

Every Rotarian, Every Year
 District 7610 Foundation Newsletter
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September is New Generations Month



Foundation Seminar – **The Best Ever.** Rave reviews and evaluations were commonplace during and after the Foundation Seminar on August 25. Great format!” “One of the better Foundation Seminars, worth a Saturday to expand knowledge.” “Outstanding speakers.” “I learned while having fun.” And many, many more. This success is thanks to those who attended and those who worked so hard putting it together. A great BIG THANK YOU to our Foundation Team and our special guests:

Ron Marion - Seminar Chair, Nelda Mohr – Registration Chair, Scott Mills, Carol Foley, Carole Green, and Lou Barnett, Committee Members

Gary Dehnel, Annual Giving Chair, for his fun and educational “Follow Your Contribution”

PDG George Atwell, Polio Plus Chair, for his annual update on the Polio Campaign

PDG Hogie Hansen, Rotary Zone 32 Regional Foundation Coordinator, for his excellent review of The Rotary Centers & World Peace Scholarship program; the Permanent Fund; & The Paperwork that Gets it Done

PDG Mike Thacker, Rotary Zone 33 Foundation Alumni Coordinator, overview of the Rotary Alumni Program, and the in-depth information on how to use the district data base

Nidhi Khosla, Rotary Peace Scholar Graduate, for her fabulous presentation on why she became a Peace Scholar and how it has impacted her life and her career.

Sara Menlove, GSE Team Member to Poland on how she got involved & the impact on her career

Edie Gross, GSE Team Member to South Africa on why her employer allowed her to go & her commitments

George Layne, Matching Grants Chair and his great panel for their review of how easy it is to get grants

Chuck Davidson, DGE and his super panel on ways to get Rotarians involved with giving to The Foundation

Hogie Hansen



Tom Thofinnson



Nidhi Khosla



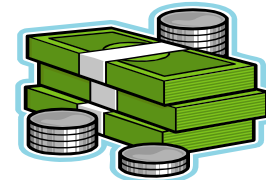
Mike Thacker



Sara Menlove



Matching Points Still Available. DG Travis has announced 10,000 points available for match at \$500 for a 500 point match. These points have been graciously donated by Vance Zavela. Anyone interested in receiving a match should have the club Foundation Chair complete a 123 Form for them and submit the form and donation (check or credit card) to: Roy Strohl, 606 Camden Drive, Fredericksburg 22405. If a credit card is used, fax the form to Roy at: 540-654-1067.



ROTARY DAY AT THE UNITED NATIONS. Join Rotary leaders and fellow Rotarians for [Rotary-UN Day](#) on 3 November in New York City. The day focuses on global humanitarian challenges and how the UN and Rotary are addressing them. Presentations and panel discussions will highlight water, health, literacy and hunger issues. If you decide to attend, consider developing a press release or letter to the editor for your local newspaper on [Rotary's History with the UN](#). Remember to share how your club is committed to UN initiatives, such as the [UN Millennium Development Goals](#). The event is hosted by the RI representatives to the UN in New York.

Congratulations to the Clubs who Received District Simplified Grant Monies:

The DSG Committee received grant requests in excess of \$33,000; however we only had \$25,000 so several requests had to go unfunded. As a reminder, the DSG monies are 20% of the total Annual Fund Share Contributions of three years ago. So, obviously, the more we contribute to The Annual Fund, the more monies are available for DSGs. Now is the time to donate your minimum gift of \$100 to become a Sustaining Member of TRF.



