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A MILLION PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

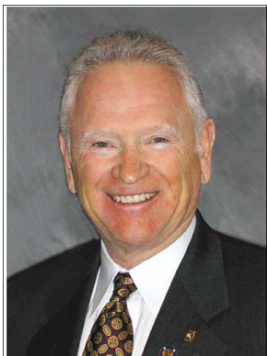
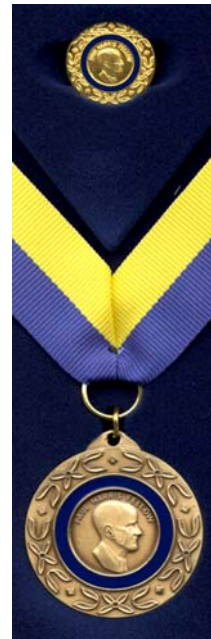
Do all of the Rotarians in your club (or district) know how to become a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF)? If not see page 20.

Obviously lots of them do for this Rotary year we anticipate naming our one millionth PHF.

low from each zone will be selected to represent the "One Millionth Paul Harris Fellow."

To be eligible, the Paul Harris Fellow must be a living person and a first-time Paul Harris Fellow. Each recipient will receive the standard PHF pin, medallion and certificate recognition plus a 1,000,000th Paul Harris Fellow commemorative plaque and special certificate for presentation at a club, district and/or zone event.

This is a great way to promote the Annual Programs Fund and to help you meet your goals as we begin to wind down the 2005-2006 Rotary Foundation Campaign. Please see page 20.



*PRRFC Eddie Blender
Zone 25, 2002-04*

Do you know who the first PHF was? It was Al Brush, from the Rotary Club of Laurel Mississippi. He became the first Paul Harris Fellow in 1957. The second recipient was Rufus Chapin who in 1957 was still attending the Club he had joined in 1905, the Rotary Club of Chicago – our first club.

It is anticipated that The Rotary Foundation will achieve the milestone of the One Millionth Paul Harris Fellow by 30 June 2006. As that milestone is achieved, one new Paul Harris Fel-



SERVICE Above Self



INCOMING CHAIRMAN OF THE TRUSTEES LUIS GIAY OUTLINES VISION FOR THE FOUNDATION

The Rotary Foundation needs to be proactive, flexible, visionary, and trustworthy, said its incoming chair ...

Giay mentioned these characteristics in a speech about the future of the Foundation during Rotary's International Assembly, a training conference for incoming district governors taking place 16-23 February in San Diego, California, USA.

With respect to its short-term future, Giay said the goals for the Foundation in Rotary year 2006–07 are to:

- Focus on eradicating polio
- Raise the Foundation's profile as an advocate of peace and conflict resolution through partnerships with institutions
- Encourage Rotarians to donate an average of US\$100 each to the Annual Programs Fund and also set a record for major gifts to the Permanent Fund, or endowment fund
- Work with Rotary International to enhance Rotary's public image
- Improve grassroots training to increase Rotarians' awareness of the Foundation's mission
- Streamline management of the Foundation's educational and humanitarian programs
- Implement a plan for the future

To help with the latter, the trustees created the Future Vision Committee. (Please go to www.rotary.org and [Take a survey for the committee.](#))

The committee has consulted experts and surveyed more than 20,000 Rotarians. It is working on a so-called Future Vision Plan for the short, medium, and long term. It will go into effect gradually as of 1 July 2006 and should be fully operational by 30 June 2007, Giay said. He said the committee wants the Foundation to:

1. Take proactive rather than reactive steps to solve problems
2. Serve Rotarians "without piling more work, more paper, more bureaucracy on them"
3. Involve Rotarians more in the administration of projects at the district level
4. Have the Permanent Fund able to invest more than US\$400 million in programs annually by 2015 — almost the equivalent to a PolioPlus program every two years
5. Exercise careful stewardship of its funds
6. Become a charity of choice for the majority of Rotarians
7. Take on new corporate projects and secure financial partners to carry out projects

*By Tiffany Woods
Rotary International News*

... GIAY'S PERSONAL VISION

In addition to outlining the Future Vision Committee's objectives, Giay also described his personal, long-term vision for the Foundation.

He said the Foundation should:

- Consolidate programs into four major areas: health, education, environment, and world peace
- Not create more programs, but concentrate instead on supporting and funding Rotarians' service activities
- Play a more important role in preserving peace
- Create "megaprograms," in which "everyone can participate and millions can receive benefits"
- Phase out undesignated contributions and have the Permanent Fund support all the Foundation's annual programs
- Make the Humanitarian Grants Program the "superstar." He said that by 2010 such programs should represent close to 90 percent of the overall program budget. The other 10 percent would be educational programs, he said. The Humanitarian Grants Program includes Matching Grants; Health, Hunger, and Humanity (3-H) Grants, and the corporate program, which is currently polio eradication. Presently, humanitarian programs make up 75 percent of the program budget, he said. Under his idea, the amount of money given to educational programs wouldn't shrink; instead the money for humanitarian programs would increase.
- Increase the Foundation's funds by at least 10 percent a year. "In 2007, we will need \$150 million and by 2010, \$200 million — and these are annual figures," he said.

