

OUR FOUNDATION



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A ROTARY LEGACY



PRRFC EDDIE BLENDER

Our Rotary Foundation Trustee Chairman Frank Devlyn in his April Foundation message

writes what will be your legacy? "Living forever in the physical sense is not possible," he said, "but to leave a legacy that lasts in perpetuity might just be the next best thing. The Rotary Foundation's Permanent Fund enables Rotarians to create their own legacy to do good in the world forever."

In 1917 The Rotary Foundation's founder Arch Klumph wrote: There are persons "... *who are seeking ways and means of leaving some part of their wealth where it may do the greatest good for humanity. What better equipped organization or institution than Rotary Inter-*

national can be found to be entrusted with such funds?"

Holidays, when all the family are gathered together is a perfect time to open a legacy discussion and to communicate to your family your personal wishes and your values. Don't wait for an illness or a health scare to begin those important discussions.

Your life experiences, your wishes and dreams, your hopes for your children, your grandchildren and generations to come and your dreams to truly make a difference in this world are topics to discuss.

Rotary experiences have influenced many to create an endowment, a legacy through Our Foundation.

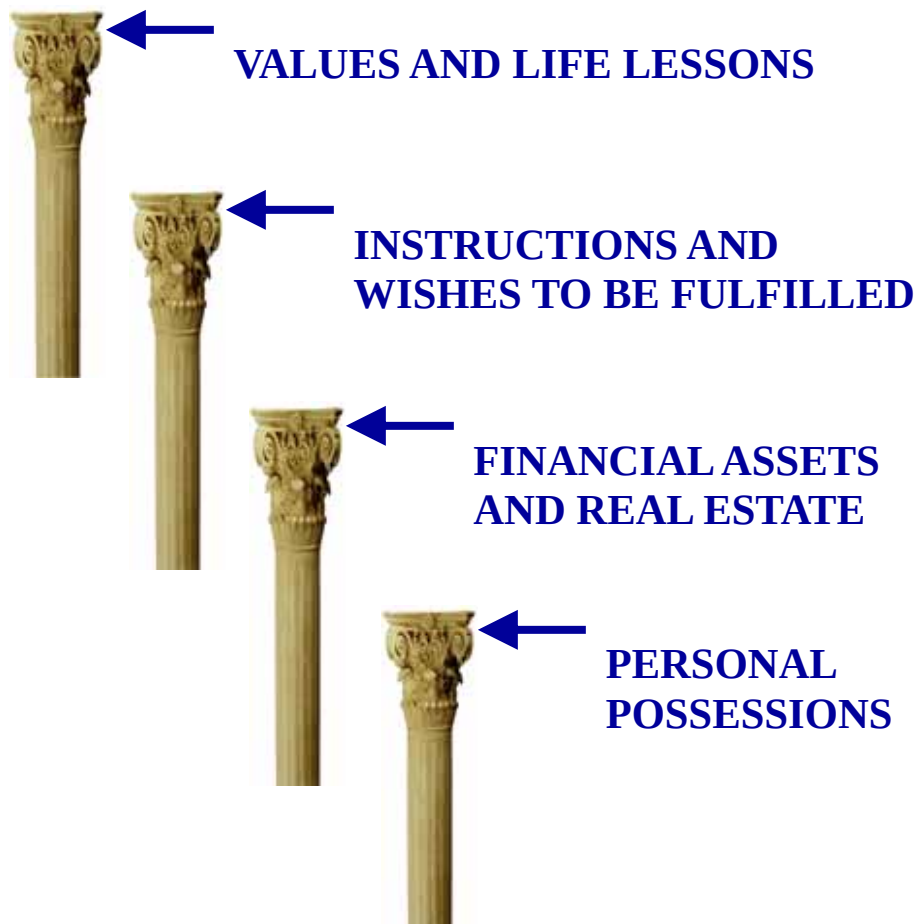
**A LEGACY
CAN
CAPTURE
AN
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SERVICE Above Self