<u>Club</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Albemarle	Children's Dental Center Equipment	\$ 969
Alexandria	Teen Mother's Child Care Center	\$1,500
Annandale	Dictionary Project	\$1,500
Caroline	Handicapped Bus for County Residents	\$1,500
Centreville	Medical Equipment	\$1,396
Charlottesville	Reading for Blind/Dyslexic	\$1,500
Crystal City	Homeless Programs	\$1,500
Gainesville	Child Care	\$1,500
Gloucester Point	EKG Machine	\$1,500
Leesburg	Cambodia Water Project	\$1,500
Leesburg Day	Ghana Reproductive Health	\$1,000
Louisa	Dictionary Project	\$1,500
Manassas	Children's Wellness	\$1,500
McLean	Teen Shelter Meals & Mentoring	\$ 500
Mount Vernon	Post Operative Equipment Support	\$1,500
Springfield	Classroom Visual Social Project	\$1,500
Stafford	Playground Equipment	\$1,500
West Point	Reading Project	\$1,500
	Total	\$24,865

Begin now thinking about how your club can participate next year and visit our district web site for more information: www.Rotary7610.org or contact:

SuYong Min, District Simplified Grants Chair, Bailey's RC - Suyongmin@aol.com

McLean RC Partners with Others for a Win-Win for all concerned. Recently, the Rotarian magazine encouraged corporate partnerships. McLean took these calls to action to heart and just began



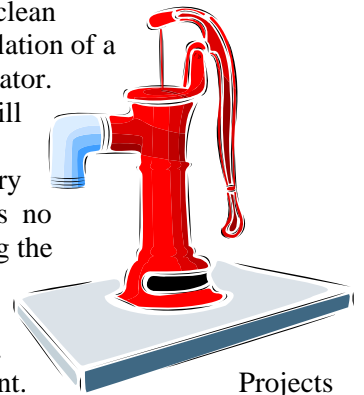
collaboration with Timber Lane Elementary School and Provident Bank. The Bank is underwriting our literacy project at the school, through which we give a book each quarter to children in Kindergarten and First Grade. Rotarians will come to the school each quarter and read to the students, and we will host a pizza party for the entire family of the kids after school to read to the kids. At the party, the parents--over 50 percent of whom do not speak English as their first language--will be given the opportunity to enroll in ESOL classes so they, too, can read to their children. We had thought we had applied for a DSG for this project, but later found out that the application was not received by email. As it turned out, not getting the DSG was a hidden benefit, because it caused us to seek funds from the bank in the amount of \$4,500!! McLean can attest to the power of partnering with other organizations and corporate underwriters.

Scott Mills, President, McLean RC - smills@ebg.com

Alexandria RC Reaches Out To Those less Fortunate Through Grants, including clean water, hunger, and literacy, in Africa, Eastern Europe and Central America. They encompass most of the continents in need except Asia. Rotary International allows only five matching grant programs at any one time, so the Alexandria Rotary Club is planning another Matching Grant Project in the Americas. It will in all likelihood deal with clean water and hunger. Our active projects are:

Africa - Water-Uganda-MG# 63661, \$15,500 Project. This project was approved in the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year, with the application submitted in 2006-2007 Fiscal year.

Purpose of Project. The construction of a well at the Orussi Health Center to provide clean water for patients and the local population. The project involves the purchase and installation of a bore hole well with two holding tanks, a generator and pump, and security for the generator. The generator must be covered, bolted down or otherwise protected. The well will supply the desperate need for water at the Orussi Health Center, which caters to 1,000's of local patients. Presently during the dry season, health center personnel must carry water from the river more than a mile away, and it is not clean water. There is no transportation and often the ill or injured must be carried on bicycles to the river. During the rainy season, water is collected in two tanks to serve the patients at the Health Center. There is a large population in the area and no hospital. Nebbi is a district in north-western Uganda, named after main commercial and administrative center, Nebbitown. Population of the district is 450,000, with little or no governmental rural development.



Projects such as the well will be possible only through help from the outside world. The health center is in NW Uganda, close to Sudan and the Congo and has had many operational and political problems. Health care is managed by Catholic Nuns, "who serve the entire region regardless of religion." The center was established by an Italian group and created to be self sustaining with local dollars with no further support. A local Catholic order supplies the medical personnel. The well will also serve the Nebbi community along with the health center.

Africa - Hunger-White River-MG# 63082, \$23,314 Project. This project was approved in the 2006-2007 Fiscal Year and the Project is under way.