*By Tiffany Woods
Rotary International News*



*Luis Vicente Giay at the RI
Assembly in San Diego
Photo by Alyce Henson, RI*



INCOMING RI PRESIDENT WILLIAM BOYD ASKS ROTARIANS TO LEAD THE WAY



Held 17-23 February in San Diego, the International Assembly is Rotary's premier training meeting. "Governors-elect" representing 529 Rotary districts and from more than 130 countries will focus on how the world's first service organization can better meet the needs of communities around the globe.

Rotary's annual International Assembly prepares "governors-elect" from 529 regional districts for their one-year terms in office, which begin July 1. Each district contains between 40 and 160 local Rotary clubs working to meet the needs of communities around the world.

Rotary is the world's first club-based, volunteer service organization and now supports nearly 33,000 clubs in 168 countries. Often called "Rotary University," the International Assembly highlights innovative service projects from around the globe — including those that reduce poverty and hunger, improve literacy, promote health education and disease prevention, provide disaster relief, support job training for the disabled, establish micro-credit programs and foster world peace and understanding.



For the past 20 years, Rotary's top priority has been the eradication of polio, a goal 99 per cent accomplished. "In the last 101 years, Rotary has grown tremendously in size and visibility," said William : "Bill" Boyd, Rotary International's President for 2006-2007."It has gone from one small club to a vast international network of volunteers -- people with both the will to work hard and the ability to make a real difference in their own communities and far beyond them."

AN URGENT APPEAL FOR DDF FOR POLIO PLUS PARTNERS



In addition to mass immunization with monovalent vaccines in the four endemic countries (Nigeria, India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan), large-scale campaigns with these vaccines will need to take place in 2006 in eight countries --- including Somalia, Indonesia, and Yemen -- to stop recently imported polioviruses.

HELP IS NEEDED FOR NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION DAYS (NID)

The need for high quality NIDs is of such importance that an urgent appeal is being made to every district to donate a portion of their District Designated Funds to PolioPlus Partners to ensure that your fellow Rotarians can carry out the activities necessary to finally win the war against polio. Contact your District Governor or District Rotary Foundation Chair to encourage them to support this urgent appeal.

Indigenous polio has dropped to an all-time low with presence in only four countries

The number of countries with indigenous polio has dropped to an all-time low of four. On 1 February 2006, Egypt was officially declared polio-free and all of the cases in Niger were determined to be the result of imported polio cases. Nigeria, India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan are now the only countries considered endemic for the wild polio-

virus. In 2006, monovalent vaccines, aimed at individual virus strains, will be the primary platform for eradication in all remaining polio-affected areas -- enabling the eradication drive to hone in on poliovirus types 1 and 3.



WHY I AM A ROTARIAN

I believe in the worth and dignity of every human being. Yet I see around me, whether in my home community or elsewhere in the world, people who are hungry, illiterate, frightened, ill, and unable to care for themselves.

I believe in the admonition that "He who saves a single life saves the world entire." Yet I see more hands reaching out for help than I can touch alone. Hands, which if touched by the gift of caring and help, can add to betterment of our society.

I believe that as we reach out to help a person in need, we help ourselves the most. We enjoy great personal satisfaction in seeing a helpless person become a productive member of society.

I believe that a person who is literate, well fed, healthy, and earning sufficient to care for his family is less likely to seek aggression, whether war or crime, as a solution to his problems.

I believe that each person who can should reach out to help another. But ***I also believe*** that a great deal more good can be achieved by many people working in concert with each other.

I believe that Rotary International stands in a unique position in our society as an organization, which has the capacity, intention, and ability to reach those in need, working toward world understanding and peace.

I believe that Rotarians are individuals who care about each other and all people of the world.

I believe Rotarians have the compassion, caring, understanding, willingness, and ability to make a difference in our world.

For these reasons, ***I believe*** Rotary International and Rotarians **do** make a difference in our world society.

For these reasons, **I am a Rotarian.**

Abraham I. Gordon

Director, Rotary International, 1998-2000.

Member of the Rotary Club of Bridgeport, Connecticut, U.S.A.

District 7980

WHY ARE YOU A ROTARIAN?

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

AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The Survey for the Future Vision Committee (page 8) of The Rotary Foundation has been brought to my attention, and it raises some grave concerns about the future of the Ambassadorial Scholarship Program. The survey instrument itself shows a considerable bias in favor of Grants and the World Peace Fellows programs, and against the Ambassadorial Scholarship Program.



