

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 six weeks left for clubs to meet their Foundation Goals. Congratulations and a BIG Rotary Thank You to the following clubs who, as of April 31, had achieved \$100 or more in contributions to The Annual Fund of TRF:



Club	per capita	Members			
Alexandria	\$100.10	140	Orange	\$100.00	26
Bull Run	\$192.50	30	Rappahannock	\$188.40	81
Burke	\$159.09	22	Reston	\$110.16	32
Caroline	\$229.61	18	Rosslyn	\$193.75	8
Charlottesville	\$170.59	68	Springfield	\$348.75	20
Crystal City	\$164.67	27	Stafford	\$129.02	46
Dulles	\$134.02	33	Vienna	\$115.74	54
Leesburg	\$151.89	53	Woodbridge	\$174.00	25
McLean	\$174.11	56			

Totals for the District: \$81.47 2172 \$176,945.01

Top Three Clubs in Per Capita Giving

Springfield	\$348.75
Caroline	\$229.61
Rosslyn	\$193.75

Top Three Clubs in Total Giving

Rappahannock	\$15,260.00
Alexandria	\$14,014.00
Charlottesville	\$11,600.00

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? This will make it so much easier for the Foundation staff to enter your contributions. When we wait until the last minute, it makes their job so very much harder and takes so much longer for us to know our final totals. 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@direcway.com

Congratulations to Our Newest Bequest Society Members!

Woody Bentley – Vienna
Magdalene Johnson-Obaji – Reston
Carole Maloney – Leesburg
Chuck Maloney – Leesburg
Ron Marion – Crystal City
Pat Rhoads – Herndon
Karey Starnes – Bailey's
Karen Wayne – Manassas
Marilyn Williamson - Dulles



Congratulations to our Newest Paul Harris Society Members



Jim Gates – Reston

John Holler - Dulles

T **Travis White Received The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service** for his many years of outstanding service to The Rotary Foundation and in recognition of his devoted efforts for the furthering of better understanding and friendly relations among peoples of the world. DG John McKone presented Travis with this prestigious award during the Governor's banquet at the district conference on April 29. Congratulations, Travis!



Our Visiting GSE Team from District 2230: Poland, Belarus & Ukraine

Jacek Telanga is working in the building materials trade. He is President of the Telenga Family Foundation, which helps promote young and talented people. He has two children, is a member of RC Lublin Centrum, and is a Paul Harris Fellow.

Tomasz Jarczyk is a specialist in forest planning for the Regional Management, State Forest in Olsztyn.

Renata Kotowska is employed in marketing and sales for Mercure Unia Hotel in Lublin, Poland. She also worked in sales and marketing for the Rico & Echveria Steel Factory in Zaragoza, Spain.

Piotr Luczynski is the Managing Director of a real estate agency. He previously worked as sales manager for a Jaguar/Land Rover dealership in Warsaw.

Karolina Marks is at Clark University, Massachusetts/Polish Branch in Łódź in a postgraduate 4-semester studies focusing on business communication including economic international relations, intercultural communication, public relations, strategic management and global marketing.

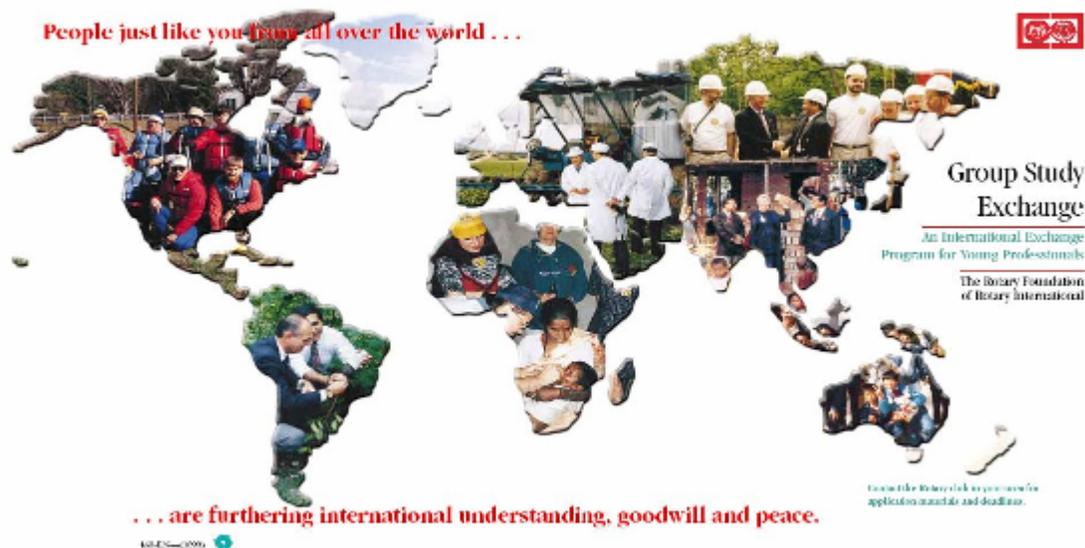
A great BIG thank you to all host families and clubs. Your involvement, thoughtfulness and helping to make these team members feel right at home with warm Southern hospitality make this exchange a huge success.

