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A NEWSLETTER FOR ROTARY LEADERS

EMBRACE DIVERSITY TO KEEP ROTARY STRONG



RI PRESIDENT D. K. LEE

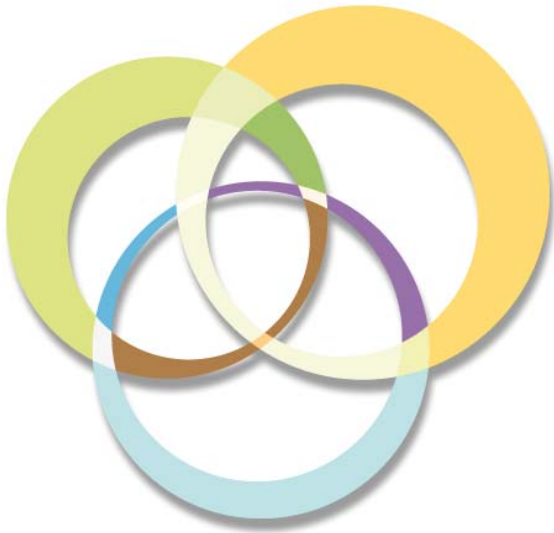
For those of us who have been Rotarians for many years, the benefits of membership are obvious. Our weekly club meetings provide us with a welcome opportunity to see good friends; our projects give us the satisfaction of serving others.

Club and district events are marked on our calendars months in advance and greatly anticipated. It is difficult for us to imagine a life without Rotary. It is also difficult for us to imagine why anyone would not want to be a member — or why anyone would choose to leave.

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**“WE ARE NOT,
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It is important to remember that Rotary is a diverse organization of 1.2 million members, in over 200 countries and geographical areas.

Just as every club and district has its own distinct personality, so does every Rotarian — and every potential Rotarian. We are not, and should never become, a homogeneous group. And so we must be aware that there may be many excellent candidates for membership who may be different from us.

They may be of a different age or profession, come from a different background, or live in a different neighborhood from most members of our own clubs. But this is all the more reason to offer an invitation to visit a club meeting.

If you know of someone who you consider to be a qualified candidate but not a good "fit" for your club, perhaps it is time to reconsider.

What benefits might that individual bring to your club? And, just as important, how can your club become more welcoming to that individual?

Every year, as the population of the world grows, the need for Rotary service grows with it.

If we are to continue to *Make Dreams Real*, we must all embrace the responsibility of keeping Rotary strong.



Dong Kurn Lee





POLIO

After 20 years of hard work, we (Rotary and its partners) are on the brink of eradicating this tenacious disease, but a strong push is needed now to root it out once and for all. It is a window of opportunity of historic proportions.

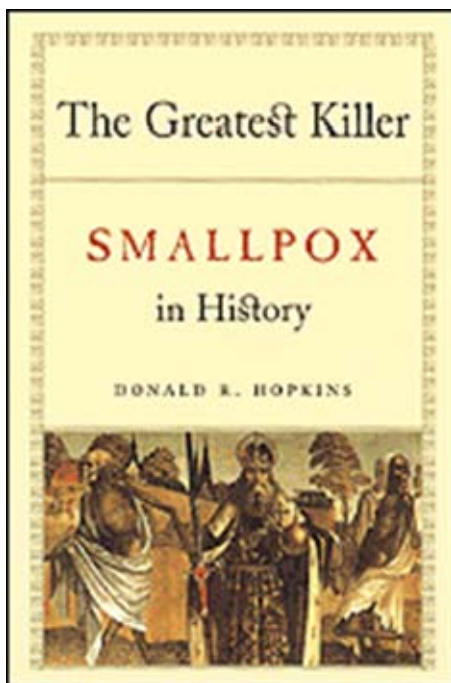
As long as polio threatens even one child anywhere in the world, children everywhere remain at risk. The stakes are that high.

Your contribution will help Rotary match a \$100 million challenge grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The resulting \$200 million will directly support immunization campaigns in developing countries, where polio continues to infect and paralyze children, robbing them of their futures and compounding the hardships faced by their families.

ROTARY'S US\$ 100 MILLION CHALLENGE, A THREE-YEAR FUNDRAISING COMMITMENT, IS THE ROTARY FOUNDATION'S RESPONSE TO THE \$ 100 MILLION GRANT FROM THE BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION TO HELP ERADICATE POLIO. EVERY DOLLAR GIVEN TO POLIOPLUS DURING THE NEXT THREE YEARS WILL BE COUNTED TOWARD THE \$ 100 MILLION MATCH.

