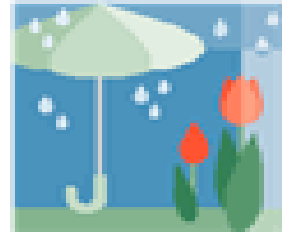


Every Rotarian, Every Year
District 7610 Foundation Newsletter
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*April Showers Bring May Flowers
Thanks for all that you do for
The Rotary Foundation!*



APRIL: ROTARY'S MAGAZINE MONTH

Each month, more than 550,000 copies of the Rotarian magazine are printed. Most copies (about 525,000) are printed in the US, and mailed to subscribers in 167 countries and geographical regions where there are Rotary clubs and to five countries where there are no such clubs. Rotary clubs and Rotarians are encouraged to observe April as Rotary's Magazine Month in a befitting manner.



How to Grow Your Money - 10,000 In Matching Points Still Available!

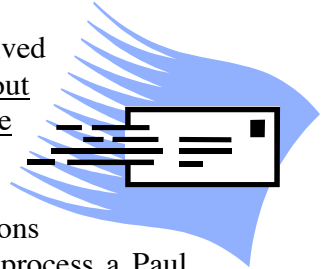
Twenty Thousand Points were made available for match at the district conference on April 5th. Ten Thousand are still available, so now is the time to take advantage of this great opportunity to **DOUBLE** your Foundation support with points. Here's how ---

1. Club Foundation Chair to contact Gary Dehnel, Matching Points Chair, via email: gcdhnel@verizon.net
2. Indicate the number of matching points needed per donor dollar amount to make a new or multiple Paul Harris Fellow;
3. Gary will respond to let the Club Foundation Chair know whether there are sufficient points to complete the match(s) requested – this is a first-come-first-serve match;
4. If the points are available, the Club Foundation Chair **must complete the 123-EN form for each donor**. This form must be completed properly;
5. If a credit card is used, the 123 form may be faxed to Gary, call 1st: 703-331-3519;
6. If a check is used, send the completed 123 form and the check to Gary: 10661 Wolverine Court, Manassas, VA 20111;
7. Upon receipt of the 123 form, Gary will complete the form by adding the matching points, signing the appropriate completed 123 form and forwarding it to TRF.

*Example: Donor has already donated \$400 to the Foundation but needs \$600 to become a Paul Harris Fellow. The donor will either use a credit card or a check for \$300 and that amount will be matched with 300 points, thus reaching \$1,000 to become a new or multiple Paul Harris Fellow.

Gary Dehnel, Matching Points Chair, Bull Run RC - gcdehnel@verizon.net

Act Now! Historically, nearly half of all annual contributions to TRF are received between April and June. Please submit your contributions early. How about sending in contributions on May 16, June 16 and the final contributions on June 25? This will allow TRF to credit and report your contributions sooner, acknowledge donors in a more timely fashion, meet any year-end recognition event deadlines, and ensure clubs have the opportunity to submit requests for adjustments or corrections before the end of the Rotary year. Remember, it now takes six to eight weeks to process a Paul Harris Fellow recognition so if you plan to present recognitions at a special event, be certain to get the paperwork and check(s) forwarded in a timely manner. Thank you so much for your dedication and support of our Rotary Foundation. It is shaping up to be another record year for our Annual Programs Fund in our district. Let me know if you have questions. **Remember! All contributions sent to the old Foundation address WILL BE RETURNED.** So use the new mailing address for TRF contributions:



The Rotary Foundation - 14280 Collections Center Drive - Chicago, IL 60693

Sandy Duckworth, Foundation Chair – Stafford RC – sandraduckworth@hughes.net

Welcome to Our Newest Paul Harris Society Members

Hugh G. Hamilton – Vienna RC
 Richard L. Herrington – Vienna RC



Thank you to our top Fifteen Star Clubs for their total giving to the Annual Fund through March, 2008 with McLean Leading The Way. Great Job:

1. McLean	\$27,283.68	9. Charlottesville	\$ 6,850.00
2. Rappahannock	\$16,465.00	10.Kilmarnock	\$ 6,725.00
3. Alexandria	\$14,444.00	11 Fredericksburg	\$ 6,600.00
4. Middlesex	\$13,100.00	12.Leesburg	\$ 6,426.00
5. Bailey's	\$12,097.99	13.Reston	\$ 6,200.00
6. Bull Run	\$10,899.50	14.Falls Church	\$ 6,169.00
7. Fairfax	\$ 8,756.00	15.Stafford	\$ 5,751.00
8. Crystal city	\$ 7,354.00		

Thank you to the following clubs Star Clubs that have already reached \$100 or more *per capita*. Great Job:

Alexandria South	\$118.75	Leesburg	\$128.52
Annandale	\$149.86	Leesburg Day	\$126.31
Arlington	\$109.04	McLean	\$389.77
Bailey's	\$219.96	Middlesex	\$291.11
Bull Run	\$320.28	Rappahannock	\$185.00
Burke	\$252.50	Reston	\$193.75
Charlottesville	\$103.79	Springfield	\$292.56
Crystal City	\$272.37	Stafford	\$104.56
Fairfax	\$115.21	Tyson's	\$124.32
Falls Church	\$246.76	West Point	\$163.64
Gainesville	\$127.59		
Kilmarnock	\$129.33		

Congratulations to Our Newest Bequest Society Members

Karey Starnes – Bailey's RC – level 2

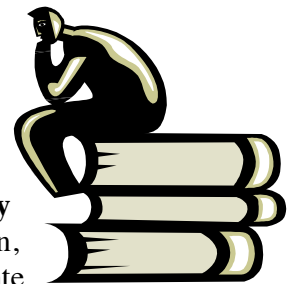
Suzanne McDougall – Tyson's RC – level 1

Blanche Scarf – Middlesex RC – level 1



District 7610 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships for 2009-10

- One Academic-Year Scholarship in the amount of \$24,000
- One 3-Month Cultural Scholarship in the amount of \$11,000, and
- One 3-5 Month University Teacher Grant in the amount of \$13,000



The deadline for applications to be received by the committee chair is **Thursday, July 17, 2007. Application must include original signatures.** Send to: Mary Shaffran, Committee Chair; 2807A South Abingdon Street, Arlington, VA 22206. Candidate interviews will be held in late August or early September. Chosen candidates must attend an orientation program in January, 2009. Note that candidates apply in 2008 for the scholarships that begin no earlier than July 1, 2009. To apply, a candidate must be sponsored by a D7610 Rotary Club. Application forms and information about eligibility and requirements can be downloaded from the RI web site: www.rotary.org Sponsoring Rotary Clubs are to forward the application to the District Scholarship Chair along with the proper signatures.

Mary Shaffran, Ambassadorial Scholarships Chair – Crystal City RC - Mary.shaffran@aphl.org

Reston Rotary Club Donates \$5,000 to the Polio Campaign.

President Paul Graves, at the meeting on April 16, presented the club's check to Vance Zavela, District Chair for Matching Grants and Chair for the Polio Campaign. *This contribution will be matched by Rotary International Foundation and with funds from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's \$100 million grant recently given to help Rotary in its effort to eradicate polio around the globe. Thank you Reston members!*



George Atwell , PolioPlus Chair – Caroline RC - geofatw@aol.com



Afghanistan's relentless effort to finish polio has succeeded in cornering the virus in the country's southern region, according to a World Health Organization report in February. The region is part of a larger zone of virus transmission that includes southern Pakistan.

Strong immunization coverage of children living in the border areas of Afghanistan and Pakistan is critical to both countries' efforts to end polio. "This is a virus that does not respect borders," said Dr. Rudolf Tangermann, a medical officer with WHO's polio eradication initiative. "These two countries cannot eradicate polio in isolation."

Afghanistan's March NIDs reached about 6.9 million children. However, fighting between the Taliban and Afghan security forces prevented immunization of all children targeted by the effort.

Vaccinating children and keeping track of who has been immunized is a challenge in a country without a census and where families, especially in the southern region, are constantly on the move to avoid danger. "In the morning you can go in [a village], but in the afternoon you can't," says Dr. Rahmatullah Kamwak, who works in support of WHO efforts in southern Afghanistan.

