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Chairman,
The Rotary Foundation Trustees,
2007-08*

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EXCERPTS FROM THE ROTARY FOUNDATION TRUSTEE CHAIRMAN BHICHAIRATTAKUL'S SPEECH AT THE INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY IN SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA USA IN FEBRUARY 2007

"... we are here to learn to do good in the world — just as Arch Klumph said at the 1917 convention when he proposed the creation of an endowment fund. That idea became The Rotary Foundation, as we know it today, an organization that touches the hearts and souls of millions upon millions.

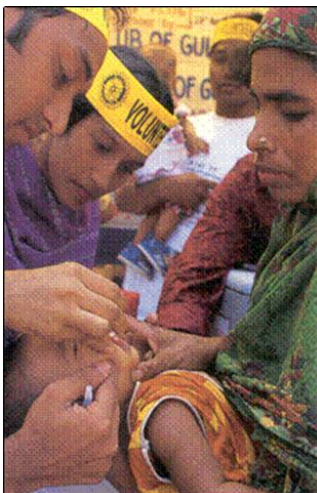
I think the Foundation is one of Rotary's most successful and significant accomplishments. If we had achieved nothing else — and we have achieved many other things — the Foundation would have justified our existence. Arch Klumph had a dream for doing good in the world, and we are indeed fortunate to be a part of Arch Klumph's dream."



PolioPlus Partners



Rotary International



MY FIRST DREAM

"... I do have dreams, which I want to share with you and, through you, I want to share these dreams with the Rotarians in your district and take action to make the dreams come true. ... like all of you, **I dream of a polio-free world, and I believe that this is a realistic dream.** Twenty years ago, we stood up in anticipation of a world free from a disease that killed and crippled millions of people. That momentous declaration came as a great beacon of hope to millions of people.

More than 20 years later, we have brought down an estimated 350,000 cases of polio in 125 countries each year to less than 2,000 cases in four countries, but we have not won the war.

The battle is still on! ... No, it is not over! There are still children living who need those drops of vaccine, so that ultimately we can interrupt the transmission of this virus. Otherwise, our efforts for all these years will be in vain.

Please tell your clubs that we must continue our offensive in terms of our time and energy and, above all, our financial support, which is so vital, to wrap up this long operation. We must pledge to march ahead with even stronger determination until the work is done."

EXCERPTS ...

MY SECOND DREAM: “... Every Rotarian, Every Year — that is my second dream....”

... Is this an impossible dream? I don't think it is, because Rotary Shares through the hands-on personal involvement of each and every Rotarian and through the grassroots efforts of each and every club. While The Rotary Foundation supports many wonderful projects, the success of those projects relies upon the contributions of individual Rotarians. It is through these individual efforts that we have the combined strength to change lives.

Direct participation in service infuses service with love. And without this love, service is hollow. The power of this participation is so potent that it only takes a little bit to transform our lives and the lives of those we serve.

That is why I dream that Every Rotarian, Every Year will experience the joy that comes from this participation.”

MY THIRD DREAM

“... My third dream is that we encourage Rotarians in our clubs and districts to reach out to our Foundation alumni. Our Ambassadorial Scholars, Rotary World Peace Fellows, Rotary Volunteers, Group Study Exchange teams — all of the dedicated men and women who have participated in these programs have experienced firsthand the warmth of Rotary fellowship and the power of Rotary service.

By reconnecting with our Foundation alumni, we are reconnecting with people who share our Rotarian values, values that I believe are the single most important element in the human personality.

With our alumni, we can build relationships with like-minded people who want to do good in the world. Many of our alumni are interested in joining a Rotary club, if only they are asked. And what better candidates could there be for Rotary membership than men and women who have already acted as Rotary ambassadors of goodwill?

Let's continue to invest in our Foundation alumni by giving them the opportunity to serve others through Rotary.”



**THE ROTARY ALUMNI
CLUB OF CHINA**



EXCERPTS ...



“ ... MY FOURTH DREAM ... *I want to share with you is the dream we all have for peace and goodwill in our world.*

... It was our founder, Paul P. Harris who said that "the way to war is a well-paved highway, and the way to peace is still a wilderness."

Today, I think many of us feel lost in that wilderness. As a man from a country that has long been surrounded by political turmoil and uncertainty, I know that feeling all too well.

As we look at the conflicts raging in our world today, we must take heart. I say to you that we must redouble our efforts to work for peace. In one way or another, all of the excellent programs of The Rotary Foundation contribute to world peace and understanding — the humanitarian programs that relieve human suffering and the exchange programs that bring together people from diverse cultures.

... There are two programs that directly address this important issue: our Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution and the new Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies program.

Both of Rotary's peace programs are educating tomorrow's diplomats and peacemakers, supporting dedicated scholars and professionals as they work toward solutions to the problems that are the root causes of conflicts in our world: poverty, ignorance, disease, intolerance, and hatred.

To realize this dream, financial support of this program is crucial. The Trustees have set the target to raise US\$95 million by 2015, necessary to fully support Rotary's dream of peace in our world and make it a reality.

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I am sure in Rotary, now and in the future of every dawn, there are many people, wealthy individuals, who have made their fortunes and who are watching us carefully, waiting to be approached, waiting to be asked, and waiting to share.

I ask you to share your dreams with them and show them that our Foundation can do great things. Remember, when Rotary Shares, our dreams will come true.”



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LET'S TALK ABOUT THE FIRST DREAM — CHAIRMAN BHICHAJ SAID: "I dream of a polio-free world, and I believe that this is a realistic dream."

ERADICATE POLIO RATHER THAN CONTROL IT, HARVARD RESEARCHERS SAY

The battle to eradicate polio has been expensive and difficult. But ditching the current eradication plan in favor of a policy that aims to control spread of the disease would be far more costly, a new report says.

A recent study by the Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH), which was published in the 21 April issue of the leading medical journal *The Lancet*, found that despite the relatively high short-term costs, global polio eradication is a better option than trying to control the disease to a certain number of cases per year.

"Eradication offers both lower cumulative costs and cases than control in the long-term, even with the costs of achieving eradication exceeding several billion dollars more," said Kimberly Thompson, associated professor of Risk Analysis and Decision Science at HSPH."

Concerns of the high perceived costs of eradicating polio surfaced last year in scientific journals, when skeptical experts proposed that the focus shift from eradication to effectively controlling the disease's spread, pointing to several challenges that stand in the way of reaching the last one percent of cases of polio in four countries.



TRF Trustee
Robert Scott

Yet accepting a certain number of cases per year in favor of perceived lower costs also poses difficult ethical questions, says Robert Scott, chair of the International PolioPlus Committee.

"What's the acceptable [level of] control? There are the human suffering costs, too," Scott says. "How do you put a dollar amount on pain and the suffering of lifelong paralyzed limbs?"

Learn more about the study at the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative Web site](#) or read summary in a recent [CBC article](#).

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Question: During the past 20 years, we've made a lot of progress against polio. Now, there are so many other terrible diseases that affect far more people than polio does. In fact, polio is almost eradicated, so why doesn't Rotary International focus on another disease?



RI Past President 2006-07 Bill Boyd

Answer: Put simply, the job is not finished, and Rotary keeps its promises.

