

OUR FOUNDATION



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WHO ARE THE MEMBERS OF OUR ROTARY FOUNDATION TEAM!



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

**Look in
the mirror,
dear friend!**

You are a member of the very best team in the world!! Ask yourself, where would our world be without the Rotary Foundation and team that developed Service to its highest art-form?

The world would have suffered greatly; think about polio, and the world may continue to suffer if we do not find a way to continue our strong Foundation support.

For me, it is extremely

important to support it with my involvement as well as my financial resources. "Why?" you ask. The Rotary Foundation has proven to me that it is "love, expressed through service to others". Our Rotary family has shared its love throughout all areas of our globe and has made it possible for us to experience it in many places.

My most vivid Rotary experience was when the Rotarians in Johannesburg took me to an Aids Orphanage that they supported. I was introduced to a most beautiful young man, not yet two; in a bright yellow shirt who ran up to me with a smile and arms extended shouting, "Daddy!"

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**US\$120,000,000
is our Annual
Programs Fund Goal
for 2006--2007**

The worldwide Annual Programs Fund Goal for 2006-07 has been set at US\$120 million. Trustee Chairman Luis Giay announced the goal at the Convention in Malmo/Copenhagen and the Trustees endorsed the goal at their June 2006 meeting.



ACT QUICKLY

THERE IS A TWO YEAR WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY

A NEW CHARITY PROVISION WAS RECENTLY SIGNED INTO LAW IN THE US

**THIS IS A GOLDEN
OPPORTUNITY
TO MAKE A MAJOR
GIFT TO OUR
FOUNDATION.
PERHAPS TO ENDOW
A NAMED
SCHOLARSHIP.**

The new bill contains a series of provisions designed to stimulate charitable giving.

In the US the law's chief incentive for charitable gifts *allows donors age 70 ½ and older to withdraw up to \$100,000 each year from their individual retirement accounts tax-free if they give the money directly to a charity.*

The bill will expire 31 December 2007. The opportunity is available this year and next tax year (2007).

Meet with your TRF Major Gift Officer to discuss your options.



**INTERESTED?
CALL YOUR TRF MAJOR
GIFT OFFICER:**

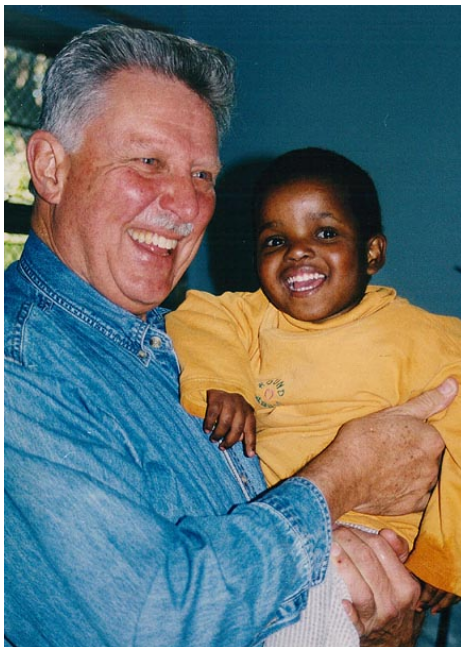
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**Boosting Charitable Giving in the US
Taxpayers Are Allowed to Donate
\$100,000 a Year From IRAs**



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Sonny and Joseph

How could I not pick him up and hug him? I did and though he was wet through his diaper, I didn't much care! I loved him, immediately. So had the Rotarians of Johannesburg! They saw to it that "Joseph", the name I gave him to myself, was beautifully cared for. He had plenty to eat from a kitchen, remodeled and made modern by our Foundation as well as the books and toys he played with that made him happy - he showed them to me!

Though the orphanage was just one of twenty one projects I saw in one week, the love I shared with this little one was a truth that I will carry forever. Though he may never have reached the age of four, few of them in the orphanage did, his life was made better by the Rotarians who shared their love for him and for many others through their service and through the Foundation.... our Foundation.

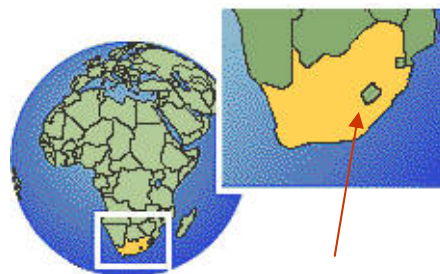
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Joseph's beautiful smile and yellow shirt are etched firmly in my heart, they're a major reason for my desire to continue to share and why I continue to be an involved Rotarian; Rotary love is like none other!

What will it take for you to find inspiration, motivation and passion to become more fully involved?

Just do it!!!
 Discover your own "Joseph"! Tell everyone about him; make him your inspiration for your carrying the love of the Rotary Foundation in your heart. Proudly wear its Paul Harris, Major Donor, or Bequest Society pins and use them to help you to inspire others to share in your love affair!



JOHANNESBURG

When you do, the "Josephs" all over the world will have a better life because of you!

Lead the way!
Sonny Brown



**STRENGTHEN
OUR
CLUBS**

W.B. (Bill) Boyd, President, Rotary International, 2006-07

“Every community has needs, and Rotarians are skilled at recognizing those needs and assembling the resources to address them. Whether the need is for a blood bank or dictionaries for third graders or leadership courses for teenagers, Rotarians rise to meet each challenge.

Around the world, since before any of us here were born, Rotary has been changing lives in too many ways to count. As Rotary leaders, it is our responsibility to ensure that Rotary remains strong and able to help for many years to come.