Nevertheless, courageous volunteers armed with oral polio vaccine do an extraordinary job of finding children and ensuring they are protected against the crippling disease. The volunteers create a kind of mobile medical record as they work, staining children's fingers with colored markers to verify they've received the vaccine and writing notes in chalk on the doors of mud-brick dwellings to indicate households that have been reached.

Dan Nixon - Rotary International News - 26 March 2008

Find Out How You Can Help Put an End to Polio – visit the RI web site: www.rotary.org - and click on "PolioPlus – Leading the fight against Polio."



Find Out How You Can Help Eradicate Polio by Participating in a National Immunization Day (NID) – visit the RI web site: www.rotary.org - and click on “Strategies to Stopping Polio.”



The Star Fish School-A Dream-Child. A few miles beyond the brilliant white beaches and cobalt blue ocean of Maceio, a tourist mecca on the Brazilian NE coast, is Escola Estrela do Mar (the Star Fish School). This store-front school sits next to a noisy local freight train that runs alongside a road. The road is shaded by huge tropical trees. Stretching up a steep bank behind the school is a motley collection of shacks and dilapidated homes that make up this favela. The green banana palms, flowering trees and colorful washing hanging out to dry, masks the harshness and depravity of this poverty.



Twenty-seven children, age 4 to 8 years, attend the school. In numbers and physical size the school is small. But in hopes and dreams it is huge!

All the children come from local favela families. All these families are very poor, many have no fathers, and some lack both biological parents. Drug abuse, teen pregnancy, alcoholism, and domestic violence are common.

The school is the dream-child of Washington, DC raised and Rotarian David, and his Sao Paulo wife, Claudia. Their dream is to prove to the Brazilian establishment – particularly the educational establishment – that low-income children of color can be educated and can succeed.

On my last visit to Brazil in November 2007, David and Claudia invited me to visit their school to observe and provide some professional feedback regarding their methods, approaches, and practices. I had the pleasure of meeting them and observing in the school. In my real life I am a professor of education.

On entering the school I am greeted by heat and noise! The very small area reverberates with children’s voices, and reflects the heat of a NE Brazilian midday. The classrooms are small and cramped. But the children are eagerly trying to follow the teachers and learn; the teachers eager to teach. There are quick smiles, verbal and physical praise, and lots of encouragement “to try again!”



I visit a computer lab, English class, and a class in ecology. The school also teaches math, science, Portuguese, history, swimming and character education. They will be adding art, music and dance. And the school provides three healthy meals each day. On a regular basis field trips are taken to expose the children to the world beyond their favela and to show them a variety of professional and skilled occupations and role models; further, professionals and tradesmen visit the school to talk to the students and encourage their learning.

The teachers have the required college training. But, much more importantly to David and Claudia, they have the enthusiasm needed to be good teachers, and they possess a deep belief that these children can and will succeed.

Later that day I have the pleasure of visiting the new school building. This building, to be opened in 2008, has a totally opposite feeling from the current school – large, open, cool, serene, and nestled between a variety of trees and shrubs.

When the school moves to the new building the student population will increase to over 100 children. But the challenges will not be erased. Yet David, Claudia and the staff seem up to the task.

If you are interested in helping this school, contact District Foundation Chair Sandy Duckworth, sandraduckworth@hughes.net

Francis Wardle, PhD

Safari brings thrills, moments of terror. On South Africa's game reserves, fences are nonexistent. You travel dirt roads in open Land Rovers, hoping for a glimpse of any of the country's Top Five: lion, leopard, elephant, rhinoceros and buffalo. Sometimes, you get more than a glimpse.



We were halfway through a month-long cultural exchange program in South Africa and neighboring Swaziland when the five of us, all women from Virginia, arrived at the private Arathusa lodge for a two-day break. The exchange program was sponsored by The Rotary International Foundation.

At Arathusa, we were guests of Rotarian Joan Griessel, whose family owns the land in Sabi Sand Reserve, which abuts the famed Kruger National Park in the northeast region of South Africa. The area's pretty remote, and we half expected we'd be roughing it. We needn't have worried. Each thatched-roof villa was climate-controlled, offered plenty of hot water and featured luxurious bedding. The staff prepared breakfast, lunch and dinner each day, going so far as to host a bonfire for us one night. For our protection, a low, electrified fence encircled

the lodge, which was literally in the middle of the wilderness. It was turned on only at night to keep the larger predators at bay. During the daytime, you were on your own.

