



*Every Rotarian, Every Year*  
 District 7610 Foundation Newsletter  
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*Remembering our Service Men  
 And Women on Memorial Day!*



**The Race Is On.** Only four weeks left for clubs to meet their Foundation Goals. Congratulations and a BIG Rotary Thank You to the following clubs who, as of April 30, had achieved *per capita* contributions to The Annual Fund of:



**\$200 or more**

<u>Club</u>	<u>per capita</u>	<u>Members</u>			
Arlington	\$274.79	48	McLean	\$295.05	55
Bull Run	\$307.02	32	Middlesex	\$355.01	39
Caroline	\$845.31	16	Springfield	\$536.84	19
Charlottesville	\$200.44	57	Stafford	\$244.58	45
Fair Lakes	\$674.89	18			

**\$100 or more**

Alexandria	\$173.21	137	Mathews	\$107.76	50
Bailey's	\$120.91	54	Mt Vernon	\$148.42	19
Burke	\$186.90	21	Rappahannock	\$174.51	92
Crystal City	\$116.26	27	Reston	\$105.30	33
Dulles	\$138.41	39	Tyson's	\$137.12	33
Fredericksburg	\$140.91	77	Vienna	\$164.38	53
Louisa	\$131.27	19			

**Totals for the District: \$120.81    2163    \$261,301.03**

**Top Three Clubs in Per Capita Giving**

Caroline	\$845.31
Fair Lakes	\$674.89
Springfield	\$536.84

**Top Three Clubs in Total Giving**

Alexandria	\$23,729.75
McLean	\$16,227.50
Rappahannock	\$16,055.00

And I know that all clubs are working hard to meet their Foundation goals. **Thank you --- Thank you ---** for all of your support for those less fortunate at home and throughout the world. As a reminder, I know that some clubs wait until the last minute to send in their contributions. May I encourage you to please send in what you have collected to date from your members and then make a final contribution just prior to June 30? Thank you for your consideration and your continued support. Remember, The Rotary Foundation is another name for Hope, and you are The Rotary Foundation.

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

**C**ONGRATULATIONS! You are one FABULOUS district and you can be very proud of your accomplishments in support of The Rotary Foundation.

Figures as of April 30, 2007: \$261,302.03 in total giving to The Annual Fund. Last year this time our total was \$176,945.01 – a 47.7% increase – and District 7610 is #2 in Zone 33 in *per capita* giving with a total *per capita* of \$120.81.

Last year this time our *per capita* was \$81.47. Plus, we have only one club that has contributed nothing to TRF, but their check is in the mail. GREAT JOB DISTRICT 7610 ROTARIANS! GIVE YOURSELVES A HAND. You can be very proud of your accomplishments! And I know you all are still contributing in this Rotary Year. WOW!!



### Congratulations to our Newest Paul Harris Society Members



**Jack Weeks – Dulles**  
**Burt Lamkin – Herndon**  
**Hugh Hamilton – Vienna**  
**Bob Oveissi - Vienna**

### Congratulations to Our Newest Bequest Society Members!

**Gant Redman – Alexandria**  
**Ray Petnuinas - Alexandria**



**A**lexandria Rotary Club exceeds previous giving to The Foundation. On April 24, DGN Chuck Davidson with President Bill Jarrett and Foundation Chair Bert Harding presented the following recognitions:

**New Paul Harris Fellows:**

Craig Dyson  
Frank Fannon  
Katie Gekker

Art Keleher  
Cary Gray Kelly

Craig Miller  
Ed Willis

**Multiple Paul Harris Fellows:**

Joan Holden – PHF+1                      Carl Lay – PHF+2

**Bequest Society Members:**

Gant Redman                      Ray Petnuinas

**This Year the Club has Awarded:**

33 New Paul Harris Fellows

13 Multiple PHF

3 Bequest Society Members

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ALEXANDRIA CLUB  
FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING YEAR IN SUPPORT OF  
THE ROTARY FOUNDATION**





**A Conference Surprise.** Helen Keane, D7610 Executive Secretary, was presented a Paul Harris Fellow Recognition by RI President's Representative Greg Podd & DG Burt Lamkin. AG Ron Marion made this special gift to Helen for her outstanding work for the District.