New Rotarians join our clubs every day. Unfortunately, every day, some of those Rotarians leave. I know you all know this, because it's a message you've heard many times before.

The truth is that our time is not best spent talking about how to attract new members. Our time would be far better spent in strengthening our clubs. Because Rotary, working properly, is attractive enough to retain existing members and attract new ones.”

W.B. (Bill) Boyd, President, Rotary International, 2006-07

STRENGTHENING OUR CLUBS

“EACH CLUB IS A LINK IN THE GREAT CHAIN OF ROTARY. WHEN ONE CLUB DOES A SERVICE FOR ITS COMMUNITY, EVERY CLUB GLOWS WITH THE REFLECTED RADIANCE.”

Chesley R Perry 1957 (extract from ‘The Rotary Life of Chesley Reynolds Perry’ ©ROTARY/One Foundation 2006)



Calum Thomson

The Rotary Foundation’s Matching Grants Program has firmly established itself as the ‘jewel in the crown’ of our humanitarian programs. The Program is often misunderstood –it is designed to provide funds for long-term, sustainable projects in areas of need.

Such projects operate in regions hit hard by natural disasters such as the Tsunami disaster. Rotary Foundation resources are being used by Rotary Clubs around the world to help the victims in South East Asia to this day – long after the TV cameras have packed up and gone away.

By working with your district Rotary Foundation Grants sub-committee and our dedicated staff at Evanston, our hopes and dreams can come reality. Never give up on your humanitarian vision – there is a massive amount of resources and help for clubs wishing to embark on Matching Grant missions.

Changes in the Matching Grant rules in 2005 makes it vital that clubs work together to finance larger projects that will qualify for the minimum grant of \$5,000. If your club, alone, cannot finance a suitably sized project, why not ask a neighboring club(s) or your mother/daughter club for help? The Rotary Foundation welcomes joint initiatives in the pursuit of world peace and understanding -this is what Ches Perry meant when he talked of the “great chain of Rotary”

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THE ROTARY FOUNDATION NEEDS YOU



During the 2006 RI Convention in Malmö-Copenhagen, The Rotary Foundation Trustees announced a US\$120 million Annual Programs Fund goal for 2006-07, based on projected estimates from more than 12,000 clubs.

Is \$120 million an overly ambitious goal? No, because it's in line with the normal growth rate that we have seen during the last few years. Moreover, in reaching it, we will be very near to making Every Rotarian, Every Year a reality.

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Increasingly, every day, The Rotary Foundation needs Rotarians. It needs you! The world's problems are on the rise, and the number of projects proportionately increases. The demands that will come our way will pose greater challenges.

Our goals for 2006-07 are important and realistic. On behalf of The Rotary Foundation Trustees, I urge you to help through your Foundation contributions. Please continue to increase your level of support to the Foundation. It needs each one of you to take action so that its good works may reach every corner of the globe. Many are waiting for us to reach out.

Luis Vicente Giay
The Rotary Foundation
Trustee Chair, 2006-07



IN 2006-07, OUR ROTARY FOUNDATION WILL:

1. Focus on the eradication of polio
2. Heighten its profile on the world stage in the field of peace and conflict resolution through its unique partnerships with premier institutions
3. Achieve a worldwide per capita of US\$100 in giving to the Annual Programs Fund while establishing a new record for major gifts to the Permanent Fund
4. Collaborate with Rotary International to enhance Rotary's public image
5. Improve grassroots-level training to increase awareness of the Foundation's mission
6. Articulate and implement the future vision of The Rotary Foundation for Rotary's second century of service
7. Strive to administer its programs with speed and simplicity.



*Chairman of the Rotary
Foundation Trustees,
Luis Vicente Gay*

	AS OF 30 JUNE 2006
Annual Programs Fund (APF)	US \$ 92.6 million
Permanent Fund	US \$ 12.1 million
Restricted Giving	US \$ 15.3 million
PolioPlus Contributions	US \$ 5.6 million
Other* <i>includes sponsor portions of Matching Grants (i.e., pass-through contributions) that are not included in the financial statements.</i>	US \$ 1.6 million
TOTALS:	US \$ 127.2 million

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30 JUNE 2007
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THE APF GOAL:
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PROACTIVE ROTARY ALUMNI

**READ THE
STORY OF A
GREAT AND
PRO-ACTIVE
GROUP
STUDY
EXCHANGE
TEAM**

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Did you know that 20 percent of Rotary clubs around the world have at least one GSE program alumnus within their membership ranks? GSE is a great way to attract young, motivated Rotary Club member candidates with international experience. As we celebrate four decades of professional development, international understanding, and cross-cultural friendships established through this educational program, I urge you to think of creative ways to engage your district in Group Study Exchange, such as a special-focus or univocal GSE team.

Time and time again, we see that GSE teams involved in activities relevant to the larger community achieve the greatest professional exposure and the most rewarding Rotary service experience.



*Frank Devlyn
Past Chairman of the Trustees
2005-2006*

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Every district has the opportunity to design a Group Study Exchange program that will address local or international needs.

The 40th anniversary of Group Study Exchange in 2005-06 was the perfect time to *Create Awareness* about developing the next

generation of global-minded professionals. This year, I encourage you to reflect on your district's service goals and implement a GSE team that will *Take Action* to serve your community and the Rotary world.

Frank Devlyn
The Rotary Foundation,
Past Chairman 2005-06
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PROMOTING ROTARY'S GOAL OF WORLD PEACE, GOODWILL, AND UNDERSTANDING

The Rotary Foundation's Educational Programs include Ambassadorial Scholarships, Grants for University Teachers, Group Study Exchange, and Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution, and Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program.