Indeed, all of these programs are valuable and deserving of funding. Our Planning Committee for the Ambassadorial Scholar Orientation Seminar for Zone 31 (Northeast Link) has been very aware of the "competition" between Humanitarian and Educational uses with regard to financial support from The Rotary Foundation. Each year we devote a 90-minute segment of our Friday-

Saturday program to exploring how Scholars, Rotarians and district leaders must work together for "Strengthening The Ambassadorial Scholarship Program," exploring that very issue--Educational vs. Humanitarian uses.

I am reminded of dear Howard Vann, who frequently used the short story of "What it Means to Be a Rotarian"--"we build pools in which others will swim, we plant trees whose shade and fruit others will enjoy," etc. That is what the Ambassadorial Scholarship Program is all about. Latrines, sewing machines, medicine, and water wells are very important, and show immediate results in the quality of life, which they can bring to a village. *Each Scholar is an "acorn." We cannot see now what "mighty oak" may result in the future.*

Year after year (we) are inspired by the 40+ Ambassadorial Scholars (both Inbound and Outbound) involved with our Zone orientation. Many have already been significantly active in humanitarian efforts. Very likely many (probably most!) will bring their understanding of Rotary ideals and the peaceful mission of Rotary to their families, businesses, communities and nations.

Bill Moyers, Sadako Ogata, Roger Ebert, Billy Campbell, Sandy Unger, Massachusetts Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey, Jane Sullivan Roberts (wife of Chief Justice Roberts), are just a few of the outstanding former Ambassadorial Scholars.

YES, it is important to educate 60 people (WPF) worldwide annually so that they may take places in governments, etc. and address issues of conflict resolution, sustainable development, negotiation, peaceful solutions, etc. YES, clean water, etc. is needed to improve the quality of life for disad-

IT IS SO IMPORTANT TO CONTINUE THE VITAL INFLUENCE INTO SO MANY WALKS OF LIFE, WHICH THE AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM PROVIDES.

FORMER SCHOLARS ARE SIGNIFICANT MEMBERS OF OUR "FAMILY OF ROTARY," BUT THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR INVOLVEMENT DOES NOT FALL TO THEM ALONE--WE ALL HAVE AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY.

I SINCERELY AND URGENTLY HOPE THAT THE FUTURE VISION COMMITTEE CAN RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM--NOW AND IN THE FUTURE.

扶輪基金未來憧憬委員會 TRF'S FUTURE VISIONS COMMITTEE

台北松山扶輪社前社長 高永吉 PP Spencer 譯 2005/01/22

預期將來有許多的挑戰，國際扶輪基金會未來願景委員會業已開始著手設計一個長期的計劃以因應扶輪基金會未來的強調重點及架構。由扶輪基金保管委員會主委戴甫靈所領導的七人委員會涵蓋現任及前保管委員及前國際扶輪理事。

“在我們成立伊始，保管委員會通常同意扶輪基金會有太多的計劃”扶輪基金會總經理約翰·奧斯特龍德說“每個人都希望簡化架構並更具成本效益，但是如何來達成卻一直沒有共識。”

因此委員會在 2005 年底經由網站公開徵求基層的扶輪社員及資深扶輪領導人的意見。透過在芝加哥區域一家專門於策略規劃的 Primer Michaels 顧問公司的協助，將所收集的調查資料加以分析，並將於四月召開的保管委員會與 6 月召開的國際扶輪理事會上提出簡報。

於收集參加八月及九月地帶研習會議理事，保管委員們及扶輪社員之意見反應後，最後將於十月核准定案。

“我相信未來願景委員會的工作，將扮演我們扶輪基金面對鉅變時代的挑戰時更佳定位的一種催化劑—就如同大家所謂的『平步青雲之道』方式—來支援扶輪社從事於改善人類生活品質他們所做的努力，”戴甫靈如此表示。

它正好補足了正在進行的國際扶輪策略規劃工作“這兩項努力，能對扶輪的邁向其第二世紀有很大的可能性，”國際扶輪秘書長布田如此表示。

Anticipating the challenges that lie ahead, The Rotary Foundation's Future Vision Committee has begun to develop a long-range plan that will determine the Foundation's future focus and structure. Headed by Trustee Chair Frank J. Devlyn, the seven-member committee includes current and past trustees and past RI directors.

“At the beginning of this process, the Trustees generally agreed that the Foundation has too many programs,” says John Osterlund, general manager of the Foundation. “Everyone wanted to simplify the structure and make it more cost-effective, but there was no consensus on how to accomplish that.”

So the committee sought input from grassroots Rotarians and Rotary senior leaders through a Web-based survey conducted in late 2005. With the assistance of Primer Michaels, a Chicago-area consulting firm that specializes in strategic planning, survey data is being analyzed and a draft of the plan will be presented to the Trustees at their April meeting and to the RI Board in June.

Final ratification is set for October, following incorporation of feedback from directors, trustees, and Rotarians attending zone institutes in August and September.