Purpose is to purchase a fully completed, open-sided large Gazebo, so it could provide an assembly and eating area for 1,000 children in Maphakama Primary School. The eating area would provide a protected environment in which the school children could be served food provided by a feeding scheme. The beneficiaries will be the 1,000 children, the majority of who come from very poor families (unemployment in the area is about 60%) and who are not fed adequately at home. Currently the food is served, and consumed, out in the open, at the mercy of the elements, whether it is the hot sun (the school is in the sub-tropics), wind or rain. The school grounds are bare and unpaved and there is consequently a huge amount of dust swirling around in the dry season, with a mud bath created when it rains. A Gazebo with pavement in the area would give the children protection from the elements and provide a more hygienic and



Site of Gazebo between classrooms

environmentally-friendly environment in which the food can be served and eaten.

Haiti - Water-MG# 63781, Phase 1 is a \$14,450 Project with Herndon and was approved in the 2006-2007 Fiscal Year. Purpose

is to fix and improve the present water system and refurbish many of the pumps that serve the population of Pignon, Haiti. The Rotary Clubs of Alexandria, Herndon, Pignon, and the Community Coalition for Haiti (CCH) are sponsoring this project. The overall Haiti water project will be undertaken in three phases. In the country of Haiti, less than 40% of the population has access to unpolluted water and protein sources are very limited. Existing wells tend to be contaminated by surface water, and rivers are shared by livestock, laundry, and contaminated run-off from the community. There is no system for water distribution other than 5-gallon buckets carried on the heads of the locals. Phase 1 is to repair and protect the watershed for the town of Pignon, Haiti and to bring potable water to the town of approximately 10,000 inhabitants in the northern plateau region of Haiti. The Phase 1 process is to purchase fruit and forest trees to plant on two hectares of land that feeds an existing system of springs. The springs currently feed a small pumping station as well as open flow available to the people. The reforestation is required to ensure that rainfall in the watershed area is captured into the ground rather running downstream, as at the present time.



Europe – Lithuania - Literacy- MG# 61709, \$25,000. This project was approved in the 2006-2007 Fiscal Year.

Purpose is the development of a Literacy Project requiring: (1) assistance in transferring the education process from a totalitarian regime to a free enterprise system, (2) the purchase and installation of computers in Lithuanian classrooms to assist in this process, (3) distribution of curricula and computer software instructing free enterprise and the English language, (4) assisting in character building, and (5) assistance for underprivileged and special needs children. Two other Rotary Clubs, the Kaunas and Ukmerge Rotary clubs, have committed to joining the Kauno Tauras and Alexandria Virginia Rotary Clubs in fulfilling this project. Many education systems and computers are old, were purchased second-hand, and are not Internet capable. Many school libraries are old and do not have the latest books and magazines instructing latest technologies. Indeed,



Alexandria Rotarians with Mayor of Kaunas

Government assistance is imperfect and lacking while much work needs to be done on the school infrastructure. Basic needs such as heat in the long winters are also lacking with mounds of firewood needed to heat the schools. A literacy project is paramount in instructing children the basics in succeeding and avoiding non-productive activities. The turn to computers, computer programs, and software is to stir pride in Lithuanian teachers and an interest in their students. To get the children to participate in creative functions after school hours is also a goal. At present, teachers contribute significant gratis work to try to teach worthy goals to their students. Our Rotary project has created an excitement in the community. By working with other Lithuanian Rotary Clubs and with teachers and politicians, The Rotary Club of Alexandria intends to further enhance the community impression of the necessity of Literacy. The participating Rotary Clubs have garnered the support of the Mayor of Kaunas and the Governor of



the Kaunas Region and have received much recognition during their Volunteer Service Grant Trip. The first objective is to obtain computers and books for the poorest, underprivileged, and/or handicapped children of Lithuania. Knowledgeable Rotarians will train teachers in computer applications so that they may instruct their students in computer use, and “Office” applications, which would include mathematics, writing, and presentations (Microsoft Office). The amount of granted computers will depend on the cost of computers and their available funds. By undertaking this primary Literacy plan of action, The Rotarians hope to fulfill our secondary objective of camaraderie and fellowship with each other. Future visits from Rotarians in District 7610 to Lithuania are possible, and