Learn more how these programs foster peace by building understanding through person-to-person contact, friendship, study, and cross-cultural exchange.



THE DISTRICT 5580 GSE TEAM
(MAY 2000)

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE

Let's shine the spotlight on notable alumni **Chris Carlson, Steven Houghton, Gary Johnson, Jill Zachary, and Rotarian Team Leader Mark Erickson** from District 5580 (USA/Canada) traveled in May 2000 to District 2390 (Sweden) for their Group Study Exchange.

Six years later, three of the four team members, Carlton, Johnson, and Zachary, have become Rotarians in District 5580 and are serving as district foundation alumni committee co-chairs for the current Rotary year. The fourth, Houghton, was selected as a 2004-06 Rotary World Peace Fellow and has completed his master's degree at the Rotary Center at International Christian University in Tokyo, Japan.

FOUR TEAM MEMBERS, HAVE BECOME ROTARIANS AND ONE WAS SELECTED AS A 2004-06 ROTARY WORLD PEACE FELLOW

PROACTIVE ROTARY ALUMNI

When the team realized that the 2006 RI Convention would take place in their host district, they traveled together to the event, this time as Rotarians and a Peace Fellow. The team members reunited with Swedish Rotarians who hosted them during their exchange. Also, they made a presentation during the Foundation Alumni Seminar where they attested to the difference the GSE made in their lives.

"Thanks to GSE, Rotary is the one thing, I can say for sure I will be doing for the rest of my life," confirms Gary Johnson.

A SPECIAL FONDNESS FOR ROTARY'S PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

September 2006
The Rotarian



RI President Bill and Lorna Boyd

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Rotary International presidents can't have favorites among Rotary programs. But throughout our many years as part of the family of Rotary,

Lorna and I have always had a special fondness for Rotary's programs for young people.

Programs like Interact, Rotaract, and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) have tremendous value, not only to their participants, but to the future of Rotary. By introducing volunteer service at an early age, these clubs teach the lifelong lessons of Rotary: the satisfaction that comes from helping others and the fun of good work with good friends. Everyone benefits, including the communities, the young people, and the Rotary clubs that sponsor young people.

These benefits are immediate, in terms of the work members do and the lessons they learn, and they are long-lasting, in terms of raising a new generation of potential future Rotarians.

Programs like Rotary Youth Exchange and The Rotary Foundation's Ambassadorial Scholarships open everyone's eyes. Exchange students and Ambassadorial Scholars further their educations while fostering international understanding, gaining new appreciations of their homelands, and building bridges to new and different cultures.



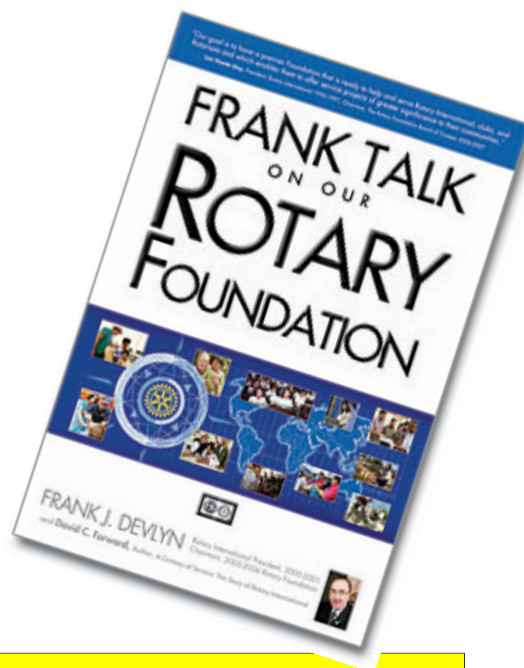
TALKING ABOUT OUR FOUNDATION... FRANK TALK 3 IS HERE



RIPP
FRANK J. DEVLYN
2000-2001

He did it again! RIPP Frank Devlyn has published his third book in the “Frank Talk” series and it’s called “*Frank Talk On Our Rotary Foundation*”.

Frank’s first book spoke to the benefits of belonging to Rotary and his second book presented numerous ideas on how to have better retention of membership and how to reenergize our Rotary Clubs.



This latest book, *Frank Talk On Our Rotary Foundation* is as the first two, co-authored by David Forward and it gives many reasons why all of us - Rotarians and Non Rotarians alike feel compelled to and willingly give to Our Rotary Foundation.

Be among the first in the world to own a copy of this inspiring, educational, and valuable new book . . . and order one for your entire team so they can be more supportive of Our Rotary Foundation this year.

<http://www.FrankTalkBooks.com>

or call: 1.856.988.1738

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“This book is a great resource for all Rotarians. It tells the story in a compelling way of why our Rotary Foundation is so central to the life of every Rotarian.

Frank Talk on Our Rotary Foundation is an inspiring collection of anecdotes that should make each one of us feel proud of being a Rotarian, while at the same time giving us the tools to make our world a better place.”

***Bill Boyd, President,
Rotary International
2006- 2007***

**2005-2006 CLUB
BANNER RECOGNITION**
*FUND DEVELOPMENT WILL SOON BE SENDING OUT
RECOGNITION BANNERS TO CLUBS
WHO ACHIEVE THE FOLLOWING:*

100% ROTARY FOUNDATION SUSTAINING MEMBER CLUB:



to be eligible, the club must have achieved the US\$100 per capita and every active member must have personally contributed US\$100 or more to the Annual Programs Fund.

EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR (EREY) CLUB:

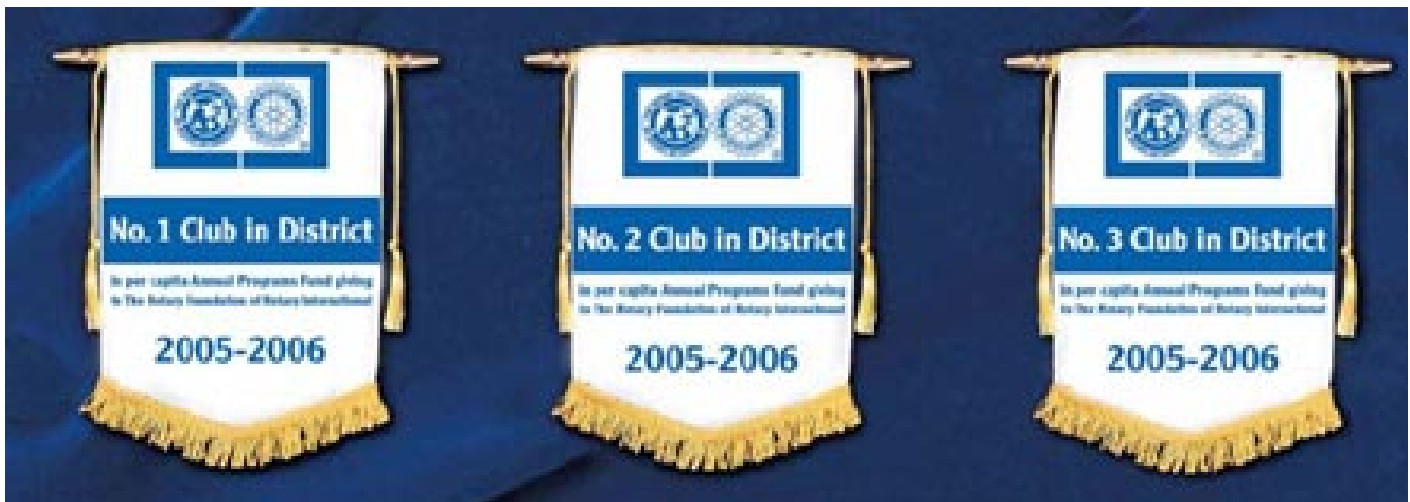


to be eligible, the club must have achieved a US\$100 per capita with every active member of the club personally contributing some amount to the Annual Programs Fund.

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TOP THREE IN PER CAPITA GIVING IN THE DISTRICT:

Newly designed banners recognize the top three clubs in each district with the highest per capita giving. A minimum of US\$50 per capita is required to receive a banner.



CURRENT MATCHING GRANT NEWS

In the 2005-06 Rotary year 2,016 Matching Grant applications were approved for a total award of US\$33.1 million (this figure represents the Foundation's match to DDF and cash contributions).

This is a 11% decrease in the number of grants approved from last Rotary year 2004-2005 but is a 30% increase in the amount of monies spent.

The funds available for matching grants are available through the World Fund because Rotarians contribute to the **ANNUAL PROGRAMS FUND**.

WHAT PAUL HARRIS SAID...



“Remember that great missions are serious undertakings. Do not expect to perform great missions in a day.”

Paul Harris, The Rotarian September 1912

The greatest ‘mission’ of Rotary International lies within its Fourth Object of Rotary: “World Understanding, Goodwill and Peace”.

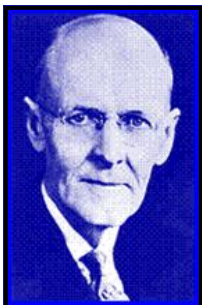
With violence flaring up once again in the middle east between Israel and Hezbollah and gruesome terrorist threats uncovered last week in the UK, such a mission seems many, many years away.

Thank goodness that we have initiated our Rotary World Peace Scholarships. Should we have initiated such a program? Absolutely.

Does the world need a cadre of professional experts dedicated to educating the world in ‘world peace and understanding’? More than ever.

It may take some years for the world to recognize Rotary’s commitment to conflict resolution, but already graduates of Rotary’s Peace Program are making an impact and one day humanity will say: "Thank you Rotary."

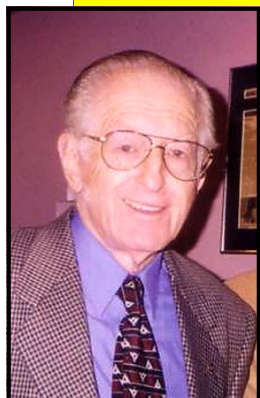
*Calum Thomson
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A "WHAT PAUL HARRIS SAID" message will be sent (free-of-charge) to you each week and to whomever you wish. Please register for this free service by sending an e-mail to: Chairman@RotaryHistoryFellowship.org

ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH

MILTON KESSEL



Rotarian Milton Kessel is 84 years young and still going strong! A Rotarian of 47 years, he has always looked for ways to “make a difference”. At the age of 75, he discovered that the kids in the elementary school where his children attended were in desperate need of assistance.

So since 1998 (during the school year), he has been serving as a volunteer in 3rd to 6th grade math classes, 3 days a week, tutoring 40 kids each school year. During the summer, he does programs in the Rotary Clubs of District 5810, encouraging other Rotarians to get involved in tutoring math.

