

*Every Rotarian, Every Year*  
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# Good Bye to a Great Year



Congratulations to our **STAR** clubs who have achieved a per capita of \$200 or more as of June 20. Wow, what champions. A BIG Rotary Thank You.

Totals for the District: \$157.59    2224    \$350,489.27

**Top Three Clubs in Per Capita Giving**

Middlesex	\$580.20
Crystal City	\$556.48
McLean	\$520.44

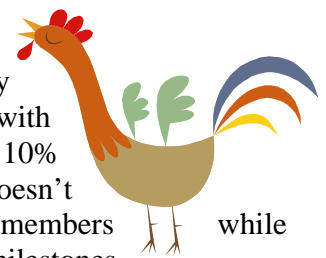
**Top Three Clubs in Total Giving**

McLean	\$36,430.68
Middlesex	\$26,109.00
Rappahannock	\$23,200.00

A great **BIG Thank You** to **ALL clubs** for your support of Rotary and The Rotary Foundation. I know that many more clubs will become **Stars** by June 30. **Each Star** club will receive a special recognition that can be placed on the club banner for all to see. These special awards will be presented to the clubs at the Foundation Banquet on November 1. So mark your calendar and plan to be there with lots of your members to help celebrate our record-breaking year.

Sandy Duckworth, Foundation Chair, Stafford RC, [sandraduckworth@hughes.net](mailto:sandraduckworth@hughes.net)

**McLean Rotary Club Has Something to Crow About.** Momentum has been building at the McLean Club, which is completing its best Rotary Foundation Annual Giving Campaign ever! The club is completing the year with a total annual giving of more than \$36,400, a sum in excess of \$500 per capita and 10% above last year – and there are still a few days left in the 2008 year. While 10% doesn't seem like a big deal, it is when you realize that last year's per capita was based on 55 members while this year's membership stands at 70 – a 30% increase over last year. Other milestones achieved this year: a 100% Paul Harris Fellow club; a 100% Sustaining member club; an EREY club, #3 in per capita giving, #1 in total giving to the Annual Fund, nine new Paul Harris Society members, taking their total to 20 Society members, 3 matching grants & a simplified grant. CONGRATULATIONS – President Scott Mills and ALL McLEAN ROTARIANS!



**A Powerful Statement.** "To refuse to support [the Annual Programs Fund] is like refusing oxygen to a living being. If every Rotarian gives at least \$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."

**Jonathan Majiyagbe, 2008-09 TRF Trustees Chair**



**Annual Programs Fund (Every Rotarian, Every Year).** The mission of the Annual Programs Fund mirrors that of The Rotary Foundation: to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

Contributions to the Annual Programs Fund through the Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) initiative are the primary source of funding for Foundation programs, which cover more than 160 countries and geographical areas on seven continents. From digging water wells for villages in Africa to teaching basic literacy skills to children in Latin America, during any given moment, thousands of Rotarians volunteer their time and expertise. All contributions to the Annual Programs Fund are spent wisely on quality Rotary projects.



**Reducing Child Mortality.** There are simple ways to reduce infant and child mortality and improve maternal health, according to Dr. Francisco Songane, director of the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health, hosted by the World Health Organization, who spoke at the RI Convention in Los Angeles. He noted that the goals of reducing child mortality and improving maternal health are lagging behind the other UN Millennium Development Goals.



More than 10 million children die every year from preventable causes, and 530,000 women die of pregnancy-related causes. "We cannot solve the problem of children without addressing the health of the mother," stressed Songane. Pneumonia, diarrhea, malaria, and measles account for the majority of deaths of children under the age of five, Songane said, but malnutrition is often in the background. "In about 57 percent of the deaths, malnutrition is an underlying factor," he said.

Skilled birth attendants, HIV testing, and mosquito nets are three vital interventions, Zinser said. Pandel, a pediatrician, added breastfeeding to that list. "It's absolutely necessary to practice breastfeeding in the first days -- ideally for the first year," he said. "It's vital for prevention of infections and malnutrition. We just have to take appropriate action."

For Rotarians wanting to tackle these issues, Songane offered this advice: "Wherever the club or district is located, deal with the corresponding government in that place. Be part of what has been initiated in that country."

**Jenny Liakmani, RI News**

**Renewed Efforts Against Child Hunger.** RI 2008-09 President D. K. Lee said that he was in disbelief when he learned that 30,000 children under the age of five die every day from preventable diseases such as pneumonia, diarrhea, measles, and malaria.

