



Every Rotarian, Every Year
District 7610 Foundation Newsletter
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November is Foundation Month. *"The purpose of The Rotary Foundation is to assure us of Rotary in perpetuity, by providing for contingencies and unforeseen emergencies, that we may continue to serve all humanity in the interests of permanent world peace, and for all those fine contributions to art, health, science, character etc., and to such a degree as to make Rotary's contribution an important factor in this present-day civilization".* [Arch C Klumph](#) - "The Rotary Foundation" *The Rotarian Magazine* April 1929



A time when Rotarians worldwide celebrate our Foundation's achievements. We pay tribute to the Foundation and offer our personal contributions. Together, we are working for – The Eradication of Polio; The Elimination of Poverty; Environmental Conservation; Food Security; Health Care and Education; Mediation and Conflict Resolution; and World Peace and Understanding. Here is how you can help:



- Lead by Example – Contribute **something** to The Rotary Foundation
- Become a Benefactor
- Become a Paul Harris Fellow
- Become a Paul Harris Society Member
- Become A Sustaining Member of The Rotary Foundation

Thank you so much for all that you do to help children who are starving, who are abused, who are on drugs, who can be saved from polio and other diseases and who can grow up to be productive citizens, if given a chance. You are special, you are a Rotarian.

Thank you to the following clubs who have already reached \$100 or more per capita:

Bailey's	\$108	Crystal City	\$109	Springfield	\$159
Bull Run	\$253	Gainesville	\$110		

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

Tax News Reminder! **The Pension Protection Act of 2006**, allows individual donors who are 70 ½ at the time of the gift to donate, tax-free, up to \$100,000 from their Individual Retirement Account (IRA) directly to The Rotary Foundation without increasing federal gross income for that tax year. Although the maximum is significant, The Rotary Foundation welcomes gifts of any amount. If you find that you are not using the income but are being taxed on it, you may reduce income tax by contributing the mandatory minimum distribution rather than taking the income outright. This act will expire December 31 unless congress acts to extend it. So now



is the time to take advantage of this great opportunity. 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.

*Ways To Contribute To and Build Our Rotary Foundation
Make Your Major Gift Today*



CASH:

- Cash is the simplest way to give and always welcome. A cash gift provides immediate tax benefits to the donor.

MEMORIAL:

- Memorial contributions may be made in the honor or memory of a family member, friend or other loved one.

STOCKS & SECURITIES:

- Stocks and Securities can be donated to The Rotary Foundation (TRF). Appreciated securities have double tax advantage. The donor gets an annual charitable tax deduction and avoids capital gains.

REAL ESTATE:

- Real estate and other property can be donated to TRF, again with special tax benefits.

LIFE INSURANCE:

- A donor can name TRF as beneficiary of an existing policy that is no longer needed or consider purchasing a life insurance policy naming TRF as irrevocable beneficiary. The latter approach allows the donor to deduct the premiums paid from his or her tax bill.

LIFE INCOME GIFTS:

- Special techniques such as a Charitable Gift Annuity or Charitable Remainder Trust allow the donor to receive considerable tax deductions and an income for life. When the donor passes away, the remainder transfers to TRF for use specified by the donor.

BEQUEST OR ESTATE GIFT:

- People who understand and care about TRF may name TRF in their will or estate plan. Even though the gift matures later, the donor is honored and recognized during his or her lifetime as a member of the Bequest Society.

Jack Weeks, Major Gifts Chair, Dulles RC - jweeks@pwgcpa.com

Now is the Time to Think about Tax Receipts for 2007 Contributions!

Contributions requiring 2007 tax receipts must be postmarked no later than **December 31, 2007** and received at The Rotary Foundation no later than **January 7, 2008**. Any contribution postmarked after December 31, 2007 will receive 2008 tax receipts. Since contributions postmarked before December 31, 2007 but not received at the Foundation until after January 7, 2008, will also receive 2008 tax receipts so please plan accordingly when mailing contributions. It is suggested that you use Express Mail. Credit card contributions must be processed on or before December 31, 2007 (donors are encouraged to make credit card contributions online at www.rotary.org). Wire transfers must be initiated by December 31, 2007 in order to count in tax year 2007. Questions about deadline dates should be directed to the Contact Center at contact.center@rotary.org or at 866-976-8279.



Take Advantage Today of This Easy Way to Donate to TRF. **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. Download *TRF-Direct* form from the RI web site: www.rotary.org

By using *TRF-Direct*, donors can make regular gifts to the Annual Programs Fund without writing a check. 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.

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.

SHARE – What Does it Mean for Your Contributions to The Rotary Foundation?