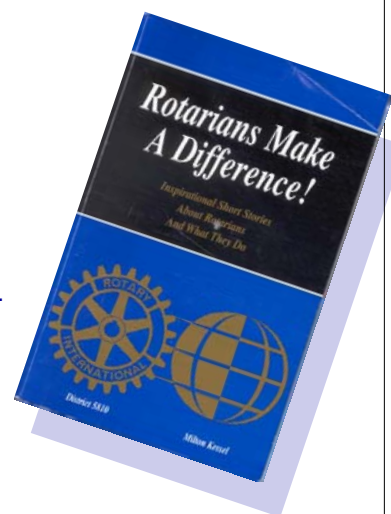
Milton is a member of the Rotary Club of Fair Park (Dallas) and served as District Governor (5810) in 1990-91. Although he has been a member of Rotary since 1959, he “became a Rotarian” while helping to initiate the Rotary Youth Exchange Program in District 5810 and serving as its Exchange Officer, which he did from 1979 to 1986. This

brought him into contact with students from all over the world. That’s when he realized that it is “impossible to give and not receive – and sometimes in greater proportion!” In 1989, he again experienced the internationality of Rotary and the work of our Rotary Foundation when he was Group Study Exchange Leader of a team of professional women to district 960 (Queensland) Australia.

His commitment to young people continued through his year as District Governor as he initiated the first RYLA camp in District 5810. This camp now serves over 185 students and is in its 16th year.

Milton is actually the “middle” of three generations of Rotarians. His father, Abe, was a Charter Member of the Rotary Club of Slaton, Texas when it was organized in 1926 and his daughter, Diane, served as District Governor of District 5450 (Colorado) in 2004-2005.

RECOVERING FROM HEART SURGERY, MILTON WROTE A BOOK ABOUT HIS ROTARY EXPERIENCES CALLED ROTARIANS MAKE A DIFFERENCE! A BOOK OF INSPIRATIONAL SHORT STORIES ABOUT ROTARIANS AND WHAT THEY DO. MILTON WAS PROUD TO CONTRIBUTE THE PROCEEDS OF THE BOOK – APPROXIMATELY \$11,000 - TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION. HIS CLUB RECEIVED THE POINTS FOR THIS CONTRIBUTION, USED THE POINTS TO MATCH NEW MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS AND ULTIMATELY BECAME ONE OF THE FIRST 100% PAUL HARRIS FELLOW CLUBS!



“It’s very exciting to see the opportunities Rotarians now have to personally take part in the activities of the Foundation – going to Africa to deliver wheel chairs, participating in water-well projects and the like. There is no end to the ways Rotarians can serve in developing countries through the Rotary Foundation,” Milton said.

THIS WAR IS NOT OVER



This war on polio will not be won until the last case of polio is gone which must be done as quickly as possible.

Importations of polio affecting children in adjacent countries and threatening children all over the world will remain a reality until we achieve our goal.

Every Rotary district needs to demonstrate resolve and support for fellow Rotarians conducting social mobilization in the polio-endemic, importation, and high risk countries.

FUNDING FOR POLIOPLUS PARTNERS IS ESSENTIAL TO HELP ALL ROTARIANS ACHIEVE THE GOAL OF A POLIO-FREE WORLD. WITH *EVERY* DISTRICT'S CONTINUING SUPPORT, WE SHALL DEMONSTRATE OUR RESOLVE AND ACHIEVE THE FINAL GOAL OF A POLIO FREE WORLD FOR ALL THE WORLDS' CHILDREN - FOREVER.

They organize volunteers to go door-to-door to deliver the vaccine, inform parents about the need for vaccine and how to get it, and put the drops into children's mouths.

In order to be successful, they need tools that require additional funding of at least US\$3 million in 2006-07. These tools are provided through the Polio-Plus Partners program.

We should continue to

make all new Rotarians aware of the program and give them an opportunity to make a contribution and be a part of Rotary's finest service project for all the world's children into

These Rotarians are working on the front lines of the battle against polio.

the future.

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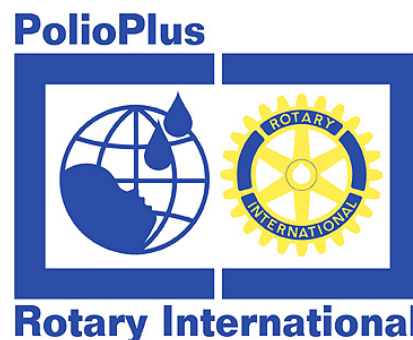
PROGRESS TOWARD POLIO ERADICATION CONTINUES

In 2006 Egypt and Niger were removed as polio-endemic countries leaving only four countries endemic: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan.

At the same time, as of July 2006, several countries were considered reinfected with the virus due to importations from either Nigeria or India.

At the recent International PolioPlus Committee (IPPC) meeting in Copenhagen in June 2006, representatives from *WHO and CDC gave a very positive outlook with high praise for Rotary's efforts and resolve to date, stating that such resolve will be critically vital in the future to achieve the final goal.*

Over the next +/-18 months, specific and intensified strategies for National and Sub-National Immunization days will be employed and new more effective vaccines will be used.



**POLIOPLUS
PARTNERS
NEEDS
ADDITIONAL
DISTRICT
DESIGNATED
FUNDS
(DDF)**



POLIOPLUS PARTNERS

THE POLIOPLUS PARTNERS PROGRAM IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE SOCIAL MOBILIZATION EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION DAYS HELD IN THOSE COUNTRIES IN WHICH IT IS STILL NECESSARY TO VACCINATE CHILDREN AGAINST POLIO.