THE FOUR PILLARS OF AN EFFECTIVE LEGACY

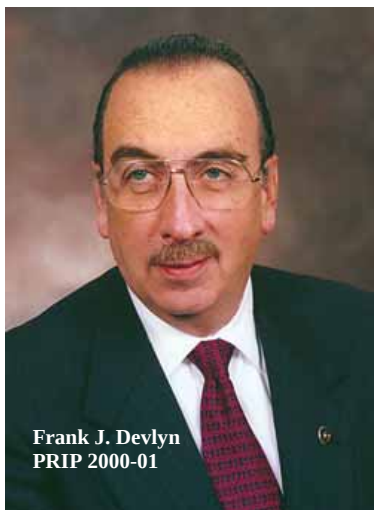
Most people assume the most important issue is money. Not true! While money isn't trivial, it was found (in a recent Allianz study) ... that values and life lessons are most important.



Leaving a legacy involves all facets of an individual's life; one's experiences, family, tradition and history, one's individual values and personal wishes.

... Speaking about Legacy does raise the interesting question of what would be an appropriate response for a \$1,000,000,000.00 contribution (One Billion US Dollars)? What the world needs is for the oracle of Omaha, the chairman of Oracle, and the founder of Microsoft, or the founder of CNN to make a billion dollar contributions to an organization (The Rotary Foundation), which is more efficient than the UN, the Red Cross, or certainly any country's government.

WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY?



While thinking about this month's message, the fable about the Fountain of Youth came to mind. It was said to have the ability to restore youth, and those in the Middle Ages believed it existed. Juan Ponce de Leon and Christopher Columbus, among other explorers, sailed to what is now Florida, USA, in vain search of it. This legend has lasted the ages, and some still seek it.

Living forever in the physical sense is not possible or truly even desired. But to leave a *legacy* that lasts in perpetuity just might be the next best thing.

The Rotary Foundation's Permanent Fund enables Rotarians to create their own *legacy* to do good in the world forever. Because only a portion of the Permanent Fund's earnings — not the corpus of gifts — is spent each year, a gift to it will continue working in perpetuity. I encourage every Rotarian to consider making a gift or commitment to the Permanent Fund. While some people choose to make an outright gift, others include the Permanent Fund in their final estate plans. I am impressed by the large number of Rotarians who committed a significant percentage of their estate to the Permanent Fund.

The opportunity represented if every Rotarian creates a legacy with Rotary can't be underestimated. We would quickly surpass our next target of \$1 billion by 2025 and be able to fund a substantial program such as PolioPlus on a regular basis. We share a common creed in our Rotary membership. Why wouldn't we share and create a common legacy together?

The Permanent Fund will keep the future of The Rotary Foundation's programs bright. Be a part of this newest Fountain of Youth initiative, and your legacy will live forever.

Your Amigo,

Frank J. Devlyn

The Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair, 2005-06

Rotary International President, 2000-01

**LAST YEAR ALONE,
US\$4.5 MILLION IN
EARNINGS WERE
AVAILABLE FOR THE
FOUNDATION'S
PROGRAMS.**





ROTARY FOUNDATION EDUCATIONAL AND HUMANITARIAN PROGRAMS SUPPORTED BY THE ANNUAL PROGRAMS FUND

**Your gifts to the
EVERY ROTARIAN,
EVERY YEAR
program and your
gifts as a
PAUL HARRIS
FELLOW
support the
humanitarian
and educational
programs of
OUR FOUNDATION**

MATCHING GRANTS provide matching funds (grants) for the international service projects of Rotary clubs and districts. These grants help to provide clean water, literacy, and health care, environmental restoration and countless other services to individuals and communities in need.

The magic of TRF has accounted for (since 1965), almost 22,000 Matching Grant projects in 166 countries, which have been funded at a cost of almost \$225 million.

AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS:

Our Foundation sponsors one of the largest and most international scholarship programs in the world. Scholars study in a country other than their own where they serve as unofficial "ambassadors of goodwill, helping to build greater understanding between different cultures." Since 1947, almost **40,000 scholars** from some 110 countries have received scholarships at a cost of almost **\$500 million**.

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE (GSE):

These annual awards are made to paired Rotary districts to provide travel expenses for a team of non-Rotarians from a variety of vocations.

