

*Every Rotarian, Every Year*  
 District 7610 Foundation Newsletter  
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# Good Bye to a Great Year



Congratulations to our **STAR** clubs who have achieved a per capita of \$100 or more as of May 31. Wow, what champions. A BIG Rotary Thank You.

\$200 or more

Club	per capita	Members			
Arlington	\$274.79	48	Middlesex	\$394.11	39
Bull Run	\$354.70	32	Rappahannock	\$276.14	92
Burke	\$229.76	21	Springfield	\$621.05	19
Caroline	\$920.31	16	Stafford	\$249.33	45
Charlottesville	\$200.44	57	Vienna	\$323.81	53
Fair Lakes	\$674.89	18	Woodbridge	\$257.14	28
McLean	\$330.95	55			

\$100 or more

Alexandria	\$174.30	137	Louisa	\$131.27	19
Bailey's	\$164.43	54	Mathews	\$112.76	50
Crystal City	\$132.93	27	Mt Vernon	\$185.26	19
Dulles	\$173.85	39	Reston	\$111.36	33
Fredericksburg	\$157.14	77	Tyson's	\$137.12	33
Gloucester Pt	\$108.70	46	Warrenton	\$116.66	73

Totals for the District: \$145.30    2163    \$314,288.78

**Top Three Clubs in Per Capita Giving**

Caroline	\$920.31
Fair Lakes	\$674.89
Springfield	\$621.05

**Top Three Clubs in Total Giving**

Rappahannock	\$25,405.00
Alexandria	\$23,879.75
McLean	\$18,202.50

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 your club banner for all to see. These special awards will be presented to the clubs at the Foundation Banquet on August 25. 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)

## Congratulations to Our Newest Bequest Society Member!

**Bill Bauers – Alexandria**



**District 7610 Successes for The Rotary Foundation. Thanks to ALL clubs and ALL Rotarians for your FABULOUS support and hard work.**

### Contributions --- As of May, 31, 2007

Annual Programs Fund contributions: \$314,288.78 (Goal = \$250,000)  
Per Capita: \$145.30 - Represents a 39.7% increase over same time last year  
D7610 is #2 in Zone 33 in *per capita giving*  
Restricted contributions: \$34,412.50 (Goal - PolioPlus = \$15,000)  
Permanent Fund contributions: \$117,843.00 (Goal = \$100,000)  
Total YTD to TRF: \$466,544.28

Paul Harris Society – As of June, 2007 - 42 members – 27 new this year (Goal = 15)

Major Gifts – As of June, 2007 - 3 new major gifts = PDG Chuck Ylonen, PDG George Atwell, Tom Pocock

Major Donors – As of June, 2007 - 6 new Major Donors (Goal = 5)

Bequest Society Members – As of June, 2007 - 6 new Bequest Society Members (Goal = 7)

Benefactors – As of June, 2007 - 27 new Benefactors (Goal = 51 – one/club)

New Paul Harris Fellows – As of June 2007 = 315 (Goal = 225)

DSGs: Total - \$21,930.00 - 20 clubs received grants with the maximum being \$1,000.

Matching Grants: Total - \$50,817 in DDF. Total for our grants: \$211,219.20.

Some examples:

- To drill bore holes for wells to supply clean water – Uganda (Alexandria RC)
- To repair and protect a watershed for clean water supply- Haiti (Herndon RC)
- To establish a village Revolving Loan program for underprivileged residents – Ecuador (Bailey's)
- To establish a literacy and educational program for elementary schools - St Lucia (Rappahannock)

Volunteer Service Grants – 2 (Goal = 2)

- Promoting non-remunerated blood donations in Ecuador – Rappahannock RC
- Provide planning for a more adequate & safer blood supply in Chile – Rappahannock RC

GSE – Pairing with D9250 – Botswana, Mozambique, Northern Republic of SA, and Swaziland.