Lester Schoene, GSE Chair, Annandale RC, lesterp@verizon.net

Group Study Exchange. One of the most popular programs of The Rotary Foundation is Group Study Exchange. Since the first exchange between districts in California and Japan in 1965, the program has provided educational experiences for more than 44,500 business and professional men and women who have served on about 9,000 teams.

The GSE program pairs Rotary districts to send and receive study teams. Since 1965, almost US\$79.5 million has been allocated by The Rotary Foundation for Group Study Exchange grants. One of the attractive features of GSE is the opportunity for the visiting team members to meet, talk, and live with Rotarians and their families in a warm spirit of friendship and hospitality. In addition to learning about another country through visits to farms, schools, industrial plants, professional offices, and governmental establishments, the GSE team members serve as ambassadors of goodwill. They interpret their home nation to host Rotarians and others in the communities they visit. In recent years, teams of a single vocation or cultural group have been exchanged. Some GSE teams help create humanitarian projects between their countries. Many of the personal contacts blossom into lasting friendships.

Truly, the Group Study Exchange program has provided Rotarians with a most enjoyable, practical, and meaningful way to promote world understanding.



Bridges Project, a Huge Success. Our matching grant projects in Ethiopia and Peru have succeeded beyond our wildest dreams. The seed planted in Ethiopia has now bloomed into a much larger program run by locals. This year, for example, the program has signed agreements to teach and construct 30 bridges. In Peru, over 10 Rotarians are scheduled to visit and work in the program in the next year. Many of these visits will be done in an exchange format with the local sponsoring club. This summer, four bridges will be training sites and hence be completed in the high Andes. Finally, The Gloucester RC assisted me on a recent visit to Ethiopia to review the seeds planted there. This trip also included a sponsored medical clinic that treated 750 very sick villagers with imported USA drugs. Congratulations to D7610 and all of the clubs who have helped make this Bridges project such a huge success. The people of Ethiopia and Peru are very grateful.

Ken Frantz, Bridges project Coordinator, Gloucester RC, frantzk@cox.net

McLean RC eWheel Matching Grant. In 2005, McLean Rotary collaborated with Rotary Club Northeast of Guatemala City in an effort to provide volunteer surgeons with materials needed for surgery. Supplies are purchased in the US at below wholesale cost and dispersed by a McLean based non profit, Partner for Surgery, whose purpose is to bring the opportunity for surgery to the impoverished people of rural Guatemala. Through the Rotary grant, surgeons and surgical teams are given supplies necessary to ensure successful operations and through Partner for Surgery, these teams receive the patients they came to serve.



Partner for Surgery was started in 2001 by longtime McLean resident and Rotarian Frank Peterson and his son Todd. The idea to connect patients to volunteers was born during Todd's Peace Corps service, when he discovered large numbers of villagers who desperately needed surgery to correct operable problems such as hernias, club feet, cleft palates and blindness from cataracts. Without assistance, these people were unable to access volunteer surgeons because they were unaware of their existence, lacked funds, spoke no Spanish (just one of 22 Indian languages!) and perceived the hospital as a place to die. Partner for Surgery is the bridge between people who desperately need life changing surgery and the volunteer surgeons.

Supplies provided by Rotary in this partnership make surgical care available to badly disfigured children and young adults who, without our involvement would be severely disabled for the rest of their lives. The photos show Dr. Santiso and Partner for Surgery manager Rosario Barillas unpacking supplies and one of the patients in the pilot project, Santiago, smiling after his surgery.



But there is more to this story. Because of the generosity of Rotary International, Massachusetts based Barakat Inc. agreed to match the Rotary grant provided to Partner for Surgery. \$20,000 has generated another \$20,000 to help cover funds the expenses of Partner for Surgery. And, since the business model for Partner for Surgery is to collaborate with other organizations, over the past four and a half years every dollar Partner for Surgery spends on assisting the underserved rural Guatemalans with medical care has resulted in \$10 worth of services provided by others

In closing, some statistics: Partner for Surgery works primarily with Mayan Indians where 40% live in extreme poverty and are isolated by 22 different languages. Two thirds of the children are chronically malnourished and two thirds are stunted - factors resulting in Guatemala having the worst health statistics in Latin America. Working together, the McLean Rotary, Partner for Surgery, and cooperating organizations will make a difference in the lives of thousands of individuals, many of them children. For more information, please call **Bob Hahne – McLean RC - 703-790-5319.**



Oberle Interactors Help Rotaract Care for Orphans in Honduras. The students in the Gladys H Oberle School's Interact Club joined the University of Mary Washington Rotaract Club to help support the orphans in Honduras. Besides a cash donation, the Oberle School Interact Club gathered personal care items and small toys for the orphans. The students and their teacher, Ms. Sharp, made cotton bags for each one of the orphans and stuffed each of the bags with goodies.