visits by Lithuanian Rotarians to District 7610 are in the planning stages for future projects. The Host and International partners have built up a close relationship with the Kaunas school systems and are attuned to the needs they are expressing (e.g. need for educational tools, computer programs, curricula development, and computer instruction).
Ray Petniunas, Internatioanl Chair, Alexandria RC - petniunas.urb@verizon.net



Open Letter of Thanks to the Dulles Rotary Club.

“WE DID IT!!! THANK YOU’LL SO MUCH!! Words cannot describe my emotions when I arrived to the village and saw the huge machinery in action. Women were chanting, dancing, and singing raucously. Many appeared shocked that a borehole was actually being drilled. With the help of the local Head teacher and Headman, the pertinence for a borehole was highlighted. Upon the drilling of the borehole; I was able to video how they site for water, Mr. Mphande explaining the borehole with

the maintenance manual, the borehole menders with the tool kits and how they plan on maintaining the borehole. And initially the water was a little murky which is normal immediately after drilling. On a cultural note, Zambians particularly women are very shy and non-expressive when having their pictures taking, but don’t worry I can assure you they were elated. Well I’m officially done in the village. I actually left the day after the borehole was completed. So I personally owe you’ll a huge thanks. There is no way I could have envisioned a more rewarding finish to my two year Peace Corps experience. Truly was exhilarating! Thanks again! This truly felt like a once in a lifetime experience for me and I will forever be grateful for that. You’ll should be very proud and know that you’ve made a huge difference in the lives of many. Again, words cannot describe how grateful the villagers are.”
Chad “Phiri” Conaty, Member Peace Corps.

Georgia Graves, President, Dulles RC - georgia.graves@bridgemancom.com

Workplace Giving – Another Win-Win for all Concerned. If your employer offers a payroll deduction program benefiting charities, you may be able to select The Rotary Foundation as your charity of choice. All contributions made through the workplace campaigns are directed to the Foundation’s Annual Programs Fund.



Combined Federal Campaign — Government Campaigns. For federal, state, and many municipal employees, The Rotary Foundation participates in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). On your workplace giving form, the Foundation’s CFC number is 0350.

International Service Agencies Campaigns (ISA). The Rotary Foundation participates in the International Service Agencies Campaigns. On your workplace giving form, use number 0350.

United Way. If your workplace works only with United Way, check to see if The Rotary Foundation is represented in your area. If it is not represented, many local United Way agencies allow donors to specify a charity under the "donor option" line on your campaign giving form. Write in The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. Many United Way agencies also work in conjunction with the International Service Agencies campaigns. If your company does not have a workplace giving program, please ask your human resources department to contact the Vice President of Business Development at International Service Agencies at 800-638-8079 or visit the International Service Agencies Web site at www.charity.org.



Corporate Matching Gifts – Another Win-Win for all Concerned.

Matching gift programs are a fundamental source of corporate support for The Rotary Foundation. As a benefit to employees, companies can increase the impact of their employees' gifts to the Foundation and to other charitable organizations by matching employees' contributions. Thousands of companies match employee gifts 1:1; some companies even make contributions for as much as five times an employee's gift. Most corporations have guidelines that the non-profit organization and employee must meet before a contribution can be matched. Your company's benefits or human resources department can give you more information about its matching gift program and should also have the necessary forms to complete. Many corporations will also match gifts made by retirees, spouses of eligible employees, and directors.

