



Every Rotarian, Every Year
District 7610 Foundation Newsletter
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December is Family of Rotary Month

WE are a **BIG Family of Caring Individuals**. We believe in helping those less fortunate all year. One of the ways Rotarians help those less fortunate is through our contributions to OUR Rotary Foundation. Without your continued support, the blind mother will NOT see her child; the lame child will NOT walk; the deaf child will NOT hear; and the water-deprived village will NOT survive. If each of us would “give” just a little bit more at this joyous time of the year, what a difference it would make to so many! Our Foundation Team thanks you for all of your efforts during the first six months of this Rotary year. Your work and your generosity have made a difference. Thank you for CARING and for SHARING!



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



There is still time to donate, tax-free, up to \$100,000 to The Rotary Foundation from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) without increasing your federal gross income for this year if you are 70½ or older. For further information contact The Rotary Foundation Senior Planned Giving Officer Karena Bierman at Karena.Bierman@Rotary.org or Major Gifts Officer Jackie McGuire at Jackie.McGuire@rotary.org.

Tax Receipts for 2007 Contributions. Contributions requiring 2007 tax receipts must be **postmarked on or before December 31, 2007 and received at The Rotary Foundation by Monday, January 7, 2008**. Allow seven (7) days for mail delivery, although this is not guaranteed. To guarantee that your contribution is received on time, send it Overnight Express. Any contributions postmarked after December 31, 2007 will receive 2008 calendar year tax receipts. Online contributions via MasterCard and Visa credit cards will be accepted until midnight Central Standard Time. Online contributors must print out their own tax receipts.





Thank you to our top Ten Star Clubs for their support in total giving to the Annual Fund through **November of our 2007-08 Rotary Year. Great Job:**

1 Bull Run	\$8,974.50	6 Kilmarnock	\$4,375.00
2 McLean	\$8,158.34	7 Charlottesville	\$4,250.00
3 Rappahannock	\$6,750.00	8 Reston	\$3,800.00
4 Bailey's	\$6,025.00	9 Springfield	\$3,716.00
5 Fredericksburg	\$4,450.00	10 Leesburg	\$3,701.00

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

Bailey's	\$109.55	Bull Run	\$263.96	Springfield	\$206.44
Crystal City	\$112.96	McLean	\$116.55		
Gainesville	\$110.34	Reston	\$118.75		

A Very Special Thank You to PDG Chuck Ylonen and his wife, Jean, for their Very Generous Gift to The Rotary Foundation. With this FABULOUS gift, Chuck and Jean become members of the Arch Klumph Society, named in honor of TRF founder. To achieve membership in this Society, donors must contribute \$250,000 or more to TRF. Donors may have their portrait displayed in the Arch Klump Gallery at Rotary International's World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois. Donors receive a beautiful certificate signed by the President of RI and the Chairman of TRF. They are also invited to a special event at annual RI conventions. Chuck is a member of the Middlesex RC.



PDG Chuck Ylonen



A Very Special Thank You to PDG George Atwell and his wife, Marion, for their Very Generous Gift to The Rotary Foundation Polio Campaign. This FABULOUS gift will be matched by the Gates Foundation. As you know, TRF received a \$100 million Gates Foundation challenge grant which Rotary will raise funds to match, dollar for dollar, over three years. George & Marion are Leading The Way in this campaign. George is a member of the Caroline RC.