Rotarian hosts organize a four- to six-week itinerary of educational and cultural points of interest.

Rotarians from different districts host teams and the team members live and eat and interact on a daily basis... building international goodwill, peace and greater understanding.

Since 1965, more than 52,000 individuals (almost 12,000 teams) from 102 countries have participated at a cost of more than **\$88 million**.

WORLD PEACE SCHOLARS: - Since the inception of the program in 2002-03 we have named 180 World Peace Fellows (WPF) from 50 countries at a cost of 11 Million dollars. Our fifth class (2006-08) is starting this year with 60 WPF at 7 peace centers worldwide.

A MILLION a n d MORE PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

W h y ?

**Our programs and our
fundraising go hand in hand and
we cannot do one without the other.**

As Rotary Volunteers our dental team is grateful for the contributions to the Annual Programs Fund and the Every Rotarian, Every Year Initiative. Our team and countless Rotary Teams worldwide—thank you!

The magic of Rotary truly begins with Our Foundation for when a humanitarian grant is applied for and accepted the funds raised at the club level are matched by our districts and then doubled by TRF using our world funds (Rotarian's contributions worldwide).

This magic has accounted for (since 1965), almost 22,000 Matching Grant projects in 166 countries, which have been funded at a cost of almost \$225 million.

- Grants to help do good in the world.
- Grants helping to build world understanding and peace.

We need dedicated TRF fundraising to continue our TRF programs and strong programs will help us to raise more needed funds.

Eddie Blender



Dr. Sarah Werner and Dr. Eddie Blender, Rotary Volunteers

**We believe The Rotary
Foundation will achieve the
milestone of the
One Millionth Paul Harris
Fellow by 30 June 2006.
This would be a good time to
promote new contributions
to achieve both our
US\$105,000,000 Annual
Programs Fund Goal and
the goal of our One Millionth
Paul Harris Fellow!**

OUR FOUNDATION'S HUMANITARIAN PROGRAMS ARE SUPPORTED BY THE ANNUAL PROGRAMS FUND

Trachoma is the leading infectious cause of preventable blindness in the world. It is caused by a bacterium prevalent in poor communities with limited access to adequate sanitation and clean water. This preventable disease blinds the poorest of the poor.

Approximately 500 million people are at risk of infection, largely in Africa, Asia and the Middle East. Seventy-five percent of the afflicted are in Africa. Trachoma is spread through a cycle of infection and re-infection, often from mother to child and back again.

SOAP AND WATER ARE SCARCE. WOMEN OFTEN WALK HOURS A DAY TO WELLS TO CARRY HOME PRECIOUS POTS OF WATER BALANCED ON THEIR HEADS AND SOAP IS A LUXURY FOR THE POOREST OF THE POOR.

The World Health Organization estimates that 70 million people are infected with Trachoma. Five million suffer from its late stages. And two million are blind because of it.

DEBILITATION AND DEPENDENCY

In a 31 March New York Times Article Celia W Dugger wrote, "To break this cycle of debilitation and dependency, the goal is not eradication of the eye infections themselves, which most agree is neither practical nor necessary, but rather to reduce their frequency and intensity, a more achievable goal. This would avoid development of the devastating late stage of trachoma, called trichiasis, that makes surgery the sufferers' only salvation.

Toward that end, the World Health Organization has approved a strategy known as SAFE, an acronym that stands for surgery, antibiotics, face washing and environmental change, notably improved access to latrines and water."



Photo credit: The Carter Center
Flies that land on faces such as this child's, transport the trachoma bacteria from an infected person to an uninfected person.



MAKE YOUR GIFT COUNT

EVERY
ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR

WHAT IS A PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIP?



PRIP CLIFF DOCHTERMAN

What is a Paul Harris Fellow? Think for a moment of this statement: "A Paul Harris Fellow means whatever you want it to mean."

Should The Rotary Foundation accept a \$1000 contribution as a way to honor a person for exceptional service?

... Certainly.

Should The Rotary Foundation accept a gift of \$1000 as an expression of happiness for 20 years of marriage, or a new grandchild, or success in one's vocation or family life?

... Of course.