“I see the work of the Future Vision Committee serving as a catalyst in better positioning our Foundation to face the challenge of changing times — on what many call the ‘fast track’ — to support the efforts of Rotary clubs as they work to improve the quality of life worldwide,” says Devlyn.

It also complements the work underway on the RI strategic plan. “These two efforts have tremendous potential for moving the organization forward in Rotary's second century,” says RI General Secretary Ed Futa.



ROTARY IN CHINA



Effective Feb. 8, 2006, the official club charters were signed for both the Beijing and Shanghai clubs. The actual charter events will be May 21 for Beijing and May 22 for Shanghai. These chartering events are scheduled to align with RIP Carl-Wilhelm's travel agenda, as the President will attend in May.

A district "type" leadership team called the RI Special Representative Committee has been formed, reporting to RI Special Representative Christopher Bo Bramsen. The team is made up of Rotarians from RI, District 3450, Beijing and Shanghai clubs.

I am a member of the new Rotary China Team and will serve as the Rotary Foundation Chair, representing both clubs. Dr. Lee Wah Hin from the Shanghai club will serve as vice-chair. The individual clubs will have their own foundation representatives as well. This will be true of all support areas, similar to that of a district.

The membership of both clubs must be made up of non-PRC citizens. However, Beijing has two Chinese citizens as honorary members (we informed the government before doing so) as well as a Chinese citizen that works for the Beijing club and the new Rotary China Team.

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Members of the two clubs are primarily businessmen/women, diplomats and professionals. There are members from countries all over the world representing many different ethnic and religious backgrounds. Both clubs have a high percentage of ethnic Chinese members. They may hold passports from any country and region in the world, including Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan and be official members.

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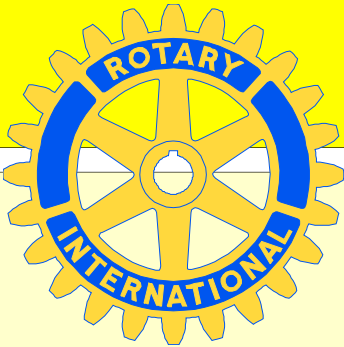
Web-sites:

www.rotary.org

www.rotarychina.org

www.rotaryclub-beijing.org

www.rotaryshanghai.org



HEARD AT THE INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Rotarian Patrick Coleman recalls the first time he saw Johnny Banda. Johnny was 8 years old and had just arrived at an orphanage in Luanshya, Zambia, run by Coleman and his wife, as well as fellow Rotarian, Sherry. The boy was malnourished, his hair was falling out, his skin was gray, and his eyes were dull. He had malaria, showed signs of physical abuse, wore dirty, tattered clothes, and was shoeless. Most of all, he was petrified.

Johnny had been born about 16 miles away in a village reached by an unpaved road that narrowed into a mere path. His parents had died from AIDS-related complications so Johnny's uncle and aunt took care of him. But his aunt was later murdered, and Johnny became a burden. He had never attended school, and instead he became a taster of a locally brewed moonshine made from distilled maize, honey, and alcohol — and sometimes battery acid for an extra "kick." His job was to drink it to make sure it wasn't too strong. If he survived, it was sold in the village. Johnny's uncle eventually died, and Johnny became a ward of the village.

Patrick Coleman shared Johnny's story with incoming district governors at Rotary's International Assembly, a training conference for incoming district governors taking place 16-23 February in San Diego, California, USA.

Rotarians are being asked to each donate US\$100 a year to the Foundation, which would mean a total of \$120 million annually. Their contributions are used to help people like Johnny, who continues to benefit from the Foundation and Rotarians. Today, he is 14 and lives at the orphanage. He sleeps under an insecticide-treated mosquito net provided by the Rotary clubs of Luanshya, Zambia, and Normal, Illinois, USA, and a Matching Grant from the Foundation. He drinks water from a well provided by a Matching Grant and the Rotary clubs of Luanshya and Saratoga, California, USA. He plays in a park where the toys were provided by the Foundation and the Rotary clubs of Luanshya and Simi-Sunrise, California.

Johnny is "looking great" and is attending school, Patrick Coleman says. "He's in grade five. He's speaking English and getting fat and sassy," he says. "According to the Zambian Ministry of Social Welfare, Johnny is alive today because of Rotarians and The Rotary Foundation."

Allan Jagger noted that during the next decade or two, a huge transfer of wealth will take place in the developed world as an older generation dies. He urged Rotarians to leave a legacy to the Permanent Fund, a fund in which the corpus is never spent and only the interest is used for Foundation programs.

"My generation is going to be leaving behind many assets, and there are no pockets in shrouds or banks in the sky," he said.

GROWING ROTARY:

... THE NEW MODELS PILOT PROJECT

Crunch time is approaching. I've enthusiastically written about the New Models for Rotary Clubs (NMFRC) Pilot Program, of which I am a Country Representative (USA and Canada) - and right at this moment many New Models Clubs throughout the world (after five years of experimentation) are preparing enactments to submit to the 2007 Council On Legislation (COL).