We promised the children of the world that they would grow up in a [world without polio](#) and that their children would not have to face the threat of that dreaded disease. If we are to fulfill this promise, we need to stay focused until there is no more wild poliovirus.

We all realize that children around the world are unfairly faced with myriad threats to their well-being. It is truly heartbreaking to see a child suffering from any disease that could have been prevented.

The only way to protect every child from polio is to eradicate this crippling and potentially fatal disease completely.

Though great progress has been made toward a polio-free world, we cannot turn our attention away now. Because current funding levels for polio immunization campaigns cannot be sustained indefinitely, cases would increase dramatically. Failure to eradicate polio would result in an estimated 10 million paralyzed children in the next 40 years and would negate the world's US\$5.3 billion investment in the initiative.

The only way to protect every child from polio is to eradicate this crippling and potentially fatal disease completely. The strategies and tools are known, and health experts agree that the challenges to stopping the spread of polio can be met. Rotary was the first organization to have the vision of a polio-free world, so we need to sustain our commitment to creating a world with one less threat for every child.

1 Jenny Horton was a Rotary Youth Exchange Student 35 years ago in Frederick, Oklahoma, USA

Many years later on a return trip to Frederick to visit her host families, one of Horton's Rotarian host fathers told her about efforts to [eradicate polio](#).

About 10 years later, she traveled to India to vaccinate children against polio. She had never seen people with such crippled legs. She picked up one boy, and his leg flopped like a ventriloquist's doll. She set him down, hugged him, walked away, and wiped the tears from her eyes. Horton, who by then had become a Rotarian and had lost her Rotarian husband to a brain tumor, returned to India two more times for additional vaccination campaigns.

Polio eradication started to consume her life. She spent her evenings assisting with fundraising and telling people about the eradication efforts. She read everything she could about the paralyzing disease. Horton volunteered with Stop the Transmission of Polio (STOP). Through the program, she traveled to Ethiopia, Botswana, and Pakistan, spending three to four months in each country.



"Polio eradication had taken over my life, and at all costs I wanted to be in the field working toward our goal of a polio-free world," she said. "The pain I felt in seeing someone affected by polio was a driving force for me."

Today, Horton lives in Pakistan and is a World Health Organization consultant working on the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#). She gives technical support and advice to government health offices, analyzes data, does disease surveillance, and teaches health professionals to look for signs of polio. "This is all because of Rotary, and it all began with Youth Exchange," she said.



Jenny Horton was presented the Rotary International Service Above Self Award at the International Convention at Salt Lake City Utah.

The purpose of this award is to recognize individual Rotarians who have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service, in any form and at any level, with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others through Rotary. This is Rotary International's highest honor for individual Rotarians. A maximum of 150 recipients may be selected each year.



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Donna Philips, a Rotary Foundation Major Donor, gives oral polio vaccine to a child in Uttar Pradesh.

ROTARIANS HELP BEAT BACK POLIO OUTBREAK IN INDIA

By Vukoni Lupa-Lasaga
Rotary International News
Photo by Charlene Hall
23 May 2007

Confident that India would soon eradicate polio, Past District 6900 Governor Robert Hall led several U.S. Rotarians to Subnational Immunization Days in Uttar Pradesh in November.

The poverty stricken state in northern India was the epicenter of a 2006 polio outbreak.

Rotary Foundation Major Donors Jim and Donna Philips, whose contribution to the PolioPlus Partners program helped fund the SNIDs, also traveled with the group.

The team was encouraged by the collaboration among government officials, religious leaders, Indian Rotarians, UNICEF, and the World Health Organization.

"This trip was the experience of a lifetime for all 20 Rotarians who visited Uttar Pradesh," says Hall, who pledged the continued support of District 6900 (Georgia, USA) and Zone 34 Rotarians.

Hall's optimism on polio is shared by India's health minister Anbumani Ramadoss. The minister told journalists at a mid-December press conference that despite the outbreak, he is confident that India will end polio with stepped-up immunizations.

"In three years, we will do away with polio," he said. "We are at the end of the problem and will hit the final nail in the coffin."

Julie Gerberding, head of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said at the same event that the outbreak "is a warning that we can't be complacent." She also noted that the last few cases of polio are often the most difficult to deal with.

India is countering the challenges of polio eradication through intensified immunizations with the monovalent oral polio vaccine. Because most of the reported cases in 2006 were from poor Muslim communities, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative is working with religious leaders to persuade more families to have their children immunized.

Partly because of the Muslim clerics' support, India reported an overall increase in turnout of children during SNIDs in July, September, and November.

"Thank you, Rotary, for recognizing that a world without polio is possible.

You have been the catalyst for the world to accept and carry out the challenge of eradicating polio from the earth."

— **Bill Gates,
Bill & Melinda Gates
Foundation**



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LET'S TALK ABOUT MY SECOND DREAM SAID CHAIRMAN BHICHAJ : "... Every Rotarian, Every Year — that is my second dream...."

Almost half of Rotarians' contributions to the Annual Programs Fund (APF) are made during the last quarter of the Rotary year. This means that the Foundation handles a large portion of its one million donation-related transactions during the last quarter, significantly impacting contribution reports and donor recognition processing.

You can help the Foundation reach its US\$120 million APF goal early by doing the following:

- All members, send in your contribution post marked no later than 15 July.
- Club presidents, Lead the Way by making your contribution via Member Access.
- District governors, focus on remaining noncontributing clubs and those still short of their APF goal. Log on to Member Access to check the latest District Monthly Contribution Report for information.
- Look at each club's final report for 2005-06 to see which clubs performed better last year and may be able to increase this year's contribution.

Remember, reaching the APF goal is about more than dollars. **Every Rotarian giving to the Foundation Every Year means** meeting critical global needs such as immunizing more children against disease, providing safe drinking water to more people, and educating the next generation.

When each of us takes the Every Rotarian, Every Year message into our hearts, there isn't anything that our Rotary Foundation can't accomplish.



**SEND IN
YOUR
CONTRIBUTIONS
NOW
POSTMARKED
NO LATER THAN
15 JULY 2007**

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**KOWLOON EAST (HONG KONG) BECOMES
THE FIRST 100% MAJOR DONOR CLUB**

By Marla Donato and Dan Nixon
Rotary International News
19 June 2007

Salt Lake City — The Rotary Foundation has scored a major milestone that even founder Arch Klumph might not have envisioned.



“I’m happy to announce tonight that we have our first 100% Major Donor Club – the Rotary Club of Kowloon East in Hong Kong,” said Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Luis Giay at the 2007 RI Convention’s Major Donor Dinner on 18 June. “Every one of the club’s members – about 40 in all – contributed [US]\$10,000 or more to our Foundation. What an example this club has set in leading the way to help build the future of our Foundation.”

Each member’s decision to become a Major Donor to the Foundation reflects the generosity and involvement essential to the Foundation’s purpose, as Arch Klumph put it, “of doing good in the world.”

Held in the Grand Ballroom of the Salt Lake City Marriott Downtown Hotel, the Major Donor Dinner was attended by more than 900 Rotarians and guests. During the recognition ceremony, Giay recognized three Kowloon East Rotarians present – club president Stephen Yow, District 3450 Governor-elect Peter Wong, and past club president Albert Poon, along with Past District 3450 Governor Alexander Mak.