HERE IS WHERE DISTRICTS CAN REALLY HELP BY DONATING A PART OF THEIR DISTRICT DESIGNATED FUND, AND CLUBS CAN CHOOSE AMONG THEIR OPTIONS AND PARTICIPATE IN FUNDING THE EXPENSES ESSENTIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THE PROGRAM.

IT'S ESTIMATED THAT THERE WILL BE A SHORTFALL THIS YEAR (2006-07) OF ABOUT \$3 MILLION, SO BY SUPPORTING POLIOPLUS PARTNERS, WE MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR ROTARIAN AND NON-ROTARIAN VOLUNTEERS TO HELP.

THE 2006-07 POLIOPLUS PARTNERS INITIATIVE:

FUNDING FOR POLIOPLUS PARTNERS IS ESSENTIAL TO HELP ALL ROTARIANS ACHIEVE THE GOAL OF A POLIO-FREE WORLD. TO HELP MEET THE IMMEDIATE NEEDS, WE ARE:

1. Asking each district to consider a specific and modest amount of DDF upfront, at the beginning of this 2006-07 Rotary year, without intruding on the district's planning process for other Rotary Foundation projects.
2. Requesting district leaders to encourage all clubs chartered after 1 July 2003 to consider making a club contribution, have a fundraiser, or make individual contributions to PolioPlus Partners. *Note: The Trustees of The Rotary Foundation will match US\$.50 for every US\$1.00 of cash contributed.*
3. Asking district leaders to inform and continuously update all Rotarians on the PolioPlus Partners program.
4. Encouraging all Rotarians that view PolioPlus as their primary Rotary interest to make a contribution to PolioPlus Partners.

A DISTRICT'S SUCCESS WITH TRF FUNDRAISING

GOAL-SETTING, CLUB VISITS, STRONG TRF ORGANIZATION, COMMUNICATION AND COMPETITION WERE KEYS TOWARDS THE VERY SUCCESSFUL TRF YEAR FOR OUR DISTRICT.



*D-5580 DRFC Chair
Jack Ruttger*

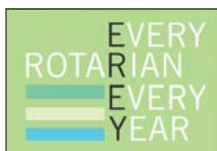
During her club visits our DG Paula Timmins (D5580) did a good job in getting clubs to set goals for giving to the Annual Programs Fund and that made it easy for me to badger those clubs that were not on track.

This was the easiest year of my 3 year term as the District Rotary Foundation Committee Chairman in getting clubs motivated to give and the goal setting was the reason.

In the last 2 months of the Rotary year I went after each club that was off track. Fun year! The visits (by RRFC Phil Silvers) certainly heightened the awareness of the Foundation. We also utilized a TRF power point at each club in November (Foundation Month).

Between Claudette Holly, Paul Damberg and myself we probably gave presentations during November to a dozen clubs. With the power of e-mail every club president and foundation chair got a mailer from me at least once a month, which included the monthly district giving report highlighting the leading clubs. Goal-setting, club visits, strong TRF organization, communication and competition were keys towards our very successful TRF Year for our district.

Jack Ruttger
DRFC Chairman
D5580, 2004-2006



ROTARY AND THE UNITED NATIONS



At the organizational conference of the **United Nations held in San Francisco in 1945**, the United States delegation invited Rotary International to appoint consultants. Rotary was one of the original 42 NGO's invited to participate. Twelve **prominent Rotarians served in this capacity** with resulting influence on the humane aspects of the Charter. Rotarians at San Francisco helped re-write the preamble (We the peoples rather than we the states).

Subsequently, **Rotary International was granted consultative status**, and through the years prominent Rotarians have served as observers at various important meetings.

UNITED NATIONS ROTARY DAY



Rotarians are invited to attend ***Rotary Day at the United Nations on Saturday, 4 November 2006.***

The event offers Rotary registrants to look behind the scenes at one of the world's most important organizations.

This unique opportunity will offer both a visit to the United Nations Headquarters in New York City and participation in panel discussions featuring leaders and officials from the United Nations, UN affiliated Non Governmental Organizations (NGO's) and Rotary International.

Read more details and find registration forms on www.Rotary.org.. Questions may be directed to Brad Jenkins, RI alternate representative to the UN in New York (phone: 908-766-4790; e-mail: bradjenkins@att.net).

ROTARY - UN DAY IS 4 NOVEMBER 2006

Rotary International's representatives to the United Nations in New York have announced 4 November as the date for the 2006 Rotary-UN Day. The annual event at UN headquarters in New York City helps educate Rotarians, their friends, and their families about the complementary roles the UN and Rotary play in supporting humanitarian initiatives and promoting international understanding and peace.

This year, presentations and panel discussions will address humanitarian issues such as hunger, water, health, and literacy based on the theme "The Unfinished Business of Rotary." RI leaders, UN officials, representatives from UN-affiliated nongovernmental organizations, and other invited guests will be among featured speakers at the event.

For the third consecutive year, there will be a separate program for Interact, Youth Exchange students, and other attendees of high school age.

Attendees may also reserve tickets for a UN tour and combine their celebration of the Rotary-UN Day with a visit to New York's many cultural and tourist activities, such as Broadway shows.

Seating at the event is limited, so participants are advised to send their completed application forms to the registrar by 21 October. Due to UN security requirements, on-site registration is not available.

[Read more details and find registration forms](#) on www.rotary.org. Questions may be directed to Brad Jenkins, RI alternate representative to the UN in New York (phone: 908-766-4790; e-mail: bradjenkins@att.net).

