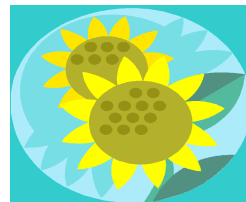




*Every Rotarian, Every Year*  
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*Spring is here and beauty  
is all around us*



**Welcome to our Newest 100% Paul Harris Rotary Club - 3<sup>rd</sup> Time**

**The Rotary Club of Caroline – 16 Members**

**Welcome to our Newest Paul Harris Society Members**

Archie Garner – Bailey's  
David Mercer – Bailey's  
Kary Starnes – Bailey's  
Peter Anderson – Crystal City  
Sheriann Lockwood – Crystal City

Tom Pocock – Fair Lakes  
Janet Brown – Rappahannock  
Nelda Mohr – Stafford



Now is the time to join the growing ranks of the Paul Harris Society. For as little as \$83.50 per month, you can become a Society member. It is so easy – just use TRFDirect form available for download from the Rotary web site: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) and you can charge the \$83.50 per month to your credit card for which you will also receive mileage points. A great opportunity to help those less fortunate while gaining miles/points. The Society Pledge Form is available for download on the district web site: [www.rotary7610.org](http://www.rotary7610.org) or you can contact me and I will get a form to you. Thanks so much.

**Ron Marion, Paul Harris Society Chairman, Crystal city RC – [ronandros@verison.net](mailto:ronandros@verison.net)**

**Congratulations to our Newest Major Donors**



David & Mary Ann Mercer – Bailey's

Charles Weber – Bailey's

Travis & Susan White – Burke

Bob & Barbara Hahne McLean

The Rotary Foundation recognizes those couples or individuals whose combined personal outright or cumulative giving has reached \$10,000. All outright contributions made to TRF are included in this total regardless of the gift designation. TRF recognizes these special donors at six gift levels:

Levels One-\$10,000; Two-\$25,000; Three-\$50,000; Four-\$100,000; Five-\$500,000; Six-\$1 Million+



Jack Weeks, Major Gifts Chair, Dulles RC - [jweeks@pwgcpa.com](mailto:jweeks@pwgcpa.com)

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**Congratulations to Our Newest Bequest Society Member –**

**Tom Bowman – Leesburg Daybreak RC**



**Thank you for your continued, outstanding support of The Rotary Foundation. As of February 29, we are:**

- #2 in Zone 33 in *per capita* giving = \$92.74
- #5 in Zone 33 in total giving to the Annual Fund - \$206,249.28
- #1 in Zone 33 in outright gifts to the Permanent Fund = 88,900.00
- #4 in Zone 33 in Restricted giving = 54,388.50

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**T**wenty Thousand Points Available for Match on April 5th. Two generous D-7610 Rotarians have made available 10,000 points each to match Foundation contribution dollars for new or multiple Paul Harris Fellows\*. These points will be made available at the District Conference on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> on a first come, first serve basis. There will be NO reservations for points. The check & the 123 form MUST be received. Then and only then will the points be made available for the contributor. The procedure is:



1. Club Foundation Chair to contact Gary Dehnel, Matching Points Chair, via email: [gcdhnel@verizon.net](mailto: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](mailto:gcdehnel@verizon.net)

**Sustaining Members of TRF!** A Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member is a person who contributes \$100 or more per year to the Annual Programs Fund. Here are some examples of what a \$100 gift to the Annual Programs Fund will provide:



- a hearing aid for a child in Pakistan
- text books for one elementary school in Zambia
- cataract operations for three blind individuals in India
- mosquito netting for 35 homes to help prevent the spread of malaria in Bangladesh

**Why are Rotary Foundation Sustaining Members critical to the Foundation?** Rotarians recognize that without sustained support of the Annual Programs Fund, the programs of The Rotary Foundation cannot happen. With contributions of \$100 from every member every year, Rotary could nearly double its efforts to help needy people the world over, supporting the continued growth of programs.