“I’d like to present this special banner and certificate recognizing your impressive achievement,” Giay told the group, the news sending a buzz through the audience members, who remarked to their tablemates how impressive the achievement was. “Thank you for your outstanding example, and please share our gratitude with the other members of your club,” said Giay, who then went on to issue yet another challenge to the club: to become the first Rotary club with 100 percent membership in the Arch C. Klumph Society.

Indeed it was Giay, with assistance from Mak, who had challenged the Kowloon East Club to become the first 100% Major Donor Club. Giay had proposed the goal while in Hong Kong in February to honor club past president Solomon Lee for reaching the



Major Donors Poon, Wong, Mak, and Yow accept a certificate from RI President Boyd and Foundation Trustee Chair Giay honoring the first 100% Major Donor Club, the Rotary Club of Kowloon East.

Photo by Alyce Henson/Rotary Images

Arch C. Klumph Society level of Foundation support.

It didn't take long to receive a commitment from the Kowloon East club, and by the end of May all members had agreed to become Major Donors. This isn't the first time the Kowloon East club has been a leader in generous giving, as it was also one of the first 100% Paul Harris Fellows clubs.

"Thirty years later we have this award," said Yow, ticking off the club's additional accomplishments in health and education, including a project that supports 120 schools in remote regions of China. "It's good to lead by example. We hope other clubs will follow suit," said Mak just before the ceremony. He added he was especially proud of the club's efforts that led to one million immunizations against Hepatitis B in China.

"We think this is the best foundation in the world," said Wong. He added that the club's members, the majority of whom have been Rotarians for at least 15 years, trust the Foundation to continue to do exceptional work throughout the world.

By raising the bar on their level of Foundation support, Kowloon East Rotarians have increased the Foundation's ability to save and change lives through its humanitarian and educational programs.

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DO YOU FEEL PHILANTHROPICALLY INSPIRED? YOU CAN START YOUR OWN ENDOWMENT.

You don't need millions of dollars. Starting your own endowment is no longer confined to billionaires.

Through Rotary you can start your own endowment for as little as \$20,000.



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"As people do a better job of looking at their overall financial plan, they are starting to incorporate charitable giving into that plan" says David Giunta, the president of Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund.

The Rotary Foundation Donor Advised Fund (DAF) is an innovative

way for individuals and Rotary-affiliated groups to create a separate investment account with the Foundation that is earmarked exclusively for charitable giving.

DAFs also can provide a tax-smart stash for future donation dollars. For example, it might make sense from a tax standpoint to unload an appreciated security, but you're not sure which causes you'd like to support. Once you open a DAF, you can take the deduction immediately and decide where to donate later.

Our strategy is to use a Donor Advised Fund (DAF) through Our Rotary Foundation. TRF staff can help you do it. Call Rotary International at 847-866-3100 and ask for a TRF Staff person to work with you in creating your own DAF.

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FOUNDATION ENJOYING GREATEST MOMENT

By Antoinette Tuscano
Rotary International News

"There's no question about this — our Foundation is enjoying the greatest moment in its history," said Giay.

More than 200,000 foundations operate in the United States, and The Rotary Foundation now ranks among the top institutions.

This year, foundation evaluator [Charity Navigator](#) put The Rotary Foundation on its list of 50 best organizations with a maximum rating of four stars.

The reasons for the accolades include the Foundation's efficient administration, sound investments, and excellent control over its programs, said Giay. "Today, one word clearly defines our Foundation and that word is credibility."

More important than attention, the organization's credibility has attracted new donors, raising the bar on fundraising initiatives. In fact, in 2006-07 the [Annual Programs Fund](#) set its most ambitious goal to date — US\$120 million.

Giay stressed that these fundraising initiatives give the Foundation the ability to push priorities such as the organization's peace programs — the [Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution](#) and [Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies](#). "We're working to end war, because we believe peace is possible," said Giay.

Giay listed the Foundation's recent successes:

The contributions and revenue from investments in 2005-06 totaled \$162.1 million.

- ✦ The [Permanent Fund](#) quickly surpassed the \$500 million mark and should reach its goal of \$1 billion sooner than predicted.
- ✦ Excluding investments in PolioPlus, 2,640 [Humanitarian Programs](#) grants totaling more than \$30 million were approved, a record amount.
- ✦ The number of [Matching Grants](#) approved that were sustained by the World Fund increased 19 percent, the average amount of each Matching Grant increased 28 percent, and the use of the District Designated Funds grew by 24 percent.
- ✦ Since the creation of Matching Grants, more than 25,000 projects have received financing from the Foundation.
- ✦ [Group Study Exchanges](#) participants surpassed 515 this year, the most in the program's history.

In addition, the Foundation counted more than 1 million [Paul Harris Fellows](#). "Soon our Paul Harris Fellows will outnumber our Rotarians," joked Giay.



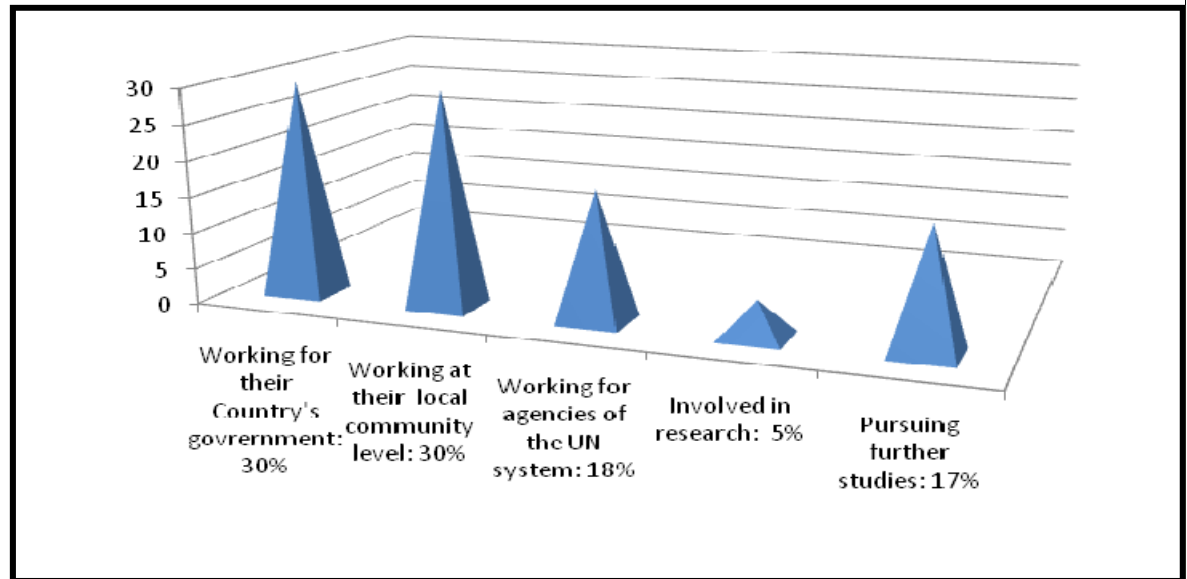
2006-07 TRF Chairman,
Luis Vicente Giay

Photo by Monika Lozinska-Lee/RI

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PLEASE SPEND A MOMENT — AND CAREFULLY EXAMINE THE ABOVE STATISTICS!