It means that 100% of your contribution to The Annual Programs Fund is used to help those in need throughout the world – none of your contribution goes into administration or overhead expenses.. It's rare to give money and then have it given back to you. Not so with the Foundation's *SHARE system*. With *SHARE*, half the money that you or your club donates to the Annual Programs Fund is returned to the district three years later. The Foundation invests contributions during this three-year period, then uses the earnings to cover administration, program operations, and fund development costs. The district can spend the money on the Humanitarian and Educational Foundation programs chosen by the District Foundation Team in consultation with the District governor, or they can donate to Rotary World Peace Fellowships, PolioPlus Partners, the Permanent Fund, and Trustee-approved funds for scholarships and humanitarian grants. The Foundation makes the other half of district contributions available to all districts and clubs through programs like Group Study Exchange, Matching Grants, Volunteer Service Grants, and Health, Hunger and Humanity Grants, which all districts can participate in regardless of their donations. For more information, contact:



Gary Dehnel, Annual Giving Co-Chair, Bull Run RC - gdehnel@verizon.net
Roy Strohl, Matching Points Chairman, Rappahannock RC - lstrohl@umw.edu



New Paul Harris Society Members:

Helen Hergenroeder - McLean Rotary Club
Edward J. Shahin - McLean Rotary Club
Kim Elaine Mills - McLean Rotary Club
Richard G. Henninger - Reston Rotary Club
Philip S. Hunter – Reston Rotary Club

It takes only \$84 per month to become a Paul Harris Society Member – and to make it really easy, you can have TRF deduct this monthly from your credit card, checking or savings account. **Doing Good in the World.** The Paul Harris Society is named after Paul P. Harris, founder of Rotary International. Paul Harris Society contributions to The Rotary Foundation support a wide range of humanitarian grants and educational programs that enable Rotarians to bring hope and promote international understanding throughout the world. Become a member of the Paul Harris Society today and make a lasting difference. Your annual contribution of \$1,000 can help provide: a well for clean water to a community in India; books and tables for a children's library in Ecuador; Polio vaccine for numerous children; therapeutic toys for rehabilitating orphans and other children in the Czech Republic; and eyeglasses for needy adults in the Philippines to name just a few examples. So easy to help so many. For a pledge form, contact:

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



What is Disaster Recovery?

- Financial contributions for specific disaster
- Funds used to rebuild communities



Current Disaster Relief Projects Open:

- Solidarity in South Asia
 - India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Thailand
- Hurricanes Stan and Wilma (Guatemala and Mexico)
- Hurricane Wilma (USA)
- Earthquake in India and Pakistan

Disaster Recovery Terms and Conditions

- www.rotary.org

To get involved in Disaster Recovery, contact TRF staff through the contact center: contact.center@rotary.org

Wellness Festival for Area Children Hosted by Gainesville-Haymarket and Manassas Rotarians.

A visibly excited group of Rotarians gathered at Metz Middle School in Manassas recently. Their goal- to assess some critical health needs of underserved children in the community, then match those children to appropriate health care providers. Included in the “village” of volunteers were 50 Rotarians from Gainesville-Haymarket and Manassas Rotary clubs, 15 interpreters, 15 students from Battlefield High School Interact and Honors Spanish Clubs, 5 Interact volunteers from Osbourn Park High School and 9 nurses from Prince William County and Manassas City Schools. Also recruited were other important community partners including Prince William Health Systems, Prince William County Health Department, Prince William County Schools, Manassas City Schools, Manassas Lions Club and dentist, Dr. Elaine Sours.



In a relaxed setting, parents learned about children's health resources such as medical, dental and fitness programs. Dental and other health screenings for weight, body mass index, hearing and vision were offered. Following the screenings, parents and children met with a nurse who reviewed all tests and interpreted the findings. If follow-up medical or dental care was needed, they were referred to the appropriate agency representatives who could actually facilitate the care. The Rotary Clubs accepted responsibility for follow-up care for several students with immediate dental and visual needs.



In addition to the health screenings, seminars on nutrition and internet safety were presented in both English and Spanish. Signage for all events was in English and Spanish. Twenty-six children's health exhibits provided valuable information to parents. There were also plenty of fun activities and entertainment acts for the children.

To learn more about the Children's Wellness Festival, go to www.gh-rotary.org.



Bailey's Rotarians Receive Their Paul Harris Society Certificates and Pins in a special ceremony at the Friday, November 16 club meeting. Making the presentations were Governor Travis White and Foundation Chair Sandy Duckworth. Paul Harris Society Chair Ron Marion – not in photo – was also in attendance. Recipients: Dave Mercer, Area Foundation Advisor, Karey Starnes, Secretary and Past Club President Joe Luquire.

Sandy presented a program on The Rotary Foundation with examples of how contributions go to aide those less fortunate. At the end of her talk, after watching the slide show and listening to the presentation, the owner of the Restaurant, Ibraheim Sahl, presented to President SuYong Min a generous contribution to The Rotary Foundation. He said: "The presentation was so moving, it brought tears to my heart and I wanted to help." The members have made Ibraheim an Honorary Member of the club.



Dave Mercer, Area Foundation Advisor, Bailey's RC - dsmercerc@cox.net



RI & TRF Received the United Nations Association of New York 2007 Humanitarian Award On October 25, 2007. The profile of water and sanitation in Rotary International received a tremendous boost on October 25th. On that day the United Nations Association of New York honored RI and The Rotary

Foundation with its 2007 Humanitarian Award, in recognition of Rotary's significant efforts to provide safe water and sanitation and its commitment to sustainable development worldwide.

