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A NEED TO KNOW

International Institutes have been a tradition in Rotary since the days (1965) of the International Assembly at Lake Placid, New York. These informal coffee conclaves grew from a handful of senior leaders to many hundreds — eventually meeting formally in Boca Raton Florida, Nashville Tennessee and recently at Anaheim California USA.

Not many years ago Institutes were held twice yearly at the International Assembly and the International Convention where senior Rotary leaders (PDGs, RRFCs, Task Force members, etc.) could gather in an atmosphere of fellowship, friendship and learning.

Senior Rotary leaders from every corner of the world would attend. PDG Ron Goodsite recently wrote that these Institutes provided the opportunity to, “stimulate and motivate those of us who represent present and future Presidential Representatives, major supporters of the Rotary Foundation, members of major task forces, promoters of Rotary’s growth, retention and extension

and guarantors that the programs of Rotary will continue.”

These institutes were “officially” abandoned at the International Assembly and the Convention two years ago and nothing is planned for an International Institute in Malmo.

Many past officers wish to continue actively in Rotary and there is “a need to know” and desire to learn.

PRIP Cliff Dochterman recently suggested that this leadership concept “the International Institute” be continued. Perhaps an enactment at the 2007 Council on Legislation could be the key to bring this back.

What do you think?

Eddie Blender,
EBlender@aol.com

Senior Leaders are major supporters of Our Foundation and are the guarantors of the future growth of Rotary. They have a need to continually learn and a need to know, which the Institutes provided.



SERVICE Above Self

OVERHEARD AT THE INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY IN SAN DIEGO

President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar said, “President-elect Bill Boyd is also continuing the water management emphasis started by President Glenn Estess and again continued by me. Rotarians have already addressed this issue in many parts of the world. Thanks to scores of Rotary club water

projects, hundreds of thousands of people now have convenient access to clean, safe water.



Many health benefits are associated with clean water and adequate sanitation. Furthermore, water management issues also affect the food supply. Therefore, hunger and the health and well-being of all who are deprived of these essential resources will benefit from the water emphasis.”



Photo by Monika Lozinska-Lee/RI

President-elect Bill Boyd stated in his closing remarks, “...I ask you to Lead the Way by setting a personal example in your support of our Rotary Foundation.

Without the Foundation, Rotary as we know it could not exist. It is up to us — all Rotarians — to ensure that the Foundation stays strong. When Rotarians in your district know that their district governor gives generously to the Foundation, they will be much more likely to do so themselves.”

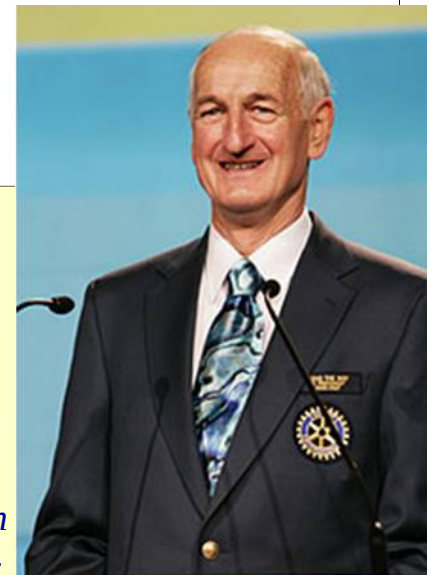


Photo by Monika Lozinska-Lee/RI



Photo by Alyce Henson/RI

DGEs listened intently as **Trustee Chair Frank J. Devlyn** said, “We will be mailing new major donor pins to all major donors later this month (April). Major donors (from contributions) and Bequest Society members (from bequests) now have separate pins.



When both groups used the diamond circle pins, the pin level was determined by both contributions and bequests. The recent change in pins was approved at the Oct-05 Trustee meeting in response to input from major donors who did not want the same pin as the Bequest Society.”



Photo by Alyce Henson, RI

**US\$105 MILLION
IN 2005-06
US\$120 MILLION
IN 2006-07**

Incoming Trustee Chairman **Luis Vicente Giay** stated, “Our 2005-06 goal for the Annual Programs Fund is US\$105 million, our most ambitious fundraising effort ever.

Based on your projections, the Trustees will adopt a new goal, and I encourage you to aim to raise \$120 million in 2006-07.

Are you ready to go for it?”



CREATING AN ENDOWMENT



A gift of any amount can be contributed to the Permanent Fund and can come from the donor's current assets or be designated by bequest.

In appreciation of gifts of US\$25,000 or more, The Rotary Foundation will honor the donor's contribution by establishing a named fund within the Permanent Fund.

Though commingled with other funds for investment purposes, your fund will be separately identified in the Foundation's records. Donors wishing to express their commitment to Rotary's work or honor a friend or family member in perpetuity can do so in a variety of ways:

- A gift of US\$25,000 or more will establish a named fund to provide general support for The Rotary Foundation's programs.
- A gift of US\$50,000 or more can create an endowment for any of The Rotary Foundation's programs: from Scholarships to Matching Grants, from Group Study Exchange to District Simplified Grants.
- A gift of US\$150,000 or more can support a more restricted purpose, a project within a program of your choice.* (For example, \$150,000 will endow an Academic-Year Ambassadorial Scholarship.)
- A gift of US\$250,000 or more can serve one or more of the purposes listed above and will qualify the donor for recognition in the Arch J. Klumph Gallery at RI World Headquarters.
- A gift of more than US\$1 million will be considered by the Trustees when such gift is intended to establish a new Rotary Foundation program.

An endowment can be funded all at once or over time, with gifts of:
Cash.

Marketable securities.

Real estate.

Remainder interest in charitable trusts or annuities.

Life insurance.

Bequests.

Some donors prefer anonymity; the wishes of any donor who desires his or her gift to remain confidential will be respected.

Donors interested in establishing an endowed fund are invited to contact their Major Gifts Officer (847-866-3000) for additional information.

