

Every Rotarian, Every Year
 District 7610 Foundation Newsletter
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*Welcome to the Beginning
 Of the New Rotary Year*

A HAPPY
 NEW YEAR

A Great BIG THANK YOU to everyone, for your terrific support of the Rotary Foundation during the 2007-08 Rotary Year – especially those 33 clubs that met or exceeded their Foundation Goals. Although we will not receive final contribution figures until August, here are very early preliminary figures: **Annual Giving = \$392,407.62; per capita = \$176.44; Restricted Giving = \$128,516.30; Permanent Fund = \$79,884.00; Total Giving, early figures = \$600,807.92.** CONGRATULATIONS! We have again surpassed the ½ Million Dollar Mark. ALL clubs contributed SOMETHING to the Annual Fund.

Last year’s figures: **Annual Giving = \$390,864.62; per capita = \$180.70; Restricted Giving = \$64,561.00; Permanent Fund = \$132,845.40; Total Giving, Final Figures = \$588,271.02.**

Note: Although our total raised for the 2007-08 annual fund was \$1,543 greater than last year, we had \$4.26 less in *per capita* giving due to an increase in membership. We also had 19 clubs that did not meet their Annual Fund goal. Had each of these clubs made their goal, we would have had **additional contributions of \$50,944.00 or a total in Annual Fund contributions of \$443,351.62 and Total Giving of \$651,751.92.** Something to strive for ---- every club meeting or exceeding their Foundation Goals. I know we can do it!

Travis White, Foundation Chair, Burke RC, traviswhite@cox.net



CONGRATULATIONS! Here are the top three clubs in *per capita* giving and the top three clubs in total annual fund giving for the past 2007-08 Rotary Year.

Top Three Clubs, Per Capita Giving

Middlesex	\$581.31
McLean	\$549.08
Vienna	\$401.03

Top Three Clubs, Total Annual Giving

McLean	\$38,435.68
Middlesex	\$26,159.00
Rappahannock	\$23,650.00

District 7610 Standing in Zone 33 (13 districts) for Contributions to The Rotary Foundation – Congratulations again for continuing to lead the way.

- #1 – Permanent Fund contributions (outright gifts) - \$79,884.00
- #2 – Per Capita giving - \$176.44
- #2 (tied with D7770) – Major Gifts (\$10,000+) - 4
- #2 – Bequest Society Members (\$10,000+) – 7
- #3 (tied with D7770) – Benefactors (\$1,000+) – 40
- #5 – Total Contributions to the Annual Fund - \$392,407.62



Important Foundation Calendar Items.

District Simplified Grants

August 1, 2008 – Deadline for District Simplified Grant Applications.
Mail to: Ray Petniunas, 3213 Duke Street #810, Alexandria VA 22314

Ambassadorial Scholarships

September 6, 2008 – Scholarship Candidate Interviews – For information, contact
Chairman Mary Shaffran - mary.shaffran@aphl.org

Group Study Exchange (GSE) Hosting Interest Deadline

September 12, 2008 – Deadline for Hosting Interest Forms – Contact Inbound
Chairman Carole Green neweratrav@aol.com

District Foundation Seminar & Banquet

November 1, 2008 – Colonial Forge High School, Seminar – and Cannon Ridge Club, Banquet

Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team Departs to India

December 29, 2008 – Exchange with District 3211, southwest India.

District Simplified Grants (DSG) Easier Than Ever! The application process is very easy and this year Governor Chuck has continued the maximum amount of \$1,500 per club. Clubs can continue to use the DSG not only in your community but internationally. Club matches for approved DSG's are not required but are encouraged. Awards will be made to qualifying clubs based on competitive review of all applications. An application and grant criteria are available on the district web site: www.rotary7610.org. Application deadline: August 1. Contact me if you have questions.

Ray Petniunas, District Simplified Grant Chair, Alexandria RC - petniunas.urc@verizon.net

The 2008-09 Rotary Foundation Trustee Chairman

Jonathan Majiyagbe - Goals



Dear family of Rotary, the first obligation we learn after joining Rotary is the payment of dues, some of which go toward supporting Rotary International. The Rotary Foundation, on the other hand, is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world. These contributions are made to the Annual Programs Fund and to the Permanent Fund, which I call the twin pillars of support for The Rotary Foundation.

Annual giving is the cornerstone of the Foundation's funding efforts and provides the fuel that runs the Foundation programs. To refuse to adequately support Every Rotarian, Every Year is like refusing oxygen to a living being. If every Rotarian gives at least US\$100 every year, this translates to more than \$120 million annually — money that will allow us to provide clean water, alleviate poverty, and fight hunger and illiteracy, to mention but a few of the worthy projects our Foundation supports.