**Fair Lakes Rotary Club Helps Provide Food & Medicine to War Torn Lebanon.** The Rotary Association in Lebanon met on August 2nd 2006 to review the impact of the war devastation on their country. The Association is composed of 20 Rotary Clubs and 12 Rotaract Clubs. They emailed a plea to all Rotarians in the World: Their Plea is "since July 12, 2006 almost one third of Lebanon's population has been displaced and is now living in temporary shelters with zero resources for crucial elements for survival such as clean water, food and medicine. The Country's public health system has been totally destroyed and many of the hospitals and clinics are not functioning. The Country infrastructure has been dismantled, road network has been disabled; and power plants water supply as well the total industrial sector has been demolished. The damage to the economy for a small country is billions." In response to the above plea from Rotary District 2450 --11 countries -- and under the leadership of the DGE Farid Gebran, the Rotary Club of Fair Lakes decided to help. We knew that our contribution was meager as compared to the magnitude of needs, but we remained determined to respond to their plea. We selected to support the purchases of food and medicine to Father Afif Osseiran Center. The Center houses children and teenagers who recently lost their family support due to the war. In addition the center also provides education, vocational training, mentoring and empowering those war victims with tools to earn career and dignity. On December 30, 2006 when the whole world was celebrating Christmas and New Year, the Rotary Club of Fair Lakes with the Rotary Club of Baabda, Lebanon, through their District Simplified Grant, delivered the food and medicine.



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**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE - May 2007 - Click here to subscribe to International Service Update:**

[www.rotary.org/programs/wcs/index.html](http://www.rotary.org/programs/wcs/index.html) The *International Service Update* provides news about World Community Service, Rotary Volunteers, and Rotary Community Corps, as well as information on disaster relief.

*Communities in Action: A Guide to Effective Projects*, Rotary's comprehensive resource for selecting, planning, implementing, and evaluating service projects, and *A Menu of Service Opportunities*, which includes information sheets on important social issues, have been revised. Order them as a kit (605-EN) from the *RI Catalog* or download them individually at <http://www.rotary.org/>.

*Community Assessment Tools*, a new online publication, is designed to provide clubs with some simple ways to evaluate needs in their communities and improve their service projects.

Learn more about these publications at [www.rotary.org/newsroom/programs/070304\\_serviceguides.html](http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/programs/070304_serviceguides.html)



**The great GSE Team from District 9250** – Botswana, Mozambique, Northern Republic of South Africa and Swaziland – visited us from April 7 through May 4. Team: Eugene van Wyk (RSA), Anya Chrissopoulos (Leader, RSA), Alson Ngoveni (RSA), Shaklain Ahmed (RSA) and Sharon Neves (Swaziland). Our D7610 is currently in D9250. They will return in early June. Give Chairman Lester Schoene a call or send an email to schedule one of these team members to speak to your club on their experiences as a GSE member.

**Lester Schoene, GSE Chair, Annandale RC, [lesterp@verizon.net](mailto:lesterp@verizon.net)**

## **Changing Lives One Bridge at a Time – with Rotary’s Help.**

On Jan 27<sup>th</sup> 2007 the Warrenton and Newport News Rotary clubs joined in partnership to travel to Peru to give support to the RI matching grant for the **“Peru Bridges to Prosperity.”** The primary purpose of the bridges program is to initiate training and establish instruction for the local population in these rural areas in the fields of engineering and masonry so that bridges can be built where ever needed for many years to come. The matching grant assists in building the initial bridge in partnership with the local community to facilitate this training, thus getting local people involved and trained so they can build bridges as needed in the future. The footbridges are needed particularly in the rainy seasons so that quality of life can be maintained. They provide a way for the locals to transport goods, primarily agricultural, for economic commerce and trade and also to shorten the sometimes unrealistic and dangerous distances that children have to travel in order to get to school or receive much needed medical care. The trip was highlighted by the wonderful reception we received from our host families from the La Molina Rotary Club in Lima and as far as an RI matching grant, “This is well worth supporting” said Jim Timberlake of the Warrenton Club. “Bridges to Prosperity” was founded in 2001 by Rotarian Ken Frantz in Virginia and has so far built, or is building bridges not only in Peru but Nepal, Indonesia, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras and Ethiopia.