MORE ON ENDOWMENTS

An endowed fund is a gift made to the Permanent Fund of The Rotary Foundation of RI. The principal of an endowed fund is never spent, while a portion of the income is made available to express the donor's commitment to Rotary's work or to honor a friend or family member in perpetuity, which can be specified by the donor.

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NAMING AN ENDOWMENT

Because many major gift donors want to know exactly how their contributions will be used, a number of naming opportunities for World Peace Fellowships and Centers have been developed.

For example: In order to name an endowed Rotary World Peace Fellowships.

- * \$1.5 million will fund a new fellow approximately every year;
- * \$750,000 will fund a fellow approximately every other year;
- * \$500,000 will fund a fellow approximately every three or four years;
- * \$50,000 establishes an endowment bearing the donor's name to benefit the program.

ALSO:

- A gift of \$60,000 funds a one-time fellow for up to two years.
- A gift of \$50,000 provides applied field experiences for a class of fellows at a Rotary Center.
- Named gifts are spent over a one to two-year period and do not carry forward.





MY BEST DAY IN ROTARY



Four days after my daughter Michelle was born, I joined Rotary. During my first few years, I was a member of a Rotary club. I participated in projects. I went to luncheons and made friends in my Rotary club. I was like most members of Rotary.

After six years, I finally attended my first district conference. As we left the plenary hall following the Group Study Exchange presentation, I casually mentioned to my club's president-elect that someday I would like to become involved in GSE. Life has a way of moving faster than we expect. Only 10 short months later, I truly became a Rotarian while leading a GSE team to the Philippines.

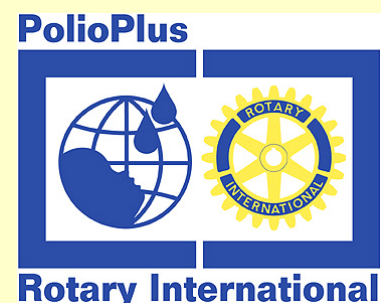
It was during my GSE experience that my eyes were opened to what Rotarians can do when they serve with love and practice Service Above Self. While in the Philippines, I observed a Rotarian veterinarian teach villagers how to successfully raise chickens (donated by his Rotary club). This was a wonderful example of using one's vocation for service. As the leader of the GSE, I was privileged to visit

an operating room where Rotarian surgeons donated their vocational services in removing cataracts from the elderly hill people who would never be able to afford the operations themselves. These grandparents would return to their families and for the first time see their grandchildren. In 1992, that was my best day in Rotary.

A few years later, I traveled to Africa in the far northwest corner of Ghana to record our local Rotary district's projects. On this trip, I had the opportunity to immunize against polio a child who had been born since the previous National Immunization Day (NID). To this day, those two drops still represent my best day in Rotary.

Last year I returned to Ghana to take part in a full NID. This experience was truly a wonderful day in Rotary.

*Bob Gallagher,
Windsor, Ontario, Canada*



WHAT WAS YOUR BEST DAY IN ROTARY?



TRF Chairman, Frank J. Devlyn

I am always impressed by the way Rotarians talk about their Rotary Foundation. Often they will say their work with Foundation programs was the most satisfying experience they have ever had in Rotary. This is what makes the Foundation so compelling for so many Rotarians.

Wherever I go, I always ask people to tell me their stories. Everyone has a story about Rotary service. What stands out for me is that Rotarians will often talk about a defining moment when Rotary really came together for them; a profound Rotary moment that touched them and changed them forever.

It amazes me to learn how many Foundation programs are involved when Rotarians tell me about their best day in Rotary. A Rotarian and good friend of mine from Windsor, Ontario, Canada, Bob Gallagher recently told me about his best day in Rotary (see page two).

TELL YOUR STORIES

Each of you has had a best day in Rotary. I ask you to make sure you tell your fellow Rotarians about it. It will inspire them to know about the good work Rotarians accomplish every day. I know, for many of you, your best day was an experience with The Rotary Foundation. Bob's certainly was. Mine certainly was.

THE HEART AND SOUL OF ROTARY

Rotarians are the heart and soul of Rotary, but our Rotary Foundation is its backbone. It is the success stories that we hear and witness every day that inspires Rotarians to participate in and contribute to our Foundation. Each success we have will lead to more projects, more education, and even more lives improved. It is all thanks to you, the Rotarians who commit themselves to service — especially through our Rotary Foundation.

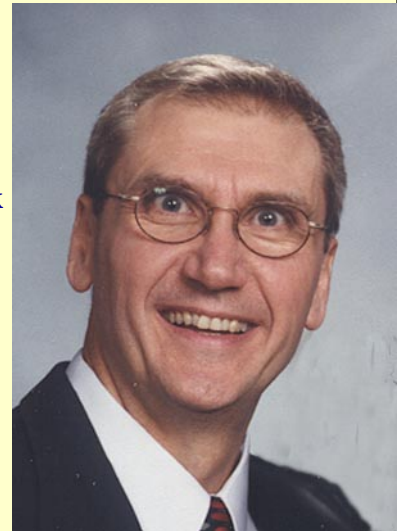
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*The Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair, 2005-06
Rotary International President, 2000-01*

CREATING UNDERSTANDING, GOODWILL AND PEACE.

*During lunch with non-Rotarian friend, he mentioned his daughter is a junior in college. This gave me the opportunity to discuss Rotary's Ambassadorial Scholarship program with him. As we wrapped up our time together, he said that this sounded like a "good program" that helped young people. That it does. But our talk reminded me of the objective of Rotary and especially of the fourth objective *understanding, goodwill and peace.**



George Yeiter, PDG, D 5890

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*.

Sure this Ambassadorial Scholarship program helps young people, as does RI's Youth Exchange Program, the World Peace Fellowships and Group Study Exchange.

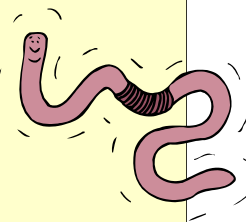
It helps our young mature and grow in many ways: academic education; adapting to new people; adapting to new environments; adapting to new cultures; learning new languages; developing a love for the families they live with; adjusting to living close with other people of diverse cultures, habits and standards; seeing the families they live with as human beings with the same problems, hopes and dreams that they have; observing foreign value systems; and, experiencing the intricacies of other religions other than their own. The list can go on and on.