Ambassadorial Scholar Committee chose for the 2006-07 year, the following:

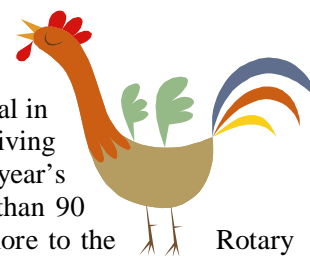
- Joe-Marie Burt, PhD, Ass't Prof. of Gov. GMU – Burke RC - Univ Teacher
- Michelle Neyland – Falls Church RC - Academic Year Scholar
- Brian Marrs - Albemarle RC – three-month cultural scholar
- Huma Tasleem – Mt. Vernon RC - six month cultural scholar

World Peace Scholarship Committee nominated Kevin Melton for 07-09 Scholarship & Trustees chose him.

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**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 surpassed its annual giving goal in December, and now appears to be on the verge of completing the year with a total annual giving of more than \$26,500, a sum in excess of \$500 per capita and more than double the previous year's annual giving. More than \$10,000 was donated in the last six weeks of the term. More than 90 percent of the club's 71 members will be Sustaining Members this year, giving \$100 or more to the Rotary Foundation—and the club is quickly closing in on its goal of becoming a 100% Sustaining Member and 100% Paul Harris Fellows Club. During the year, the club quadrupled the number of its Paul Harris Society Members, who donate \$1,000 annually—from 3 to 12! The club grew by a net 16 new members during the year and had 16 new Paul Harris Fellows, capitalizing on a matching program through the use of the club's accumulated Recognition Points. Additionally, eight more members became multiple Paul Harris Fellows.



Incoming Club President Scott Mills, who served on the club's Foundation committee, reports, "The key elements to our success have been:

1. Club President Bob Hahne was not afraid to challenge us to set our goals higher than we thought we might be able to reach. He inspired us, and he led by example. Once we met our annual goal in December, we set a challenge goal that was three times the original goal, and we'll surpass that goal, also.
2. We made a list, and we worked the list. We identified all potential PHS, PHF, and Major Donors, and we worked the list by personally speaking to each prospective donor. Donating money is a personal thing. President Bob called each member who had not given through the club's dues check off/invoice option and asked them either to become a Paul Harris Society member, Paul Harris Fellow, or to help the club reach its 100% Sustaining Member goal by giving at least \$100 to the Rotary Foundation.
3. We made giving easy. Several times each year, we personally handed each member a TRF donor form with that member's name, RI donor number, club number, and district number already on the form, accompanied by a self-addressed envelope to the Foundation's NEW mailing address.
4. President Bob personally acknowledged and thanked each new donor, and we had special ceremonies for PHF and PHS members.
5. Above all else, we remembered that an informed giver is a generous giver. We educated our members about why it is important to give to the Rotary Foundation. We reminded them about how our service projects had benefited from Matching and District Simplified Grants, scholarships, GSE teams, and other programs that are funded by their donations. We told them how Rotary benefits from their donation and how our club will benefit by having more financial resources available for humanitarian and educational programs in the future. Essentially, the Rotary Foundation became *our* foundation, and in the process, more and more of our members made the Rotary Foundation their personal charity of choice."

Scott does give one warning: "Don't start too late in the year before you begin to personally call each member who has not yet become a Sustaining Member. With all the end-of-year activities that a club must perform, you can easily run out of time without proper planning." CONGRATULATIONS – McLEAN ROTARIANS!



### **Vienna Members, Proud of Their Support of The Rotary Foundation.**

There is a special category of Paul Harris Fellows, those recognized by the Rotarian in the family, including spouses, children, and parents. Years ago, two leading ladies of our Club, Kathleen White and Connie Dupras, presented their husbands, Martin and David with this honor. Since then, many more members have done this and the following spouses were presented with their Paul Harris Fellow Recognitions on June 20: Emily Bodamer, Katarina Hamilton, Vicki McGonegal, Theresa Miller, and Julianna Warren. Two of those to be so recognized were not in attendance because member Jim Purdon is ill: his wife, Jeannie, and his daughter Emily. The following Rotarians have also received Paul Harris Fellow Recognitions: Richard Herrington (2<sup>nd</sup>), Jon Holtaway (2<sup>nd</sup>), Bob Marshall (2<sup>nd</sup>) by his wife on the occasion of his birthday, Ed Robertson (2<sup>nd</sup>), Howard Svigals (3<sup>rd</sup>), Joe Cacciapaglia (1<sup>st</sup>), Allen Gerai (1<sup>st</sup>), Gerry Hamilton (4<sup>th</sup>), Richard Lukens