The table shows us where our first three graduating classes of Rotary World Peace Fellows are now working (since the end of 2006).. The Fellows are doing what we anticipated they would do. They are doing what we hoped they would do!

At the national level, about 30 % of the peace alumni are working for their country's government, e.g. in providing assistance towards post-conflict reconstruction, in foreign affairs, social policy, the judicial system, as well as in the teaching of conflict resolution skills.

Another 30 % are working at the local level e.g., with NGOs or private consulting and law firms, again with emphasis on the promotion of peace, as well as the economic and social development of developing countries.

At the global level, almost 18 % of the Rotary alumni are working for about 12 agencies of the UN system (including the World Bank, UNDP, UNESCO and UN High Commissioner for Refugees), and for a number of regional organizations such as the European Parliament, its Human Rights Commission, and the Organization of American States.

About 5 % are involved in research on Peace & Conflict resolution issues, while the remaining 17 % have been pursuing their PhD studies, which should ultimately lead them to working in the same fields as their other colleagues

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Ban Ki Moon
Secretary General of the United Nations

WORKING FOR PEACE IN DARFUR ...

... A U.N. peacekeeping force will help moderate the violence and keep humanitarian aid flowing (to Darfur) saving many lives. Yet that is only a first step.

Any peace in Darfur must be built on solutions that go to the root causes of the conflict. We can hope for the return of more than 2 million refugees. We can safeguard villages and help rebuild homes. But what to do about the essential dilemma -- the fact that there's no longer enough good land to go around?

A political solution is required. My special envoy for Darfur, Jan Eliasson, and his A.U. counterpart, Salim Ahmed Salim, have worked out a road map, beginning with a political dialogue between rebel leaders and the government and culminating in formal negotiations for peace. The initial steps could be taken by this summer.

Ultimately, however, any real solution to Darfur's troubles involves sustained economic development. Precisely what shape that might take is unclear. But we must begin thinking about it. New technologies can help, such as genetically modified grains that thrive in arid soils or new irrigation and water storage techniques. There must be money for:

- new roads and communications infrastructure,
- also health,
- education,
- sanitation
- and social reconstruction programs.

In addition to health, education and sanitation problems there is a volatile mix of food and water insecurity

The international community needs to help organize these efforts, teaming with the Sudanese government as well as the international aid agencies and nongovernmental organizations working so heroically on the ground.

The stakes go well beyond Darfur. Jeffrey Sachs, the [Columbia University](#) economist and one of my senior advisers, notes that the [violence in Somalia](#) grows from a similarly volatile mix of food and water insecurity. So do the troubles in [Ivory Coast](#) and [Burkina Faso](#).

There are many other parts of the world where such problems will arise, for which any solutions we find in Darfur will be relevant. We have made slow but steady progress in recent weeks. The people of Darfur have suffered too much, for too long. Now the real work begins.

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OUR ROTARY PEACE CENTERS



The vision for a Rotary peace institute originated on a late summer day at a committee gathering in Evanston, Illinois a little over 10 years ago . We have graduated four classes and our sixth class (2007-2009) is just now starting

At the inaugural Rotary World Peace Symposium prior to the RI Convention in SLC we chronicled the path that this dream took and how it has become a reality today.

We heard from Rotary World Peace Fellows and alumni about the work they're doing and how the fellowship has helped them achieve their own goals as peacemakers.

If you did not attend we have audio and videotaped the event and will make these recordings available to everyone.

Judy Gibson

Department Manager

Rotary Centers for International Studies
in peace and conflict resolution

To honor Paul Harris, the founder of Rotary International, and to recognize the 50th anniversary of his death, the Rotary Centers for International Studies were approved in 1997. The first class of 66 fellows was announced in 2002, and they began their studies the same year.

Now, five years later, we are proud to have four classes of Rotary World Peace Fellow alumni — 232 graduates practicing conflict resolution and peace-building around the world.

Rotary district committees worldwide are now interviewing applicants for our seventh class of Rotary World Peace Fellows and approximately 60 applicants will be selected by November 2007 for matriculation in the years 2008-2010.

PEACEBUILDING IS NOT ONLY THE PREVENTION OF WARS — NATION BUILDING IS THE KEY.

The primary objective of nation-building is to make a violent society peaceful... providing:

- Security,
- food,
- shelter,
- and those basic services should be provided first,
- Allowing: economic and political objectives to be pursued once these first-order needs are being met.

In the absence of adequate security, money spent on democratization and development is likely to be wasted and could even produce negative results, fueling the conflict rather than promoting durable reform.

THE ROTARY CENTERS MAJOR GIFTS INITIATIVE

As Rotary peace fellows become trained in conflict resolution and peace building, they can be part of this process whereby nations are working to keep the peace and protect all citizens.

Peace fellows can do this from within the UN, or outside of it, by working with NGOs, governments, and other international bodies. The goal is the same and Rotary is part of it: making the world a more peaceful place.

Past Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator Edward "Eddie" Blender (Rotary Club of Edwards/Vail Down Valley, Colorado, USA) and past RI vice-president John Germ PVPRI (Rotary Club of Chattanooga, Tennessee, USA) have agreed to serve as chair and vice-chair, respectively, of the Rotary Centers Major Gifts Initiative (RCMGI).

They will provide leadership and coordination of the US\$95 million effort to endow the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution.

"Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding."

Albert Einstein

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Honorary Rotarian William Gates Sr.

Praising Rotarians for their "mind-boggling efforts" to "dramatically change millions and millions of lives," honorary Rotarian William Gates Sr. called on Rotarians to "think big" and finish the job of polio eradication.

Just moments before Gates gave his speech, Foundation Chair Luis Giay and 2006-07 President William B. Boyd presented Gates with a Polio Eradication Champion Award.

Gates, a retired Seattle attorney and father of Microsoft founder Bill Gates, introduced himself as "just a guy from the little town of Bremerton,

Washington. Yet somehow, I have spent the last decade traveling around the world, thinking about monstrous problems."

Since its inception in 2000, the Gates Foundation has helped fight polio alongside Rotary, contributing US\$150 million to the polio eradication initiative. "All the money in the world doesn't matter if it isn't spent the right way," Gates said. "[Rotary] gives people a way to convert their resources into results for the people who need them most."



"It is almost impossible to fully appreciate how successful Rotary has been in fighting that disease," said Gates, who added that Rotary members use three things efficiently: wallets to fund initiatives, legs to drive

them, and lungs to spread the word. And Rotary sets an example as one of the "finest organizations on the planet," he said. "You are an army of activists who place Service Above Self."

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100,000 ROTARY FOUNDATION ALUMNI

I recently returned from Skokie, Illinois, where I attended meetings with the Rotary Regional Foundation Coordinators (RRFC) and the Rotary Foundation Alumni Coordinators (RFAC).

We discussed the Alumni RI/TRF tie-in. Specifically – it is estimated that there are over 100,000 Foundation Alumni. These alumni have represented RI/TRF as Scholars, Group Study Exchange, Rotary Volunteers, University Professors, etc. and have been the recipients of a great many of our Foundation Dollars. These Alumni help Rotarians to fulfill our Foundation mission.

So, why aren't more alumni joining Rotary clubs?