All of this growth helps accomplish the fourth objective of Rotary: *understanding, goodwill and peace*. For *understanding, goodwill and peace* cannot come to pass unless people come to respect each other in spite of their differences. Rotary's tens of thousands of Ambassadorial Scholars have touched thousands upon thousands of lives in this quest to understand each other and build goodwill. They are young ambassadors with a very serious mission of peace.

ERADICATING DISEASE

... the eradication of a disease ultimately depends on the dedication of workers in the field.

Thanks to a relentless 20-year campaign led by former US President Jimmy Carter, Guinea worm is poised to become the first disease since smallpox to be pushed into oblivion. Fewer than 12,000 cases were found last year, down from 3 million in 1986.



And at long last, victory is in sight. Nigeria is in the homestretch. Last year, it reported only 121 new cases of guinea worm, down from estimates of 650,000 two decades ago.

When Mr. Carter started organizing his campaign, his experts estimated that eradication would take 10 years. Asked if he worried that the worms would outlive him, he grinned and shook his head. "I don't have any doubt that it will be eradicated during my active service," he said. "The discouraging thing is the extreme cost. I have to

keep explaining to donors why it costs so much for these last few cases."

While his campaign could not have succeeded without a large vision and contributions to match, the eradication of a disease ultimately depends on the dedication of workers in the field.

ERADICATING HUNGER

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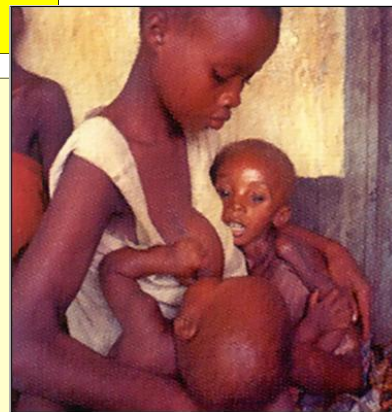
A Food Crisis in Niger (from the April Rotarian):

An invasion of locusts and a severe drought, which started in 2004, have left more than 3.5 million residents of Niger — nearly a third of the country's population — in need of food.

Thousands have died in the second-worst hunger crisis in the history of West Africa's poorest nation.

Niger's 53 Rotarians engineered an official agreement with their government and the United Nations Population Fund to help malnourished mothers and their children.

Inspired Rotarians across Africa are coming together to raise funds for food relief. By September 2005, District 9100, encompassing 87 Rotary clubs in 14 African countries, including Niger, had committed US\$12,000.



OUR FOUNDATION AND ROTARY HISTORY

Have you ever wondered why the **OUR FOUNDATION** newsletters are stored and archived on the Rotary History Fellowship website? After all, a website which is dedicated to accumulating the history of our movement over the past 100 years is not exactly the most obvious place for **OUR FOUNDATION** to appear.

Or is it?



Calum Thomson D-1020

The Rotary Global History Fellowship informs about our rich and wonderful past. It tells a story about our early leaders. People like Paul Harris and Arch Klumph who shared a wonderful vision of a worldwide movement of community leaders dedicated to the goal of world peace and understanding.



The Rotary Foundation honours these Rotary pioneers. Honour Paul Harris by naming yourself or another as a Paul Harris Fellow and wear the beautiful pin with the founder's image as its centrepiece.

The Paul Harris Fellowship programme has been quite simply the greatest-ever fundraising idea devised by The Rotary Foundation. Almost one million fellows means that we have raised billions of dollars for **OUR FOUNDATION**. One of the most profound articles that appears on the RGHF website is PRIP Cliff Dochterman's analysis of "What is a Paul Harris Fellowship?" Read it and **LEARN**.

Other newsletters that RGHF produce include the ever-popular "What Paul Harris Said" weekly minute. This offering is designed to tie in the thoughts

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<http://www.rotaryfirst100.org/presidents/1992dochterman/phf.htm>

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and philosophy of Paul Harris and other Rotary leaders with the Rotary of today. Every single WPHS is added to our archives at www.whatpaulharrissaid.org It seems to me eminently sensible to look for inspiration as Rotarians from the architect of the Rotary movement.

As Paul Harris said, 89 years before President-elect Bill Boyd created his theme for 2006/07 - ..Rotary must haste even to keep up: but we must do more, we must lead.

The newly-established “*Why I Am A Rotarian*” is another weekly minute which again may seem strange that it is hosted on a history website. But this tells a story of ordinary (and extraordinary) Rotarians who have developed their own thoughts not on why they joined the movement but

why they are **ROTARIANS**. It tells an individual history and is no less important to the Rotary Global History Fellowship.

What is history? What kind of history are the RGHF interested in? Hopefully you can see from these words that we are interested in all history: to better understand the past and better prepare for the future.

Celebrate the past successes of Rotary Foundation programmes such as Polioplus, Group Study Exchange, Ambassadorial Scholarships and Humanitarian Grants. We shall endeavour to tell our story of our foundation and our Rotary movement. We shall also look forward to the future.

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More information at www.rghf.org

Calum Thomson
Chairman-elect
Rotary Global History Fellowship
District 1020, Scotland



The Fellowships Logo



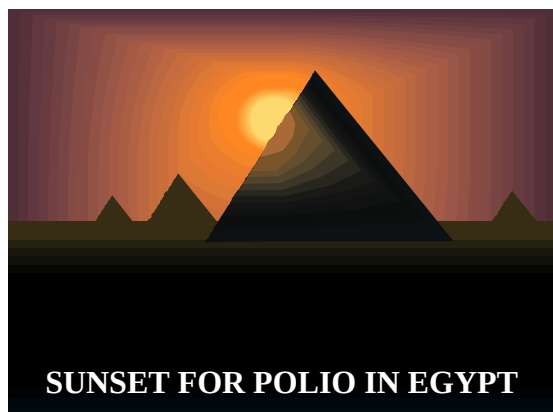
RI Founder Paul P. Harris



*Arch C. Klumph,
1916-17 president of Rotary
International and founder of
The Rotary Foundation*

EGYPT IS NOW POLIO-FREE

Our struggle against Polio is now more critical because, remaining cases are always a threat for reestablishment, which is a danger for discarding all of our dedicated efforts and sources that we have invested for this purpose.



