

*Every Rotarian, Every Year*  
**District 7610 Foundation Newsletter**  
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**October is Vocational Service Month.** During October, Rotarians are encouraged to focus on this essential element of Rotary. Discussions among clubs and districts on Vocational Service can lead to projects that not only develop the ethical consciousness and vocational skills of Rotarians but also the talents within their communities. Vocational Service month is an opportunity to begin year-long Vocational Service activities, ranging from Rotary discussions to awards to community projects.



**L.J. Moyer, Vocational Service Chair, Caroline RC - [c21class@aol.com](mailto:c21class@aol.com)**

**November is Foundation Month.** Plan now to have at least one Foundation Program during the month. Better yet, have a Foundation Program every week to celebrate The Rotary Foundation. Your District Foundation Committee stands ready to assist you. Seen here, a Foundation matching grant allowed Rotarians in Istanbul to provide the Beyazit Library with hundreds of books on cassette tapes to be dubbed onto CD and into MP3 format for the city's blind population. Rotary at work.



Twin brothers, both blind, use the books on tape

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**Fifteen Thousand Points Available for Match on November 1<sup>st</sup>.** Two generous D-7610 Rotarians have made available 10,000 (anonymous donor) and 5,000 (Nelda Mohr, Stafford RC, donor) points respectively to match Foundation contribution dollars for new or multiple Paul Harris Fellows\*. These points are available on NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> on a first come, first serve basis. The procedure is:

1. Club Foundation Chair to contact Roy Strohl, Annual Giving Co-Chair, via email: [lstrohl@umw.edu](mailto:lstrohl@umw.edu);
2. Indicate the number of matching points needed per donor dollar amount to make a new or multiple Paul Harris Fellow;
3. Roy 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 Roy: 540-654-1754;

6. If a check is used, send the completed 123 form and the check to Roy: 606 Camden Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22405-2033;
7. Upon receipt of the 123 form, Roy will complete the form by adding the matching points, signing the appropriate completed 123form 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.

**Roy Strohl, Annual Giving Co-Chair, Rappahannock RC - [lstrohl@umw.edu](mailto:lstrohl@umw.edu)**

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**Now is the Time. A Win-Win For All or How Your Club Can Become a 100% Paul Harris Club.**

Take advantage of these donated points to have EVERY MEMBER of your club become a Paul Harris Fellow. The very MINUTE that everyone has contributed to become a PHF, notify Brian King at TRF – [Brian.King@Rotary.org](mailto:Brian.King@Rotary.org) of the date specific when this occurred. Give TRF about three weeks to verify. During this three-week period do NOT bring in any new members. Once all members' contributions have been posted, your club will become a 100% PHF club. Also, the club president and the club secretary can double check this status by viewing the Club Recognition Summary through the Member Access Portal. Go for it --- and Good Luck! If you have questions, check with your Foundation Advisor or, of course, you can contact me.

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**Honorary and Memorial Gifts.** For Foundation month – or any time - consider honoring or memorializing a loved one or making a gift for a birthday, wedding, or holiday for the person who has everything. Contribute to TRF in that person's name and let your gift build a bridge of hope for those less fortunate all around the world. Your generosity can provide food for a hungry child, clean water for an entire village, medicines for the sick, and thousands of other good works in our global community. When you make an honorary or memorial gift, TRF will send a letter to the recipient or the recipient's family to let them know of your gift. The amount of your gift is not disclosed. We also will send an acknowledgment and tax receipt to you, the donor. To make your gift, make your check payable to *The Rotary Foundation*, complete Form 123-EN and give it to the appropriate person in your club for transmittal to TRF. Here is the web address for the form: [www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/123en\\_write.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/123en_write.pdf)



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

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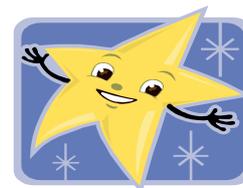


**NEED SPEAKERS? How about a Rotary Alumnus --- such as a former GSE team member or a scholar?** These folks are always appropriate as speakers but Foundation Month is a fabulous time to invite an Alumnus. For information on potential speakers, please contact me.

**Pat Williams, Alumni Chair, Herndon RC – [pat@gracefulcare.com](mailto:pat@gracefulcare.com)**

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## Congratulations to the following Foundation Stars



### The Rotary Foundation District Service Awards Presented at Foundation

**Banquet** - These awards were created by The Trustees to honor outstanding dedication and active service to The Foundation.

