ...

... NOT UNLESS EVERY DOLLAR IS ACCOUNTED FOR



“We should know better by now. I would not send private money to a charity, or foreign aid to a government, unless every dollar was accounted for - and this never happens. Dumping more money in the same old way is not only wasteful, but also stupid and harmful; it is also ignoring some obvious points.”

“It seems to have been Africa's fate to become a theater of empty talk and public gestures. But the impression that Africa is fatally troubled and can be saved only by outside help - not to mention celebrities and charity concerts - is a destructive and misleading conceit.

Those of us who committed ourselves to being Peace Corps teachers in rural Malawi more than 40 years ago are dismayed by what we see on our return visits and by all the news that has been reported recently from that unlucky, drought-stricken country. But we are more appalled by most of the proposed solutions.

I am not speaking of humanitarian aid, disaster relief, AIDS education or affordable drugs. Nor am I speaking of small-scale, closely watched efforts like the Malawi Children's Village. I am speaking of the "more money" platform: the notion that what Africa needs is more prestige projects, volunteer labor and debt relief.

If Malawi is worse educated, more plagued by illness and bad services, poorer than it was when I lived and worked there in the early 60's, it is not for lack of outside help or donor money. Malawi has been the beneficiary of many thousands of foreign teachers, doctors and nurses, and large amounts of financial aid, and yet it has declined from a country with promise to a failed state.”

PAUL THEROUX
New York Times
December 15, 2005

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WHEN LOST FOUNDATION ALUMNI ARE FOUND



Jean Irwin, Former Ambassadorial Scholar, Speaking at the RI Centennial Convention in Chicago (2005)

Please retain a copy of “updated” alumni record information on your District database for purposes of reference and alumni outreach.

Please forward a separate copy of updated alumni record information to Foundation Alumni Relations Section (E-mail: alumni@rotaryintl.org) for TRF computer systems entry.

We (TRF) appreciates the opportunity to forward accurate alumni record information to support RI and Foundation service activities and to assist you in your needs.

Please don't hesitate to contact your Zone's Rotary Foundation Alumni Coordinators (RFAC) and the Foundation Alumni Relations Section at RI for answers to alumni questions and/or with alumni comments. We are eager to receive Club and District alumni updates and news and to work together to update our Rotary Foundation Alumni Database.

Ms. Linda Gold
Alumni Relations Coordinator
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Fax: 011.847.491.9364

WHO ARE FOUNDATION ALUMNI?

Anyone who receives a Rotary Foundation grant or scholarship award is an alumnus of a Foundation program. Ambassadorial Scholars, 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.



WHY I AM A ROTARIAN



My husband was a Rotarian for 3 years before he proposed me for membership. Each month I would wait for *The Rotarian* and read every word. I would comment to Ken that this was a “neat” organization

he belonged to. He finally decided that maybe I had a place in Rotary. He has possibly regretted that decision because my love of Rotary now knows no bounds.

I am a Rotarian because I am totally committed to the work of Rotary – the power of Rotary and its 1.2 million members (or 2.4 million “hands”) – and the work of the Rotary Foundation. Compound that with the fellowship of Rotary and the opportunity to serve my club and community – and I feel truly blessed to have been introduced to this wonderful network of comrades dedicated to “Service Above Self.”

I am not a Major Donor to the Rotary Foundation – yet. But I am a major donor to the cause of Rotary. The joy of sharing my passion for Rotary with our club’s new members, with our Interact Club, with our district up and com-

ers and with those who know nothing about Rotary is part of my life. I know that everything I do in Rotary, no matter how small, benefits my club, my community, my professional expertise and my world. I know that every dollar I contribute (or get others to contribute) to the Rotary Foundation goes to a noble cause – and is administered with the highest of standards. I know that my small place on this earth counts – and is multiplied through the power of Rotary and it’s many “hands.”



The programs of Rotary and its foundation are at our fingertips – if we will only use them. We benefit more than those we are serving – and that brings great joy and satisfaction. The friends I have made during my 15 years of Rotary membership are priceless and irreplaceable – and would not have been possible were it not for Rotary being part of my life. I am a better person because of Rotary. I hope our world is better because I am a Rotarian.

Geri A. Appel
Past District Governor 2002-03
Wichita (Downtown) #30
District 5690

WHY ARE YOU A ROTARIAN?