"Once I understood the issues behind that terrible number, I knew what I needed to do," Lee said. Rotary will keep the service emphases of recent years -- water, health and hunger, and literacy -- but Lee is asking Rotarians to focus their efforts in each of these areas — on children.

RI's Health and Hunger Resource Group will be sharing information with clubs and districts regarding a new United Nations initiative called REACH (Renewed Efforts Against Child Hunger).

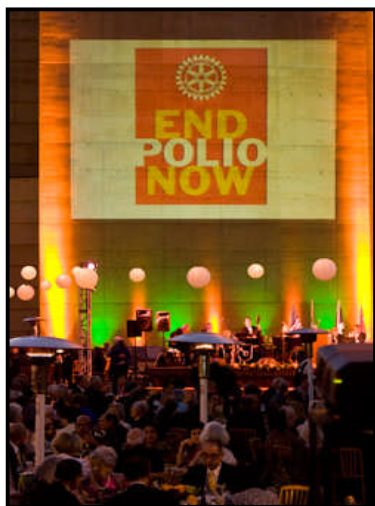


- Millions of children worldwide are victims of chronic hunger and malnutrition:
- Currently, malnutrition contributes to more than three million preventable child deaths each year.
- The poverty cycle is perpetuated by malnutrition and hunger through reduced physical growth, lower capacity for intellectual development, and poor economic productivity.

Here are some cost-effective national and community programs that clubs can participate in which can have an immediate impact on children and mothers:

- Micronutrient fortification and supplementation;
- Ready-to-use therapeutic foods;
- Household water treatment;
- Hand-washing with soap;
- Parasite control measures (particularly de-worming and bed nets); and
- Household food security measures such as homestead food production.

QUESTIONS on how your club can participate? Contact : Christine Sanders (RI/TRF External Relations): christine.sanders@rotary.org, Tel: +1 847 866 3254



**Drive to End Polio Gets Huge Boost From World Health Organization.** WHO Director-General Margaret Chan told cheering Rotarians at the RI Convention: "I am making polio eradication the organization's top operational priority on a most urgent, if not an emergency, basis. "

In a historic moment, Chan was joined at the plenary session by the heads of the other spearheading partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative: Julie Gerberding, director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Ann Veneman, executive director of UNICEF; and Robert S. Scott, chair of The Rotary Foundation's Board of Trustees and Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee. It was the first time leaders of all four partners have appeared together on stage and given a joint address.

In introducing Chan, Gerberding, and Veneman, Scott officially launched Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge , a three-year fundraising effort to match a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

**Jenny Llakmani – RI News – June 18, 2008**

**Why 1,313 is More Than a Number.** Julie Gerberding, Director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention described Rotary as an extraordinary pillar of a dream partnership that brings out the best in all four organizations. Stating that 1,313 children were infected with polio in 2007, she called on Rotarians to take that number and turn it into something positive. "Those children aren't just numbers," she said. "They're sentinels of responsibility. We have not just a health responsibility, but a moral responsibility to protect future generations from this disease."

Gerberding asked those who can to contribute \$1,313 to the eradication initiative. "If you can't contribute money," she continued, "then contribute 1,313 minutes of your time to volunteer in the effort to eradicate polio. If you don't have time, give 1,313 words to motivate others and help inspire the commitment we need to get this job done."



Jenny Llakmani – RI News – June 18, 2008

**Nigeria Highlighted in World Health Assembly Conference.** In response to the recent outbreak in northern Nigeria, the 61st World Health Assembly drafted a resolution calling for an increase in international efforts to eradicate polio. In a highly unusual move, the WHA resolution specifically urged Nigeria "to reduce the risk of international spread of poliovirus by quickly stopping the outbreak in northern Nigeria through intensified eradication activities that ensure all children are vaccinated with oral poliomyelitis vaccine." The resolution also called for Afghanistan, Pakistan and India to undertake large-scale, mop-up efforts to finish off the remaining levels of transmission of type 1 polio in their countries.

In her opening remarks at the RI Convention, Director-General Dr Margaret Chan stressed, "In Asia, type 1 polio –the most dangerous strain of the virus –is today on the verge of elimination. But just as we are seeing record-lows in Asia, Africa is witnessing a dramatic upsurge of this strain in the northern states of Nigeria, while previously polio-free countries on the continent are still struggling to stop viruses that were reintroduced more than two years ago. As I have said before, we must finish the job. We are too close to allow success to slip through our fingers."