Eddie Blender

BECAUSE OF THEIR DEDICATION TO ROTARY'S VALUES, THESE PROGRAM ALUMNI COULD MAKE GREAT ROTARIANS. THEY ARE ALREADY MORE FAMILIAR WITH ROTARY THAN THE AVERAGE PROSPECTIVE CLUB MEMBER, AND THEIR PARTICIPATION IN ROTARY'S PROGRAMS INDICATES THAT THEY ARE INTERESTED IN OUR ORGANIZATION'S OBJECTIVES.

THE CURRENT STATUS OF ALUMNI IN ROTARY

According to research conducted in 2005-06 by the Membership Development Division of Rotary International, only 2.9% of current Rotarians are program alumni. Additionally.....

- 58% of clubs say they don't recruit program alumni for membership.
- 22% of clubs claim to recruit alumni *and* actually have alumni as members.
- 84% of current program participants are interested in joining a Rotary club.
- 66% of program alumni are interested in joining a Rotary club.

4

RE-CONNECTING WITH OUR ALUMNI

FROM RI PRESIDENT BILL BOYD'S DAIRY—APRIL 2007



MISSIONS:

- To attract young professionals to Rotary
- To think, act, and serve globally

The Kanagawa Shonan club was chartered in December 2004, and the special representative who worked to establish it is RI Director-elect Kazuhiko Ozawa.

All the 23 charter members were alumni of the Ambassadorial Scholarships program, Group Study Exchange, or Rotary Youth Exchange. The current average age is 40 and, of the approximately 25 club members, 16 are women.

In a country concerned about the age of its membership and its need to increase the number of female members, this club is a standout. Its example, however, is appropriate even beyond Japan's borders. Many major cities around the world could form an alumni club, and Rotary would be stronger for each one.

The club dues have been kept low and its meals simple, and the meeting day alternates between Friday and Saturday. Its range of projects is impressive.

REVOLUTIONARY FEATURES:

- All 23 charter members are GSE, Ambassadorial Scholarship, Youth Exchange alumni.
- We are young. Our average age is 38. (For typical Japanese clubs, it's around 60.)
- We have 12 (more than 50%) female members. (Only 3 % of the Japanese Rotarians are female.)
- We have flexible meeting hours: Friday evening and Saturday noon.
- Low annual fees: Only 70,000 yen (about US\$ 700). Typically its 3 - 5 times more in Japan.
- AND we have our own club song!

FROM THE WEBSITE:

"The Kanagawa Shonan Rotary Club was chartered on December, 15, 2004, following a district resolution to launch a new club to CELEBRATE ROTARY on its centennial.

Our club is open to any professional who can afford a little time and money for service above self."

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HELP YOUR CLUB TO BE SUCCESSFUL

2007-2008 Club Success Kits:

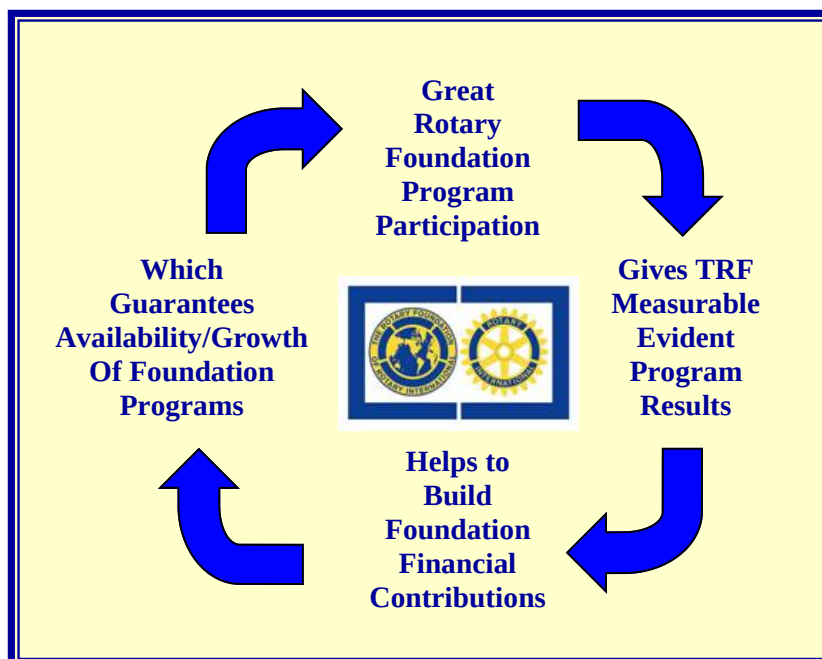
The 2007-2008 Club Success Kits were mailed on 27 April to each club president-elect and each district governor-elect. The Kits will be similar in design to the 2006-2007 Kits (958-ENP).

Each Kit contains the following:

- 2007-08 Cover Letter from Trustee Chairman Bhichai Rattakul
- 2007-08 Fund Development Club Goal Report Form
- 2006 Rotary Foundation Facts (159)
- One Every Rotarian, Every Year Brochure/contributions form (957 revised 2007)
- One sheet of 2007-08 Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member Badge Stickers (956)
- Publications Order Form (337)

2007-08 Every Rotarian, Every Year Club Success Booklet containing:

- Every Rotarian, Every Year Resources on the Web;
 - Weekly Rotary Foundation Thoughts;
 - Your Annual Contributions at Work;



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GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE - FROM TEAM MEMBER TO TEAM LEADER



PRRFC Eddie Blender with Rotarian María Elena Ocaño de Herrero of the Rotary Club of Barranqueras, Argentina.

As a member of a team of Rotary volunteers on a Dental Mission to the El Impenetrable area of Argentina we had the opportunity to interact with Rotary Clubs in the cities of Buenos Aires, Resistencia, Castilli and Nueva Pompeya.

“Pure joy” is what I felt when we frequently had the opportunity to share meals and fun and fellowship with our Rotarian friends from Argentina.

“... I was able to share with Rotarians throughout my district the importance of Our Rotary Foundation Programs. All from the first-hand perspective of my GSE experience.”
María Elena

I met María Elena Ocaño de Herrero (a Rotarian for only a few years) of the Rotary Club of Barranqueras - District 4790 – Argentina. We were just by chance seated next to one another at a dinner meeting. Of course we talked “Rotary”.

María Elena was a member of Rotaract not long ago and she told me that as a Rotaract member and during those college years she never felt the essence of Rotary. But when she participated as a team member (in 2000-'01) on a Group Study Exchange to the US, Rotary began to open, to blossom for her. She began to understand what Rotary was about.



María Elena said to me... “Immediately after my GSE experience I was invited into membership. With pride and with greater understanding I was able to share with Rotarians throughout my district the importance of Our Rotary Foundation Programs. All from the first-hand perspective of my GSE experience.

The cycle now continues for me for within a few weeks I will interview for the upcoming GSE Team Leader* position. As a GSE Rotary Foundation Alumnus I now have the opportunity to speak for world understanding and peace. And also the opportunity to raise TRF funds for the same organization that sponsored me. I am honored!”

E.B.

**María Elena was selected as her district's GSE Team Leader.*

4 RE-CONNECTING WITH ROTARY FOUNDATION ALUMNI



Ed Fischer, Chair
*District 6990 Communication
Committee*

Webster defines fellowship as:

- Community of interest, activity, feeling, or experience
- The state of being a fellow or associate; or
- A company of equals or friends.