So, family of Rotary, these are our goals for 2008-09:

- First, keep our promise to eradicate polio.
- Second, embrace the twin pillars of support for The Rotary Foundation: the Annual Programs Fund through Every Rotarian, Every Year and the Permanent Fund.
- Third, participate in Your Foundation/Our Foundation, a “lend a hand” program for sharing funds from club and district foundations to permanently establish the Rotary World Peace Fellowships program and support global polio eradication.
- Fourth, enhance Rotary’s public image.
- Fifth, support the Future Vision Plan of The Rotary Foundation.

I thank you for this opportunity to share with you our goals for next year. I hope you will embrace them as your goals as well, and that you will join with me next year as we *Make Dreams Real*.

District 7610 Foundation Goals for 2008-09 – Governor Chuck Davidson



PRIMARY GOALS

- ❑ 10% increase by each club over their four-year club average benchmark in Annual Programs Fund giving (but not less than \$100 *per capita*)
- ❑ 10% increase by each club in both Paul Harris Fellows and Benefactors; and a +1 net increase by each club in any one of the following recognition categories: Paul Harris Society members, Major Donors, and Bequest Society members
- ❑ Every Rotarian, Every year (EREY) – Every Rotarian to contribute SOMETHING to the Annual Programs Fund of TRF

Let’s Rally to Meet Rotary’s Challenge August Rotarian Magazine 2008



No matter where we live, until polio is eradicated worldwide, the disease will remain only a plane ride away. That’s why every community – and every Rotary club – has a stake in ending polio once and for all. The number-one obstacle to reaching our goal is a shortfall in funding. Every club’s support is vital to fulfilling Rotary’s pledge to match the \$100 million challenge grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. I encourage each club to raise at least \$1,000 a year for the next three years and to be creative and think big while developing community fundraisers for polio eradication. Some US clubs have held online and live auctions ranging from home repair work to radio advertising spots, works of art, and

vacation cruises. Several Canadian clubs are helping to sponsor a polio survivor's 4,474-mile bicycle trip across their country, with 75 percent of the proceeds going to Rotary's challenge. And Scottish Rotarians have aimed to break the world record for the most players to complete a round of golf on a single course in 24 hours. With luck, they now hold the new record – and have scored big for polio eradication. Most fundraising ideas can be found at www.rotary.org. Let's keep up the momentum to meet Rotary's challenge and ensure that we fulfill our promise to the children of the world.

Jonathan Majiyagbe, Trustee Chair, The Rotary Foundation, 2008-09



Make a Connection with ProjectLINK.

Finding support for your club service project just got easier. ProjectLINK, an online, searchable database at www.rotary.org, offers a one-stop resource for Rotarians seeking funding, donated goods, volunteers, or partners for a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant. ProjectLINK is updated monthly and includes hundreds of projects from around the world. Rotarians looking for a project to support can search by country, project type, resources needed, or keyword. More than 800 examples of successful projects can be found by searching model projects. "ProjectLINK unites project sponsors and contributors by combining three separate databases: current projects in need of resources, model projects, and volunteer sites. It is the first and last stop for Rotary clubs and Rotarians engaging in service projects," says Abby McNear, manager of RI's Service Support and Awards. To register a project, complete the World Community Service Project Data Form. To publicize a project, complete the Community Projects Database Projects Submission Form. Download both forms at www.rotary.org.



Facts About Child Mortality.

- More than one-third of all child deaths occur during the first 28 days of life.
 - Up to half of the deaths under age five are associated with under-nutrition.
 - Other contributors to under-five deaths are unsafe water, poor sanitation, and inadequate hygiene.
 - Only about 1 percent of under-five deaths resulted from unknown causes.
- Two-thirds of the under-five deaths are entirely preventable with such interventions as skilled attendants at delivery, newborn care, immunizations, oral rehydration therapy, antibiotics to fight pneumonia, and insecticide-treated mosquito nets.

Source: *State of the World's Children 2008*, UNICEF

NOTE: Use the ProjectLINK to find a project that your club can support to help reduce child mortality.

Former Peace Fellow Starts Program for Abducted Children. Charles Ojok counts himself lucky — twice. He was abducted at age 11 by rebel troops in his native Uganda and forced to become a child soldier. Four years later, he escaped and returned to his village, only to shoulder parental responsibilities for his two younger brothers. Operating a motorcycle taxi, he earned barely enough for food and school tuition. Now he has the opportunity to learn the construction skills that will enable him to build a better future.