The award is presented annually in observance of United Nations Day (October 24). This year's award ceremony focused on the global water crisis. Professor Jeffrey D. Sachs, Director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University and special adviser to the UN Secretary-General, served as Honorary Chair of the event. Water & Sanitation Rotarian Action Group. To become a member, click on www.wasrag.org to sign up or contact Anna Shepherd, info@wasrag.org

U.S. ShelterBox Response Team Delivers Landmark Aid. On her first trip delivering disaster relief for ShelterBox, Trannie Lacquey encountered Maoist guerillas, crossed swollen rivers on foot, and hiked miles in a remote, tension-filled corner of Nepal. But the toughest challenge, says the grandmother of five, was clearing customs at the airport for 410 ShelterBox relief kits, which would help hundreds of families trapped by the monsoon floods that swept Nepal in August. It took 10 days. “It was tedious and very frustrating. We knew people were waiting,” she says.

Lacquey and her husband, John, members of the Rotary Club of Branford, Florida, USA, and Gary Boe, a member of the Rotary Club of Lewis River, Washington, USA, were the first U.S. ShelterBox Response Team members sent on a disaster relief mission. They also made history, as they delivered the ShelterBox that marked 500,000 disaster victims aided by the Rotarian-sponsored nonprofit.



Each ShelterBox costs about \$1,000 and is intended to help a family of 10 survive for six months. It contains custom supplies that typically include a large tent, blankets, water purification and cooking equipment, basic tools, and a multi-fuel stove. Rotary clubs provide more than half the funding, and private donors contribute the rest.

Recently, ShelterBox enjoyed another first. It received its first Matching Grant from The Rotary Foundation, allowing 24 boxes to be delivered to northern Ethiopia in October, providing desperately needed shelter for Sudanese refugees. The grant was funded by the Rotary clubs of Beaverton, Oregon, USA, and Bahir Dar, Ethiopia. It is part of a massive effort by ShelterBox, called *A Million in Africa*, which intends to provide shelter for one million of Africa’s eight million refugees.

Read more about the ShelterBox Response Team training camp in England in the October issue of *The Rotarian*.
Janice Chambers, Rotary International News, September 2007

Changing Lives



Your US\$100 gift to the Annual Programs Fund helps 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

Your US\$500 gift to the Annual Programs Fund helps provide:



12 to 13 prosthetic limbs to an "Operation Walk" Limb Camp in Thailand and Cambodia

- a watch repair mini-business for six disabled workers in the Philippines
- carpentry tools for a vocational workshop that trains 150 deaf children per year in Gambia
- five small sewing businesses to give poor mothers in Mexico the ability to lead more self-sufficient lives

Your US\$1,000 gift to the Annual Programs Fund helps provide:



kitchen equipment for the Chavez de la Rosa orphanage in Arequipa, Peru

- materials to construct a deep borewell in India, supplying clean water to more than 300 people
- establishment of a tree nursery in Jamaica that will produce 5,000 tree seedlings annually and increase family income for 700 farmers
- parasite and anemia prevention materials for needy children in Urugaiana, RS, Brazil



Foundation Tidbits

Rotarians or Honorary Rotarians:

Margaret Thatcher, Rotarian, prime minister
Franklin D. Roosevelt, Rotarian, US president
Dr Albert Sabin, Rotarian, Rotary Award - World Understanding and Peace, oral polio vaccine developer
Mia Farrow - polio survivor, PolioPlus advocate
Neil Armstrong - Rotarian, astronaut (And 3 time winner of international bike award)

Want to Check Your Contribution History? Go to www.rotary.org and click on **Member Access** on the upper right-hand area. 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.

THREE CUPS OF TEA: One Man's Mission to Promote . . . One School at a Time (Viking/On-sale date: March 6, 2006) Greg Mortenson, and acclaimed journalist David Oliver Relin, recount the unlikely journey that led Mortenson from a failed attempt to climb Pakistan's K2, the world's second highest mountain, to successfully building schools in some of the most remote regions of Afghanistan and Pakistan. By replacing guns with pencils, rhetoric with reading, Mortenson combines his unique background with his intimate knowledge of the third-world to fight terrorism with books, not bombs, and successfully bring education and hope to remote villages in central Asia. THREE CUPS OF TEA is at once an unforgettable adventure and the inspiring true story of how one man really is changing the world-one school at a time.

Food for Thought



"Thank you, Rotary, for recognizing that a world without polio is possible. You have been the catalyst for the world to accept and carry out the challenge of eradicating polio from the earth."

— *Bill Gates, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation*

"Since the beginning of civilization, there has been a surplus of sayers of things. If there is any one particular in which I would have Rotary distinguished from other organizations, it is in the quality of character which results in the doing of things."

— *Paul Harris, Message to the 1921 RI Convention in Edinburgh, Scotland*

"Children are like wet cement. Whatever falls on them makes an impression."

— *Haim Ginott*

"I don't deserve this award, but I have arthritis, and I don't deserve that either."

— *Jack Benny*

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

— *Will Rogers*

Happy Thanksgiving

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