PDG George Atwell



Welcome to our Newest Paul Harris Society Member:

**DGE Chuck Davidson – Springfield RC
Douglas Megill – McLean RC**

You, too, can become a Paul Harris Society Member. The Paul Harris Society is a special recognition program designed for Rotarians who wish to support The Rotary Foundation in a more substantial way each year. The Paul Harris Society recognizes Rotarians and friends of The Rotary Foundation who annually contribute \$1,000 or more to the Annual Programs Fund. Membership may be discontinued with a change in financial conditions or for any other reason. For more information contact:

Ron Marion, Paul Harris Society Chairmn, Crystal City RC - ronandros@verizon.net

District 7610 is NOT “Leading The Way” This Year in our Contributions to TRF!
What’s happening folks? Last year we were #1 in Permanent Fund Contributions, #2 in Annual Fund per capita and #2 in Total Contributions. This year, as of the close of books for November 30, we are:



#3 in Annual Fund Per Capita = \$39.58

5 in Total Contributions through November 30 = \$88,029.84

#6 in Number of Sustaining Members through November 30 = 353

We have 15 zero giving clubs

We have a -24% decrease in Annual Fund contributions

Picture a Better World. In May 2007, five Virginia professionals led by McLean Rotarian Lois Wilson, visited southern Africa on a four-week vocational exchange program sponsored by RI. While there, the team witnessed first-hand the terrible plight of children who have been orphaned or abandoned because of the AIDS/HIV pandemic. The team returned to Virginia resolved to help improve the lives of these children. Picture a Better World grew out of the idea that the sale of scarves and cards that helped develop friendships and build goodwill could also help give hope and opportunities where none previously existed. This exciting project is a wonderful way to support these children --- plus you will receive a scarf or note cards. The net proceeds from he sale of these scarves and cards will be dedicated to funding a project in southern Africa for the orphaned and abandoned children of HIV/AIDS as well as other educational, humanitarian, and peace initiative protects through TRF. If you would like to know more or if you would like to purchase a scarf or note cards, please contact club president:

Scott Mills, McLean RC -smills@eblg.com

Please Consider Workplace Giving

If your employer offers a payroll deduction program benefiting charities, you may be able to select The Rotary Foundation as your charity of choice. All contributions made through the workplace campaigns are directed to the Foundation's Annual Programs Fund. Some things to consider: It is better NOT to ask to remain anonymous. Notify your Club Foundation Chair and give him/her a copy of our donation form when you sign up for the Federal Campaign. The Foundation Chair should forward your name, membership number and the copy of your signed donor form to TRF and indicate that you are participating in the Federal Campaign. If your contribution does not show up on the Club Recognition Summary by the end of April, TRF should be notified. TRF will contact the government to retrieve the necessary information to ensure that the Rotary member receives proper credit for the donation.



Combined Federal Campaign — Government Campaigns

For federal, state, and many municipal employees, The Rotary Foundation participates in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). On your workplace giving form, the Foundation's CFC number is 0350.

International Service Agencies Campaigns (ISA)

The Rotary Foundation participates in the International Service Agencies Campaigns. On your workplace giving form, use number 0350.

United Way

If your workplace works only with United Way, check to see if The Rotary Foundation is represented in your area. If it is not represented, many local United Way agencies allow donors to specify a charity under the "donor option" line on your campaign giving form. Write in The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

Many United Way agencies also work in conjunction with the International Service Agencies campaigns.

If your company does not have a workplace giving program, please ask your human resources department to contact the Vice President of Business Development at International Service Agencies at 800-638-8079 or visit the International Service Agencies Web site at www.charity.org.



Partnering Can Be Fun And Productive. With the holidays here, your club may be busy planning a seasonal service project. If you have not done so already, consider partnering with another community organization to promote Rotary. The local media will also be looking for human interest stories in the next few months and you can pitch your project and the good work of Rotary during the holidays. Please use the link below to get some ideas of what others are doing in their own communities.

<http://www.redcross.org/more/commserv/holiday.html>

Rotarians Change One Girl's Life Story.

Emine Yüzay, who was born without arms, learned to read and write at age 18 through a Rotarian-sponsored concentrated language encounter program. Yüzay taught herself to do almost everything with her toes. Growing up, she never attended school. Her parents kept her home, worrying that she would be teased or misunderstood because of her disability. Today, the 22-year-old Turkish woman looks forward to a brighter future with new prosthetic arms provided by the Rotary Club of Istanbul.