Should The Rotary Foundation accept a \$1000 contribution in memory of a friend, relative or associate who has been an important asset to your life?

... Certainly.

Should The Rotary Foundation accept \$1000 if you really believe in the tremendous value of the humanitarian work of TRF in developing parts of the world and thereby express appreciation for your gift by naming you a Paul Harris Fellow or multi-PHF?

... Absolutely.

So, I suggest that a Paul Harris Fellow can mean whatever you wish it to mean. The Rotary Foundation benefits from your contribution and demonstrates this appreciation through the mechanism of a Paul Harris Fellow.

That is the way I see it.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE ROTARY FOUNDATION WILL ACHIEVE THE MILESTONE OF THE ONE MILLIONTH PAUL HARRIS FELLOW BY 30 JUNE 2006.



As the "One Millionth Paul Harris Fellow." milestone is achieved, one new Paul Harris Fellow from each zone will be selected. Once this milestone is achieved, a staff selection committee will be working with colleagues in the RI Offices around the world to identify the representatives in all the zones. To be eligible, the Paul Harris Fellow must be a living person and a new first-time Paul Harris Fellow.

In addition to the normal recognition processing those selected will receive a 1,000,000th Paul Harris Fellow commemorative plaque and special certificate for presentation at a club, district and/or zone event. Recipients will be listed on Rotary's website and in a *Rotarian* magazine article.

Currently, there are 988,620 Paul Harris Fellows recorded as of 3 April 2006. This would be a good time to promote new contributions to achieve both our US\$105,000,000 Annual Programs Fund Goal and the goal of our One Millionth Paul Harris Fellow!

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/>

... Rotary gives me something of real value in my life. The stability that Rotary will always be there and hence the hope for our country that is in such dire straits as there are so many committed Rotarians serving our community trying to make life better for the needy , hungry and dying amongst us.

"Tiri Tose" (African Shona tribe saying) means "We are one."

One big Rotary family.

Maureen Bond
Zimbabwe



... I have a passion to make a difference and Rotary is so diverse and can throw up so many varied challenges that the organization continues to excite me.

The Foundation that has as its aim to do good in the world fits so comfortably with my beliefs.

Stuart Williams
Australia

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... I am amazed at what Rotary can do internationally. In March 2002, while I was the President of my club, I had one of my most important experiences because in my country there was no insulin, for both poor and rich people and I wrote to Rotarians of District 1220, U.K.

And then occurred once more the miracle of the Rotarian friendship: only seventeen days after I wrote my e-mail, we got all the insulin that San Juan Province needed for a complete month.

Norma Beatriz Kalejman
Argentina

... 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 through Rotary.

Dr. Dens W. L. Shao
Taipei Taiwan



Why are you a Rotarian?

Send your statement in 300 words (or less) to:
EBlender@aol.com

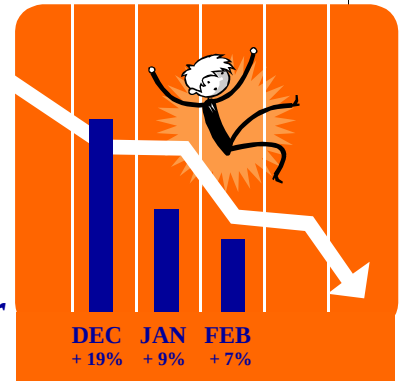
For archived "Why I Am A Rotarian" please visit:
<http://www.rotaryfirst100.org/why/>

THERE ARE TWO MONTHS REMAINING FOR THE 2006 ANNUAL PROGRAMS FUND CAMPAIGN



Terri Stough
Annual Giving Officer

“ ... Just looking at the Annual Giving rate over the past two months I can see a problematic trend developing. In December, Annual Giving was up 19% YTD, in January 9% YTD, and February -- just 7%. Here are a few suggestions to step up your district's APF contributions.”