The lodge stood next to a popular watering hole, and all we had to do was wait there, cameras in hand, to see our first wild animals. A buffalo came for a sip, as did a furtive baboon. We were treated to game drives first thing in the morning and as the sun started to go down. Our first evening there, we all piled into the Land Rover and set off to see the reserve. We jounced down dusty dirt trails with our ranger, Shaun, at the wheel and our tracker, Jeffrey, perched on a seat on the vehicle's hood, scanning the ground and surrounding brush for signs of wild animals. We drove up on a lioness, who hung out with us for about 20 minutes, licking her paws and preening. We spotted several statuesque giraffes, a cluster of rhinos, a wildebeest and a wildcat that snatched up a rodent



before disappearing. The landscape featured enormous termite mounds and hordes of acacia trees, each covered with sharp, white thorns that looked--and cut--like fangs. When the sun went down, the reserve was tented in blackness except for the searchlight in Jeffrey's hands. So we didn't see the stand of elephants until we were pretty much right on top of them. One of the elephants spoke first. Actually, what he did was snarl (I wasn't aware they did that) and head-butt a tree that separated us from him. Thirty seconds of terror, followed by sheer wonder at how close we'd been to them.

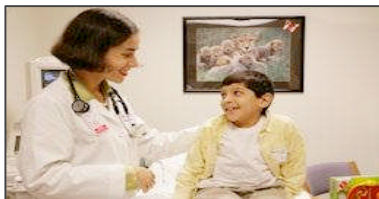
The morning game drive was no less thrilling. Within minutes, we spotted a leopard, which meant we'd managed to see all of South Africa's Big Five in under 12 hours. To read more, go to Edie's blog, fredericksburg.com/blogs/blogarchive?blogger_id=25 on the Web. **BY EDIE GROSS**

Changing Lives



Children at the Sônia Braga da Cruz Ribeiro Silva school use the CLE method to build their final projects called "the big book." The method was introduced to Brazil schools through the help of a Rotary Foundation 3-H grant.

Landmine victims practice balancing exercises at Kien Khleang Physical Rehabilitation Center, in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Clubs from districts 3240 (California, USA) and 3720 (Korea), secured Rotary Foundation grants to support the center.



Ali receives a post surgery check-up in the hospital. He is recovering from heart surgery thanks to the Gift of Life program.

Children affected by AIDS do class work at the Sicelekuhle Preschool, South Africa. Rotarians donated school supplies, sleeping mats, kitchen utensils, teacher training, books, toys, and gardening tools. It's one of 16 other preschools that give families affected by AIDS, an alternative solution to cost prohibitive orphanages.





Foundation Tidbits

GSE Team to Brazil has created a blog for everyone to read and get an insight on their experiences. Please visit: www.gseteambrasil.blogspot.com

Arlington Rotary Club receives matching grant approval for a grant with the St Martin Nord Rotary Club to provide a dialysis generator to the Kidney Department at the Hospital Louis Constant Fleming in St Martin, French West Indies. The award is for \$11,581.00.

Revised Matching Grant application and The Guide to Matching Grants has been updated and is now available on the RI Web site: www.rotary.org.

Difficult People. Tips for dealing with cantankerous co-workers – or club members. Great article in the May 2008 issue of the Rotarian magazine – page 19.

Fund Your Project. Tips in the April 2008 of the Rotarian Magazine – page 14

Tech Talk. Check it out. Are you having difficulty with the new RI web site? If yes, you might want to read this article in the April 2008 issue of the Rotarian magazine – page 38.



Food for Thought

All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them.
--- Walt Disney

A true friend never gets in your way unless you happen to be going down.
--- Arnold H. Glasow

Wisdom is knowing what to do next; virtue is doing it. --- David Starr Jordan

A person without a sense of humor is like a wagon without springs. It's jolted by every pebble on the road.
--- Henry Ward Beecher

Questions or information that you would like to see in this newsletter, contact Foundation Chair, Sandy Duckworth - sandraduckworth@hughes.net or call 540-361-1680