SMALLPOX: THE THIRTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF GLOBAL ERADICATION AND LESSONS LEARNED FOR THE ERADICATION OF POLIO

THE GLOBAL ERADICATION OF SMALLPOX IN 1977 RANKS AS ONE OF THE GREATEST TRIUMPHS IN MEDICINE.



The eradication of smallpox represents one of the greatest accomplishments in modern medicine, science and public health.

Today, 31 years after the last patient was diagnosed and treated, we celebrate the hard work and dedication of scores of workers around the world who contributed in the global eradication effort.

Smallpox has always been feared. A serious, contagious, and sometimes fatal infectious disease, it was known to kill up to 30% of its victims and to leave numerous others pitted with scars for life. There was no vaccine or treatment until the end of the 18th century, when Edward Jenner invented smallpox vaccination, and the idea of vaccination itself.

While the disease was largely controlled in Europe and North America by the mid-20th century, *it took a concentrated, worldwide effort combining mass vaccination with close surveillance over many years to finally stamp out the disease.*

The last case of smallpox in the United States was in 1949, and the last naturally occurring case in the world was in Somalia in 1977.

Global Eradication Initiative

The initial eradication campaign was based on a two-fold strategy:

- Mass vaccination campaigns in each country, using vaccine of ensured potency and stability, that would reach at least 80% of the population.
- The development of surveillance systems to find cases





and outbreaks so that more focused containment measures could be implemented.

Surveillance and Containment

It was possible to have a great impact on smallpox transmission even in areas where overall vaccination coverage was low by using a strategy called surveillance and containment, or ring vaccination. This strategy became the key strategy in the global eradication program.

The principle behind this strategy was to:

- identify cases of smallpox,
- vaccinate their household and other close contacts, and then
- vaccinate the close contacts of the primary household and close contacts to the case.

If the primary contacts developed smallpox despite vaccination, their close contacts would already be protected and the chain of transmission would have been broken.

Special surveillance teams were recruited and trained to search for smallpox cases and vaccinate their contacts. They visited each health unit in an area of endemic smallpox to ensure that each week the health officer submitted a report indicating the number of cases seen. When cases were reported, the teams worked with local health staff to find additional cases and to contain the outbreaks by vaccinating the contacts.

Although setbacks occurred, this surveillance and containment strategy proved to be the strategy that finally brought about the eradication of smallpox throughout the world.

Surveillance and containment is now working well towards the eradication of polio.



**WHAT DOES
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MEASLES RETURNS

There has been an upsurge of measles cases in the United States, mostly because of parents' misguided fears of vaccinations. The number is still relatively small — but climbing.

In the first seven months of this year, 131 cases were reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than during the same period in any year since 1996. No deaths were reported, but at least 15 patients were hospitalized.

Most people have forgotten, but measles was once an uncontrolled scourge that infected three million to four million Americans annually. Victims typically suffered a rash, fever and diarrhea, but severe cases could lead to pneumonia or encephalitis. In bad epidemic years, some 48,000 Americans were hospitalized, 1,000 more were chronically disabled, and 400 to 500 died.

Then the development of effective vaccines and compulsory vaccination of schoolchildren drove the disease to the sidelines. Health authorities declared that measles had been eliminated from the United States in 2000. Only a few score cases have been reported annually in recent years, mostly imported from abroad.

Nearly all of the outbreaks this year were triggered by a mere 17 travelers or foreign visitors who contracted the virus abroad. The alarming wrinkle this year is that, once the virus is imported, it seems to be spreading to more people than before.

British health officials said recently that measles had again become endemic in that country for the first time since the mid-1990s due to par-

Despite the availability of a highly effective vaccine, measles causes one million deaths annually and accounts for more child deaths than any other vaccine-preventable disease. One out of every 10 deaths in children less than five years old is caused by measles, a preventable disease.





ents declining to get their children vaccinated.

"The primary reason for lack of vaccination is personal belief exemptions," the CDC's Dr. Larry Pickering told a news conference arranged by the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases. "Until better global control is achieved, cases will continue to be imported into the United States and outbreaks will persist as long as there are communities of unvaccinated people," Pickering said.