This is how we can maintain the momentum (if you're up, up, up) or reverse the trend (if you're in the red):

Approach the non-giving clubs. There are still a large number of non-giving clubs showing up on your reports. Last 1 July, I called every DG to wish them luck for the coming year and to contribute a minimum of \$100 to The Rotary Foundation to show their leadership. While I needed to make four call backs, by 1 August -- everyone stepped up. While the Foundation Chairs, Annual Giving Chairs and Assistant Governors are all supporting the districts **Every Rotarian, Every Year** effort -- *I'm asking the DGs to make those personal calls to presidents of the non-giving clubs.*

Grow your Major Donor list incrementally. By reviewing the CRS and working with your team, identify those Paul Harris Fellows who have reached a +6, +7, and +8 level. Ask them if they would consider becoming a Major Donor. A couple thousand here and a couple thousand there will really add up.

Think big. Every district knows at least a handful of Rotarians who are passionate about Rotary and have financial capability. Take the bold step and ask them if they'd make a gift in honor of the district's effort to help the local community and better the world. It's that simple.

Invite people to join the Paul Harris Society. We'll help you identify donors who've contributed at least \$500 to The Rotary Foundation in the past year. *How could we not ask them to join??* Your district has a terrific chance to chart a new course. Take over the helm!

**“HELPING YOUR DISTRICTS
REACH THEIR APF GOALS”**

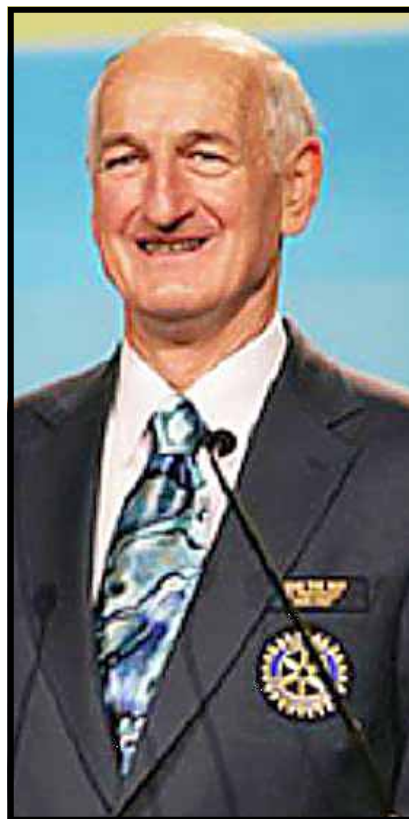
Terri Stough
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Water, Health and hunger issues continue to be TRF initiatives

Rotary International's Water, Health and Hunger (WH&H) Coordinator Ron Denham shares some of the task force's views and goals.

With WH&H Coordinators (listed in the 2005-06 Official Directory) in every Zone, your districts have experts to utilize at your Trainings and Assemblies. The Zone Coordinators reasonability's are:

- Encouraging every Rotarian to become knowledgeable of issues relating to water, sanitation, health and hunger
- Encouraging every Rotary club to become involved in a water, sanitation, health and/or hunger project or program
- Encouraging and facilitating programs to demonstrate Rotary's capability to mobilize local resources, international agencies, NGOs and the private sector to create a sustainable disease-free, healthy community.
- Encouraging a strong line of communication from zone coordinator to district coordinator to club so that every club should be aware of global water issues.



William "Bill" Boyd
RI President Elect (2006-2007)
Photo by Monika Lozinska-Lee/RI

RI President Elect (2006-2007) Bill Boyd stated in his closing remarks at the 2006 International Assembly,

"As Rotarians, we need to think big by expanding our strength through partnerships with other organizations, including governments and major funding organizations. Together, we can break through the layers of bureaucracy and corruption that too often exist in the countries with the greatest needs. We work people to people."

NEW MAJOR DONOR PIN REVISED (An April Fools Story)

... RRFC TOM THORPHINNSON FOOLS THE ROTARY WORLD



gift of \$100,000,000.00 US Dollars is coming to our foundation directly from the Disney Foundation. Special thanks to Disney for this gift. As a result, new recognition levels have been created to accommodate and recognize larger gifts: Level 7 – US \$25 million and above, and level 8 – US \$100 million and above).

Obviously the current major donor pin in circulation today fails to allow room for two additional stones. As a result, a new pin has been developed allowing the incorporation of 2 additional stones into our major donor pin design.