By Vukoni Lupa-Lasaga, Rotary International News

**DELEGATES
GIVE
GRATITUDE
AND
RECOGNITION
TO RI**

A MESSAGE FROM THE UNICEF MEETING - NOVEMBER 2005

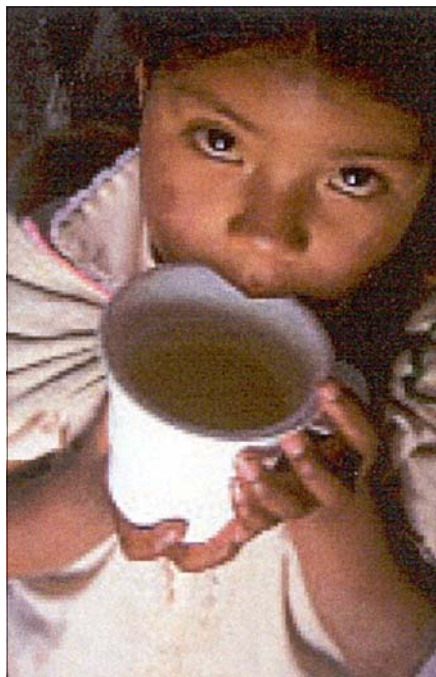
I wish all of you could have been present at the meeting of the UNICEF Executive Board where there were representatives from every region and most key countries in the world. The Executive Director of UNICEF Ann M. Veneman gave the opening statement where she gave her gratitude and recognition for all Rotary International has been able to do in our Partnership to combat, control in our goal of eradicating Polio.

Yes my family & friends of Rotary I wish you could have heard the different delegations from all areas of the world ask to speak and give gratitude and recognition to Rotary International after I gave my presentation.

UNICEF worldwide does recognize our work. It was an honor to represent Rotary at this important reunion and be able to show these top representatives from UNICEF the value of the Added Credibility offered by a Rotary International that helps to Create Awareness for Our World To Take Action.

Frank Devlyn, Past Chairman of the TRF Trustees

ROTARY'S HEALTH AND HUNGER RESOURCE GROUP



Rotary's Health and Hunger Resource Group with Coordinators in every Rotary Zone worldwide is reaching out to assist causes through districts and clubs and in any way we are able.

Look around you! Is there a cause in your community that you can be of assistance or can you reach out to assist in another area of the country or world? Our sensitivity to one another's needs will lead us in the right direction!

A wonderful organization is the WFP (World Food Program)! Did you know that WFP is the world's largest humanitarian agency and that in 2004 it provided school meals to 6.6 million children in 72 countries? In total WFP food has reached 113 million people in 80 countries. "Food for Education" uses food aid to promote basic education and provides food for incentive for families to send their children to school.

Rotary multiple intervention projects will help close the circle of poverty! We can do it! Our "resource teams" are working together to see how we can best address the needs of an area in a timely fashion! We must address the needs of areas with a total vision of raising their standard of living and also an individual's self-worth, while providing for their basic needs. No child or person can function without clean water, good nutrition, and a healthy environment where he/she can learn.

Please look over your calendar and note important dates, so that you can plan ahead for special projects. A projects to plan for now is:

OCTOBER 16TH: WORLD FOOD DAY

– Your club might plan to collect and distribute food items to pantry or soup kitchen or feed school children, elders and/or those in need

I also urge you to seek out health, hunger related programs in your area and present an award to a community leader who has made a difference in the area of Health and Hunger via a specific program. (i.e. Child Care, Health Care, Elder Care, Soup Kitchen, Food Programs, etc.) These are recognition opportunities which lead us to successful outcomes! We also will develop an award for clubs participating in one Health and Hunger community project, and one International project. I'm sure there will be many avenues for intervention and creativity as we "Lead the Way". . .

Eileen Gentilcore, Ed.D.
Health and Hunger General
Coordinator, 2006-07

WATER FOR WEST AFRICA — HUNGER PLUS... *with a passion for feeding the Hungry*

Hunger Plus is working with The Rotary Club of Sierra Vista Arizona, District 5500 (southern Arizona), District 5510 (northeastern Arizona), District 4100 (Sonora, Mexico), District 5610 (South Dakota) and the Rotary Club of Dapaong Togo West Africa (District 9100) to provide a community water well for the entire community of Tindogou.



This project will also provide a total of 50 ECOSAN latrines for the villages of Tindongou, Naok, Dogle, and Nandodani, which will help to correct some of the sanitation problems in these areas. Each village has approximately 1000 residents, all of whom are very poor.



The communities have no electricity and no running water. The women of Tindongou walk miles each day to fetch water from unclean open sources where pigs and cattle also drink. They carry the water back to their homes in basins carried on their heads. The weight of six gallons of water is 50 pounds. The entire trek for water can take up to four hours, perhaps longer in the dry season, when

water is less available.

The well will have the following beneficial effects on the Tindongou:

1. Improved health as the clean water from the well will reduce the incidence of water borne diseases;
2. Improved food production as the residents will be able to irrigate local gardens;
3. A higher standard of living as the women will be able to devote energy to income producing work rather than walking to get water;
4. Improved education as the girls will be able to attend school rather than walking to get water; and
5. Improved livestock retention as livestock owned by the residents will less likely wander off in search of water.
6. The latrines will improve sanitation in all four communities and reduce the incidence of diseases caused by open latrines and poor sanitation.