(2<sup>nd</sup>), Larry Warren (3<sup>rd</sup>), Ron Balderson, Lynn Dangelmaier, George Lovelace, Paul Misleh, Craig Richey, Jody Scholes, Duni Schutzengel. Our Board of Directors honored three special club members with an additional Paul Harris Fellow: Nancy Schroeder who made many contributions to our Club and would certainly have been President if North Carolina had not beckoned. We honored Nancy with her third Paul Harris Fellow and thanked her for her service. Honorary Member Karl Helft is the only charter member of our Club still an active Rotarian to our knowledge. Our Club was chartered in June 1965, exactly 42 years ago this month. Karl moved to Luray in 1988 and became an active member of the Club there. Now that he has returned to Vienna to live with his daughter and is a regular and welcome fixture at our meetings. The Club honors Carl with his third Paul Harris Fellow. And, President Bob Oveissi was presented with his second Paul Harris Fellow in recognition of his year as Club President.

The Vienna Club is also fortunate to currently have five Bequest Society Members, Woody Bentley, Gerry Hamilton, President Bob Oveissi, Jim Purdon, and Kathleen White. Thank you for helping to secure the future of The Rotary Foundation.

And last, but certainly not least, we have one Paul Harris Society Member, Bob Oveissi. A great big thank you to all of the Vienna Club members and their families for their continued support of Rotary and The Rotary Foundation.

**Woody Bentley, Foundation Chair, Vienna RC - [CIDDAD@aol.com](mailto:CIDDAD@aol.com)**



**Proud of Our New Paul Harris Fellows** and a BIG Thank You to all club leaders, Rotarians, our families and friends for such strong support of TRF. A Paul Harris Fellow is someone who contributes \$1,000 to TRF. There are multiple levels with recognition for each additional \$1,000 up to \$10,000 when the donor becomes a Major Donor to TRF. 42 of our 52 clubs had New Paul Harris Fellows this year. CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU – EVERYONE!

Albemarle	1 (1 new)	Leesburg-Day	3 (1 new; 2 multiple)
Alexandria	41 (28 new; 13 multiple)	Louisa	2 (2 new)
Arlington	8 (3 new; 5 multiple)	Manassas	5 (5 new)
Bailey's	14 (8 new; 6 multiple)	Mathews	6 (6 new)
Blue Ridge	9 (1 new; 8 multiple)	McLean	19 (12 new; 7 multiple)
Bull Run	13 (8 new; 5 multiple)	Middlesex	8 (7 new; 1 multiple)
Burke	3 (3 multiple)	Mt Vernon	3 (1 new; 2 multiple)
Charlottesville	8 (5 new; 3 multiple)	Orange	1 (1 new)
Crystal City	4 (3 new; 1 multiple)	Purcellville	4 (2 new; 2 multiple)
Dulles	14 (7 new; 7 multiple)	Rappahannock	29 (19 new; 10 multiple)
Dunn Loring	4 (3 new; 1 multiple)	Reston	2 (1 new; 1 multiple)
Fairfax	6 (4 new; 2 multiple)	Springfield	7 (4 new; 3 multiple)
Fair Lakes	2 (2 multiple)	Stafford	6 (1 new; 5 multiple)
Falls Church	2 (2 multiple)	Sterling	2 (2 new)
Fredericksburg	8 (8 new)	Tappahannock	2 (2 new)
Gainesville	2 (1 new; 1 multiple)	Tyson's	3 (1 new; 2 multiple)
Gloucester	6 (2 new; 4 multiple)	Vienna	25 (14 new; 11 multiple)
Gloucester Pt	4 (4 new)	Warrenton	6 (3 new; 3 multiple)
Herndon	18 (8 new; 10 multiple)	Warsaw	2 (2 new)
Lake Ridge	3 (3 new)	West point	1 (1 multiple)
Leesburg	5 (3 new; 2 multiple)	Woodbridge	4 (3 new; 1 multiple)