June 2008 PolioPlus Newsletter



**Toys Bring Hope to Children, Troops Overseas.** Rotarian Jack Ham has collected close to 75 Beanie Babies over the years, and was ready to part with his furry little friends, including his favorite, Wilbur, a plush, pink pig he was attached to because of Ham's last name. He wanted to give the stuffed animals to children who had limited or no access to toys.

Ham, a member of the Rotary Club of Houghton, Michigan, USA, shared his desire to donate his collection with fellow club member Lieutenant Colonel Dallas L. Eubanks. Together, they came up with an idea of sending small stuffed toys to U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan to distribute to local children. Ham and Eubanks presented the idea to their club and District 6220 (Michigan) in May and within nine months, the club had collected more than 4,200 stuffed animals from around the country. Eubanks says the

gifts bring smiles to the children's faces and hopes the items will help ease tensions between the troops and local families. Hundreds of toys too large to ship overseas were sent to orphanages in Mexico, delivered to nursing homes in Michigan, and given to local children.

Aretha Fouch Price - RI News - April 2008

**C**ontributions to TRF. The generosity of Rotarians continues to provide essential support for our Foundation programs. On 15 May, contributions to our Annual Programs Fund totaled more than \$87.7 million. Donations to the Permanent Fund also rose in 2007-08, by about 30 percent. As of 30 April, net assets and expectancies stood at \$594.9 million.

This has also been a record year for major gifts of \$10,000 or more. Excluding the grants from the Gates and Google foundations, we're projecting a 50 percent increase in the number of contributions and a 10 percent rise in their face value. By the end of April, more than 1,000 contributors had joined the ranks of Major Donors by making cumulative gifts of \$10,000 or more.



Of these Major Donors, 20 qualified for the Arch C. Klumph Society, bringing its total membership to 206. These extremely generous contributors have donated at least \$250,000 to The Rotary Foundation, and many have given much more.

Donors to the Foundation cite various reasons for providing this critical support. But Past District Governor Paul N. Geisel, a recent Klumph society inductee, summed up the feelings of many Rotarians: "The people we help are real. This is not an abstraction. That's why I give money. Somebody real is out there, somebody whose dignity is threatened, whose life is challenged. . . . The continuation of all this is very important. We need to support The Rotary Foundation."

RI Convention News



**Herndon and Alexandria Clubs Team with the Haiti Pignon RC for a \$15,000 matching grant for water.**

The residents of Pignon have been given the educational knowledge and practical ability to maintain the main Pignon watershed as well as management of the Pignon water system as a sustainable project bringing in income to cover maintenance and repair costs. The main Pignon watershed will be protected and streambed stabilized to help ensure continued aquifer water production for residents.

This project has both increased the community's ability to organize and to work cooperatively on meeting the community needs. Ninety percent of the rivers in Haiti are dry and these five springs will have a significantly greater chance of continuing to provide water for 10,000 people. The new pump shelter and cister help enable the Pignon water system to provide clean water to more people for more hours each week, thereby reducing waterborne diseases and illnesses by 10-15%.

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## Foundation Tidbits

**Project Link Replaces Three RI Data Bases.** ProjectLINK is the new home for service projects formerly found in the World Community Service Projects Exchange, Community Projects, and Rotary Volunteers International Site databases.

**Check Your Contribution History.** Go to [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) and click on Member access on the upper right-hand corner. This will connect you to Rotary business online, where you will enter your user name and password. Once logged in, enter your membership number (which appears on the mailing label of The Rotarian magazine in some countries), club number, and district number. If you don't know your club number, check with your club secretary.

**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/Pages/080513\\_grantapp\\_announce.aspx](http://www.rotary.org/en/ServiceAndFellowship/FundAProject/Announcements/Pages/080513_grantapp_announce.aspx)

**The Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship** program is the world's largest privately funded scholarship program.

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## Food for Thought



All you have shall some day be given; Therefore give now, that the season of giving may be yours and not your inheritors. □ □ --- Kahlil Gibran

We are all capable of climbing so much higher than we usually permit ourselves to suppose. --- Octavia Butler

The essential difference in service is not machines or things. The essential difference is minds, hearts, spirits and souls. --- Herb Kelleher, Southwest Airlines

Everyone has an opportunity to be great because everyone has an opportunity to serve. --- Martin Luther King, Jr.

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