Send your statement in about 300 words (or less) and please include your full name, photo, club, district and country to: EBlender@aol.com

THE ZONES 25/26 ROTARY FOUNDATION ALUMNI HUMANITARIAN AWARD

... HAS YOUR DISTRICT CHOSEN
A LOCAL TRF "GLOBAL SERVICE
TO HUMANITY AWARD?"



Zone 25 RRFC Phil Silvers (left), presents the Rotary Foundation Alumni Humanitarian Award to Dr. David J. Fihn (center), shown with his wife Shirley and PDG (5580) Jack Ruttger

Your district's nominee will be entered into completion for the international.... "Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award". Nominations should be sent to your district's Rotary Foundation Alumni Coordinator (RFAC).

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
2. You will be able to add "lost" Alumni names to your district's database
3. Eventually TRF programs receive greater awareness and TRF contributions increase, 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.

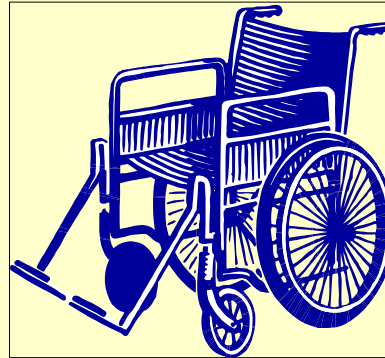
... RAISING ROTARY FOUNDATION FUNDS BY SELLING THE CENTENNIAL BOOK FOR US \$1,000 .00



Scott Allen the Marketing Director for Rotary First 100 (<http://www.rotaryfirst100.org/>) hawks the Rotary Centennial Book at a Kansas District Conference at a starting bid of \$1,000.00 per copy.

INVOLVED IN ROTARY WORK ... WHILE SERVING THEIR CHURCH IN SOUTH AFRICA

"Service is the rent we pay for living on this planet," said Durban Mission President Danny Brock, as he stood in a large reception room amidst children and young adults, handicapped and unable to walk, who came to receive a brand new wheel chair recently from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the Rotary Club of Durban Umhlatuzana, South Africa.



"It is a sacred duty to help the needy," President Brock continued, speaking to a crowd full of dignitaries, youngsters, representatives of Durban's community, Rotary Club dignitaries, the press, Elders and senior missionaries in Durban's City Hall, a dignified and stately building, whose twin sister building stands in Glasgow, Scotland.

Rotary Clubs have a special place in Danny Brock's life, whether he is in Africa or his homeland, Utah, in the United States. Brock is a past Rotarian district governor of Utah. He and his wife Kelly, a labor and delivery nurse, have spent countless hours in the service of others. Brock once said, "You never know what can happen if you just show up. We need to show up for meetings, for projects, for service, to help someone else". Danny Brock was true to his word that day in Durban. Countless individuals will discover the freedom to move about easily, because of the gift of a wheel chair.



MAKING WHEELCHAIRS OBSOLETE

PolioPlus Partners DDF Appeal Continues

The members of the PolioPlus Partners Task Force are continuing to call districts to ask for their urgent help in supporting the Partners Program through the use of DDF. Funds are needed to support upcoming NIDs in Africa beginning in February. Cash contributions are also welcomed and will be matched at the rate of US\$.50 per dollar donated. **The need is urgent because the Polio Eradication Initiative has a golden opportunity to finally wipe out polio in all countries other than Nigeria** within the next six to eight months. This opportunity can only be seized if high quality NIDs are held in the next few months.



Photo by: Water For People

SAFE WATER ... DO WE HAVE A PLAN?

Are we articulating a vision of safe water for all by 2015 or sooner? Safe water for much of the world is one of the Millennium Development goals, but who's organizing it?

Might these be roles for Rotarians, for a Rotarians Action Group, Water?

Water is a CHRONIC DISASTER. We can save a 'tsunami's' worth of people every week by providing water.

WATER IS A SOLVABLE PROBLEM

If we create enough aware-

ness, and help the workers get organized, they can solve it faster, cheaper and more conclusively than they would pursuing their present plans.

We can JOIN efforts largely funded by others, such as the European Union's 3:1 matches for the Red Cross for over a dozen countries.

With so many efforts, there is horrific fragmentation of all the people doing 'good deeds'. We can help create the overview and coordination of the efforts. In that way, we can proceed to **WATER FOR ALL** much faster.