Outbreaks have occurred among home-schooled children who escaped the compulsory school vaccinations, and among children whose parents oppose vaccination, for philosophical and religious reasons or fear that the combined measles, mumps and rubella vaccine is dangerous. Many fear that the vaccines cause autism, a theory that has been thoroughly debunked by multiple studies and by authoritative medical organizations.

The PolioPlus Campaign in many areas of the world now includes measles immunization and the distribution of long lasting insecticide treated bed-nets

Israel, Switzerland, Austria, Italy and Britain are reporting sizable outbreaks of measles among populations that have refused vaccination. Although vaccination rates remain high in this country, some experts fear that they may be starting to drop.

Because it is so contagious, measles is one of the first diseases to reappear when immunization coverage declines. If confidence in all vaccines were to drop precipitously, many diseases would re-emerge and cause far more harm than could possibly result from vaccination.

Rotarians and PolioPlus set the stage to make great things happen via the ROTARY MODEL..
The methods pioneered by Rotarians for PolioPlus have been applied to Measles and Mosquito net distribution
Oral Polio Vaccine, measles vaccine and Insecticide treated nets (ITNs) via the Rotary Model saves children's lives!



TRF Staff Carol Pandak

A HISTORIC TIME FOR ROTARY ERADICATING POLIO

This is a historic time for the Rotary International as we enter in to a funding partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. On 26 November, it was announced that the Gates Foundation awarded The Rotary Foundation a US\$ 100 million challenge grant which Rotary will match dollar-for-dollar over three years.

**GLOBAL
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OUR GRASP**

The Gates Foundation made this grant to Rotary because they believe in the integrity of The Rotary Foundation, the work of PolioPlus, and that global polio eradication is feasible.

Everyone is encouraged to take a deep breath and savor this moment. Plans for raising the matching funds are being finalized now and will be shared with Rotarians very soon.

While you contemplate what the grant means for PolioPlus, I encourage you to continue to support PolioPlus Partners this Rotary year. Currently, there are eight PolioPlus Partners projects in four countries that require US\$2.4 million in funding. Your fellow Rotarians still need your support to help them implement critical social mobilization and surveillance activities in support of polio eradication. Contributions to PolioPlus Partners will be matched \$.50 for every \$ 1.00 contributed up to \$1.5 million. These contributions will also count towards matching the Gates Foundation grant.

Global polio eradication is within our grasp. The new funding partnership with the Gates Foundation will help us move even closer to our goal by providing an injection of urgently needed funding. Let's celebrate the moment, continue to support PolioPlus Partners this year, and then get down to the business of raising the matching funds.



Major gains have been made in the global fight against polio:

- In the 1980s, 1,000 children were infected by the disease every day in 125 countries. Today, polio cases have declined by 99 percent, with fewer than two thousand cases reported in 2006.
- Two billion children have been immunized, five million have been spared disability, and over 250,000 deaths from polio have been prevented.
- Major Gains? Eradication? More Major Gifts are needed now!





WHATEVER THE MIND OF MAN CAN CONCEIVE AND BELIEVE, IT CAN ACHIEVE.

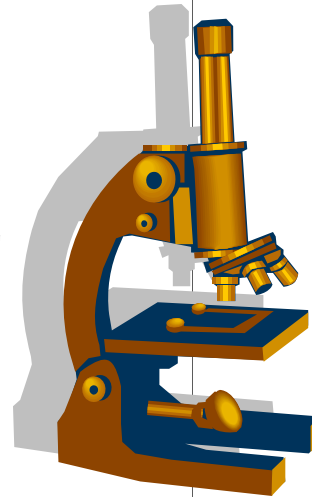
W. Clement Stone

WHAT IS REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE GLOBAL POLIO CERTIFICATION?

ACHIEVING CERTIFICATION STANDARD SURVEILLANCE*

In endemic regions

- Achieve and sustain certification standard surveillance for acute flaccid paralysis (AFP) at the national level.
- Identify and close any gaps in surveillance performance at the sub-national level in all countries.
- Increase the speed of surveillance and virologist data analysis to ensure timely emergency response.



In certified polio-free regions

- Maintain certification-standard surveillance for acute flaccid paralysis
- Ensure highest possible immunity levels against wild poliovirus
- Develop action plans for responding rapidly to importations of wild poliovirus
- Integrate AFP reporting into national surveillance mechanisms to respond to other important diseases

*WHAT IS CERTIFICATION STANDARD SURVEILLANCE?

