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ROTARY IN THE GUN SIGHTS ...



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President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar visited Denver, Colorado USA a few weeks ago to participate in a Quad-District Foundation Weekend.

He shared RI's initiatives in China (two clubs to be chartered), the Rotary

handshake between Turkey and Cyprus and recent Rotary inroads in Cuba.

A question came from the floor pertaining to Palestine and President Carl replied that we (RI) now have some experience in these areas and ... perhaps we can make inroads.

The following weekend elections took place there and Fatah was soundly trounced by Hamas.

I surfed the web to find the Hamas Mandate and in it Hamas describes itself as "a distinct Palestinian movement ... and strives to raise the banner of Allah over every inch of Palestine."

The Charter calls for the elimination of Israel and Jews from Islamic holy land and condemnation of sup-

posedly Zionist organizations like the Rotary Clubs and the Masons.



... it will wipe out those organizations (Rotary), which are the enemy of humanity...



Wait a minute! Condemns Zionist organizations like Rotary? I did a word search in the Hamas Mandate (the word Rotary) and came up with three references to Rotary clubs and one follows below.

Therefore ... using as their intermediaries their craftsmen who are part of the various Zionist Organizations which take on all sorts of names and shapes such as: the Freemasons, Rotary Clubs, gangs of spies and the like. All of them are nests of saboteurs and sabotage ... The Muslims must fulfill their duty in confronting the schemes of those saboteurs. When Islam will retake possession of (the means to) guide the life (of the Muslims), it will wipe out those organizations, which are the enemy of humanity and Islam.

It seems to me that Rotary is in the gun sights.



SERVICE Above Self

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS and RETURN ON INVESTMENT

After I went through a list of 154 names of recent Foundation Alumni (mostly scholars) all I have to say is that if any program needed a "sunset" evaluation provision this is one that should be at the head of the list.

I figure that TRF spent Millions on those scholars and for what. I bet none of them are Rotarians. I looked through the Arizona ones and I have been a Rotarian in Arizona for over 48 years and I know none of them contribute to Rotary in any fashion.

Are we are getting any bang for the buck. Is anyone minding the store on these Educational Programs?

Tim Creedon, D5500, Arizona USA

Golden Opportunity to Eradicate Polio this Year with Upcoming NIDs



According to the World Health Organization, in 2006 the world has a chance to eradicate polio everywhere except Nigeria. This can only be accomplished if political will is maintained and adequate financial resources are secured. With all time low levels of polio in most endemic countries, upcoming National Immunization Days (NIDs) will be the key in ensuring that the final reservoirs of the virus are knocked out. Several National PolioPlus Committees have or will be submitting projects to support these critical NIDs this spring. All Rotarians are encouraged to help finish the battle against polio by supporting these projects. Please see the Open Projects List on Rotary's website at http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/ppp_openprojects.pdf.

Questions & Answers *From the educational department of TRF*

1/ Does the 3 month cultural scholarship have hard beginning and end dates?

Or, can it be used "flexibly" to "squeeze" into a 10-week summer break, for example, the school district calendar doesn't pro-

vide a full 3 months vacation break?

2/ Can the 12 weeks be divided into 2 segments; for example, a language immersion program could include 6 weeks one summer and 6 weeks the next summer, thus allowing some family or personal time during the remainder of the summer?"

In answer to #1, yes.

Some of the North Carolina Rotary districts in fact are experts at using the 3-Month Cultural Scholarship this way, to sponsor school teachers, nurses, police officers, etc. for intensive language training over the summer. TRF does not like to see the duration fall below 10 weeks.

The answer to #2 is no.

WHY THE ROTARY FOUNDATION IS MY CHARITY OF CHOICE

I have the opportunity to share my prosperity, skills and education to change a few lives in my neighbourhood and around the world. The Rotary Foundation is my charity of choice because it allows me to make a small contribution back to the community that has given me such a wonderful life.

An essential tenet of Rotary is the recognition of the worth and importance of the individual.

Albus Dumbledore, in J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, said, *"Differences of habit and language are nothing at all if our aims are identical and our hearts are open"*. This describes what Rotarians do and the goal of The Rotary Foundation.

I was introduced to Rotary as a GSE team member to India in 1981. This exposed me to the international and humanitarian side of Rotary before I was invited to join a Rotary Club. This prologue to Rotary gave me a sound base in what The Rotary Foundation accomplishes. I met the people whose lives The Rotary Foundation changes. I visited a Rotary Foundation funded eye hospital where the blind walk in and the sighted walk out. Our team visited a rural school with a Rotary wheel over the door, a dirt floor but desks and books, where due to the generosity of Rotarians literacy flourished.