The 190 Rotary Clubs that comprise this pilot project were given the mandate to develop a new Club Constitution and a mission that stated... ***"It is hoped that a Rotary club will emerge that will better meet the needs of the 21st Century, be more attractive to younger professional and business leaders, increase the effectiveness of clubs, and increase our future potential for membership growth and extension."***

IN ADDITION TO MEMBERSHIP GROWTH TREMENDOUS TRF CONTRIBUTIONS

The driving force behind this program is membership growth and retention. Australia (with 15 New Models Clubs) leads the world in membership growth, with a 28% increase. Putting this in perspective, one of the NMFRC in the USA, the Rotary Club of Cupertino (D5170) has grown from 105 members to 160 members (a 53% increase since 2001). AND in addition to that spectacular growth the 31 December 2005 TRF contribution reports show that D5170 was first in the world for total TRF contributions and the Cupertino RC was the number one club in that district.

.... its membership will be comprised of business, professional, community leaders and other qualified men and women who subscribe to the principles of Rotary International and have the desire to serve others .



Cupertino's membership composition? Please see the highlighted insert (on the right), which quotes directly from the Cupertino Rotary Club's ONE-PAGE Constitution.

Will the representatives vote yes to enact that membership statement at the COL in 2007 and help to grow Rotary? After reading the successes of this project my guess will be YES!

Read the Cupertino Rotary Club's ONE-PAGE CONSTITUTION and how they CHOOSE THEIR MEMBERS. Please see pages 12 and 13.

E.B.



Constitution of the Rotary Club of Cupertino, California, USA

Article I: The name of this organization shall be the Rotary Club of Cupertino, California, USA.

Article II: The OBJECT of this club will be to SERVE its community and the world, DEVELOP friendships and fellowship, SUPPORT The Rotary Foundation and PARTICIPATE as a member club in good standing, with Rotary International, as a New Models for Rotary Clubs pilot club. At the end of the pilot period, the club agrees that it will function in accordance with the standard Rotary International club constitution in effect at that time.

Article III: The club will be incorporated in the State of California as a non-profit corporation and governed by a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will be elected annually by a majority of the membership of the club. The club shall adopt bylaws for the governance of the organization, and such bylaws may be amended from time to time as determined by the membership.

Article IV: The club will be located in or about Cupertino, California, USA, and its membership will be comprised of business, professional, community leaders and other qualified men and women who subscribe to the principles of Rotary International and have the desire to serve others. The club will hold regular meetings, establish guidelines for attendance and membership, and establish dues and fees to administer the club operation, as determined by its membership and in harmony with the club by-laws.

Article V: The membership will subscribe to the Object of Rotary.

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- First. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- Second. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- Third. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;
- Fourth. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.
- and The continuing education of its membership for personal growth and development; the acquisition of leadership and public speaking skills; an appreciation for one's vocation, religion, and culture; and the opportunity for service to humankind.

Approved and Adopted September 26, 2001

CHOOSING YOUR MEMBERS

THE ROTARY CLUB OF CUPERTINO (A NEW MODELS ROTARY CLUB) CHOOSES:

**Active engaged leaders.
Persons who want to serve others...
And believes what someone does is more
important than who they are.**



Richard Lowenthal
Is President of the Rotary Club of
Cupertino and is Mayor of the
City of Cupertino, California

We need active, engaged leaders. That's our highest priority. In our club we need people who want to serve others.

It is important to have important people, but often they don't want to, or don't have the time to serve. If we can't convert them into people who give service, then they should be honorary members in the RC of Cupertino.

We strive to have our club's demographics look like our community's demographics. In order to make progress in this regard, sometimes this needs to be elevated to a very high priority.

What someone does is more important than who they are.

Service above Self is still a good idea. A focus on credentials is not consistent with Service above Self.

Throughout the Rotary world we may be in the minority. I think worldwide most clubs are about who's in them. That's why changing an Enactment at the 2007 Council on Legislation (COL) may be tough. (See sidebar)

FROM THIS:

Article V Membership
Section 2 —

Composition of Clubs.

(a) A club shall be composed of active members, who are adult persons of good character and good business and professional reputation...

TO THIS:

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CREATING, BUILDING AND COMPLETING HUMANITARIAN PROJECTS UNDER THE NEW GUIDELINES OF TRF

The issues (TRF) will always remain the same regardless of dollar size or number of clubs participating....



- Is it a good project/bad project?
- Does it meet the criteria of TRF?
- Are the clubs involved dedicated to the process of completion of the project?
- Has the necessary due diligence been done to ensure the need or success of the project?
- Do we have the support system in place internationally to ensure that we complete the project on time?
 - Will the project truly make a difference in someone's life?
- Have we fulfilled the dream of the Rotarian bringing the project to life?