And all three applications of the above definition fit the Rotary meeting,

Recently I spoke about the returning National Guard and Reserve people who would welcome the opportunity of Rotary fellowship as an aid to assimilating back into civilian life; and what a great source for recruiting Rotarians.

I was reminded immediately by Rotary Foundation Alumni Coordinator (RFAC) Eliot Lowenstein of another excellent source of both Fellowship and potential future Rotarians -- Rotary Foundation Alumni.

When you realize that each year, thousands of people around the world take part in one of the many programs of The Rotary Foundation -- programs that enrich the lives of participants and spread Rotary's vision of peace and world understanding. Who are our Foundation Alumni?

Ambassadorial Scholars
Cultural Scholars
Rotary Peace Fellows
Group Study Exchange Leaders and Team Members
Rotary Volunteers
University Professors

Their experiences foster international understanding through person-to-person contact, friendship, study, service, and cross-cultural exchange. Foundation program participants serve as goodwill ambassadors not just when they're abroad, but also when they return to their home countries as alumni.

Just as important, these groups have a connection to the Rotary clubs who've sponsored and hosted their experience. It is through the Rotary Foundation Alumni that these individuals stay connected and give back to Rotary in a variety of ways. Some even become Rotary club members.

The question, of course, is how has your club targeted these alumni as potential members? And what role are you playing in making it happen? Imagine sitting at the table during a meeting and learning about a foreign land through the eyes of a rotary Alumnus who's lived there and helped to foster The Rotary Foundation's mission of goodwill, better understanding and Peace. What a terrific way to engage in fellowship.

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED ABOUT COMPETITIVE MATCHING GRANTS?



Matching Grant requests of at least US\$25,00.00 are reviewed two times per year by the Trustees on a competitive basis.

The following decisions were made at the April 2007 Trustees meeting.....

DECISIONS: At the April 2007 meeting the Trustees:

- make Matching Grant #60510 in the amount of US\$34,883.00 to the Rotary Club of Chinchá (District 4300, Peru) and the Rotary Club of Sonora Sunrise (District 5220, USA) to help provide a sanitation system in the community of El Guayabo, Peru, payment to be contingent upon receipt of a monthly usage fee schedule and confirmation that all residents will have access to the sanitation system regardless of their ability to pay the US\$75 fee;

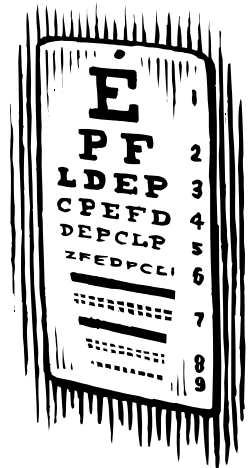


- make Matching Grant #60897 in the amount of: US\$45,000 to the Rotary Club of Granada (District 4240, Nicaragua) and the Rotary Club of Woodstock (District 7870, USA) to help provide equipment for four operating rooms in the Gaspar García Laviana Hospital in Rivas, Nicaragua;

- make Matching Grant #60950 in the amount of US\$29,900 to the Rotary Club of Cochabamba-Tunari (District 4690, Bolivia) and to the Rotary Club of Duluth Harbortown (District 5580, USA) to help provide an irrigation reservoir levee for

the Choquechampi community near Sacaba, Cocha-bamba, Bolivia;

- make Matching Grant #61855 in the amount of US\$30,491 to the Rotary Club of Arequipa Cayma (District 4300, Peru) and to the Rotary Club of Charlotte South Park (District 7680, USA) to help provide equipment for an eye care clinic in the Alto Cayma settlement near Arequipa, Peru;



- make Matching Grant #61837 in the amount of US\$64,847 to the Rotary Club of Choluteca (District 4250, Honduras) and to the Rotary Club of Nauset (Orleans) (District 7950, USA) to help provide over 2,300 bio-sand water filters to install in homes in villages near Choluteca, Honduras, plus an additional amount of US\$3,242 for project monitoring by The Rotary Foundation, for a total of US\$68,089;

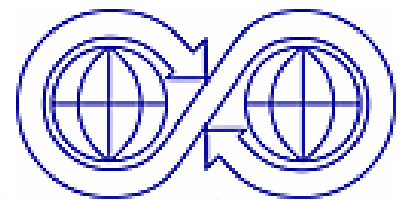
- make Matching Grant #61723 in the amount of US\$38,750 to the Rotary Club of Gandevi (District



3060, India) and to the Rotary Club of Windsor (1918) (District 6400, Canada) to help provide a veterinary mobile laboratory and dispensary for servicing dairy cattle and livestock in Gandevi, India;



- make Matching Grant #61721 in the amount of US\$39,426 to the Rotary Club of Deonar (District 3140, India) and to the Rotary Club of Zoetermeer-Zegwaart (District 1600, The Netherlands) to help provide clean drinking water and toilet facilities to 17 villages in Karjat Taluka of Maharashtra State in India;
- do not make Matching Grant #60837 to the Rotary Club of Bandarawela (District 3220, Sri Lanka) and to the Rotary Club of Oberstdorf/Allgau (District 1840, Germany);
- make Matching Grant #61660 in the amount of US\$45,658 to the Rotary Club of Chipata (District 9120, Zambia) and to the Rotary Club of Beveren--Waas (District 2170, Belgium) to help provide the drilling of 20 boreholes and the installation of 20 hand pumps in the Luangwa Valley, Eastern Province, Zambia;
- make Matching Grant #59037 in the amount of US\$27,114 to the Rotary Club of Antananarivo-Vovonana (District 9220, Madagascar) and to the Rotary Club of Nancy Majorelle (District 1790, France) to help construct water tanks in isolated villages in Antananarivo province, Madagascar;
- make Matching Grant #60958 in the amount of US\$48,100 to the Rotary Club of Kyambogo-Kampala (District 9200, Uganda) and to District 6920 (USA) to help provide latrines and water tanks to ten primary schools and a health center in Ivukula sub-county, Busiki County and the Iganga District, Uganda;
- make Matching Grant #60758 in the amount of US\$46,040 to the Rotary Club of Mindelo, S. Vicente (District 9100, Cape Verde) and to the Rotary Club of Metz (District 1790, France) to help provide sterilization of medical equipment to help a hospital surgical ward in Saint Vicente, Cape Verde;
- make Matching Grant #61069 in the amount of US\$30,897 to the Rotary Club of Cotonou-Marina (District 9100, Benin) and to the Rotary Club of Bitonto Terre dell'olio (District 2120, Italy) to build a stainless steel structure to house water sanitation equipment and to buy two electric generators for water filtration in Lokpo, Benin;
- make Matching Grant #61684 in the amount of US\$30,600 to the Rotary Club of Ho (District 9100, Ghana) and to the Rotary Club of Davis (District 5160, USA) to help provide clean drinking water to nine villages in the Volta Region, Ghana;
- defer consideration of Matching Grant #61531 to their October 2007 meeting.