SUNSET FOR POLIO IN EGYPT

Egypt's dedicated Rotarians and Rotaractors have worked side-by-side with our partners from WHO, UNICEF, and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as well as government officials and health workers, to make sure that every child is immunized against this crippling disease.

Credit also goes to the 1.2 million Rotarians in nearly 170 countries, who continue to volunteer their time and financial resources for the fight against polio in other parts of the world. By the time victory is achieved and polio is totally eradicated, Rotarians will have contributed more than US 650 million dollars and countless volunteer hours to the cause.

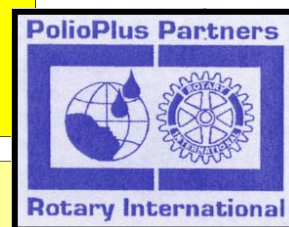
In the nearly two decades since the Polio Eradication Initiative began, polio cases have dropped by 99 percent. With Egypt now polio-free and Niger affected only by imported cases of polio, the list of countries where the wild polio virus persists is at an all-time low of four: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan.

Orscelik Balkan
Director-elect

THIS IS THE LATEST MILESTONE IN OUR PROGRESS TOWARD THE ULTIMATE GOAL -- A POLIO-FREE WORLD.

WE NEED HELP NOW - POLIO PLUS PARTNERS

**NIGERIA IS THE "HOTSPOT" AND IF WE CAN CONTROL
POLIO THERE WE WIN THE WAR AGAINST POLIO**



The funding deadline for the 2006 Nigeria National Immunization Days (NIDs) is 31 July 2006. We are in need of US\$582,654.23 to purchase all items being requested. This US\$582,654.23 is the total project funding request submitted by the National PolioPlus Committee Chairman.

Supporting a Partners Project:

Although availability of Partners Projects is based on actual funds received, Rotary clubs and districts can indicate their intent to support a particular project. Rotarians who are inter-

ested in supporting a specific project should notify the PolioPlus Partners Program. Donor support must comply with funding deadlines established by the program.

Processing Contributions:

Please keep in mind that it can take up to 4 weeks for contributions to be processed. Funds remitted to Service Centers and RIBI may take additional time to reach The Rotary Foundation and be processed. To facilitate the timely processing of multiple contributions for a specific project, we strongly recommend that districts or clubs that wish to adopt a particular project should either consolidate individual contributions into one large check, or designate one individual to collect all contributions and submit them to the Partners Program.

"I want to participate NOW!!!"

If you would like to make a direct and immediate impact by becoming a PolioPlus Partner please obtain a PolioPlus Partners Remittance Form on the Rotary International website or by contacting the PolioPlus Partners Program directly.

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.



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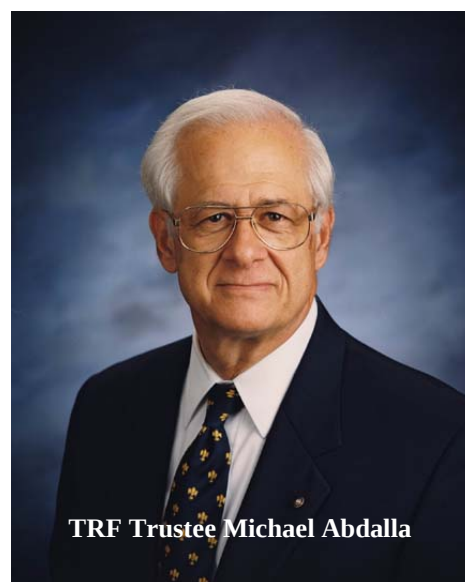
WHY I AM A ROTARIAN: *This free, weekly feature contains inspiring statements from Rotarians on why they are Rotarians. We hope this will encourage others to examine why they belong to Rotary and to see the tremendous value of each membership in creating understanding and world peace...
...a service of Rotary Global History Fellowship
<http://www.rghf.org/>*



PRIP Jonathan Majiyagbe

“... For me, Rotary is one great gateway that leads to many doors - the chance to meet great people you would otherwise never meet, to learn about cultures you never knew existed, to break bread with otherwise total strangers and so break down the barriers of ignorance and intolerance, to support a strong Rotary Foundation and its programs and participate in a crusade for building world understanding and peace. “

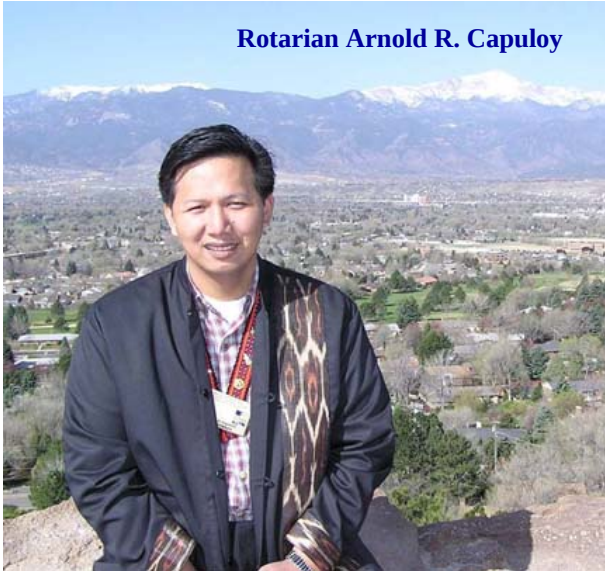
“... Through Rotary I also became more involved with service to the less fortunate in my community. After serving as a club president and a district governor, my circle of Rotary friends then extended far beyond my community to communities throughout California, the western United States and eventually the world.”