The new design places two more diamonds in the semi-circles above the silhouette of Paul Harris.



**TOM IS
ACCEPTING
GIFTS
TO TRF OF
US\$ 25 MILLION
AND HIGHER**

Although the pin is still awaiting final production, I have been able to obtain an early artist's rendition.

Please consider carefully a gift in excess of \$25,000,000.00 in order to receive this lovely new recognition pin.

Yours in Rotary,
Tommie T
Thomas M. Thorfinnson,
RRFC Zone 27 (2003-06)
tthorf@mn.rr.com

A ROTARY REGIONAL FOUNDATION COORDINATOR ACTION TEAM

... a "Build the Future" action team was created at the recent RRFC Training.

March 24th, 2006 was graduation day for 41 Coordinators at the RRFC Institute for 2006. A "Build the Future" action team was created and it is unequalled in enthusiasm and expertise. *The team was prepared by combining our outstanding staff with members from our 3rd year RRFCs.* This structure provided for some exciting, lively and fun, interactive discussion sessions.

These enthusiastic Coordinators represent perhaps the strongest Foundation Team ever assembled. They're eager to share their passion for the Foundation with all Rotarians. They need our help! Give these RRFCs the opportunity to interact with your districts.

**LET'S ASSURE
OUR FOUNDATION'S
SUCCESS BY
PROVIDING THE
RRFCs THE
OPPORTUNITY TO
SHARE THEIR
KNOWLEDGE AND
ENTHUSIASM**

SUCCESS is achieved when preparation meets opportunity. Our coordinators are prepared!!!!

Let's assure our Foundation's SUCCESS by providing this team the opportunity to share their knowledge and enthusiasm with as many Rotarians as possible.

You too, can become a Build the Future Action team member! Just ask your RRFC!



Irving J. "Sonny" Brown
Moderator RRFC Institute, 2006
Past RIVP and Past Trustee TRF

TRF TRUSTEES WERE INCLUDED IN ALL THE TRAINING AND DISCUSSION GROUPS, MODERATORS, SONNY BROWN AND ROLF HOEERNDLER SAT IN AND PARTICIPATED AND CHAIRMAN FRANK DEVLIN AND CHAIRMAN ELECT LUIS GIAY ALSO ATTENDED AND PROVIDED INSPIRATION.

Why donate to Rotary?

... a District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair reflects on this year's Every Rotarian, Every Year Campaign.



Drake Zimmerman JD CFA
District Foundation Committee Chair
D 6490 USA

For months I have been trying to capture, to spell out the power of the Every Rotarian, Every Year Campaign, of becoming a Sustaining Member, of donating \$100 to The Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation. A few of the projects our donations have funded this year tell the story.

It is the end of March and so far:

- Because you gave \$100, the simple question, “What’s 2 + 2?” is no longer a mystery for many children. In other words, each \$100 donor has helped 2 + 2 children to read, write and do math. What’s 2 + 2?
- Each \$100 donor can claim that a person has sight because of his/her contribution. Because of you, someone can now see. He or she is no longer blind. He or she can now work. Care for him/herself, and family. See the smiles on children’s faces.
- Each \$100 donor has sponsored purchase of 10 mosquito nets that fight malaria. Each net covers 2-3 people, and protects even more. Because of your donation, at least 20 people get a mosquito free and healthy good night’s sleep. Beyond that, every 30 nets save a life from malaria, Working together, every three Sustaining Members save a life.
- Each \$100 donor this year has sponsored 10 people getting safe water. How far did your daughter have to walk to fetch you water today? Was it safe? The walk I mean. Safe water for 10 families is a huge contribution to the well being of the families.

AND Rotarians learn fast. We have done so much more locally and internationally than these few projects. Each of you can probably name 5 other projects, 5 youths who have better educations, 5 ways your community is better because of Rotary.