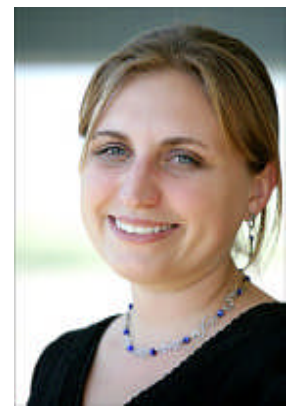
Because of you, your contributions provided cataract operations for 30 blind individuals in India; prosthetic limbs for 25 disabled people in Thailand/Cambodia; four scholarships for needy hearing-impaired children to attend the Institute of Deaf Children in Cartagena Colombia; a deep bore well in India which supplies clean drinking water to more than 300 people; materials to treat and prevent parasites and anemia in needy children in Uruguaiana, RS, Brazil.



**Little Girl Receives the Miracle of Rotary.** A Simplified Grant, which sought out children without insurance and no source of financial help for doctor and dental visits, located this little girl. The picture shows her teeth (what's left) before she received the necessary dental work. She had never seen the inside of a dentist office until Rotary arranged her first visit. We were alerted to this girl by a school health nurse, and with some of our Simplified grant funds, and the generosity of the dental firm, the girls is getting her needed care. Just one example of what can be accomplished right in your own backyard if you will just look.

**George Layne, Grants Chair, Gainesville RC - [grlayne@msn.com](mailto:grlayne@msn.com)**

**Rotary Alumni, Making a Difference.** Each year, thousands of people around the world take part in one of the many programs of The Rotary Foundation. These programs enrich the lives of participants and spread Rotary's vision of peace and world understanding. Their experiences foster international understanding through person-to-person contact, friendship, study, service, and cross-cultural exchange. Foundation program participants serve as goodwill ambassadors not just when they're abroad, but also when they return to their home countries as alumni. Because of their dedication to Rotary's values, these program alumni could make great Rotarians. They are already more familiar with Rotary than the average prospective club member, and their participation in Rotary's programs indicates that they are interested in our organization's objectives. Considering the large number of new alumni each year, **Rotary/TRF has tremendous growth potential, especially if these alumni were more effectively transitioned into Rotary clubs.**



Susan Stigant, Peace Scholar

**Current Status of Alumni in Rotary.** According to research conducted in 2005-06 by the Membership Development Division of Rotary International, only 2.9% of current Rotarians are program alumni. Additionally

- 58% of clubs say they don't recruit program alumni for membership.
- 22% of clubs claim to recruit alumni *and* actually have alumni as members.
- 84% of current program participants are interested in joining a Rotary club.
- 60% of program alumni are interested in joining a Rotary club.

Why not capitalize on our Alumni's experience with Rotary and receive a return on our investment by keeping them involved with Rotary? The D7610 list of Alumni can be found on our web site: [www.rotary7610.org](http://www.rotary7610.org)

**Mike Thacker, Zone 33 Rotary Alumni Coordinator - [mikethacker@spamarrest.com](mailto:mikethacker@spamarrest.com)**

**Ambassadorial Scholar Emily Reynolds Pierce** works with three other Ambassadorial scholars to organize Project Patagonia – an effort designed to help rural schools in the Patagonia region of southern Argentina. We discussed several service ideas and concluded that fostering education was a goal about which we all felt passionate and that also promoted Rotary International's goals of fighting poverty, increasing cross-cultural understanding, and promoting world peace. After doing research and talking to local Rotarians we discovered that many public schools in Argentina are desperately lacking basic supplies, in addition to lacking more fundamental resources such as books, reference materials, and computers. We also learned that many rural schools are responsible for providing the majority of their students' daily caloric-intake through three free meals each day: breakfast, lunch

and a snack. Because of the high rates of unemployment in the region, many students only attend school in order to be fed. We realized that this was an area where we could make a tangible impact on the quality of education for many students by providing them with the resources they need to continue their schooling.