And finally, like "Mikey" says, when we see the smile on the face of the third grader with the dictionary or the results of clean water to a remote village or sewing machines to start a small business for the empowerment of women that is when we know we have met the needs of those individual Rotarians who support our clubs.

We win when our clubs and the individual Rotarians believe and support what Our Rotary Foundation does to promote and encourage them. Our Districts needs more enthused Rotarians. They are the strength of our organization.

Joe R. Williams
District Grants Subcommittee Chairman
District 5470

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vantaged people. With a "proper education" in Rotary values and ideals, our annual 750 (down from about 1,200 in just a few years!) Ambassadorial Scholars can make a tremendous impact in many walks of life--empowering family members and colleagues with Rotary ideas and ethics.

SOME THOUGHTS:

- Selection Committees need to name Scholars who are genuinely dedicated to and interested in the ambassador-of-goodwill component of the scholarship--not just academics.
- The sponsoring and hosting districts, clubs and Rotarians need to be ACTIVELY involved with each Scholar, before, during and after the scholarship year.
- While orientations are "mandatory" for Outbound Scholars, I really think that they should be mandatory for Inbound Scholars (making important links with their host Rotary community) as well as the lead Counselors (both Sponsor and Host, on behalf of their clubs) involved with the Scholars.
- Rotarians and district leaders need to be much better educated about their roles and responsibilities--e.g. including both Inbound and Outbound Scholars in club and district events (projects, activities, District Conference, Foundation Dinners, Installation Dinners, etc.) and providing for the funding of their participation.
- There needs to be greater visibility for the Ambassadorial Scholarship Program--with Rotarians and with communities. GSE seems to be the most "popular" Rotary Foundation Educational program, probably because of their broad exposure at club meetings and District Conferences.



TRF is in a key position to help.

- In our electronic age, there must be a way to link Scholars with Rotary in an ongoing basis--information, inspiration, participation, and financial support.
- The Scholar Orientations are wonderful educational opportunities for Scholars, Rotarians and district leaders.
- I applaud the wisdom of the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation in their financial support for our Regional Scholar Orientations.
 - I am also very encouraged by the prospect of the Alliance meeting for Regional Orientation Coordinators on May 3-4 in Evanston, to share ideas for improving the effectiveness of the Ambassadorial Scholar Program.
 - Tangible "ENCOURAGEMENT" by The Rotary Foundation Scholarships Office, for Sponsor and Host Counselors, and district leaders to attend the Regional Orientations would be very helpful.

It is so important to continue the vital influence into so many walks of life, which the Ambassadorial Scholarship Program provides. Former Scholars are significant members of our "Family of Rotary," but the responsibility for their involvement does not fall to them alone--we all have an important role to play. I sincerely and urgently hope that the Future Vision Committee can recognize the importance of the Ambassadorial Scholarship Program--now and in the future.

PDG Karen Swaim Babin
 Rotary Club of Saratoga Springs, NY,
 District 7190
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There needs to be greater visibility for the Ambassadorial Scholarship Program--with Rotarians and with communities

REGIONAL SCHOLAR ORIENTATION SEMINARS

Thanks to Regional Scholar Orientation Seminars held throughout the Rotary world, 2006-07 Ambassadorial Scholars, Rotary World Peace Fellows, and University Teachers had and still have the opportunity to meet with their sponsor or host Rotarians to learn more about RI, TRF, and their roles and responsibilities as "ambassadors of goodwill."

GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE

For the seventh year, the Trustees have offered grants to defray the costs of large-scale, multi-district seminars. Nearly US\$126,000 total was awarded to 23 seminars in 2005-06. Since outbound orientation is mandatory for all Ambassadorial Scholars, the importance of these regional seminars has continued to grow.

NEW SEMINARS IN ITALY, BRAZIL & USA

We are happy to report that 3 new Regional Seminars are taking place in 2005-06: in Bologna, Italy, in July 2005, in Sao Paulo, Brazil, in August 2005, thanks to RRFC Gedson Junqueira Bersanete's persistence and involvement, and in Tacoma, USA, in June 2006, where RRFC



Leigh Higinbotham will play an important role. We are currently working with past RRFC Eddie Blender to help him start a Regional Scholar Orientation Seminar in the Rockies region of the United States for the 2007-08 year.

We are also pleased to announce that RRFC Rob Brown has accepted to become the organizer of the Valley Forge inbound and outbound orientation seminars, as of 1 July 2006. RRFC Rob will inherit this responsibility from PDG Tom McCarthy who has done such an outstanding job for so many years. Many thanks to PDG Tom for his continued involvement with our program and scholars, and to RRFC Rob for embracing this opportunity.

ENCOURAGE RRFC INVOLVEMENT

We strongly encourage all RRFCs to get involved as much as possible with these amazing events, as they obviously bring a tremendous wealth of knowledge and field experience to our scholars, but also because we need RRFCs to meet our scholars, fellows and teachers to help us eradicate the preconceived idea that our program participants might not be a good return on our investment.