I have interviewed Ambassadorial Scholar applicants, hosted GSE Team members in my home and led a GSE team. I was part of a team that received a Rotary Foundation Individual Grant to travel to the Philippines last year. I have seen first hand how The Rotary Foundation uses my donations. I have seen how lives are affected, how they are changed by our Foundation.

I support The Rotary Foundation because it



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Strategic Advisor.*



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WHY I AM A ROTARIAN

I was an Ambassadorial Scholar in 1980 – '81 and determined to give back something to Rotary, therefore became a founding member of the Rotary Foundation Alumni in Western Australia in 1983.



Thanks to one persistent Rotarian who did not know the meaning of "Thank you, but no!" I am now a member of the Rotary family and look forward to meetings and enjoy a supportive group of Rotarians, their partners and others who contribute new ideas and support local, district and international projects.

I had no idea until I became a Rotarian that there would be at least twenty-six club members for projects and that collectively we could make a difference for many.

The power of Rotary through Rotarians and partners who know the meaning of Service Above Self tells why I am a Rotarian.

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WHY ARE YOU A ROTARIAN?

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

WHY I AM A ROTARIAN

扶輪之於我，其意義於今、於未來為何？

What Rotary means to me now and for the future

「假如扶輪的意義就是給予，我很高興我歸屬於扶輪。」扶輪給予我的不僅僅只是有機會與人分享金錢，也要與世人分享我的時間、智慧、承諾以及我們的關心與努力。因為，我深曉“重要的是你自己究竟給予了多少？那就會使你的生活昇華了多少。”因此，我應經由扶輪來獻出我的時間、才能與智慧去改善他人生活的品質。

**If Rotary meaning is to give,
then I am proud to belong to it.
Rotary gives me opportunities not
only to share money but also to share
my time, wisdom, commitment, & my
care and effort to others in the
worldwide.**

**Because I understand that
"What is important is how much of
yourself you put into the giving. That
is what makes the living sublime." So
I will keep giving my time and talent
and improve the quality of other
people's life from Rotary.**



**RRFC Dens
Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator, Zones 4B, 2005-08**

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SAFE WATER FOR ALL?



The countries of South America were some of the first to totally control polio and after that, measles. There are no cases of indigenous measles in the Americas. A few imported cases, but that's all.

Continuing on the vaccination front, the countries of Latin America are leaders on Rubella vaccination, too. The bottom line: Latin America leads the world on many implementations.

So, why not also water? Much water infrastructure is in place. Much of the information is known on what has been done and what needs to be done. Why not have the Americas "LEAD

THE WORLD AGAIN" in providing *Safe Water for All* in the coming few years? The world will step up to help make that happen. The time is ripe. The impact would be grand.

Rotarians are organizing an Action Group – Water. The Americas would give them fast successes to build on.

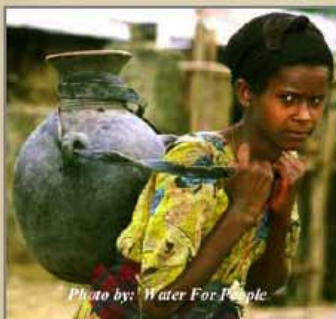
In addition: Frank Devlyn - the Chair of the Trustees of the Rotary Foundation is from Mexico and the incoming (2006-07)

Trustee Chair, beginning 1 July, is the similarly outstanding Luis Vicente Giay, Past President of Rotary International from Argentina.

Between them they have the where-withal and as Central and South Americans may have a special, personal interest in making safe water a reality for everyone in the Americas very fast.

Drake Zimmerman
DRFC Chair

... Organize Latin America to provide safe water for all of Latin America—and the world would then follow.



安全的水資源..... 我們有一套計劃嗎? SAFE WATER ... DO WE HAVE A PLAN?

地區扶輪基金主委 DRFC Chair Drake Zimmerman
台北松山扶輪社前社長 高永吉 PP Spencer 譯 2005/01/18

我們能夠很清楚的說出一個在 2015 年或更早人類安全的水資源的願景嗎？能為大部份的全球人類獲得安全的水資源是千禧年開發目標中的一項，但問題是誰在籌劃它呢？這可能是我們扶輪社員或水資源扶輪社員行動團體的職責？

水是一種長期的災禍。只要提供水我們就能每週救援像“海嘯”一樣多的人們。

水是一種可解決的問題

如果我們可以開創足夠的認知，能使工作人員有組織的，那麼能比他們現在所追趕的計劃更快速、更廉價並且更明確的解決問題。

我們也可參與大部分由別人所提供基金來共同努力，諸如歐盟的 3 比 1 與 12 個以上國家的紅十字會的配合款。

雖然做了這麼多的努力，所有人類所作的“善行”仍然是支離破碎的許多片段而已。我們能夠協助去設計成果的評估與協調。如此我們將可更快速的為大家獲得水資源。

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 awareness, 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.