DRFC Chair Drake Zimmerman
drake.zimmerman@verizon.net

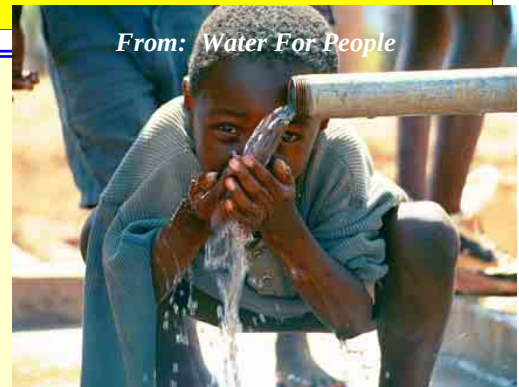
A 15,000-mile World Foot Race around the world to bring attention to the lack of safe drinking water.

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.

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

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



*Glenn E. Estess, Sr.
Past President 2004-2005,
Rotary International*

“More than one billion people do not have access to safe water ...

Rotarians can raise awareness in their communities by helping to build water wells, fund water conservation, conduct river cleanups, and install sanitation systems.

Water—the world's most precious commodity — is truly a gift of life.”

TWO MILLION HOMELESS 181,000 KILLED ... RESPONSES TO THE TSUNAMI ...



About a year ago, the tsunami killed 181,000 people as it devastated the coastlines of Sri Lanka, Indonesia, India, Thailand and other countries around the Indian Ocean.

The tsunami of Dec. 26, 2004, was an extraordinary calamity. Apart from the stunning death toll, it displaced close to two million people, razed entire villages, submerged others forever, ruined some 2,900 schools, and sundered families. The response was also extraordinary. The United Nations, usually accustomed to ranging across the world's rich countries with a begging bowl in hand to deal with emergencies, met its \$977 million appeal within a month. Private aid groups roped in record donations. Doctors Without Borders raised so much that it eventually diverted some of the money to other, far more neglected emergencies, namely a food crisis in West Africa and the earthquake in Pakistan.

All told, the tsunami generated a record \$13.6 billion in aid pledges, according to the United Nations.

AND SOME OF ROTARY'S RESPONSES

From www.Rotary.org

Nearly a year after the December 2004 tsunami devastated the island nation of Sri Lanka, children in the village of Ambalangoda are returning to a rebuilt and modernized school, thanks in part to Rotary.

Randombe Junior School is the first of 25 schools to be reconstructed in a nationwide initiative called Schools Reawakening. Led by Rotarians in Sri Lanka in cooperation with Standard Chartered Bank and Sri Lankan Ministry of Education, the project is rebuilding schools to meet government standards. Participating schools will be upgraded with facilities such as well-equipped libraries, state-of-the-art computer centers, gymnasiums, and science laboratories.

During a moving ceremony dedicating the school on 8 December, RI District 3220 Governor Nihal Bogahalande welcomed visitors, including RI President-elect Bill Boyd, Past RI President Luis Giay, and District 1170 Governor Andrew Herniman, representing Rotary sponsors from North Devon, England. Fifty Rotary clubs from around the world pooled their money together with funds from The Rotary Foundation of RI to realize the estimated US\$12 million project. "I am here today as a representative of an international organization of over 1.2 million people, and I do wish they were all here to be able to share [this] wonderful emotion," Boyd said in his address.

Nearly the entire population of Ambalangoda turned out to welcome the visitors with colorful flags and banners during the dedication. As part of the ceremony, Rotarians helped unveil a specially commissioned monument dedicated to three groups: those who perished in the tsunami, those who survived, and those who helped build the new school. Architect Aruni Malalasekera, a local Rotarian who helped construct the school, took visitors on a tour of the facility.

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AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PAST RRFC'S TO HELP REACH AND TEACH ROTARIANS ...

... RRFC'S HAVE AN ALARMINGLY BUSY SCHEDULE. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE RRFC'S TO PRESENT AT ALL OF THE CLUB MEETINGS. HERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PAST RRFC'S TO TEACH TRF HUMANITARIAN GRANTS AT THE CLUB LEVEL

Humanitarian Grants Training Presentations

The Humanitarian Grants Program has developed a number of training PowerPoint presentations that are listed below. If you would like any of these presentations, please contact Karen McLeod (mcleodk@rotaryintl.org), and she will be happy to email them to you.