Gary A. Dehnel - Bull Run RC  
David Crandall - Gainesville RC  
Rich McCary - Dulles RC  
Scott Mills - McLean RC  
Ron Marion - Crystal City RC  
Woody Bentley - Vienna RC

Mary Shaffran - Crystal City RC  
Carole Green - Stafford RC  
Bob Hahne - McLean RC  
Deb Leeper - Caroline RC  
Maggie Johnson-Obaji - Reston RC  
David Danner - Tyson's RC

Tom Pocock - Fair Lakes RC  
Don Mohr - Fredericksburg RC  
Hugh Barton - Arlington RC  
Neil da Silva - Springfield RC  
Llew Samuel - Middlesex RC

### 100% Sustaining Member Clubs - 2006-07

Charlottesville

Gloucester

Springfield

#### Top Three Clubs in Per Capita Giving to The Annual Fund - 2006-07

#1 Caroline - \$944.067      #2 Springfield - \$647.37      #3 Fair Lakes - \$630.44

#### Top Three Clubs in Total Giving to The Annual Fund - 2006-07

#1 Alexandria - \$29,294.75      #2 McLean - \$26,612.50      #3 Rappahannock - \$25,465.00

#### Top Three Clubs in Total Giving to The Rotary Foundation - 2006-07

#1 Middlesex - \$109,195.41      #2 McLean - \$52,932.50      #3 Alexandria - \$39,961.75

## Our District Foundation Profile for 2006-07



Total Annual Giving - \$390,865	Per Capita - \$180.70	Total Contributions - \$588,271
New Major Donors - 8	New Benefactors - 28	New Paul Harris Fellows - 243
Sustaining members - 1,212	Volunteer Service Grants - 1	Matching Grants sponsored - 7

## District 7610 Ambassadorial One Year and Cultural Scholars Chosen.

Congratulations to the following applicants who have been nominated by District 7610 to Rotary International as our Ambassadors for 2008-2009:

- I) **Academic Year Ambassadorial Scholar Nominee:** Younes Michael  
**Jabbara**, Falls Church RC  
**Sponsor:** Mas Gross - Falls Church RC
- II) **Cultural Scholarship (3 Months) Nominees:** Eve Marguerite Montavon,  
Springfield RC  
**Sponsor:** Wayne Chiles - Springfield RC
- III) **Cultural Scholarship (3 months) Nominee:** April Lynn Umminger,  
Bailey's Crossroads RC  
**Sponsor:** Tom Tsui - Bailey's Crossroads RC



Mary Shaffron, Scholarship Chair, Crystal City - [mshaffran@astho.org](mailto:mshaffran@astho.org)



**Putting Poverty Out of Business.** One of the most promising modern remedies to putting poverty out of business appears to be very basic. It's called [microcredit](#), and its primary philosophy – helping people help themselves – is quintessentially Rotarian. This idea is being put to work through [Uniendo América](#), a microcredit program operated by Rotarians in Honduras. “In the beginning, CARE International showed us how to do micro banking,” says Julio Villalta, of the Rotary Club of Real de Minas-Tegucigalpa, who has been president of the Uniendo América board of directors since the program's inception. “We opened 12 banks with them.” Each bank has six to eight members. Bank members pressure each other to pay on time, because if one person falls behind, the others aren't allowed to take out new loans. Those who do pay get perks, such as secondhand clothes or toys for children – items that are often donated by Rotary clubs. Most loans are intended to help recipients build up an existing venture, so Honduran Rotarians also advise bank members on how to run a business. Because Uniendo América's operating banks in Honduras are self-sufficient, grant money, which usually comes from [Rotary Foundation Matching Grants](#), is used to start new banks. All seven members of Uniendo América's board of directors are Rotarians. So far, nearly 1,000 families have received loans. Interested in a matching grant for a microcredit project, contact:

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



**Contribute to PolioPlus Partners.** PolioPlus Partners allows individuals, Rotary clubs, and districts to support urgent social mobilization and surveillance projects submitted by Rotarians in polio-endemic, importation, and high-risk countries. In 2006-07, the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation allocated US\$1 million to match, on a first-come, first-served basis, cash contributions to PolioPlus Partners at a level of US\$0.50 for each \$1 contributed. Learn more about PolioPlus Partners on the RI web site: [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org).

\*All contributions to PolioPlus and PolioPlus Partners are eligible for Paul Harris Fellow Recognition.