AND some of us have done the math on our personal situations, too. As a result, some of us joined the Paul Harris SOCIETY, where we donate at least \$1000/year. We know why. If you don’t know ask us!

$$2 + 2 = 6$$

ROTARY INFLUENCE — PAST PRESENT AND FUTURE

A Challenging and Provocative Talk (1959) by CHESLEY R. PERRY, Chicago Rotarian

Just 13 months before Ches Perry died; he wrote and delivered the following speech (below is a small segment) to the Rotarians of Illinois district 644, now 6450. His comments may be valuable for Rotarians today, half a century later. To read the entire speech Please visit here: <http://www.rotaryfirst100.org/secretariat/perry/1959d644.htm>



CHESLEY R. PERRY
Secretary, Rotary International
1910 to 1942

“...My first thought is that our Rotary Clubs of the U.S.A. should be something more than just another group among many luncheon club groups which I fear they have become, or may become, in the public’s estimation and possibly in the minds of some of our own members.

Every now and then some American Rotarian after visiting Rotary Clubs abroad comes home to tell us: “You know, I believe Rotarians in other countries take Rotary more seriously than we do in the USA.” If such observations are correct ones, you and I should be concerned about them. Did our predecessors export something they had enthusiasm for but which we no longer take seriously at home?

Our American Rotary Clubs are jolly centers of good fellowship and at least the most of them are engaged in some worth-while community service project. And in addition we definitely are interested in the progress of the Movement in other countries, in having our overseas contacts, in the Rotary Foundation’s advanced study fellowships (Ambassadorial Scholars) for better understanding and our own District student fellowships.

But my second thought is that without losing our international outlook or our fellowship with Rotarians all over the world our American Clubs should give thought to being mutually engaged in some activity that will be a real contribution to the welfare of our Nation.

Extension should continue until every city, town, village and trade center with the required number of classifications has been brought into the fellowship of Rotary International; Foundation fellowships, student exchanges, inter-city and inter-country visits, targets-to-shoot-at, vocational service conferences, information institutes and forums, community service in each Club’s territory all these should continue to have our attention.”

(This speech was written and delivered just 13 months prior to Perry’s death, and was provided by a Rotary Global History Fellowship Member **PRID Ted Gifford**, who was at that meeting in 1959)

PolioPlus Partners DDF Appeal

FUNDS ARE NEEDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (ASAP)



DDF Appeal

Since the PolioPlus Partners DDF Appeal started in November 2005, 25% of Rotary districts have responded. The need for high quality NIDs is of such importance that *this 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.

THE 31
MARCH
DEADLINE
HAS PASSED
TO USE THIS
YEAR'S DDF.
PLEASE
CONSIDER
DONATING
YOUR
DDF TO
POLIOPLUS
PARTNERS.

Japan and its surrounding countries have been very responsive to the DDF appeal. Currently, 19 Districts within Zones 1,2,3, and 4 have contributed DDF to the PolioPlus Partners program totaling US\$203,000. Also, 10 out of the 11 Districts in Zone 30 in the United States have contributed US\$94,500 to the appeal. We need to ensure that all districts are reached with the message of the golden opportunity for polio eradication. Contact your District Governor or District Rotary Foundation Chair to encourage them to support this urgent appeal.

Recognizing the critical funding needs for the PolioPlus Partners program, The Trustees agree that PolioPlus Partners shall be listed as one of the highest priority programs to be included in the annual appeal to district governors for District Designated Funds.

Fundraising Success Stories

The Annual Giving section is still on its quest to publish the "Best Fundraising Practices in Rotary from Around the World."

Please share any success stories, ideas for special events, new or old that was successful in raising money for The Rotary Foundation. Some of these ideas have been used in the *Every Rotarian, Every Year Newsletter* and appear on Rotary's website.

Fundraising stories can be emailed to: roylene.gallas@rotary.org or erey@rotary.org or you can fax them to: 1-847-328-5260.

District Designated Funds for Rotary Peace Centers



**YOUR DDF
WILL HELP TO
FUND AT LEAST
SIXTY 2007-09
FELLOWSHIPS.**

Please thank your districts that contributed DDF toward the Rotary Centers for International Studies program. Each RRFC has been 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.

Remember, Districts that donate in the amount of US\$25,000 per year or US\$50,000 every other year to support the Rotary Centers for International Studies program 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 web site to become a Peacebuilder District: www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/centers/funding/index/html

TRF UPDATES



Permanent Fund Update

As of 30 January 2006 the Permanent Fund's net assets were US\$184 million. The estimated expectancies to the Permanent Fund stood at approximately US\$306.4 million as of 28 February 2006.