**Do my Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member gifts count toward Paul Harris Fellow Recognition?**

Yes. All gifts given through the Sustaining Member program go to the Annual Programs Fund and are eligible for and count cumulatively toward the Foundation's various recognition programs.

Gary Dehnel, Annual fund Chair, Bull Run RC - - [gcdehnel@verizon.net](mailto:gcdehnel@verizon.net)



## WHAT IS *TRF-DIRECT*?

*TRF-Direct* is the Foundation's financial service that electronically transfers funds from a donor's savings, checking or credit card account directly into the donor's Foundation Annual Fund Account. With credit card, everyday purchases raise money for The Rotary Foundation. A donor can choose to make these donations on a monthly or quarterly basis by completing a simple *TRF-Direct* form.

By using *TRF-Direct*, donors can make regular gifts to the Annual Programs Fund without writing a check. On the same day each month (the 1<sup>st</sup> or the 15<sup>th</sup>) or the 1<sup>st</sup> of each quarter, the Foundation will automatically debit your savings, checking or credit card account in the amount you designate. Minimum contributions are \$10 monthly or quarterly from checking or savings accounts. For VISA, MasterCard and American Express credit cards, the minimum is \$25 for each recurring transaction.

Some benefits of using *TRF-Direct* include: 1) spreading your contributions over an extended period of time; 2) enabling you to become a Foundation Sustaining Member in an effortless way to keep working towards your Paul Harris Fellow or Multiple Fellow Recognition; 3) it's economical – saving you

postage, check charges and envelope costs; 4) saves the Foundation administrative costs associated with processing checks.

A major benefit of *TRF-DIRECT* is that after an individual completes the initial paperwork, The Rotary Foundation tracks all contributions and alleviates the administrative burden for the individual and the club of reporting donations.

Of Course, Rotarians making gifts through *TRF-Direct* receive Foundation Recognition Points and their gifts are, *as always*, credited to their Rotary Club and District.

To sign up for *TRF-DIRECT* program, simply complete the *TRF-DIRECT* Authorization Form – 998en. The form can be downloaded from the RI web site. [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

You will know that the transfers are taking place because they will appear on your monthly statement. You may change your contribution amount or cancel the service by notifying The Rotary Foundation.

**Take advantage TODAY of this easy way to donate to TRF!**

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**An Open Letter From a Group Study Exchange Team Member.** How does your past experience affect how you live today? That is the question I have been answering over and over since my return from the GSE (Group Study Exchange) trip to Rotary 9250 in Southern Africa.

During our trip we had the pleasure of meeting many beautiful people, experiencing diverse cultures and seeing an elephant or two or three... I will say that upon my return to the USA I had noticed a profound change in myself. How can you not change after a trip to Africa? The two things that impressed me the most were the hope and hospitality of all the people I met. Southern Africa is going through a vast cultural shift, and they have many people with many strong opinions. However, I found that Rotary is not about politics, it was about fellowship and helping others.



Two things that concerned me the most are the plight of the children and lack of water in Southern Africa. As a special education teacher for Fairfax County Public Schools, I was both impressed and aghast at the educational systems I experienced in Southern Africa. I was particularly moved by the needs of the many orphans, and the impoverished and disabled children I met. I found that even though school was “required”, children only attended school if they could pay for it. Also, given the poverty of

the majority, many children do not attend or have a reasonable hope to attend school. Those with disabilities are also severely stigmatized, and shunned within their family and community. The lack of clean and readily available water was also an every day concern. In many schools, part of the daily routine was to have students walk to a stream or borehole to collect water for the day.

Words could never convey my gratitude to Rotary for providing me this opportunity during my GSE experience, so I wanted to share with you what I have done in action. First of all the GSE team (Lois Wilson-Rotarian and GSE Team Leader, Christine Mohr, Edie Gross and I) have been busy sharing our GSE experience with various clubs all over the state. If you would like one of us to come to your club, please contact Lester Schoene - [lesterp@verizon.net](mailto:lesterp@verizon.net). I have also had the pleasure of sharing my GSE experience with my church (St. Matthews UMC), and many schools in Fairfax County. I am proud and

excited to report that I have received a lot of positive feedback and support from the various groups I have presented to.