1. Humanitarian Grants Overview (23-slide presentation that provides an overview to Humanitarian Grants)
2. Stewardship (32-slide presentation that discusses the various aspects of stewardship)
3. How to Complete a Matching Grant Application (22-slide presentation that goes step-by-step through the Matching Grant application)

4. Humanitarian Grants Modules (9 individual modules that cover the topics below):

- Overview Program Updates
- Creating a Viable Humanitarian Project
- Partnerships and Communication
- District Simplified Grants
- Matching Grants
- 3-H Grants
- Stewardship
- District Leadership
- Humanitarian Grants Seminar

(90-slide presentation that combines the information contained in the modules—intended for a full-day Humanitarian Grants Seminar)

Call your area clubs and ask to be invited to speak about TRF.



Rotary was one of the first organizations to offer help in the massive rebuilding effort set forth by the education ministry after the tsunami completely destroyed 92 schools and damaged 90 others, affecting some 85,000 students and 3,400 teachers. [Microsoft Corporation](#), [Room to Read](#), and the [American Red Cross](#) are also supporting the project in various ways.

"This wonderful project highlights the dedication and ability of Rotary [in] Sri Lanka and showcases to the world what [we are] capable of doing," said Giay. "I congratulate and commend the Rotarians of Sri Lanka for this great project."

By far, the loudest applause was reserved for 14-year-old Imesha Udhari de Soysa, a student at Randombe. "You have built us a new palace in place of our school, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts," said Imesha, who hopes to become a physician one day. "We will repay you in the only way we can — by studying hard and excelling in our examinations."

Rotarian Dion Schoorman contributed to this report.

Rotary Club of Aylsham, RIBI # 742
- Tsunami Book Sale
www.aylshamrotary.com



LEADERSHIP INSTITUTES PLANNED AT ROTARY CENTERS—UC-BERKELEY AND UNIVERSIDAD DEL SALVADOR

Past RREFC and Trustee Sonny Brown will again conduct leadership institutes for Rotary World Peace Fellows at the University of California, Berkeley and at Universidad del Salvador in Buenos Aires. The institutes will be similar to the one that Sonny and a team of trained Rotarians from El Paso, Texas led last year at the Duke/UNC Rotary Center. It will be an opportunity for Peace Fellows to meet with Rotarians and university center participants to talk about the importance of leadership within Rotary and in organizations devoted to peace building and conflict resolution.

Fellows will be interviewed before the institutes as to their backgrounds and interests. The institute at Berkeley will be held February 3-5, and at Universidad del Salvador, later in the spring. For more information, contact Sonny at: sonny@sonnybrown.com.

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will exist under a new category called “Global Networking Groups.” These organizational changes will take effect 1 July 2005.

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

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

If and when RI decides on a new corporate program to follow Polio Plus,

perhaps the Rotary Action Groups will have evolved to an operational quality that the trustees will see as being worthy of support. Indeed, the Rotary World will be looking at them with great interest

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

*Past RI Director
John Eberhard
2003-2005*

ACCEPTANCE PACKET AND HANDBOOK FOR 2006-07 AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARS

2006-07 Ambassadorial Scholars will receive their scholarship Acceptance Packet, including the first ever CD-ROM Scholar Handbook, in early February. This year's packet is streamlined with various materials incorporated into the 2006-07 CD-ROM Scholar Handbook. Scholars should find it easier to plan and organize their scholarship year. We encourage scholars and Rotarians to visit the Educational Programs download center at: <http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/foundation/educational.html#scholarships> to access the handbooks.

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World Bank, International Development Bank, Boy & Girl Scouts, etc., etc. The basic idea is to allow those Rotarians with any respectable "Special Interests" in Our Family of Rotary to come together via a Fellowship where they would communicate among one another via Internet & and find ways of getting together at our Conventions, etc.

I recently found a group of Rotarians who have as their "special interest" to be involved in helping Mongolia and others who feel the same about helping Cambodia. I automatically thought of Why not a fellowship of Rotary Friends of Mongolia, another of Friends of Cambodia. Hope you see the idea. I can not for the life of me understand why we have not thought of something similar in the past.

What ever the Fellowship, Recreational, Vocational, Educational, Health Related, or whatever respectable "Special Interest" we would always remember that Rotary is a highly respected international organization & for that reason whatever we do has to take into account the ethnic, cultural & religious sensitivities found in Our Rotary World.