Mail your company's form along with your contribution to The Rotary Foundation. We will verify that your gift has been received and return the form to your employer. For more information, contact your human resources department or the Foundation's Annual Giving Senior Supervisor by phone at 847-866-3352 or by [e-mail](#). Click here: [Find out if your company participates in a Matching Gift Program.](#)

Changing Lives



Rotary in pictures. Rotary transports you to faraway places, introduces you to unforgettable people, and compels you to take on ambitious projects. It's a venture and a challenge, the kind of experience that deserves a second look. Begin your journey through some of the most enduring moments of 2005-06. [View photos](#)



Room to Grow. A Youth Exchange student finds sanctuary from the bitter aftermath of war in Bosnia-Herzegovina. [View photos](#)



One-year-old Masuma Hmod patiently endures a follow-up visit after undergoing heart surgery in Chicago in September. Rotarians helped bring the Iraqi girl to the United States for the lifesaving procedure.

The Mean Season. 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. In rural Niger, grain banks like this provide an oasis of aid during the hunger season. A Matching Grant from The Rotary Foundation is funding new grain banks for 10 villages.





A youngster receives a food ration at the center. In August, UNICEF reported that malnutrition levels for children under five are "beyond critical." One in five won't reach their fifth birthday.



The Lost Generation. In the verdant, rolling hills of South Africa's 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. [View photos](#)

Child-headed households are becoming all too common in KwaZulu-Natal. Young children, many of them orphans, bring their younger brothers and sisters to Sicelekuhle preschool. Before the school opened, these children had nowhere safe to go. Learn how you can help South Africa's AIDS orphans face a brighter future at www.rotarysoulofafrica.org.za.



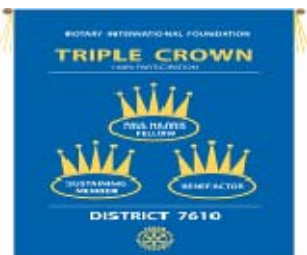
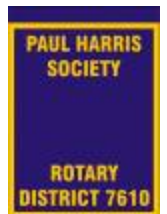
Foundation Tidbits

Committee Chooses Frank Green to Lead the Group Study Exchange Team to Brazil, District 4710 – State of Paraná. The GSE committee, Chaired by Lester Schoene of the Annandale RC, met in August to choose the Team Leader for our exchange with Brazil. There were several great applicants, making the decision very difficult. Frank Green is a member of the Falls Church RC and a past president of that club. He is married to Zoe, a native of Brazil. Frank speaks fluent Portuguese and will make a great team leader. Thanks to all Rotarians who applied for the leader position.



D G Travis White unveiled new banners at the Foundaton Seminar on August 25.

The fabulous Paul Harris Society Banner to be presented to each club who has Paul Harris Society members. Note there is space for many PHS members. The banner will be approximately 18" x 26" and the names of each Rotarian will be on a gold name plate with black writing.



The beautiful Triple Crown Banner to be presented to each club who achieves the following:

- 100% Paul Harris Fellows
- 100% Sustaining Members
- 100% Benefactors

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Polio Just a Plane Ride Away. Click here for information:
www.rotary.org/newsroom/programs/070809_polio_outbreak.html



Online tool kit helps turn schools into literacy stars. In honor of International Literacy Day on 8 September, Rotary International and the International Reading Association developed *Every School a Star*, a Web-based resource designed to help Rotary clubs and reading councils carry out literacy projects. The kit includes examples of successful club literacy projects, needs assessment questionnaires, and a teachers' wish list. You'll also find links to contact information, resources, and service opportunities, as well as guidelines for working with local Rotary clubs and reading councils. There are four categories: donations/funding, education/awareness, literacy events/celebrations, and volunteers/mentor. [Download the kit now.](#)

Food for Thought



“Love is mightier than hate. Give it one-half the advertising that hate has had, and there will be no more war.” --- *The Rotarian*, February 1924

“Business affords most men their one best chance of rendering efficient service to society and of doing their part in the world’s work.”

--- *The Rotarian*, February 1913

“Dream as if you’ll live forever . . . Live as if you’ll die today.”

---James Dean

“It all boils down to those who really care, and those who really don’t.”

--- Dan Zadra

“There is no such thing as “them and us.” In a world this size there can be only ‘we’ ---all of us working together.”

--- Don Ward

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