TRF Trustee Michael Abdalla

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Rotarian Arnold R. Capuloy

“... As a recent Group Study Exchange Team Member to District 5470 in April 2005, I experienced so many good things in the company of my Rotarian host families in Colorado and that made me decide to join the wonderful world of Rotary if I get invited.

And I was invited and so now I am ready to show the visiting GSE Team members what it really means by “promoting international understanding” especially now that I am already a part of the wonderful world of Rotary.”



Rotarian Fary Moini

“... I was introduced to my Rotary club and that was the classroom I was looking for, because many great teachers helped me to find the answers for my existence in this world and helped me in the process in finding my passion in life .”

Why are you a Rotarian?

Send your statement in 300 words (or less) to:
EBlender@aol.com or visit
<http://www.whyam.org>

For previous “Why I Am...” go to:
<http://www.rotaryfirst100.org/why/>



PDG Salomón Pesel



WHY I AM A ROTARIAN

I AM VERY PROUD TO BE A ROTARIAN.

- IT HAS GIVEN ME THE OPPORTUNITY OF HELPING OTHERS AND THE SATISFACTION OF DOING SO AND HAS GIVEN ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET MANY PEOPLE NOT ONLY IN MY CLUB BUT ALL OVER THE WORLD.
- IT HAS SHOWN ME THE PATH OF SERVICE, HOW ONE SMALL THING CAN LEAD TO A GREAT THING, LIKE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION, WITH MY CONTRIBUTION, I HAVE HELPED IN THE IMMUNIZATION OF POLIO, IN THE BUILDING OF WELLS IN THE WORLD, IN HELPING NEEDY PEOPLE IN AFRICA. I HAVE VISITED, AMONG OTHER PLACES, THE ROTARY VILLAGE CORPS NOW ROTARY COMMUNITY CORPS, IN THE PHILIPPINES AND SEEN HOW A SMALL SEED CAN LEAD TO A BETTER LIFE.
- I HAVE SEEN THE FACES OF THE ELDERLY WHEN WE VISIT THEM, ROTARY IS NOT ONLY MONEY, BUT IT IS THE CARE WE SHOW FOR PEOPLE THAT IN MANY CASES, HAVE BEEN ABANDONED BY THEIR RELATIVES.
- I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE ROTARY FOUNDATION IN WHICH I HAVE RECEIVED GREAT SATISFACTIONS, SINCE IT HAS GIVEN ME ANSWERS TO BIG PROBLEMS, MANY OF THEM HAVE BEEN VERY CREATIVE AND WE HAVE SHARED THEM WITH EXCELLENT PEOPLE, WE HAVE LEARNED TO SERVE AND LOVE THE FOUNDATION.
- IT HAS ALSO GIVEN ME THE OPPORTUNITY OF GETTING CLOSER TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE AND LEARN AGAIN THEIR WAY OF THINKING AND HELP THEM FORM CLUBS LIKE INTERACT, DURING THE MOST BEAUTIFUL STAGE OF THEIR LIVES.
- WE HAVE WITNESSED AND PARTICIPATED IN BIG ACHIEVEMENTS LIKE THE POLIO ERRADICATION AND HAVE BEEN LUCKY THAT THE YEAR I WAS A DISTRICT GOVERNOR, BELLS STARTED RINGING ON TWO GREAT EVENTS: THE GOAL WAS SURPASSED IN THE ORIGINAL FIGURES FOR POLIO PLUS CAMPAIGN AND THE APPROVAL OF WOMEN ENTERING ROTARY WAS ACHIEVED.
- I HAVE LEARNED FROM PEOPLE WHO KNOW MUCH MORE THAN I DO AND WHO HAVE AN ECONOMIC FORTUNE GREATER THAN MINE, ALSO THAT TOLERANCE AND HUMBLeness ARE THE TWO EFFECTIVE INSTRUMENTS TO CARRY A MORE REWARDING LIFE.
- AND ABOVE ALL, THANKS TO MY INVOLVEMENT WITH ALL THE ROTARY PROGRAMS, I HAVE LEARNED TO LOVE MORE AND SHARE MORE WITH MY PARTNER AND WIFE, JENNY, WITH OUR CHILDREN, DAUGHTERS IN LAW AND GRANDCHILDREN, AND THEY ALL SHARE WITH ME MY LOVE FOR ROTARY.
- I COULD GO ON AND ON AND PERHAPS STILL NOT EXPRESS AS MUCH AS I WANT TO, THE SATISFACTION I HAVE, SATISFACTION SHARED BY JENNY, MY WIFE, OF BELONGING TO THE WORLD'S GREATEST ORGANIZATION OF SERVICE AND FEELING THE PRIDE OF ANSWERING, WHEN I AM ASKED, "WHAT IS THAT PIN IN YOUR LAPEL YOU ARE WEARING?", AND I REPLY: "I AM A MEMBER OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL, THE WORLD'S GREATEST SERVICE ORGANIZATION."

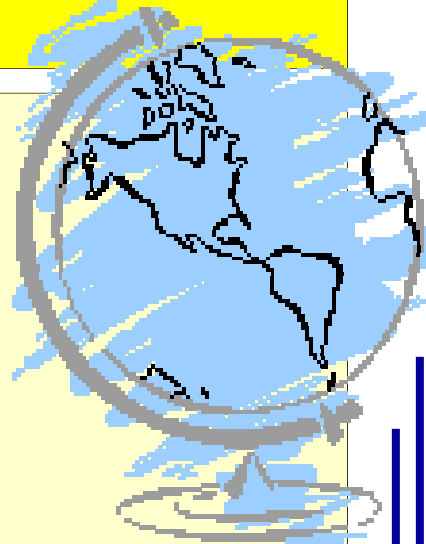
Salomón Pesel
PDG 4170, 1988-89
Mexico

¿PORQUE SOY ROTARIO?