全世界 12 億中大約 20% 人口

缺乏獲取安全飲用水的資源

今日 80% 人類的疾病與死亡單純主因都是與水有關

- 每天有 25,000 人們的死亡是由於不安全的飲用水
- 每小時約有 400 位 5 歲以下的兒童由於下痢而死亡
- 獲取水資源(甚至於不安全)的艱難及困擾是主要的原因
- 許多婦女及孩童(通常女孩)平均每天得花 6 小時取水
- 一般家庭通常他們 25% 收入用於購買水並帶回家之上
- 在世界上水是許多衝突事件中主要的原因

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

“超過 10 億人口缺乏獲取安全的水資源.....

扶輪社員可藉由鑿水井、提供水資源保護資金、執行河川清除並配置衛生下水道系統以喚起其社區居民的認知。

水—是世界上最珍貴的日用品—是我們生命最寶貴的禮物。”

2004-05 年度國際扶輪前社長艾思梯士

“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.”

Glenn E. Estess, Sr.

Past President 2004-2005, Rotary International



"Those for whom **PEACE** is no more
than a **DREAM** are asleep to the **FUTURE.**"

— Jack DuVall, Founding Director of the International Center on Nonviolent Conflict

ROTARY WORLD PEACE FELLOWSHIPS

Students, hand-picked by Rotarians, earn a U.S. master's degree (or the equivalent) in international studies, peace studies, conflict resolution, or a related field at one of seven Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution.

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Universidad del Salvador

Australia

University of Queensland

France

Sciences Po

United States

University of California, Berkeley

England

University of Bradford

United States

Duke University and University
of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Japan

International Christian
University

Apply before 1 July 2006 through your local Rotary club.

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ROTARY CENTERS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES IN PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International

WHAT IS A ROTARY WORLD PEACE FELLOW?

Each year, our Rotary Foundation selects and supports up to 70 outstanding young professionals to pursue two-year master's degrees in Peace Studies at among seven Rotary-partner university centers around the world. These scholars are schooled in areas such as: root causes of conflict: conflict resolution: and developing governmental, inter-governmental, and non-governmental partnerships to create peace.

The first class of graduates is now working as advisors to national presidents and senior policy analysts to international agencies. Their course work and their internships with international agencies have prepared them to influence positively the course of world events.

Our Rotary Foundation needs Rotary clubs and districts to become more involved in this promising program — by recruiting, nominating and nurturing applicants: and by creating endowments and allocating DDF to fully support this program.

More information and application materials are available at www.rotary.org under The Rotary Foundation, Education Programs.

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3 - H GRANTS

Did you know that....

Many of the 3-H project proposals TRF received in 2005 ***could not move on to the application stage because the club and district sponsors had not previously sponsored a Matching Grant together in the last 5 years.*** This is an important requirement for all 3-H grants, which helps ensure the sponsors can effectively work together and fulfill the Foundation's requirements with smaller grants before offering larger ones. Effective communication and experience working together as partners on grant projects often results in the most successful 3-H projects.

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trans-forms lives. The Rotary Foundation creates confidence where there is disarray, understanding where there is suspicion, fellowship where there is loneliness, and health where there is sickness and despair. The Rotary Foundation looks above race, creed and politics. Rotarians do not ask is the glass half empty or half full, Rotarians ask who needs a glass of clean water. The water is provided by our Foundation.

The Rotary Foundation is transparent. I know where my money goes. The Foundation annual report is mailed to my club and the audited financial statements are available on the Rotary web site. While some charities spend large amounts of money they

raise on their own organization, The Rotary Foundation spends less than fifteen percent on fund development and administration. This places our Foundation in the top tier of charities for sound stewardship of the funds Rotarians donate.

Philanthropy experts say people should follow their hearts in giving. They also say that targeted giving can help charitable groups because it provides a predictable stream of income so they can plan long-term.