RECENT AND UPDATED TRF NEWS

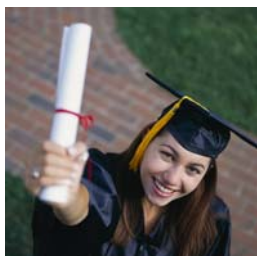


SAVE THE DATES: UPCOMING ROTARY CENTERS ANNUAL SEMINARS

The following Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution will conduct their annual seminars this fall:

Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires, Argentina: 23 September
University of Queensland, Brisbane Australia: 28 October 2006
University of Bradford, Bradford, United Kingdom: 4 November 2006

Please encourage Rotarians in your districts to attend and meet with the Peace Fellows from the classes of 2004-06 and 2005-07. Fellows will present research and receive their Rotary Center Certificates at each seminar. Contact: Judy Gibson, Rotary Centers Dept. Manager, tel: 847-866-3834, email: Judy.Gibson@rotary.org.



SCHOLARSHIPS FUND POOL FOR LOW-INCOME COUNTRIES

All districts in low-income countries, as well as each low-income country within a district, are encouraged to submit an application for consideration annually. To support the 2007-08 scholarships awarded through the fund pool, districts should donate DDF by 1 November 2006. Up to 32 Ambassadorial Scholarships are awarded annually.

All applications are considered on a world-competitive basis by a Trustee-appointed selection committee. The deadline to submit applications is the same as for all **2007-08 Ambassadorial Scholarship applications: 1 October 2006**. Contact: Renée Stephenson, Resource Development Senior Supervisor, tel: 847-866-3314; fax: 847-866-0934; email: Renee.Stephenson@rotary.org

BLANE COMMUNITY IMMUNIZATION GRANTS

Blane Community Immunization Grants will be coming to a close at the end of fiscal year 2007. The following dates are important for those clubs in the United States that have already applied for a Blane Grant or are planning to do so:

31 December 2006 – Deadline for submitting new applications
31 March 2007 – Last day to approve new applications
30 June 2007 – Last day to process payments for approved grants
31 December 2007 - Deadline for submitting reports for completed grants



If you have any questions, please contact the new Program Officer for Blane Community Immunization Grants, Shelby French, at Shelby.french@rotary.org or 847-866-3832.

RECENT AND UPDATED TRF NEWS *CONTINUED*

NEW GSE PRE-DEPARTURE REQUIREMENT – VOCATIONAL ITINERARY PRE- APPROVAL

To enhance the vocational quality of the host itineraries for visiting GSE teams, as of 2006-07, host districts are required to submit a detailed itinerary to the partner Sponsor District and TRF before travel tickets may be released for the GSE team. The partner districts should discuss the itinerary with the outbound GSE team and send their suggestions and/or approval to the Host District so that everyone is in agreement on the number and type of vocational visits planned.

Host itineraries must reflect vocational days and sites, personal and/or rest days, travel days and locations for the entirety of the GSE visit. At least five personalized vocational visits should be organized for each team member according to their professional interests and vocational needs. In general, hands-on activities or a day of “shadowing” a professional on the job are preferred to tours where team members merely observe a workplace or facility.



DISTRICT SIMPLIFIED GRANTS

At the end of September 2006, the annual District Simplified Grant mailing will be sent to all District Governors, District Governor Elects, District Rotary Foundation Chairs, and District Grant Subcommittee Chairs. Included in this year's mailing will be the new DSG Best Practices manual.

This manual will provide helpful information and guidelines for districts as they manage the DSG process. The DSG Best Practices manual will also be available online at www.rotary.org. The September mailing will also include district activity reports, a DSG Frequently Asked Questions sheet, and the DSG spending limits for 2008. Districts are encouraged to apply for their 2007-08 DSGs early and to complete reporting for all previous DSG grants so as to streamline the application process.

If you have any questions, please contact the new Program Officer for DSG, Shelby French at Shelby.french@rotary.org or 847-866-3832.



NEW “CONTACT CENTER” SLATED TO OPEN ON 1 OCTOBER 2006

Fully operational on 1 October 2006, The Rotary Foundation's new “Contact Center” will begin answering questions posed by Rotarians in the United States via a toll-free telephone number: 1-866-9ROTARY (**that's 1-866-976-8279**). This new pilot project, currently available only in the USA, will enable Rotarians to get their Foundation questions answered promptly.

The telephone Center will be staffed by Foundation personnel experienced in Humanitarian and Educational programs as well as Fund Development. If this new pilot project is successful, the service will expand to offer more options and more countries. Rotarians seeking contribution reports, questions on Matching Grants, Paul Harris Fellow recognition, and other general Foundation questions should be directed to the toll-free number first. The Contact Center is being managed by Clifton Healy.



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As a child, I was told by my mother/grandmother when I left food to think of those who were starving in the world.

Last week, as I shared food with an Ambassadorial Scholar from Africa - with a salary of about \$150 per month and a family of 4 children plus six from his brother who died aged 40, I ate every scrap. I would have been ashamed to leave anything in front of him.

Calum Thomson
Host Counselor, Scotland

Malaria is the biggest killer and as you know one African child dies every minute from it.

Africa is the home to the deadliest strain of malaria and this disease continues to impose heavy burden on many economies with increased resistance of parasites and vectors to drugs. It accounts for half of all hospital admissions and outpatients costing over US\$1.2 billion a year.

The affects permeate almost every sector. It increases school absenteeism, decreases tourism, inhibits foreign investment, and even affects the type of crops that are grown. It is going to be a long time before an effective vaccine is made available.

Until then for US\$10 Rotarians can buy and deliver an insecticide-treated bed net (ITN) to families at risk. Such a net produced in Tanzania will accommodate up to 4 children and the life of the net is 5 years.

Sir Andy Chande
Trustee, The Rotary Foundation