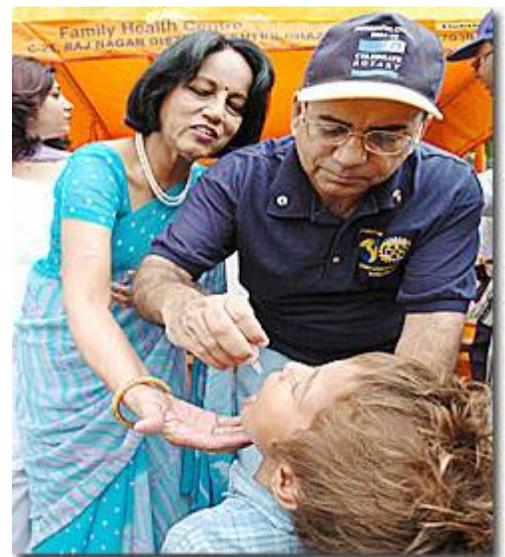
Shirley Heim, Interact Chair, Stafford RC, p.heim@att.net

May 16, 2005 – With two more endemic countries- Niger and Egypt- declared Polio free, the psychological pressure on India to finish the race is mounting. Indian Union Finance Minister announced that “to eradicate Polio completely from the country by 2007, a massive immunization program will be launched”. The Polio Plus program in India has seen some major successes with 33 of the 35 states no longer being polio endemic. The dream seems closer to being realized now and efforts are being stepped up at various levels to wipe the slate clean.

The years 2005 recorded an all time low of 66 cases spread across the country. Currently, in the early months of 2006, 16 cases have been reported so far from Uttar Pradesh and Bihar states, 12 and 4, respectively. Eight rounds of Polio Immunization have been planned for the current year with special attention being paid to UP and Bihar states. The India National PolioPlus Committee is utilizing its maximum resources in these two States and special meetings with political leaders, bureaucrats and religious leaders are being planned. Foreign Rotarians from across the World are constantly visiting India and volunteering their time, money and efforts for the polio eradication program in our country. With their presence in the field, enthusiasm amongst Rotarians and Government officials goes up several notches.

PROPOSED DATES FOR PULSE POLIO IMMUNIZATION

JUNE 25, 2006		
HIGH & MEDIUM BURDEN STATES		
UTTAR PRADESH	BIHAR	DELHI
WEST BENGAL		
PUNJAB	HARYANA	RAJASTHAN
MADHYA PRADESH		
GUJARAT	ORISSA	ASSAM
AUGUST 20, 2006		NATIONWIDE
OCTOBER 8, 2006		NATIONWIDE
NOVEMBER 25, 2006		NATIONWIDE



If you want to participate in one of the above POLIO NID'S please contact **Rotarian Surendra Bansal, Secretary of the Taj Hosting & Fellowship Society Agra, tajhostingsociety@sancharnet.in**



Foundation Tidbits

Permanent Fund's net assets as of 31 March 2006 were US\$188 million. The estimated expectancies to the Permanent Fund stood at approximately US\$303 million as of 30 April 2006.

Bequest Society. As of 30 April 2006, there were 4,828 Bequest Society commitments with an expected value of US\$ 202 million. This is an increase in April of 45 new commitments with a value of over US\$3 million. These commitments represent a significant percentage of the expectancies to the Permanent Fund.

Donor Advised Fund. As of 30 April 2006, there were 69 DAF accounts with a fair market value of US\$6.5 million. For additional information on The Rotary Foundation Donor Advised Fund, please visit daf.rotary.org

World Wide Figures: Major Donors - 7,512; Benefactors - 69,629; Paul Harris Fellows - 985,424

RI honors Alpha Oumar Konaré, chair of the African Union Commission (AU), with the Polio Eradication Champion Award in recognition of his commitment to polio eradication. The Polio Eradication Champion Award was established in 1995 to recognize governments and world leaders who have made outstanding contributions toward the goal of [eradicating polio](#). Past recipients include former U.S. President Bill Clinton, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, and Egyptian First Lady Suzanne Mubarak.

Rotary Artifact Discovered. A delegation from the Rotary Club of Chicago presented RI General Secretary Ed Futa with a special coffee set on 19 April. The set, which was originally presented to RI's first general secretary, Chesley "Ches" R. Perry, came into the club's possession many decades ago. But current members of the club — the world's first Rotary club — were unaware of its existence until it was discovered in the club's archives last year during preparations for an office move.

Think about this. You may not realize it, but it's 100% true.

1. At least 15 people in this world love you in some way.
2. A smile from you can bring happiness to someone, even if they don't like you.
3. You mean the world to someone.
4. You are special and unique.
5. When you make the biggest mistake ever, something good can still come from it.
6. Always remember the compliments you received. Forget about the rude remarks.
7. Take the time to let a great friend know that they are great.

Questions or information that you would like to see in this newsletter, contact Foundation Chair, Sandy Duckworth - sandraduckworth@direcway.com or call 540-361-1680