First, my school organized a book drive to send books to one of the schools I visited to help stock their library. When the students and staff heard about the need to fill a school library, they went in to action. The students, parents and staff purchased over \$1000 of brand new books for the school in South Africa (SA). The students will also be sending letters and a video to hopefully build an international friendship with the school.

Next, I shared the need for support in Swaziland to my sponsoring club (Bailey's Crossroad) and they responded with a calculated and organized plan. Communication opened between the Manzini Club (9250) in Swaziland with the Baileys club (7610) and they formed a collaborative partnership. Someone was also generous enough to donate over \$3000 to support McCorkindale orphanage with their farming and water irrigation needs. The club also participated in a fund raiser, and was able to raise another \$750 for the orphanage!!!



Just before the holiday season, one of the orphanages we visited sent out a plea asking for support as they had lost funding for the farming and educational needs of their children. The ladies' group at my church sent a check to the Manzini Rotary club to help send the orphans to school. Recently, my handbell group performed at the Kennedy Center for the Martin Luther King Jr. Tribute concert. The group donated the funds earned to the orphanage, which brought the total support for the McCorkindale orphans education fund to over \$1000. I have a dream... right!



In the near future my school (Glasgow MS) hopes to organize a read-a-thon fund raiser with another FCPS school to help the children in Southern Africa who want to go to school receive the funds to allow them to school... kids helping kids.

Finally, Lois Wilson (Reston Club) and I were inspired to help another orphanage/school for disabled children we visited in Swaziland. When asked what they "needed", the school headmaster had asked for teachers to come and better educate his teachers on how to teach children with various disabilities. Needless to say as a Special Education teacher, I am incredibly inspired to help. For information on ideas and ways to support this effort, contact Lois Wilson - lowalker@aol.com.

My GSE experience has definitely made me a better person, citizen and teacher. In my opinion, the GSE program is a valuable and life changing opportunity, in which I will always recommend to others to participate. Before I joined the team, I knew that the Rotary was a community service organization. However, I could have never guessed to what length the Rotary goes to help others. Thank You!

**Yours in Rotary, Michelle (Meesh) Peters - Rotarian, Baileys Crossroad Club**

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**Malaria - A Persistent Disease.** Now is the time to plan a matching grant for the 08-09 Rotary Year. Your grant could provide nets, medicines and DDT – Rotary working to drive down malaria in the world.



Malaria is thought to cause as many as 500 million infections a year in 107 countries, a million of them fatal. The tools to eradicate malaria do not yet exist. With enough money, current tools like nets, medicines and DDT could drive down malaria cases 90 percent.

Malaria, a parasite that changes shape and hides in multiples organs in mosquitoes and humans, is fiendish compared with polio, a short virus that can be blocked in the gut.

In many countries with highest incidence of malaria, independence movements led to freedom, but also often to civil war, poverty, corrupt government and the collapse of medical care. The best-known example of defeat snatched from the jaws of victory is Sri Lanka, which went from one million malaria cases in 1955 to a mere 18 in 1963. Spraying was cut back, and cases surged to 537,000 by 1969. By 2005, the country was again down to 1,640 cases.



Sir Richard G. A. Feachem, former director of the Global Fund and now head of the Global Health Group, a policy institute at the University of California, San Francisco, founded with Gates Foundation money, says malaria can be squeezed to death by moving control downward from southern China, up from southern Africa and up across the South Pacific. He hopes for elimination by 2050. “We’ll use today’s tools today,” he said, “and tomorrow’s tools tomorrow.”

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**The Polio Challenge** is Rotary’s three-year fundraising effort to match the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation’s \$100 million grant to The Rotary Foundation for polio eradication.



“Each Rotary club is being asked to contribute at least \$1,000 annually to the challenge for the next three years,” Chairman of TRF Scott said. “If you consider there are nearly 33,000 clubs in the world, their combined fundraising efforts would result in almost the full matching amount of \$100 million.”