Existing Rotary Fellowships from Repaired Hearts, Eye care, MS, Polio Survivors Fellowships are examples for The Family of Rotary to consider the forming others dealing with Diabetes, Cancer Survivors, Hepatitis C, etc.

The existing Landmine, Population and HIV related fellowships are more examples of Rotarians of Special Interests coming together.

Doing the above is a

Rotary coming into its second century by having adapted to Changing Times. Not accepting changes of the type I am mentioning in my personal opinion simply will make us go the route of other similar type organizations that like certain businesses have now been long forgotten.

I hope you get my message of trying to help Rotary in finding a variety of innovative ways to keep Rotarians interested in staying in Rotary. You can help Rotary at all levels to see the benefits of promoting the concept of Fellowships, Rotary Action Groups and whatever we might call now or in the future these well meaning Rotarians who would like to have their respectable "Special Interest Group" coming together.



FOUNDATION-ARRANGED GSE PARTNERSHIPS HELP DISTRICTS TO EXPLORE NEW HORIZONS



Each year when District GSE applications are submitted to TRF, about 60% of districts have already arranged a GSE partnership with another district. The remaining 40% request that TRF find a

GSE partner for them, and must remain flexible about their geographical preferences and the availability of partner districts.

In 2004-05, District 3720 of Korea was paired by TRF with District 3150 of India. Since the districts had not prearranged this partnership, they had some concerns about language differences and the benefit of such an exchange. Upon arrival in Korea, the Indian GSE team was surprised by the similarities between their country and their host country. The language challenges did not prevent team members from learning new techniques in their professions (the medical professionals observed eye surgery, for example). Another team member who was a professional dancer realized that traditional Indian dancing had several similarities to traditional Korean dancing.

Thanks to this GSE, the two districts formed a friendship that will continue

to grow through joint community projects: they have recently decided to collaborate on a drinking water project in India.



Each year, over 30 matching grant projects are born of GSE relationships. If districts in your area tend to partner with the same geographical regions year after year, encourage them to consider a GSE pairing with a developing country and to explore partnerships that might hold potential for future collaboration!

SOME IMPORTANT NEW MATERIALS ... CURRENTLY AVAILABLE OR SOON-TO-BE AVAILABLE

FROM THE ROTARY DISTRIBUTION CENTER

(THIS IS A GREAT SOURCE OF RI/TRF INFORMATION AND MOST ARE FREE OF CHARGE)



The following publications are available:

* Rotary Center for International Studies - PowerPoint

(new; codeline 10-05), 049 MUR

* Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program - Poster

(new; codeline 10-05), 076 EN

* Rotary World Peace Fellowships

(new; codeline 10-05), 084 EN, FR, GE, IT, JP, KO, PO, SP

* 2006-07 Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program Application

(revised; codeline 9-05), 091 TH (Thai)

* Rotary Peace and Conflict Program - Program Guide for Rotarians

(new; codeline 11-05), 104 EN

(may not be available for distribution at this time)

* Rotary Foundation 2005 Facts

(revised; codeline 11-05), 159 EN

* Your Bequest to The Rotary Foundation

(revised; codeline 9-05), 183 PO, SP

* The Rotary Foundation Annual Report

(revised; codeline 10-05), 187 ENB

* RI Recognition of Membership Development Initiative - DG Submission Form

(new; codeline 10-05), 421 EN, FR, GE, IT, JP, KO, JP, PO, SP, SW (may not be available for distribution at this time)

* RI Recognition of Membership Development Initiative - Club Submission Form

(new; codeline 10-05), 422 EN, FR, GE, IT, JP, KO, PO, SP, SW (may not be available for distribution at this time)

* Organizing New Clubs

(revised; codeline 9-05), 808 EN, FR, GE, IT, JP, KO, PO, SP, SW

A RECIPE FOR SUCCESS:

AN ANALYSIS OF THE KILLEEN RC FOUNDATION GIVING STRATEGY

A SMALL TEXAS (U.S.A.) CLUB SHINES



The 50 member Killeen RC fully embrace the idea of total support for the RI Foundation. A strong “club culture” for Foundation fund raising has emerged and the results speak for themselves.

- Two hundred and fifty two percent of the active Rotarians and their families are Paul Harris fellows.
- Twenty four per cent of all members and their families are

Benefactors of the Permanent Fund.

- Three members have achieved Major Donor status.
- All members are multiple sustaining members in annual unrestricted giving to the Foundation.