1. the ability to detect at least one case of non-polio acute flaccid paralysis (AFP) for every 100 000 children under 15 years of age
2. two adequate specimens collected from at least 80% of cases of acute flaccid paralysis
3. all specimens should be processed at a WHO accredited laboratory.



HELP MEET THE CHALLENGE

- Rotarians and friends of Rotary can be part of the legacy of achieving a polio-free world by contributing to Rotary's US\$ 100 Million Challenge at www.rotary.org/endpolio. Be sure to include a link to the site on your club and district Web sites and publicize it at fundraising events.

- New! Promote Rotary's challenge with *End Polio Now Buttons* (988), available in lots of 100 for US\$50.



- Encourage support for Rotary's challenge through distribution of *Rotary's US\$ 100 Million Challenge Brochure* (986), which describes to Rotarians and non-Rotarians Rotary's commitment to finish polio. Available free in nine languages.

- Encourage participation in Rotary's challenge by displaying *Rotary's US\$ 100 Million Challenge Poster* (987) at Rotary meetings, fundraisers, and other events. Available free (limit two per order) in nine languages.

The above tools can be ordered online at shop.rotary.org, from RI Publications Order Services (e-mail: shop.rotary@rotary.org; phone: 847-866-4600; fax: 847-866-3276), or from the international office serving your area.





TRF PROGRAM PARTICIPATION



*Eddie Blender, Editor,
Our Foundation*

I recently had the opportunity to visit one of our Rotary Peace Centers and spoke with some of our Rotary World Peace Fellows

I was interested how they learned of the Peace Fellowships and their opinion of the scholarship process.

In those that I interviewed many learned of the availability of the scholarships from others outside of Rotary. In fact one student had a great deal of difficulty "convincing" a local club to sponsor her. The reason? The club was concerned with how they could ever pay the cost of the World Peace Fellowship.

That's not unusual. Although the strength of Rotary emanates from the club level—Rotary leadership sometime fails to deliver adequate Rotary

Foundation information to the average club Rotarian.

Do Rotarians understand that every district can participate in a Group Study Exchange at no cost to them? Do they know that many Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships are available to low income countries (at no cost)?

Do they realize that every district in Rotary has the opportunity to nominate as many qualified Rotary World Peace Fellows as they wish - even if that district had made no financial contributions to TRF?

TRF leadership must continue to reach and teach our membership the power of the Foundation. Greater knowledge equates to continued growth and greater support for our programs.

EVERY DISTRICT IN ROTARY HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO NOMINATE AS MANY QUALIFIED ROTARY WORLD PEACE FELLOWS AS THEY WISH

THE OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN MANY TRF PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE REGARDLESS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDRAISING



TAX-WISE TIPS FOR YEAR-END GIFTS

WITH
PLANNED GIVING,
DONORS HAVE A
WIDE RANGE
OF GIVING
OPPORTUNITIES
TO MAKE A
DIFFERENCE IN
THE LIVES OF
OTHERS
THROUGH THE
ROTARY
FOUNDATION.



TAX-WISE TIPS FOR YEAR-END GIFTS:

GIFTS BY CHECK OR CREDIT CARD.

When you write a check to The Rotary Foundation, the gift is completed when the check is mailed. When you make a gift by credit card, the gift is complete on the date when the transaction is posted to your account.

Credit card gifts can be made by mail or online. For more information, write to funddevelopment@rotary.org or call 847-866-3354.

GIFTS OF STOCK.

This very popular non-cash gift is easy to carry out and simply involves transferring possession of the stock to The Rotary Foundation.

The gift is deductible up to 30% of your adjusted gross income (AGI), and any unused portion of the deduction can be carried over for five years.

The additional benefit is that no capital gains tax will be owed on the appreciation. A gift of stock may be made by electronic transfer or by delivery of the stock certificate to TRF, in person or by mail. Telephone 847-866-3354.

GIFTS OF APPRECIATED PROPERTY.

Gifts of appreciated property provide even greater benefits for you than gifts made by check or credit card.

You can typically deduct the full value of the contributed property (subject to limitation of 30% of your adjusted gross income), including the gain portion that has never been taxed.

Gift assets to consider include not





Continued TAX-WISE TIPS FOR YEAR-END GIFTS:

only stocks, but also bonds, mutual funds, real estate and other appreciated property.

GIFTS OF LOSS PROPERTY.