#### What your gift can do

- A contribution of US\$135 will buy a bicycle to distribute vaccine to villages
- A contribution of \$250 will buy T-shirts to make health workers highly visible during a National Immunization Day
- A contribution of \$200 will buy 10,000 pamphlets to inform the public about an upcoming immunization campaign
- A contribution of \$1,000 will buy 700 vaccine carriers to ensure the oral polio vaccine is maintained at the correct temperature

Contact me if you wish more information on our Polio Campaign or on PolioPlus Partners.

George Atwell, PolioPlus Committee Chair, Caroline RC – [geofatw@aol.com](mailto:geofatw@aol.com)

**Part of the Mission Statement of The Rotary Foundation is:** "Enabling Rotarians to Advance World Understanding, Goodwill and Peace" and "Improving Health, Supporting Education and Alleviating Poverty". Rotarians believe that through person-to-person contact; through our strong Rotary Foundation educational and humanitarian programs that "Peace on Earth; good-will to all men, is not an idle dream but that Peace is Possible.

PDG Edward “Eddie” Blender, Edwards Rotary Club, D5470 - [EBlender@aol.com](mailto:EBlender@aol.com)

**Global Camps Africa** - The Rotary Club of Herndon, together with the Rotary club of Sandton, and with additional funding from The Rotary Foundation



through a matching grant, provided funds to help purchase a vehicle for use in supporting Global Camps Africa, a residential camp for HIV/AIDS affected children living in Soweto,



Africa. The vehicle provides needed transportation support for camp staff and children during the summer season. In addition, it provides support for the off-season ventures sponsored by the camp such as the weekly Kids Clubs that operate throughout the year. The vehicle is especially vital in providing reliable transportation to local medical facilities for minor unexpected injuries and illnesses that may occur at the camp. The aim of Global Camps Africa is to provide a happy, energetic environment to campers, with a focus on HIV/AIDS education and prevention. Campers also receive instruction in life skills, which include adolescence, abuse, sexuality and self esteem. The children learn that they have great control over their destiny. Armed with this knowledge, they can find a vision for their future. The children also form support groups that meet regularly and serve them well in confronting future challenges.

**Mani Fierro, Foundation Chair, Herndon RC - [manifierro@ourlaw.com](mailto:manifierro@ourlaw.com)**

## **The Rotary Club of McLean Awarded a \$49,000 Rotary Foundation Matching Grant**

to purchase surgical equipment to furnish two surgical suites and ancillary recovery rooms for the Centro de Salud Barbara surgical clinic in rural San Juan Sacalapequez, Guatemala. This project was made possible through the partnership of numerous organizations, each of which will play a vital role in delivering medical care to an indigent, rural population in Guatemala. The Guatemalan non-profit organization Companero en Salud and the Virginia non-profit Partner for Surgery, co-founded by McLean Rotarian Frank Peterson and his son, Todd Peterson, a former Peace Corps volunteer, will triage and select surgical candidates for the surgical teams. The surgical suites will be staffed by visiting surgical teams from North America. The Centro de Salud Barbara surgical clinic will be operated by the Francisco Marroquin Medical School, which will supervise the surgical teams. The equipment, purchased for US\$49,000, will have a retail value of more than US\$500,000. "That's a pretty good return on our club's investment of \$7,000 towards the Matching Grant," observed McLean's International Director Sam Agarwal. "The best news about this project, however, is the quality medical care that now can be delivered, uninterrupted, to more than five million rural Mayan natives of Guatemala who need it most," said Agarwal. Additional partners in the project include the Nordeste RC, Guatemala City, which is the Host Partner for the project; RI Districts 7610 and 5580, and the Perham RC, Minnesota, which is also contributing. The Perham Club also will join with members of the McLean Club to install the surgical equipment when it arrives in Guatemala. Thanks also are owed to McLean Rotarians Frank Peterson and Bob Hahne, who wrote the project grant and presented this international service opportunity to the Rotary Club of McLean.