Bequest Society Update

As of 28 February 2006, there were 4726 Bequest Society commitments with an expected value of US\$196 million. This is an increase of 47 new commitments with a value of US\$1.34 million. These commitments represent a significant percentage of the expectancies to the Permanent Fund.

Donor Advised Fund Update

As of 28 February 2006, there were 68 DAF accounts with a fair market value of US\$6.7 million. For additional information on The Rotary Foundation Donor Advised Fund, please visit <http://daf.rotary.org>

... MORE letters

PDGS NEED ASSIGNMENTS

"I will
Speak
for food"

... The Build the Future project shows an exciting new use for PDGs. Instead of our used PDGs standing alongside highways with a sign that says "Will Speak For Food", the project shows a very useful new way to recycle them. We could start a new program called "Recycle Your Used PDG And Get Them Off The Streets".

Bob Deffeyes, D5470
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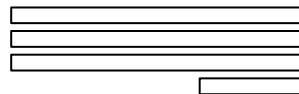


US\$ 840.28 per capita

I read with interest the list of The Top 30 Clubs in the World for Annual Programs Fund Per capita. Such lists are always fraught with danger, the danger of leaving someone out.

Perhaps the Rotary Club of Port of Brisbane, District 9630 should have been part of the list, with a per capita contribution to 28 February 2006 of \$840.28?

Ailsa Hay
DG 9630 Australia



I must congratulate you for this remarkable newsletter. I am circulating this to Rotarians in my district. It is really good. It is giving an opportunity to Rotarians to know and get information about foundation.

I am going to start a DRFC News letter in my district. I am the current DRFC of District-3260 I will use information from your newsletter for my newsletter. Thank You very much!

I've been saving your "Why I am a Rotarian" segments since the beginning of January. My own Penfield Rotary Club will have members read them at the beginning of each meeting.

The information that they provide and the inspiration that other Rotarians have felt should help members learn more about the heart and soul of Rotary service.

John "Jack" K. Best
PDG #7120 (2000-01)

If the Ambassadorial Scholarship Program is to continue and do the wonderful things it has done for us and those before us, we (scholars) have got to start showing some concrete effects of our time abroad.

(We Scholars) must as a group show by our actions and words that this is a truly a remarkable program that it is still effective in building great leaders and humanitarians in the future.

Corbett Parker, 2005-06
Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar,
Universiteit van Amsterdam,
www.corbettparker.com



FRANK TALK III

I have been working on the next Frank Talk (III) book, which we are going to call "Frank Talks on The Rotary Foundation." It will follow the same format as the first two, being very conversational and meant to be an easy read.

But the real point is to use anecdotes and stories (Frank will be revisiting the 3 main characters at a regional RF conference) that will educate and inspire readers to think of TRF as "their" foundation and to motivate them to be more generous with their financial contributions and personal time in supporting it.

Dave Forward,
Author of A Century of Service
and the 2 Frank Talk books.

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



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At or prior to PETS, each 2006-07 club president-elect received a 2006-2007 Fund Development Club Goal Report Form to complete and submit to their DGEs no later than 1 May 2006.

District Designated Funds for Rotary Centers

A large thank you to the districts that contributed DDF toward the Rotary Centers for International Studies program. Each RRFRC 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. Remember, Districts that donate in the amount of US\$25,000 per year or US\$50,000 every other year to support the Rotary Centers for International Studies program 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 web site to become a Peacebuilder District:
www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/centers/funding/index/html

Biomarkers suggest a very low-calorie diet might slow human aging. Compared to a control group, people who ate 25 percent fewer calories than the recommended daily allowance (and people who ate 12.5 percent fewer calories than the RDA while getting 12.5 percent more exercise) developed lower body temperatures and significantly lower insulin levels and DNA damage, which correlate with longevity.

This follows previous studies in which 1) a very low-calorie diet apparently slowed heart aging in humans and 2) animals on such diets exceeded their species' maximum life spans.