The other Ambassadorial Scholars and I began working closely with Rotary Club of Puerto Madero in Buenos Aires to coordinate efforts with the rural schools. President Fernando Armesto of Puerto Madero graciously accepted to be our Rotary advisor for the project. When I contacted my sponsor District 7610, I received immediate positive feedback. Through the incredible leadership of Rotarian George Layne and President Taras Raggio of the Gainesville-Haymarket Rotary Club, we registered Project Patagonia with Barbara Wiczek as a Rotary International World Community Service (WCS) project. To date, our project has received approximately 9,000 USD through WCS and direct donations from 44 clubs in four Rotary Districts in the United States.

The Ambassadorial Scholars are also developing a workshop for the kids to teach them the basic skills necessary to use their new resources. The goal with respect to the Niñas de Ayouma School is to fulfill the project's vision of creating a library, with some multimedia elements, as well as provide additional support for their cafeteria. Christopher and I will visit and carry out cultural exchanges with *both* schools during the second trip.

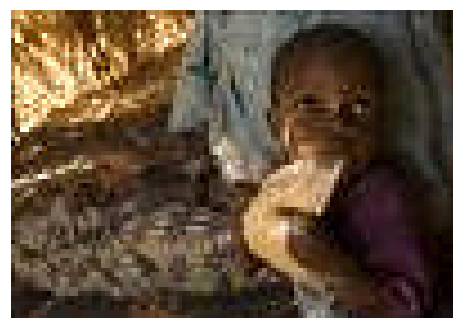
If your club would like to work with us on our Project Patagonia, please contact George Layne: [grlayne@msn.com](mailto:grlayne@msn.com)



**Are We There Yet?** Polio is ALMOST eradicated, but your help is still needed and you can help through PolioPlus Partners-2007-2008. Plan now to go on a National Immunization Day (NID). Trips will be in November, December or January, 2007-08. There may be several trips available and you can have a choice of country and dates. All trips will be led and arrangements made by PDG Dave Groner or Barbara Groner who have led 18 NID trips. Your help is needed to educate and motivate Rotarians to continue our effort and to raise funds for PolioPlus Partners for these NIDs. The persona cost to participate in an NID is approximately \$4,000 per person. Typically, trips to India are 10 days, 7 days touring and 3

days for NID, includes airfare and all expenses except personal. If you are interested in going on an NIC, contact: PDG Eric Adamson, Front Royal RC, [eric.adamson@earthlink.net](mailto:eric.adamson@earthlink.net)

**The Mean Season.** Niger, the world's poorest nation, sits on the edge of the ever-encroaching Sahara desert. There's only a thin strip of fertile land here; the rest consists of rock, red dirt, or desert sand. Each year, Niger suffers a season of hunger, when all the grain has been consumed but the harvest hasn't come in yet. And each year, the country slides even further into poverty. In September 2005, a food crisis struck the vulnerable nation. Nearly a third of the country's 12 million people faced starvation. The situation remains alarming, a visiting UNICEF official reported. Most of the world has long since moved on to other crises. But not Rotary. In 2005-06, Rotarians worldwide contributed more than US\$700,000 for humanitarian efforts in Niger, much of it for long-term, sustainable aid that will end the annual cycle of hunger. [Click here to view photo essay.](#)





**The Lost Generation.** In the verdant, rolling hills of South Africa KwaZulu-Natal province, you can cross from a world of cafes and shopping malls to one of utter despair and poverty in a matter of minutes. This is also the epicenter of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. The disease kills more than 800 South Africans each day. Most are young adults in the prime of life, leaving a generation of orphans behind. There will be 40 million AIDS orphans in sub-Saharan Africa by 2010, according to USAID estimates. Rotarians in South Africa are partnering with major shoe companies to rebuild impoverished AIDS-affected communities by starting with the youngest victims. Through Soul of Africa, shoe companies are funding the bricks and mortar to

build new preschools, and Rotarians are funding equipment and teacher training. [Click here to view the photo essay.](#)