Unlike the stock market, you really shouldn't be diversifying your giving. It is best if you stick with a charity over time and make a commitment for the long haul. That is what I have done with The Rotary Foundation. I be-

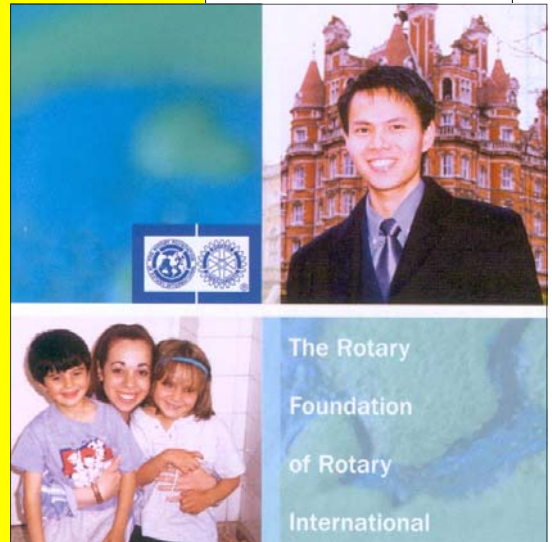
came a sustaining member, then a Paul Harris Fellow, a Benefactor, Bequest Society member and a Major Donor because The Rotary Foundation is my charity of choice.

I will in a few months play a small part in an historic event. The last child in the world will be inflicted with polio and never again with that scourge strike down a child. My role is minor. Some of my donations went to the eradicate polio because The Rotary Foundation is my charity of choice.

Our true wealth is the good that we do. I hope you make The Rotary Foundation your charity of choice.

Scholarships Fund Pool for Low-Income Countries

All districts - both high and low-income - are encouraged to donate any amount of DDF to the fund pool as they plan their DDF spending for program year **2007-08**. All districts and non-districted clubs in low-income countries may submit one scholarship application to compete for up to 32 Ambassadorial Scholarships awarded annually through the fund pool. A Trustee-appointed selection committee considers all applications on a world-competitive basis. The deadline to submit applications is the same as for all 2007-08 Ambassadorial Scholarship applications: **1 October 2006**. Contact: Renée Stephenson, Resource Development Supervisor, tel: 847-866-3314; fax: 847-866-0934; email: Renee.Stephenson@rotary.org.



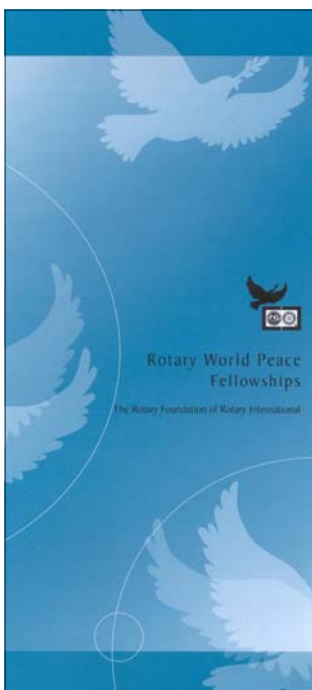
District Designated Funds are Always Appreciated

Please continue to encourage Districts in your area to contribute any unused DDF to the Rotary Centers Program. It is estimated that there is over **US\$ 37.3 million** in 2005-06 DDF currently not allocated. It is easy to designate funds to become a Rotary Centers Peacebuilder District. Each RRFC is asked to set the goal to obtain at least one additional Rotary Center Peacebuilder District Commitment for TRF by 31 August 2006. Donations made by the end of August will ensure that TRF is able to fund at least 60 2007-09 fellowships. ***Districts that donate DDF in the amount of US\$25,000 per year or US\$50,000 every other year to support a Rotary World Peace Fellow for study at one of the Rotary Centers for International Studies for the 2006-07-program year and beyond are recognized as Rotary Centers Peacebuilder Districts.*** TRF will

recognize Peacebuilder Districts with special banners and certificates. Use the format on the website to become a Peacebuilder District:

http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/centers/funding/index.html

If a Peacebuilder commitment is not possible, districts may donate any amount of DDF to the program using the Educational Programs and Rotary Foundation Fund Pools Donation Form for Rotary Year 2007-08.





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Please, do not let any time go by without creating ROTARY FOUNDATION ALUMNI action between now and 1 July. There are PETS, District Assemblies and Conferences that should have alumni and/or alumni information in the programs.

What are the alumni goals of each of your district's TRF committees? If the district foundation committee does not have alumni goals that the governor supports, are you doing anything to make that happen?

*"The woods are lovely, dark and deep.
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep."*

*From "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening,"
American poet Robert Frost*

The highest reward for a person's toil is not what they get for it, but what they become by it.