HEALTH, HUNGER AND HUMANITY GRANT REQUESTS



3-H GRANTS

Statement:

In decision 36, October 2004, the Trustees lifted the moratorium on new 3-H Grant applications effective 1 January 2005, with the first new grants awarded in April 2006. TRF received 34 applications by the 1 August 2006 application deadline for consideration at this meeting. One application was withdrawn at the request of the project sponsors, leaving 33 applications for consideration. In January 2007, the Programs Committee reviewed summaries of these 33 applications and selected nineteen to receive an advance site visit for further consideration at this meeting.

DECISION: The Trustees:

- make 3-H Grant #57557 in the amount of US\$300,000 to the Rotary Club of Tamale (District 9100, Ghana) and District 7850 (USA) to construct water and sanitation systems to facilitate the eradication of dracunculiasis (guinea worm) and other water-born diseases in endemic regions near Tamale, Ghana, plus an additional amount of US\$21,000 for project monitoring by The Rotary Foundation, for a total of US\$321,000, payment to be contingent upon receipt of an acceptable final report for 3-H Grant #1109, and upon receipt of technical drawings and clear cost estimates for the work to be done prior to the start of construction, with closure of the grant contingent upon a comparison of baseline and final statistics for water quality and guinea worm infections in the project area;



Guinea Worm

- make 3-H Grant #58000 in the amount of US\$200,000 to the Rotary Club of Delhi South Metropolitan (District 3010, India) and the Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park (District 5360, Canada) to increase living standards in 40 villages by implementing a shift from conventional crops to fruit and nut trees and herbal plants, and by developing waste lands in adjoining areas of the Kot, Kanatal, Sabli, and Pali areas in Uttaranchal, India, plus an additional amount of US\$14,000 for project monitoring by The Rotary Foundation, for a total of US\$214,000;
- make 3-H Grant #59089 in the amount of US\$268,577 to the Rotary Club of Panama Nordeste (District 4240, Panama) and the Rotary Club of Washington, DC (District 7620, USA), extending the COANIQUEM project of Santiago, Chile, to establish burn treatment centers in Panama,



Bolivia, the Dominican Republic, and El Salvador, plus an additional amount of US\$18,000 for project monitoring by The Rotary Foundation, for a total of US\$287,377, and appoint Michael Barrington as the project monitor, payment to be contingent upon receipt of an acceptable final report for Matching Grant #55728;



- make 3-H Grant #59121 in the amount of US\$270,000 to District 3800 (Philippines) and District 2680 (Japan) to provide a three-stage, grade 1-6 Concentrated Language Encounter (CLE) primary education program in Malabon, Navotas, Marikina and Mandaluyong Cities, Metro Manila, Philippines, plus an additional amount of US\$18,900 for project monitoring by The Rotary Foundation, for a total of US\$288,900;

- make 3-H Grant #59348 in the amount of US\$270,000 to the Rotary Club of Phoenix (District 5490, USA) and the Rotary Club of Hermosillo Pitic (District 4100, Mexico) to provide furnishings and equipment for a new education and health center as part of an initiative to integrate Mexican immigrant students into the Murphy Public School District in Phoenix, Arizona, USA, plus an additional amount of US\$17,774 for project monitoring by The Rotary Foundation, for a total of US\$287,774;

- make 3-H Grant #59465 in the amount of US\$300,000 to the Rotary Club of Colon (District 4970, Uruguay) and the Rotary Club of Winnipeg St. James (District 5550, Canada) to develop an integrated orchard and hydroponics garden to provide occupational therapy for the mentally disabled poor and to provide agricultural food supply, job creation and local employment in

the community served by the G.S. Bois Hospital in Montevideo, Uruguay, plus an additional amount of US\$21,000 for project monitoring by The Rotary Foundation, for a total of US\$321,000;

- make 3-H Grant #59642 in the amount of US\$262,000 to the Rotary Club of Lautoka (District 9920, Fiji) and District 9830 (Australia) to provide water, sanitation, and road infrastructure, and to provide an education center in a model village housing development for relocated "squatters" in Lautoka City, Fiji, plus an additional amount of US\$18,340 for project monitoring by The Rotary Foundation, for a total of US\$280,340;
- make 3-H Grant #59779 in the amount of US\$255,000 to the Rotary Club of Rabat Chellah (District 9010, Morocco) and the Rotary Club of Genova-Nord (District 2030, Italy) to model and promote a national program of education, genetic screening and counseling for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of thalassemia and to establish an excellence centre to provide therapy for people with thalassemia in Rabat, Morocco, plus an additional amount of US\$17,850 for project monitoring by The Rotary Foundation, for a total of US\$272,850;



- make 3-H Grant #59787 in the amount of US\$283,725 to the Rotary Club of Katmandu Mid-Town (District 3290, Nepal) and the Rotary Club of Darmstadt-Bergstrasse (District 1860, Germany) to improve reproductive health services by training 60 auxiliary nurse midwives, and to promote micro credit loans for women in Nepal, plus an additional amount of US\$19,860 for project monitoring by The Rotary Foundation, for a total of US\$303,585;



- make 3-H Grant #59878 in the amount of US\$200,000 to the Rotary Club of Honiara (District 9600, Solomon Islands) and the Rotary Club of Kenmore (District 9600, Australia) to reduce mortality and morbidity and their social and economic consequences by strengthening local capabilities in malaria control in urban Honiara, Solomon Islands, plus an additional amount of US\$14,000 for project monitoring by The Rotary Foundation, for a total of US\$214,000;

- make 3-H Grant #59935 in the amount of US\$192,240 to the Rotary Club of Mumbai Ghatkopar (District 3140, India) and the Rotary Club of Charlotte Hall (District 7620, USA) to provide education, training and obstetrical/ gynecological medical services to women in 304 villages of Maharashtra and Gujarat, India, plus an additional amount of US\$13,457 for project monitoring by The Rotary Foundation, for a total of US\$205,697, approval to be contingent upon receiving confirmation that the surgeries will not be used as a method of family planning;
- make 3-H Grant #60173 in the amount of US\$300,000 to District 9200 (Kenya) and the Rotary Club of Summerland (District

5060, Canada) to provide potable water, improve sanitation, develop livelihood opportunities, reforest, and increase AIDS awareness and prevention in the Nakuru region of Kenya, plus an additional amount of US\$21,000 for project monitoring by The Rotary Foundation, for a total of US\$321,000, payment to be contingent upon receipt of an acceptable report for Matching Grant #52252;

- make 3-H Grant #60201 in the amount of US\$180,000 to District 3190 (India) and the Rotary Club of Lancaster West (District 5260, USA) to keep girls in school by providing clean comfort stations (toilet blocks) including sinks and running water, school furnishings, supplies, and CLE training for teachers and parents at 30 village schools near Bangalore, India, plus an additional amount of US\$12,600 for project monitoring by The Rotary Foundation, for a total of US\$192,600;



- make 3-H Grant #60242 in the amount of US\$299,380 to the Rotary Club of Ciudad Juarez Industrial (District 4110, Mexico) and the Rotary Club of West El Paso (District 5520, USA) to provide equipment and educational materials to a new educational center and shelter complex to strengthen families and reduce/prevent child abuse, drug addiction, and violence in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, plus an additional amount of US\$20,957 for project monitoring by The Rotary Foundation, for a total of US\$320,337;



Ann Arbor North (District 6380, USA) to improve the capacity of the health system by providing equipment to regional hospitals and clinics, and by training technicians and local medical workers in the Tapajos Region, Brazil, plus an additional amount of US\$21,000 for project monitoring by The Rotary Foundation, for a total of US\$321,000;