Mothers & children wait outside a medical triage center

**Scott Mills, President, McLean RC - [smills@eblg.com](mailto:smills@eblg.com)**

## **An Open Letter From Our Peace Scholar, Kevin Melton.**

Greetings! I am still in Southern Afghanistan, the heat has actually started to dissipate and we can finally enjoy sitting outside. Amazingly (and knock on wood) Lashkar Gah has been pretty quiet in terms of violence lately. The military has said that the Taliban are using the city center, where we have our compound, as a resting ground and therefore not interested in attacking anything within the city. This of course does not stop us from taking all precautions as we can still hear the friendly reminder of the low flying helicopters off to fight just a few kilometers away. I also heard my first bomb go off in the city the other day when the Minister of Agriculture was visiting. I am in full fledged mode working as the Business Development and Support Training Manager. In layman terms, I am putting together Southern Afghanistan's first ever business training. Formal business is of course foreign to this region having been under the control of the Taliban and before that the Soviets. However, no one can claim that the people here have NO business experience. They run a multimillion dollar drug business from the poppy trade. My boss told me a story about an Afghan business student of his from the capital, Kabul that had asked for a business plan template. Reluctantly he was given one and he just quickly whipped something together without really understanding what it would take to put a business plan/strategy together. More importantly, he didn't understand how to run a business! Although the plan helped him get money from one of the local war lords, the business plan did not help to support the business and it went belly up in just under 3 months. Unable to pay back the money, the warlord kidnapped the man's two sons and drowned both of them. He also captured the man's mother and father, however, the man was able to find money from somewhere before his parents were murdered. That's how financing works here in Afghanistan. Reminds you how good your own credit is, huh?



In any case, there is a huge need to establish some formal business knowledge. There are actually 14 banks operating in Afghanistan, however, many of them do not have branches outside of Kabul. I am working to help link the program possibly with a finance program that could supply licit loans. My previous experience working in Southern Sudan has seen the benefits of micro-loans combined with proper business training... hopefully some of those results can be replicated here. I am close to wrapping up the materials for the course and will be off to Kabul for my last 5 or so weeks to train the trainers of this year long program. There will then be a long term training manager who will replace me to run the program after I depart.

The past 2 months have really opened my eyes on how development can be successful in a conflict environment. It's obvious that in a nation torn by years of conflict that there is still a big push to move towards a more comfortable and normal life. Even the warlords are interested in putting money back into business like helping to build housing, food processing plants, flour mills, etc... but a lot of them do not know how to build a formal business... so I will be curious to see what sort of ripple effect this training brings.

I can say that I am looking forward to coming back home... or at least being able to leave the walls of this compound. It's difficult to get away from work having to live, eat, and work in the same place. I'm looking forward to having any semblance of a social life again. It's not a complaint, since I know this is a once in a life time opportunity, but it's always nice to have something to look forward to. In my free time I've been working with my business back in Washington, and without jinxing anything, looks like things could be taking off rather quickly... stay tuned. Although we plan to overhaul our Internet site, you can find more information on the business here: [www.neuronglobal.com](http://www.neuronglobal.com). Please feel free to write back. It's not all the time you have the chance to contact Afghanistan! Best, Kevin (Melton) Skype:L meltonke

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**New Face of the RI Web Site.** Over the past year, RI has worked to streamline the Web experience while building a site that can accommodate future growth. As you'll notice, the menu been drastically simplified, allowing for faster browsing. The new site has undergone considerable structural changes, which involved consolidating and adding sections and moving pages. As a result, some links to old pages may not work. We've created automatic jump, or reference, links from old to new pages to help those who have bookmarked their favorite sections. Nonetheless, everyone should update their bookmarks to reflect the new URLs.



**Rotary Helps Cambodian Children Pedal Safely to School.** For poor children in developing countries like Cambodia, a simple used bicycle may represent the most efficient and safest route to an education. Schools are scarce in many parts of rural Cambodia, forcing students to walk long distances under harsh conditions. Stifling heat, poisonous snakes, and abandoned landmines are just a few of the hazards the children face. Fortunately, many of the country's most at-risk students soon will be able to get to school more quickly and safely thanks to members of the Rotary Club of Shin Fuji, Japan, who will provide more than 2,500 used bicycles to Cambodian schoolchildren over the next three years as the latest effort in an ongoing bike parts recycling project, *Donating Bicycles to Children in Cambodia*, launched in 2005-06. Satoshi Koyama, president of the of the Shin Fuji Rotary Club, says the idea developed after the club learned of a similar Rotary-supported project in Thailand, which involved Japan's Jitensha-Chushajo Seibi Center Foundation. On August 17, a 16-member Rotary delegation arrived in Cambodia to assemble 460 bicycles from parts shipped in July. On August 21, they presented the bikes to children at Sakura School in Sihanoukville. Anyone interested in supporting the project should contact the [Rotary Club of Shin Fuji](#) for more information. Or, if you would like to pt together a matching grant for a similar project in another part of the world, contact:



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**Once Divided, Two Sri Lankan Alumni Make Peace.** The first encounters between two classmates in the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies program were anything but cordial. From July through September 2006, Raveendra Pathiranage and Thevananth Thevanayagam participated in the program's inaugural session at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. For weeks, they argued about the long-standing conflict in their native Sri Lanka. "But we talked about our problems and gradually understood each other," says Thevanayagam, program manager for the Tamil Refugees Rehabilitation Organization in Sri Lanka, who was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Jaffna, Northern Province. "We erased the hard feelings and went on to What can we do to solve the problem? What can we contribute?" says Pathiranage, senior state counsel in the attorney general's office in Sri Lanka, who was sponsored by District 3220. He was especially moved by Thevanayagam's stories of children who had been orphaned or couldn't go to school. In November, when conflict forced the main road into the Jaffna peninsula to close, Pathiranage asked, "Theva, can I do anything?" Thevanayagam explained that the region was barely surviving on twice-monthly dry rations and many people, including his two young children and the rest of his family, were suffering from Chikungunya, a disease that causes high fevers, rashes, and joint pain. Pathiranage used some of his personal connections to get a month's supply of dry milk and medicine to Thevanayagam for his family. In June, the two men traveled together to the first Rotary World Peace Symposium in Salt Lake City, Utah, held just before the 2007 RI Convention, to see their former classmates. "The link between myself and Theva will be very important in the future to discuss the peace-related issues [in Sri Lanka]," says Pathiranage, who sees a direct connection between what he learned in the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies program and his work. This article originally appeared in the October 2007 issue of [RotaryWorld](#).



Pathiranage (kneeling, left) & T Thevanayagam

Dan Nixon, Rotary International News - 11 October 2007

**What Paul Harris Said About Rotary and Peace:** "I have no hesitation in saying that world peace could be achieved and made permanent if reared on Rotary's firm foundation of friendliness, tolerance and usefulness."

-- Paul Harris, 1940 Havana, Cuba Convention



**Rotary and Peace.** A great reminder for November, Foundation Month. Rotary promotes peace and international understanding through its educational and humanitarian programs.

- Rotary sponsors the largest privately funded international scholarship program in the world. Since its inception, about 34,000 students from 100 countries have become cultural ambassadors, and use the skills they have acquired from their studies abroad to help their communities. Each year, Rotary spends US\$20 million on this program.
- Rotary has teamed with seven universities around the world to offer a master's degree program in peace and conflict resolution. The program aims to provide the next generation of ambassadors and social leaders with the skills needed to prevent conflicts and promote peace.
- Rotary clubs initiate thousands of humanitarian projects every year — each child we teach to read, every adult we help learn a trade, and every community playground we build is another step toward bringing the world together.
- By addressing the underlying problems that create instability and trigger conflicts — hunger, poverty, poor health, and illiteracy — Rotary helps promote peace.

## Changing Lives



**Projects Database.** Reach out for help and build lasting relationships. Register a World Community Service Project. Build a well to supply a village with safe drinking water. Provide reconstructive surgery to a child with cleft lip and palate. Conduct a computer literacy training program for at-risk youth. Visit the World Community Service Projects Database to browse through a list of projects by area/country, type, cost and much more.

<http://www.rotary.org/en/ServiceAndFellowship/ProjectResources/ProjectsDatabase/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

**Seeing Again.** A Rotarian is presenting an elderly woman with a pair of dark glasses following cataract surgery. This project was supported by a Matching Grant.



**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.



## Foundation Tidbits

**The 2007-08 Edition of *Rotary Basics*, the annual guide to all things Rotary, is here!** The eight-page publication has been updated with new facts and figures for the Rotary year, and now boasts a more user-friendly look. Released each August, *Rotary Basics* helps clubs educate new and longtime Rotarians alike. It's also an excellent recruiting tool. Find it in the August issue of *The Rotarian* or download it from the Rotary Web Site: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)



A "**What Paul Harris Said**" message will be sent (free-of-charge) to you every other week and also to whomever you wish. Please register for this free service at: [www.historycomment.org](http://www.historycomment.org)

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## Food for Thought



“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 RI President Arch C. Klumph

“You have not fulfilled every duty, unless you have fulfilled that of being pleasant.”

-- Charles Buxton

“Great men are they who see that thought is stronger than any material force, that thoughts rule the world.”

-- Ralph Waldo Emerson

“If you have always done it that way, it is probably wrong.”

--Charles Kettering



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