All Rotarians are invited to participate in the challenge, especially those who have joined Rotary since June 2005, when the last commitments to the previous polio eradication funding campaign were fulfilled. Rotary clubs chartered since that time are also a special focus.

Several resources are being produced to help Rotarians meet the challenge, including a DVD, PowerPoint presentation, brochure, and sample press releases. The tools will be available on the RI Web site and from RI headquarters and international offices. A task force is also providing oversight and direction to clubs and districts.

**George Atwell, PolioPlus Chairman, Caroline RC - [geofatw@aol.com](mailto:geofatw@aol.com)**

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**Albemarle Rotary Club Receives District Simplified Grant.** In the fall of 2007, the Albemarle RC received a Simplified Grant in the amount of \$969 for the purchase of two pieces of dental equipment for the Community Children’s Dental Center in Charlottesville. The most important piece is the TRANSLUX Power Blue Light curing unit shown in this photo. The little girl is age ten.

This clinic provides dental care for children of low income families in our area who are enrolled in the state children's health insurance plans of Medicaid, Famis and Famis Plus. To date, over 4,000 children have received care.

The clinic was founded in 2004 by a group of dedicated dentists and friends. The resident dentists are Dr. Jigna Mahapatra and Dr. Robert Galione. Over the first three years, the Albemarle RC raised and donated \$26,000 to the clinic.

**George Barrett, Club Secretary, Albemarle RC - [geobarrett@embarqmail.com](mailto:geobarrett@embarqmail.com)**

## *Changing Lives*



Ali arrives in the U.S. to undergo life saving heart surgery thanks to Rotary's Gift of Life program. Gift of Life provides heart surgery to children with life-threatening heart conditions. It has since helped some 4,000 children from more than 60 countries worldwide



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

A young girl waits to receive medical attention at Quirurgico Medical Clinic in Nueva Esperanza, a Rotary built community for survivors of Hurricane Mitch. Tegucigalpa, Honduras.



## **Foundation Tidbits**

**M**atching Grant Update. Revised Matching Grant Application and Guide to Matching Grants. Due to recent Trustee decisions impacting Matching Grants (change in competitive Matching Grant deadline from January 1 to December 15 and addition of district governor authorization for

use of DDF), the Matching Grant application and The Guide to Matching Grants are being updated. The revised publications will be available on the RI web site in April 2008.

**Become a Major Donor through a Pledge.** The Foundation may accept unconditional promises for you to become a Major Donor through a pledge with payment terms generally three years or less and valued at \$10,000 or more. A pledge meeting these criteria is considered active upon receipt of the first payment, which shall generally represent a proportional share of the total pledge amount. Pledge terms must be established in writing. These pledges are considered by the Foundation to represent a binding obligation of the donor and are recorded on the Foundation's financial statements. For more information, contact:

Jackie McGuire. The Rotary Foundation – [Jackie.mcguire@rotary.org](mailto:Jackie.mcguire@rotary.org)

**Want to 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. Enter your user name and password if you are registered. To become registered, enter your membership number (which appears on the mailing label of The Rotarian magazine), club number, and district number. If you don't know your club number, check with your club secretary. When signing up, Member Access will prompt you to enter your e-mail address as your user name and send your password to that e-mail address. After successfully logging in with your initial user name and default password, you can change both in Member Access.

**Permanent Fund** □ On 31 January 2008, the Permanent Fund's net assets were US\$218.4 million. As of 29 February 2008 the estimated expectancies to the Permanent Fund stood at US\$374.4 million.

**Bequest Society Update** □ As of 29 February 2008, there were 6,035 Bequest Society commitments with an expected value of US\$260.8 million. These commitments represent a significant percentage of the expectancies to the Permanent Fund and an increase of 12 new bequests valued at more than US\$1.3 million since January.

**Donor Advised Fund Update** □ As of 29 February 2008, there were 112 DAF accounts with a fair market value of US \$6.2 million.

**“What better place than Rotary is there to be involved in service? . . . What better place is there than The Rotary Foundation to give back?”**

Past District Governor and Arch C. Klumph Society member Edward “Eddie” Blender

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