The \$1,200 cost of Ojok’s four-year vocational training will be funded by a new education sponsorship program developed by Francesca Del Mese, a 2002-04 Rotary World Peace Fellow from Great Britain. Del Mese, a lawyer working for the British government, traveled unofficially to Uganda in 2007 to advise a London-based nonprofit concerned with human

rights violations stemming from the Central African country’s 20-year civil war. Del Mese interviewed dozens of the some 30,000 Ugandan children who have survived abduction. “I typically would hear that they had been taken in the middle of the night by rebels, their families were murdered in front of them, and they were beaten and forced to fight for several years before either escaping or being released,” Del Mese says.

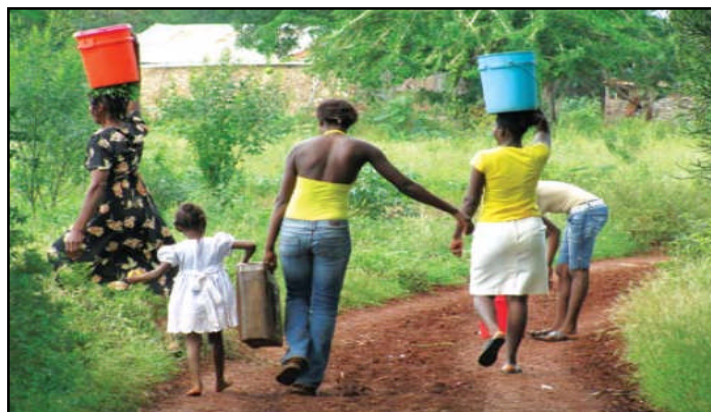


Francesca Del Mese (left) and a colleague from the UN Special Court

Having missed the chance to receive an education, those who returned home found only menial jobs with meager wages, such as picking up garbage or digging holes. “Without education, their chances of getting better jobs are hopeless,” stresses Del Mese. “Many [interviewees] were specific about what they wanted to be: teachers, tailors, builders, accountants.” Working with a Ugandan NGO, Del Mese gathered the stories of several youths like Ojok and presented them to District 1260 (England) Rotarians in late 2007. Soon after, a club and an individual Rotarian indicated their interest in sponsoring Ojok and another former child soldier. “Without education, their chances of getting better jobs are hopeless.”

In Haiti, New Water Well Causes Ripple Effect for Entire Community.

Two years ago, the village of Nan Sema on the island of La Gonâve, Haiti, had few sources of fresh water other than rain. Villagers – many of them school age children – had to walk for more than four hours to find clean water.



Today, some 5,000 people from Nan Sema and surrounding communities are enjoying a clean water system that includes a 200-foot-deep well, a 25,000 gallon cistern, and a drinking fountain funded in part through a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant.

In addition, without the need to search for water, women can better care for families and farmers can dedicate more time to their livelihood. Everyone benefits from reduced water-borne disease.

Changing Lives



A mother and her children wait outside the Saga feeding center, a UNICEF supported program. Laurence Kouassi, a Cote d'Ivoire Rotarian, coordinates with local clubs to deliver rice.

Students from a baking school class deliver bread to the community. The project is one of many at the Padre Fransisco Da Motta school, that is funded by a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant.



A young woman gets her teeth cleaned at Quirurgico Medical Clinic in Nueva Esperanza, a Rotary built community an hour outside of Tegucigalpa, Honduras.



Foundation Tidbits

Financial Support. For the year ending June 30, 2007, TRF received contributions totaling \$133.1 million and spent \$118.9 million in support of humanitarian and educational programs implemented by clubs and districts.

Revised Matching Grant Application Available. The Matching Grant application has been revised for Rotary year 2008-09. For the new application, go to the RI web site: www.rotary.org/en/ServiceAndFellowship/FundAProject/Announcements/

Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships is the world's largest privately funded scholarship program.

The Rotary Foundation has contributed more than \$420 million in grants for development and humanitarian aid in the developing world.

Providing vitamin A supplements during polio National Immunization Days has averted an estimated 1.5 million childhood deaths since 1998 — testimony to the “plus” in PolioPlus.



Food for Thought

“Children die not because nobody can help them but because too often, nobody does. But you and I ... are Rotarians, and helping is what we do best.”
— *RI President Dong Kurn Lee*

“The spirit of tolerance which has made it possible for Rotary to form a worldwide fellowship of business and professional men will make all things possible.”

--- *Paul Harris*

“Try to live your life so that you wouldn't be afraid to sell the family parrot to the town gossip.”

--- *Will Rogers*

“Bad habits are like a comfortable bed: easy to get into, but hard to get out of.”

--- *Anonymous*

Questions or information that you would like to see in this newsletter, contact Foundation Chair, Travis White, traviswhite@cox.net or call: 703-866-0507