TRF and the Gates Foundation Commit \$200 Million for Intensified Push to Finish Polio.

The Rotary Foundation received a \$100 million Gates Foundation challenge grant, which Rotary will raise funds to match, dollar for dollar, over three years. Rotary will spend the initial \$100 million within one year in direct support of immunization activities carried out by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, spearheaded by the World Health Organization (WHO), Rotary International, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and UNICEF.

The polio eradication grant is one of the largest challenge grants ever given by the Gates Foundation and the largest grant received by Rotary in its 102-year history. Since 1985, Rotary has made polio eradication its top priority and has contributed \$633 million to the effort.



Bill Gates gives baby the oral polio vaccine

The Gates Foundation grant comes at a critical juncture for the initiative, which urgently needs an infusion of funds to reach the eradication goal. Although the initiative has slashed the number of polio cases by 99 percent over the past two decades, the wild poliovirus still persists in four countries: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan. Polio cases represented by that final one percent are the most costly to prevent, due to geographical isolation, poor public infrastructure, armed conflict, cultural barriers, and other factors.

Polio primarily affects children under the age of five, and it can cause paralysis in hours.

Rotarians Seek Aid for Cyclone Victims. In the aftermath of Cyclone Sidr's destruction in Bangladesh, Rotarians in District 3280 are seeking aid for victims of the 15 November disaster.



The cyclone killed 3,347 people, left 880 missing, and injured more than 34,000. Currently, 35,000 residents are living in camps. In all, more than eight million people were affected and 365,000 homes destroyed.

Local Rotarians have donated US\$7,000 to the relief fund established by Bangladesh's Armed Forces Division, which is leading the aid effort in inaccessible areas. The district is now collecting money to provide food, blankets, clothing, construction materials, a portable water treatment plant, and temporary shelter. District 3280 also wants to help with reforestation in the Sundarbans. The cyclone devastated this UNESCO World Heritage Site, home to one of the largest

mangrove forests in the world. To contribute to this relief and recovery effort or for more information, contact: Rafiq Ahmed Siddique, DG 3280; phone: 880-1711-650299 or visit the RI web site and click on "Media & News – Documenting Disaster."

Reston RC Receives Matching Grant. The Reston RC has partnered with the Monrovia RC in Liberia (D9100) for a matching grant to provide clean water and improve the sanitation conditions in three villages in Ben Town, Monrovia. The Rotary Foundation award is for \$5,732 which makes the grant in excess of \$11,000. Congratulations Reston & Monrovia Rotarians for receiving this grant.



Foundation Tidbits



December Rotarian Magazine Has Great Stories to Share. Here are just three that are in the "Field Reports" that begin on page 27:

Africa – When life gives you sunshine, make hearing aids! – It’s a solar-powered hearing aid that melds advanced technology with simple design. At night the user just plugs its tiny batteries into a charger that’s been sitting in the sun all day collecting power. By morning, the hearing aid is ready for use.

Maryland – B.I.G. on Books (Books for International Goodwill) – About 2,000 volumes are donated to this effort each week. Shipments of between 20,000 and 25,000 books are then sent to Rotary clubs around the world which distributes them to local schools and libraries.

Afghanistan – PolioPlus Partners – 100,000 vaccine carriers and ice packs, 15,000 lanyards, and 50,000 caps were provided to Afghanistan through PolioPlus.

Food for Thought



"The volunteerism exemplified by Rotary International is an engine for renewal and change in every society-- and it is that same volunteer spirit, rooted in compassion and a profound sense of responsibility to our fellow human beings, that offers so much hope for the future, beginning with children."

— Carol Bellamy, Executive Director, UNICEF

“Why should the way I feel depend on the thoughts in someone else’s hear?”

--Ralph Waldo Emerson

**May you have
Enough happiness to make you sweet,
Enough trials to make you strong,
Enough sorrow to keep you human,
Enough hope to make you happy**

WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR

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