- make 3-H Grant #60565 in the amount of US\$259,654 to the Rotary Club of Kampala-Sseke Islands (District 9200, Uganda) and the Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island (District 5020, USA) to provide water wells, anti-malarial nets, anti-parasitic medications, and nutrition and disease control education to improve the health of local villagers in up-country Uganda, plus an additional amount of US\$18,176 for project monitoring by The Rotary Foundation, for a total of US\$277,830, payment to be contingent upon receipt of a revised project plan to reflect the recommended changes of the advance site visitor; drawings showing the redesigned boreholes and a copy of the revised borehole application guidelines, and the District Education Office's agreement to use the text books in the schools;
- make 3-H Grant #60888 in the amount of US\$269,493 to District 2420 (Turkey) and District 2050 (Italy) to provide revolving loans to the poor and unemployed to promote small scale income generating enterprises in the Marmara Region in Istanbul,

- make 3-H Grant #60261 in the amount of US\$300,000 to the Rotary Club of Santarem (District 4720, Brazil) and the Rotary Club of

Turkey, plus an additional amount of US\$18,865 for project monitoring by The Rotary Foundation, for a total of US\$288,358;

- make 3-H Grant #60905 in the amount of US\$294,694 to the Rotary Club of Arusha (District 9200, Tanzania) and the Rotary Club of The Island & Royal Manor of Portland (District 1200, England) to reduce the malaria-related deaths, illnesses, mental retardation, school and work absenteeism by providing treated bed-nets, spraying mosquito breeding areas, training medical personnel, and educating mothers in malaria-endemic areas of Tanzania, plus an additional amount of US\$20,629 for project monitoring by The Rotary Foundation, for a total of US\$315,323, payment to be contingent upon receipt of an acceptable final report for 3-H Grant #1170 and an audit report from the governor of District 9200 on the project accounts of the Rotary Club of Arusha.

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TO DIE
EVERY 15
SECONDS
FROM
MALARIA**



WHAT PAUL HARRIS SAID...



Paul Harris wrote in a message to the 1946 RI Convention at Atlantic City, New Jersey,

"...What should Rotarians do to back up the United Nations? Just what they are doing.

Rotarians were chairmen of seven national delegations at the San Francisco Conference, and in all, as delegates or consultants at the San Francisco Conference, there were fifty Rotarians.

Thus the spirit of Rotary was very definitely in evidence in San Francisco during the writing of the United Nations Charter."

Sadly, Harris would not be around to see how this new, idealistic creation would develop.

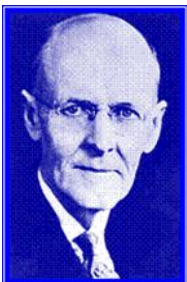
I suppose there are many critics of the United Nations today as it struggles to cope with global conflicts and tensions all over the world. Yet, the United Nations, surely, offers the best way forward towards a peaceful future. Rotary also continues to work for peace with the same enthusiasm and commitment of 50 years ago.

Today, we have developed our own **Peace Fellow Program** to honor Paul Harris' memory.

See <http://www.rotaryfirst100.org/foundation/programs/peace.htm> for more details.

Thus, with a cadre of professional mediators and peace specialists working for and working in conjunction with the UN, the "Spirit of Rotary" as Paul Harris said, will live on. This is what we are doing to "back up the United Nations".

Calum Thomson
RGHF Chairman 2006/07
R/C Longniddry & District
D 1020, Scotland



*A "WHAT PAUL HARRIS SAID" message will be sent (free-of-charge) to you each week and to whomever you wish.
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ABOUT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

The Educational Programs Division of The Rotary Foundation exists to achieve understanding and world peace through the exchange of people internationally.

It is the specific mission of the Educational Programs Division of TRF to provide quality programs and services to those individuals who apply for funding and logistical support to undertake a term of study or teaching abroad that is enhanced by becoming involved with Rotary before, during and after their travel.

The division, in conjunction with Rotarians, Rotary clubs and Rotary districts, shall provide its assistance through scholarship, fellowship, and grant processes.

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THE FIRST ROTARIANS IN AFRICA ... RECENTLY JOIN THE ARCH C. KLUMPH SOCIETY

By Tiffany Woods



A construction company owner and a novel-writing surgeon have become the first Rotarians in Africa to join the Arch C. Klumph Society, which honors people who have given at least US\$250,000 to The Rotary Foundation. Rotarian Yusuf Kodwawwala, 78, and his wife, Marie, and Rotarian V.J. Patel, 61, and his wife, Kusum, were inducted in a ceremony at RI headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA, on 6 March.



Inductee V.J. Patel and his family enjoying the Arch Klumph Society induction ceremony

A Rotarian since 1967, Kodwawwala is a member of the Rotary Club of Nairobi, Kenya, a former governor of District 9200, and a regional Rotary Foundation coordinator.

The son of a small-business owner, Kodwawwala was born in India. With the help of a loan, Kodwawwala was able to go to college. In 1961, he moved to Nairobi to take a job as a surgeon. Since 1980, he has been chronicling his surgical experiences in a weekly newspaper column under



The recent Arch Klumph Society induction from l. to r.... RIPP Jonathan Majiyagbe, RIPP Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar, Inductee Rotarian V.J. Patel, 61, RIPP Bhichai Rattakul, RIPP and Trustee Chair Luis Vicente Gay, Inductee Rotarian Yusuf Kodwawwala, RIPE 2007-08 Wilfred Wilkinson and RIPE 2008-09 D.K. Lee

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Trustee Chairman Luis Vicente Giay and Trustee DF Lee congratulate Rotarian Yusuf Kodwawwala (center) at his recent Arch Klump Society induction

where his father was working. Patel moved back to India, attending high school and college on a scholarship, then returned to Nairobi with a degree in civil engineering. He worked as a junior engineer for a construction company before founding the Seychelles-based

the pen name Yusuf Dawood. He also has published five novels, an autobiography, and three collections of his columns. The proceeds from his writing as well as from his work as a surgeon have funded his generous donations to the Foundation.

Like Kodwawwala, Patel was also born in India. His father made a living as a mason and carpenter, while his mother kept house and worked in the fields. At age 10, Patel moved to Nairobi, where his father was working. Patel moved back to India, attending high school and college on a scholarship, then returned to Nairobi with a degree in civil engineering. He worked as a junior engineer for a construction company before founding the Seychelles-based Vijay Construction in 1979.



Trustee Chairman Luis Vicente Giay congratulate Inductee V.J. Patel and his family at his recent Arch Klump Society induction

school and college educations of about 500 students in his home state of Gujarat in India.

In 1985, Patel joined the Rotary Club of Victoria, Seychelles, and in 2002-03, he served as the governor of District 9220, covering Djibouti and islands off the southeastern coast of Africa. In addition to donating to the Foundation, Patel, a regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, gives about \$50,000 a year to finance the high

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--- *Enabling Rotarians to Advance World Understanding,
Goodwill and Peace*
- Our mission – what we do:
--- *Improving Health, Supporting Education and
Alleviating Poverty.*
- Our motto – what we say – and you will recognize these words
from Our Foundation founder Arch C. Klumph:
--- *Doing Good in the World.*