YO ENTRE A ROTARY EN AGOSTO DE 1967 AL CLUB ROTARIO VALLEJO, ENTONCES DISTRITO 417. YA SON CASI CERCA 39 AÑOS Y APARTE DEL HECHO DE QUE ROTARY, COMO DICE MI ESPOSA JENNY, LO TENGO "IMPRESO" TODO EN MI, QUE SOLO NECESITO UN TATUAJE, TENGO MUCHO ORGULLO DECIR QUE "SOY ROTARIO".

- ROTARY ME HA DADO LA OPORTUNIDAD DE AYUDAR A OTROS Y LA SATISFACCION DE HACERLO.
 - ME HA DADO LA OPORTUNIDAD DE CONOCER A MUCHA GENTE, NO SOLO EN MI CLUB, MI COMUNIDAD, MI DISTRITO, PERO EN TODO EL MUNDO.
 - ME HA ENSEÑADO EL CAMINO DEL SERVICIO, COMO UNA PEQUEÑA COSA PUEDE LLEVAR A UNA GRAN COSA, COMO LAS CONTRIBUCIONES A LA FUNDACION ROTARIA, QUE CON MI CONTRIBUCION, HE AYUDADO EN LA INMUNIZACION DE LA POLIO, EN LA CONSTRUCCION DE POZOS DE AGUA EN EL MUNDO, EN AYUDAR A LA GENTE NECESITADA EN AFRICA.
 - HE VISITADO, ENTRE OTROS LUGARES, A LOS GRUPOS DE APOYO COMUNITARIO EN LAS FILIPINAS, Y HE VISTO COMO DE UNA PEQUEÑA SEMILLA SE LLEGA A UNA VIDA MEJOR.
 - HE VISTO LAS CARAS DE LAS PERSONAS MAYORES CUANDO LOS VISITAMOS, ROTARY NO ES SOLAMENTE UN CLUB DE CARTERAS, PERO ES EL CUIDADO QUE MOSTRAMOS POR ESA GENTE, QUIEN EN MUCHOS CASOS, HAN SIDO ABANDONADOS POR SUS FAMILIARES.
 - HE ESTADO INVOLUCRADO CON LA FUNDACION ROTARIA EN DONDE HE RECIBIDO MUCHAS SATISFACCIONES, YA QUE HA CONTESTADO A MIS DUDAS SOBRE MUCHOS PROBLEMAS, MUCHOS HAN SIDO CREATIVOS Y LOS HEMOS COMPARTIDO CON GENTE EXCELENTE, HEMOS APRENDIDO A SERVIR Y A AMAR A LA FUNDACION.
 - TAMBIEN ME HA DADO LA OPORTUNIDAD DE ACERCARME A LOS JOVENES Y APRENDER DE ELLOS NUEVAMENTE SU FORMA DE PENSAR Y LOS HEMOS AYUDADO A FORMAR CLUBES COMO INTERACT, DURANTE LA ETAPA MAS BELLA DE SUS VIDAS.
 - HEMOS SIDO TESTIGOS Y PARTICIPADO EN GRANDES LOGROS COMO LA ERRADICACION DE LA POLIO Y ME SIENTO AFORTUNADO QUE EL AÑO EN EL QUE FUI GOBERNADOR DE MI DISTRITO, LAS CAMPANAS EMPEZARON A SONAR POR DOS GRANDES EVENTOS: LA META SOBREPASO LO PENSADO ORIGINALMENTE EN RECAUDACION DE FONDOS PARA LA CAMPAÑA POLIO PLUS Y TAMBIEN FUE EL AÑO DE LA APROBACION DE LA ENTRADA DE LA MUJER A ROTARY.
 - HE APRENDIDO DE QUIENES SABEN MAS QUE YO Y QUIENES TIENEN MUCHO MAS DINERO QUE YO, Y TAMBIEN, QUE LA TOLERANCIA Y LA HUMILDAD SON DOS INSTRUMENTOS MUY EFECTIVOS PARA LLEVAR A CABO UNA VIDA CON MAS RECOMPENSAS.
- Y SOBRE TODO, GRACIAS A MI PARTICIPACION EN TODOS LOS PROGRAMAS DE ROTARY, HE APRENDIDO A AMAR MAS Y COMPARTIR MAS CON MI ESPOSA JENNY, CON NUESTROS HIJOS, NUERAS Y NIETOS, QUIENES COMPARTEN CONMIGO MI AMOR POR ROTARY.

Mi amigo Eddie Blender me ha pedido que haga un escrito tanto en Inglés como en Español de "Porqué soy Rotario" y yo me podría seguir y seguir y seguir y quizás no expresar todo lo que quiero decir, la satisfacción que siento, que comparte Jenny conmigo, de pertenecer a la organización más grande del mundo en servicio y sentir el orgullo de contestar cuando me preguntan: "¿Qué es eso que tienes puesto en la solapa de tu chaqueta?" y yo les contesto: "Soy miembro de Rotary International, la organización de servicio más grande del mundo".



Salomón Pesel
PDG 4170, 1988-89
Mexico

THE TOP ZONES WORLD WIDE IN TOTAL TRF CONTRIBUTIONS AS OF 28 FEB 2006



ZONE	ANNUAL PROGRAMS FUND
9 - Korea	4,742,883
24 - U S A - CA, HI, NV	2,935,387
23 - U S A - CA, ID, NV, OR, WA	2,507,683
2 - N. Central Japan and Micronesia	2,495,883
4 - Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Others	2,384,394



ZONE	PERMANENT FUND
29 - U S A - AR, IL, KS, LA, MO, MS, OK	1,229,795
24 - U S A - CA, HI, NV	979,143
31 - U S A - CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, VT	698,226
25 - U S A - AZ, CA, CO, IA, ID, KS, Others	649,027
2 - N. Central Japan and Micronesia	583,673

GRAND TOTAL

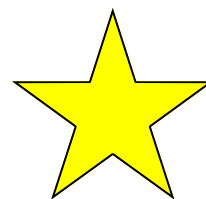
ZONE	TOTAL
24 - U S A - CA, HI, NV	5,748,055
9 - Korea	5,317,428
23 - U S A - CA, ID, NV, OR, WA	3,597,944
2 - N. Central Japan and Micronesia	3,178,307
22 - Canada and U S A, AK	3,075,161

	2006	2005	Percentage Change
Annual Programs Fund	\$46,660,623	\$43,637,219	6.93%
Permanent Fund & Related	\$8,299,716	\$6,783,035	22.36%
Restricted	<u>\$12,409,618</u>	<u>\$19,324,361</u>	<u>(35.78)%</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$67,369,959</u>	<u>\$69,744,616</u>	<u>(3.40)%</u>

THE TOP 30 CLUBS IN THE WORLD FOR ANNUAL PROGRAMS FUND PERCAPITA

... Where do your clubs stand for its 2005-06 APF percapita goals? The APF campaign is winding down with not many days left to reach your goals. Remind your clubs NOW!