For our scholars to learn more about RI, TRF, and their roles and responsibilities as ambassadors of goodwill."

An updated list of Regional Scholar Seminars is posted on:
http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/seminars.html>.

For questions, please contact: Stephanie Veit, Scholarships Department Manager, tel: 847-866-3323; fax: 847-866-0934;
e-mail: Stephanie.Veit@rotary.org or visit our website at:
<http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/seminars.html>.

"WE GET LETTERS"

I agree with what Tim Creedon (D5490) says. However, I have found that it is the lack of interest of the Rotarians that causes the problem (of Alumni participation). We used to have the same problem in District 5830. Over the past 10 years we have reversed this and now many of the Alumni are Rotarians.

We just had one young Scholar, return to her sponsoring club and give them a check for \$2,000. She said that she just wanted to help continue the program because it had been a life altering experience for her. Maybe Tim needs to "Create Awareness and Take Action".

William L. Rains, District Governor 2000-01, D5830

I commend District 5830 for turning a problem into a solution, which can be measured by the generous donation by your returning alumni.

I do think however that we need to set the seed, so to speak before the student goes overseas, and that will reduce the trying to catch up some of us have to do now. The training program (OUTBOUND SCHOLAR ORIENTATION) will help.

Sincerely,

Tim Creedon, D-5490

I was an Ambassadorial Scholar in 1989. I did research into reading and deafness while on the scholarship. The methods I learned have changed the lives of the deaf students with whom I work.

Yesterday I attended an Orientation for Outbound and Inbound Ambassadorial Scholars and GSE teams in the San Francisco Bay Area of California. No one who attended would consider lessening Rotary's commitment to the Ambassadorial Scholarship Program. These scholars are the best and the brightest of their generation.

The Ambassadorial Scholarship Program is a two-fer. You can invest in humanitarian efforts via the education of scholars who are in Helping Fields as I was. You also invest in humanitarian efforts by turning the best-educated lawyers, businessmen and entertainers in the world into humanitarians. There should be no cutting of the baby in two here, all efforts are to the same humanitarian end. The Ambassadorial Scholarship is visionary-it has the greatest reach and it has the best chance to endure. Enlightenment does that.

If it is a challenge to tap the talent of our former Ambassadorial Scholars we shouldn't be surprised. I have never met a former or present Ambassadorial Scholar who is a couch potato. They tend to wander, they are not the type of individuals who are easy to keep track of. They are busy, driven individuals. Isn't that why they were chosen? I am sure the same folks who are wiping out polio can figure out in these days of Blackberries, cell phones, email and databases to keep track and involve those who were so heavily invested in.

We can all as Rotarians do a better job at increasing the visibility of this incredible program.

JEAN IRWIN
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"As one of this year's three District Governors who are alumni of the Ambassadorial Scholar program (although it was not so called back in the dark ages of my year - - - 1955-56) I feel very strongly that this program is the very best of ALL the Foundation programs. As to a scholar's future participation in Rotary, this depends so very much on the selection of the scholar and the follow-up by his sponsoring club and district! I was blessed with a fantastic sponsoring club, of which I subsequently became President in 1968, and a magnificent sponsoring district, of which at the time of my scholarship Bill Robbins was the Governor, and in 1974-75 he was RI President! What more could I possibly ask for?"

OWEN FREED
Governor, Rotary International
District 6990.

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

“WE GET LETTERS, CONTINUED”

I was an Ambassadorial Scholar to Singapore in 89/90. I was also an Interact member in high school, a Rotaract member in college and a RYLA participant. Over the past 17 years I've given probably 100 speeches to Rotary Clubs and civic groups. I've also been on the faculty of the SE US Scholar Seminar and helped start the NE Link weekend years ago. I became a Rotarian five years ago. Over the years I've donated lots of money and time to Rotary and community causes. I'm a leader in my community and I'm a Paul Harris Fellow, so I have contributed to TRF.

I (and many other former scholars) just don't understand why RI would spend all of this money on us and then forget about their investment.

Yours in Rotary,
Bill Carlson,
bcarlson@tuckerhall.com



If there is a problem with the Ambassadorial Scholarship program it is its lack of visibility, in the community and the Rotary clubs.

We vigorously strive to change that through the numerous scholar orientation programs that not only teach our code of ethics, but refresh the commitment our scholars make to Rotary.

I have seen the change in Foundation giving as Rotarians recognize the link between their Dollar given and the bright, energetic scholars delivering their presentations.

Klaus D Hachfeld,
e-mail: klausdh@charter.net



If (Ambassadorial Scholars) are to enjoy the level of funding we have experienced over the past 59 years, we, as scholars, need to show Rotary why its investment in us has been a good one.

Please do not ever say NO to an opportunity to speak to a group of Rotarians about your experiences, and of course, remember to say 'thank you'. For the more senior alums, it is important to illustrate through your words and actions how this scholarship opportunity contributed to the successes you enjoy today. If you are able, consider joining a Rotary club, even if as an honorary member.