WHY SUCH SUCCESS?

It is clear that there are some basic procedures in place to assure positive outcomes. Since Foundation support is held as a very high priority, steps are taken to assure consistent success year to year. Critical baseline steps are noted below:

- There is a Foundation VP on the Club Board
- Periodic educational programs are planned during weekly meetings
- An annual club goal is adopted--\$17,000 in 2005-2006
- A monthly billing system for donations and dues is in place
- Club goals include sustaining giving by all members
- Club goals include Paul Harris Fellowship status by all members
- On a regular week-by-week basis, action is taken to keep the RI Foundation foremost in the minds of all members.
- The Foundation is mentioned in some way every meeting.

Beyond the regular sustaining giving, other fund raising techniques are used as outlined below. (It is interesting to note that all of these “extra” fund raising efforts are done having fun.) Unique strategies include:

- Game board drawings (3 annually) raise funds and generate enthusiasm.
- Dollars from Fund Raisers are used to match donations beyond EREY.
- Foundation Cups are displayed weekly to collect change for Foundation.

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RAISING FUNDS AND PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

It is also important to note that the club participates actively in RI Foundation supported programs:

- District Simplified Grants;
- Humanitarian Matching Grants;
- Group Study Exchange;
- Ambassadorial Scholarships.

Such involvement appears to give the members new energy to continue Foundation support each year. The Killeen Rotary Club Rotarians understand the relationship between the vision of "world peace and understanding" and donations to the RI Foundation.



SETTING GOALS

KILLEEN RC FOUNDATION GOALS FOR 2005-2006

Sustaining Giving	50 members	\$5,000
Foundation Game Boards		\$3,000
Club Matching Funds	\$4,500 (matching)	\$9,000
Foundation Cup Giving		\$2,400

TOTAL: \$19,400

Achievement of these goals will result in Foundation giving for the Killeen RC at a per capita basis of \$388.

Can active involvement help motivate your club to higher giving levels? You bet!

Can your club improve on its current giving level? You bet!

**PDG PATSY DERR, D 5870 FOUNDATION CHAIR AND
PDG GENE DAVENPORT, DEPUTY CHAIR**

CRISIS IN NIGER



"THIS MORNING I WENT to a feeding camp outside of Niamey, the capital of Niger, with Niger Rotarians," Nicholas Mancus, a Benin Rotarian, wrote on 27 September. "Two girls died there this morn-ing. I witnessed children in severe states of malnutrition on the verge of death. It is worse than you can imagine. The children that I saw there looked like embryos."

An invasion of locusts and severe drought in 2004 has left more than 3.5 million people, nearly a third of Niger's population, in desperate need. Thousands have died in the second



worst hunger crisis in the history of the landlocked West African nation.



Inspired by Niger's 53 Rotarians, who engineered an agreement with Niger's government and the United Nations Population Fund to help severely malnourished children, Rotarians across Africa are coming together to raise funds for food relief. The effort demonstrates "that we Rotarians of the African conti-

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nent do care and can take some effective action," says coordinator Benson U.C. Aghazu, a member of the Rotary Club of Enugu, Nigeria.

At the core of the campaign is an appeal for districts to use money from their District Designated Fund (DDF) for projects funded by Matching Grants from The Rotary Foundation, with District 9100 acting as host partner.

By September, District 9100, encompassing 87 Rotary clubs in 14 African countries, including Niger, had committed US\$12,000. Districts 9110 (Nigeria), 9140 (Nigeria), and 9200 (five East African nations) also made cash commitments, along with clubs in Europe and North America, reports Mancus, coordinator of the District 9100 Water,

Health, and Hunger Concerns Resource Group.

District 9100 Governor Laurence Kouassi urges support for long-term projects, such as cereal banks, which cost about \$5,000 each, and small-scale irrigation farming.

Tendai Uhuru
From the Rotarian,
January 2006



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SERVICE Above Self

**Affection never was wasted.
— Henry Wadsworth Longfellow**

**Be ashamed to die, unless you
have won some victory for humanity.
— Horace Mann**

**When we do the best we can, we never
know what miracle is wrought in our life, or
in the life of another.
— Helen Keller**

**The real secret of success is enthusiasm. Yes, more
than enthusiasm, I would say excitement. I like to see
men get excited. When they get excited they make a
success of their lives.**

—Walter Chrysler