Ranking	Rotary Club	District	PerCapita
1	China Grove, NC, USA	7680	3333.33
2	Bahías de Huatulco, Oax., Mexico	4200	3225.33
3	Apple Valley, MN, USA	5950	2683.10
4	Sudo, Seoul, Korea	3640	2665.96
5	Chunan, Taiwan	3500	1647.06
6	Daejeon-Pyeonghwa, Daejeon, Korea	3680	1578.95
7	Bombay Airport, Mah., India	3140	1552.14
8	Bombay Metropolitan, Mah., India	3140	1468.75
9	Smyrna, GA, USA	6900	1361.27
10	Daegu, Daegu, Korea	3700	1344.83
11	Kingspark, Hong Kong	3450	1338.20
12	Uyo, Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria	9140	1320.00
13	Daegu-Sooryeon, Daegu, Korea	3700	1266.67
14	Pohang-Shin, Gyeongsangbug, Korea	3630	1232.56
15	Springdale, AR, USA	6110	1180.39
16	New Daejeon, Daejeon, Korea	3680	1094.57
17	Kang Shan Lilac, Kaohsiung, Taiwan	3510	1083.33
18	Libreville, Gabon	9150	1065.94
19	Seongnam East, Gyeonggi, Korea	3600	987.80
20	Doncaster Sunrise, Vic., Australia	9810	974.96
21	Gwangju-South, Gwangju, Korea	3710	925.86
22	Jurupa, CA, USA	5330	923.33
23	Northwest Houston Sunrise, TX, USA	5890	893.00
24	Shin-Seongnam, Gyeonggi, Korea	3600	890.48
25	Taipei Jen-ai, Taiwan	3520	875.00
26	Galleria Area (Houston), TX, USA	5890	852.60
27	Upcountry Maui, HI, USA	5000	827.42
28	Hanseong, Seoul, Korea	3650	825.40
29	Sae-Cheonan, Chungcheongnam, Korea	3620	820.00
30	Seoul Yongdungpo, Seoul, Korea	3640	814.29



In addition to the perennial APF heavy hitters: USA, Korea and Taiwan—recent additions to the highest percapita also includes: Mexico, India, Australia, Hong Kong, Gabon and Nigeria.



什麼是扶輪世界和平獎學生？

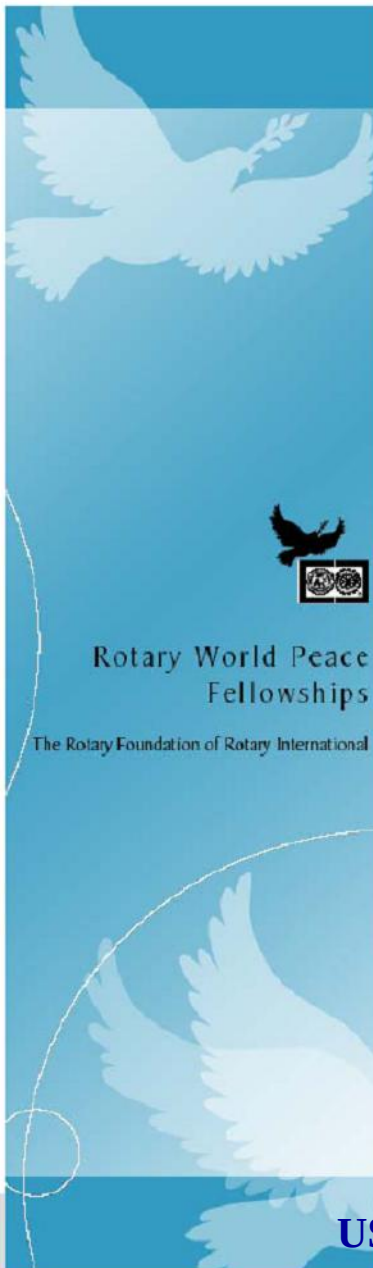
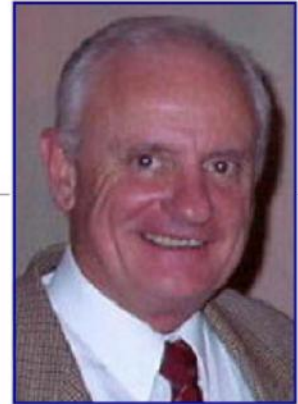
WHAT IS A ROTARY WORLD PEACE FELLOW?

年度計劃基金策略顧問 SA—前總監許勝傑 PDG Archi 翻譯 2006/02/25



我們扶輪基金會需要扶輪社和地區更加參與在這項有潛力的計畫中 — 透過徵募人才、提名、和培育申請人

Our Rotary Foundation needs Rotary clubs and districts to become more involved in this promising program — by recruiting, nominating and nurturing applicants



每年我們扶輪基金會選擇與支持最多 70 位傑出的年輕專業人士，到世界七所扶輪合作大學中心去學習兩年和和平研究的碩士學位。這些學者教育學習的領域如：衝突的真正原因、解決衝突、以及發展中的政府、政府相互間與非政府間的夥伴關係來創造和平。

第一屆的畢業生正擔任國家的總統以及國際組織的高層政策分析師顧問工作。他們上課所學以及他們在國際組織的實習，已經使他們對國際事務具備正面的影響力。

我們扶輪基金會需要扶輪社和地區更加參與在這項有潛力的計畫中 — 透過徵募人才、提名、和培育申請人：並且透過捐款與撥配 DDF 來全面支持這項計畫。

更多資訊及申請資料可以在 www.rotary.org 底下的 The Rotary Foundation, Education Programs 中找到。

第 25 地帶地域扶輪基金協調人
Philip J. Silvers

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.