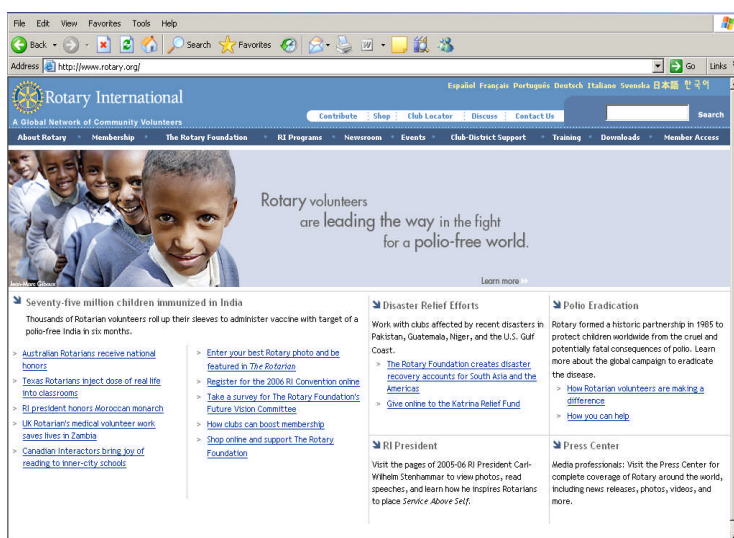
**Rotary Business Made Simple in Member Access.** By using this password-protected area on RI's web site, you can register for the 2008 RI Convention in Los Angeles, or make club or district administrative tasks as simple as a few mouse clicks. To begin using Member Access, you must register. You'll need a valid e-mail address and your district (7610), club, and membership number. This registration process allows RI to keep the area's information secure. Once you are registered, Member Access prompts you to designate a user name, and a password will be emailed to you. Your club secretary can help you obtain your district, club and membership numbers. Start with member Access at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) & click on Membership Access on the right hand side of the web page.

You can:

- Donate to The Rotary Foundation
- View your personal contribution record
- Manage e-mail subscriptions
- View the Official RI Directory

Club President's & Secretaries can:

- Search, view, and update club & district membership data
- Pay club dues
- View rotary Foundation contribution reports.



## Did You Know

- To date, 134 countries and geographical areas have been certified polio free?

- In 2005-06, The Rotary Foundation Trustees approved \$44.3 Million – a record amount – for more than 2,600 grants from the Foundation’s Humanitarian Grants Program?
- The number of Group Study Exchange (GSE) teams surpassed 540 in 2005-06, the most in the program’s history?
- More than 200,000 foundations operate in the United States. In 2007, Foundation evaluator Charity navigator placed The Rotary Foundation on the list of 50 best organizations with a maximum rating of four stars?



## Foundation Tidbits



Thousands of children are overjoyed each year by the simple act of receiving school supplies from Rotary clubs around the world. Here a young girl from Guatemala holds up her new colored pencils with pride.

Rotary dentist examines boy in São Felix, Brazil, made possible through a Rotary Foundation Grant for Karaja.



Children in Bangladesh enjoy clean and safe water from a water pump installed through a Rotary project.

## New to the RI Catalog.

- Communities in Action/Menu of service Opportunities kit (605-EN) Two publication kit for developing effective service projects.- \$9
- Humanity in Motion III: Best of Collection (608-EN). Four-disc set containing TV, radio, print, billboard, and internet public service announcements, focusing on Rotary’s work with polio eradication, literacy, water, youth, hunger, educational and peace. Free

## Food for Thought



Impossible is just an opinion.

-- Gil Atkinson

Don't agonize. Organize.

-- Florence Kennedy

Yesterday's answer has nothing to do with today's problem.

-- Bill Gates

We cannot become what we want to be by remaining what we are.

-- Max DePree

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