**Jim Timberlake, Area Foundation Advisor, Warrenton RC, [timberlakev@aol.com](mailto:timberlakev@aol.com)**

## **Rotarians and many other groups help people in Afghanistan.**

Orchard International assisted with hand-knit clothing. Other donations were collected from Madeline Gunter-Wahrhaftig, the Islamic Association for Immigrants, Afghans for Afghans, the Special Knitting Forces and the American Friends Service Committee. Peace Buildings scheduled a Maersk container for the shipment to Kabul and TV coverage of the container being packer shipment. Paxton International assisted with clearing customs, and International Orphan Care paid all costs and coordinated



delivery and distribution. In Afghanistan, the World Conservation Society transported clothing to Pamir and



Wakhan, IOC distributed clothing in Jalalabad, Herat and to street children in Kabul (Sun Media of Toronto made a video of the distribution and published an article in the Toronto Sun), the Wardak Orphan Association distributed clothing in Wardak and Maidan Shar, the U.S. Military distributed clothing in Ghazni, Khost and Gardez, the French ISAF team distributed clothing in Salang (Shakar Dara and Charekar), and Future Generations distributed clothing in Bamiyan. So it goes, heartfelt thanks to everyone who lent a hand on behalf of these beautiful kids. Let's do it again.

These charming pictures were taken in Afghanistan this winter.

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## **C**lubs Empower Guatemala's Children with Books, Computers.

Rotarian Glenn Chamberlain has traveled to Guatemala 11 times since 2000. His annual visits are supporting a decade-old literacy project that is helping impoverished school children sharpen their reading and computer skills. A member of the Rotary Club of Ephrata, Washington, Chamberlain travels to the country's poor rural areas to identify schools that can benefit from the self-sustaining Guatemala Literacy Project, or GLP. Months later, he returns with a team of Rotarians and other volunteers to deliver the needed textbooks, computers, and other supplies. More than 260 Rotary clubs in North and Central America support the project, in partnership with the U.S.-based nonprofit Cooperative for Education. "We are targeting the Mayan population, who are the poorest of the poor," says Chamberlain, who is one of the project's coordinators. "The vast number of people living in the country have no electricity and indoor plumbing. Without literacy, they will never be able to have a better life." Torn by three decades of civil war, Guatemala has been suffering from one of the highest illiteracy rates in the Western Hemisphere. Since the GLP started in 1996, Rotarians and their partners have delivered more than 120,000 math, science, language, and social studies textbooks to about 23,500 Spanish-speaking students in 135 schools. The project has also established 17 mini-libraries and 16 computer centers, which are providing 8,700 high school students with the skills they need to secure technology-based jobs that will lift them out of poverty. The project's success has attracted other donors, including Microsoft, which in April presented a \$255,000 grant for computers and software. For project information: [www.guatemalaliteracy.org](http://www.guatemalaliteracy.org).



Rotarian Glenn Chamberlain (right) greets children at a school

Dean Golemis, Rotary World, Photos courtesy of Glenn Chamberlain



## Foundation Tidbits

**S**tafford Rotary - Free Lance Star reporter and Rotary GSE team member **Edie Gross** is blogging during her trip. The blog is posted on the newspaper's web page. Here's the link:

[http://fredericksburg.com/blogs/view?blogger\\_id=25](http://fredericksburg.com/blogs/view?blogger_id=25)

Edie is enjoying the trip and learning a lot about South Africa and Swaziland.

**D**istrict Simplified Grant Applications deadline for submission is **August 1<sup>st</sup>**. Check the district web site for a copy of the application and more information on the DGS.

**G**ive Now and Avoid the Last Minute Rush. Remember, reaching the APF goal is about more than dollars. **Every Rotarian** giving to the Foundation **Every Year** means meeting critical global needs such as immunizing more children against disease, providing safe drinking water to more people, and educating the next generation.

**R**otary Foundation Annual Report Survey. Please take a few moments to give us your feedback on this year's Annual Report. Your input is important to us and will help us to improve the report in the future. [Take the survey](#)



## Food for Thought

“The purpose of life is to be useful, to be responsible, to be compassionate. It is, above all, to matter, to count, to stand for something, to have made some difference.”

----Leo Rosten

“One hundred years from now, it will not matter what my bank account was, how big my house was, or what kind of car I drove. But the world may be a little better, because I was important in the life of a child.”

----Forest Witcraft

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