Philip J. Silvers,
Zone 25, RRFC

US\$95 Million will endow the WPF Program

ROTARY WORLD PEACE CENTERS

More than 45 years ago, then Senator John F. Kennedy challenged Americans to willingly serve their country—to give two years of their life to the service of others and, without hesitation, Americans rose to his challenge. Since the Peace Corps' beginnings in 1961, more than 180,000 have served as Volunteers.

John F. Kennedy said, "Peace is a daily, a weekly, a monthly process, gradually changing opinions, slowly eroding old barriers, quietly building new structures."

Is world peace your Rotary Dream?

Investigate how you can help realize your dream. Support the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution.

Supporting the Rotary Centers program and Rotary World Peace Fellowships is helping to achieve The Rotary Foundation's mission of world understanding and peace. This program is enabling Rotarians all over the world to pursue their dreams of world understanding and peace through education.



**THE ROTARY CENTERS FOR
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BY 30 JUNE 2015.**

THE NEED FOR THE ROTARY CENTERS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES:

Efforts to achieve national and international peace continue to be thwarted by war, famine, poverty, and disease around the world. More than 100 million people have been killed or seriously injured due to national and international struggles since 1945. Between 1990 and 2002, the United Nation's estimates 3.6 million children have died as a result of civil wars and ethnic conflict. UNICEF recently reported that to protect children from armed conflict more must be done to address the underlying causes of violence and poverty by investing more in mediation and conflict resolution. In addition, armed conflicts are now the leading cause of world hunger.

We expect all our Rotary Foundation Scholars to help carry out what the name of Ambassadorial Scholarships implies.....which to me means being Outstanding Ambassadors who find a variety of ways to promote Better Understanding by besides being Good Citizens of their respective countries they are also what many identify as being World Citizens. We in Rotary are especially happy when Ambassadorial Scholars later in their respective careers become Rotarians in spite of their busy schedules to share the lessons of Internationality they have acquired.

Frank Devlyn
Chairman, The Rotary Foundation 2005-06
Past Rotary International President 2000-01

The RC of West Vancouver Newsletter

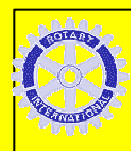
Hello Editor Eddie and thank you for all of the information you send out.

I do the Rotary Club of West Vancouver's newsletter and have been doing so for several years.

I use your 'Why I am a Rotarian' and 'What Paul Harris Said' in pretty well all my issues and they are well received. But I feel there is something lacking in my TRF efforts.

I would like to include a 50 - 200 word paragraph each week on some worthwhile activity that is being sponsored in whole or part by the RI Foundation. Any suggestions? Keep up the good work.

Al al@hasley.ca



Dear Foundation Alumni Subcommittee Chair,

I hope that you have been updating your Alumni list. As Alumni Subcommittee Chair for District 5370, I formed a committee of 5 people, and asked each person to take a portion of our list that was given to us by RI, and update the information as much as possible. We have completed that task.

Now we are sending the attached letter to everyone on the Alumni list, along with a questionnaire similar to the one that RI has on the website, but also asking if they are interested in belonging to an Alumni Association in our District. The letter invites them to come to our District Conference in May, and to the Alumni reception at the RI Convention in Malmo/Copenhagen.

Judy Harcourt, PDG, Rotary Foundation Alumni Coordinator
Zone 22 and Zone 23, CANADA

Rotarians, DGs, DGEs and Club Presidents - I would encourage you to read the April 2006 issue of the OUR FOUNDATION newsletter thoroughly ***and all future issues*** as there is so much Rotary information packed into these publications. I believe they will help all of us as district leaders in our education about Rotary and thus help us to educate Rotarians in our districts. I would hope that all Rotarians would use the link to this fine FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER on our district 5470 website and to take the time to read this publication.

In my opinion it is one of the best, if not the best, publications that I know of in all of Rotary. It is always current information. You will find it very informative and useful in your efforts to "LEAD THE WAY".

Richard A. "Dick" Foster
District 5470
District Governor 2006-07

Eddie, what a great APRIL 2006 issue! The content – wealth has finally matched a great idea, overheard at the IA, EREY and water management + illiteracy + peace & conflict resolution, Katrina, Foundation and using private funds to serve public good, SHARE, Why I Am..., Polio-Plus news ... WOW! Gorgeous graphics and photos, great layout, and only 50KB per page! Amazing!

George Jones, PP Telluride RC



I really enjoy reading "OUR FOUNDATION", your monthly newsletter to past RRFCs. Congratulations on an outstanding publication which keeps us informed and mindful of the wonderful work of "OUR FOUNDATION".

Michael W. Abdalla
Trustee 2004-07, The Rotary Foundation

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**"I cannot but have reverence
for all that is life. I cannot
avoid compassion for everything
that is called life. That is
the beginning and the
foundation of morality."**

Albert Schweitzer

POLIOPLUS FATIGUE?

We are so close to winning the war against Polio and it has been recently reported that fatigue is setting in among volunteers, donors and average people.

Fatigue? When we realize that even one unvaccinated child can allow a new pocket of the disease to bloom, we must not stop.

RIISING POVERTY LEVELS IN THE USA

According to the Census Bureau, 37 million people lived in poverty in the United States in 2004. That's a staggering 17 percent increase since 2000. The Census Bureau also reported in 2004 that 45 million Americans have no health insurance – a 15 percent increase since 2000. While poverty was growing at an exploding pace, the increase in the number of households with income of \$90,000 or more grew slightly less than 2 percent.