If you are able, please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to our Rotary Foundation so that others may enjoy the experiences we enjoyed.

It now takes \$52,000 raised each year to fund the \$26,000 scholarships being given. If you would like to endow a scholarship, it costs from \$150,000 to \$500,000.00 to do so. When you make your contribution, please let folks know that you are a scholar alumni. And don't forget, to stand tall as a Rotary Scholar Alumnus!

Thanks,
D'Lisa Simmons
Rotary Foundation Alumni Coordinator
Rotary Scholar to Singapore, 1987-88

"WE GET LETTERS, CONTINUED"

To the Editor: *RE: Rotary in the Gun Sights*

We must be grateful for our Rotary brothers in Indonesia who were the first Moslem country to allow Rotarians to vaccinate against polio, even though there was distrust of Rotary's motives. It was an enormous boost for the eradication of polio.

We must feel grateful that Rotary has been so successful in Egypt, in spite of the concerned feelings among other fellow Moslems. Indeed, Moslems join Christians in Lebanon, Jordan and Bahrain as well as other Middle East countries.

We should promote these commonalities between all Rotarians and not exaggerate feelings of animosity held by a few.

It is unfortunate that things as seemingly as simple as a cartoon can cause underlying feelings of frustration come to the surface in such a violent way. It is equally unfortunate that statements on a Hamas web site could be used to alienate other Rotarians against "terrorists" which have been made synonymous with Muslims from the Middle East, and beyond.

The strength of Rotary has been tolerance, even when a few might have differences with the organization. It has been this tolerance that has made Rotary so great for the past 100 years. We must continue to do all that we can to bring people of all races and religions together for world peace and understanding, not seek out differences to drive a wedge between those in need of greater understanding.

Sincerely,

Bill

William B. P. Cadwallader, Jr.

Past RI Director, USA

Of course the Ambassadorial Scholarship Program is important (it's very important). Reread Bill Carlson's letter as one of many reasons and examples why that's so. Reread what Klaus D. Hachfeld and Karen Swaim Babin wrote in support of the Scholars.

And the Chairman of the Rotary Foundation Trustees Frank Devlyn recently stated... " Alumni are a tremendous resource for Rotary. There are more than 90,000 people in the world who are considered Foundation alumni. But we know only a small percentage of them ever become Rotarians, or ever contribute to The Rotary Foundation. We need that to change — and you are asked to help eliminate the current outdated perception and philosophy. They should not be forgotten. **They are The Rotary Foundation. They are members of our Rotary Family.**"

If there is a tone, a feeling that "RI" is not recognizing the Importance of the Ambassadorial Scholarship Program, This is NOT TRUE. Our scholars are The Rotary Foundation... and they are integral to building a better and peaceful world. Yes, Alumni are vital, essential and important to TRF.

What is "RI" doing?

Quite a bit.... And to that effect over 40 dedicated ROTARY FOUNDATION ALUMNI COORDINATORS (RFAC) representing every Rotary zone in the world met in August 2005 and expressed these overall goals:

- 1/ to encourage Rotary clubs and districts to involve Foundation Alumni in Rotary activities
- 2/ to urge clubs to consider Alumni as potential members of Rotary (and as potential contributors to TRF)
- 3/ to use Foundation Alumni as effective advocates for the programs of The Rotary Foundation.

The RFACs are helping to build and maintain a complete and accurate alumni database. They are helping districts to organize Alumni events. They are encouraging Alumni attendance and participation at all District events.

Recognizing the success of the OUTBOUND/INBOUND ORIENTATION SCHOLAR SEMINARS - they are helping districts to organize these events and encouraging districts to use Alumni as mentors and participants.

The RFACs are working with Regional Foundation Coordinators and District Rotary Foundation Committees and Subcommittees to help build and strengthen TRFs Educational Programs and I assure you this is a vital and long-range initiative.

Eddie Blender
RFAC 2005-06



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Nearly a million Paul Harris Fellowships have been awarded over the years.

WHO WERE THE RECIPIENTS OF THE FIRST ONES?

Al Brush, from the Rotary Club of Laurel Mississippi, became the first Paul Harris Fellow in 1957. The second recipient was Rufus Chapin who in 1957 was still attending the Club he had joined in 1905, the Rotary Club of Chicago – our first club.

When the PHF was created, why were those Rotarians picked for the initial awards? Why? Each had given the Rotary Foundation more than \$1,000 – a large sum in 1957.

For comparison's sake:

\$1,000.00 from 1957 is worth:

- \$6,723.93 today using the Consumer Price Index
- \$5,444.51 using the GDP deflator
- \$8,665.90 using the unskilled wage index
- \$14,904.53 using the GDP per capita
- \$25,448.49 using the relative share of GDP

**PDG Jack Mayo
Rotary History Fellowship**