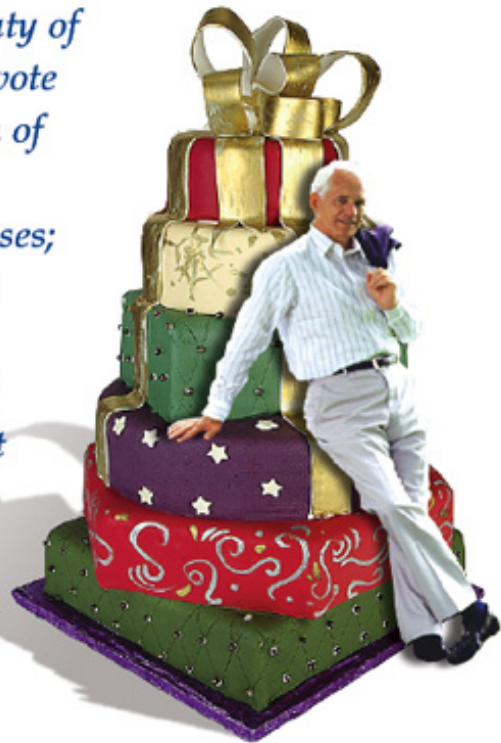
"Loss property" is property that would generate a tax-deductible loss if you sold it. If you gave this property to The Rotary Foundation, you would lose your deduction for the loss in value of the property. A more strategic move is to sell the property, take the loss as a deduction and use the proceeds of the sale to make your deductible charitable gift to The Rotary Foundation.

DOUBLE OR TRIPLE YOUR GIFT.

If you or your spouse/partner work for a company with a matching gift program, you can double or even triple your support. Please check to see if your company offers a matching gift program.

"I deem it the duty of every man to devote a certain portion of his income for charitable purposes; and that it is his further duty to see it so applied as to do the most good of which it is capable."

– Thomas Jefferson



SEND ALL FOUNDATION FUNDS TO:

**The Rotary Foundation
14280 Collections Center Drive
Chicago, IL 60693**



Please note: these ideas are for general informational purposes only. Donors must contact their own advisors to ensure compliance with legal requirements and tax reporting and to understand how charitable giving affects them and their personal financial circumstances.

GIVING - UNRESTRICTED & RESTRICTED



Anne Matthews, RRFRC

A restricted gift can only be used for a specific purpose and no other. For purpose of this article, the discussion evolves around one type of restricted giving – Matching Grants.

Restricted gifts have three main downsides:

1. When used for a Matching Grant, the World fund match is only 50 cents for every dollar given.
2. Matching grants can cause an administrative delay in the grant approval process up to 8 weeks.
3. Restricted gifts are costly to process for the Foundation.

Unrestricted annual gifts are invested by the Foundation for 3 years and then disbursed back to the districts in the form of the District Designated Fund (DDF) under the *SHARE* Program. Conversely restricted gifts have no such investment/ earning period. The real benefit of unrestricted gifts is that they can be used to fund any program in need. Therefore, it is not necessary to fund Matching Grants with restricted dollars.

Why should a district and a club support a Matching Grant via An-

nual Giving instead of via restricted giving? **A contribution to the Annual Programs Fund is a good investment:**

- it can be used locally as well as internationally
- it covers the operational costs of The Rotary Foundation
- it can be used on programs that have the most need
- it offers more opportunities for club recognition

These attributes are not mentioned in the Reference, but are ones that can be realized:

- Subsequent District DDF allocations will increase appreciably by funneling all Matching Grant support within the Annual Giving Fund.
- By shortening the approval process, a club can most likely initiate and complete a project within one Rotary year.
- With the added World Fund match amount (1:1 match), the club can arrive at the total project monetary need with less impact on the club contribution.

Anne Matthews,
Zone 33

Rotary Regional Foundation Coordinator





TRF — WHERE DOES YOUR REGION STAND AFTER THREE MONTHS ?

TRF MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION REPORT Regional Summary For the Three Months Ended 30 September 2008 and 2007

Contributions	2008	2007	Percentage Change
U.S.A. & CANADA			
Annual Programs Fund	5,790,233	6,260,514	(7.51%)
PolioPlus	1,488,395	399,900	272.19%
Permanent Fund & Related	730,885	713,867	2.38%
Restricted	1,550,855	1,827,509	(15.14%)
Total	\$9,560,368	\$9,201,790	3.90%
SOUTH AMERICA & MEXICO			
Annual Programs Fund	915,525	524,717	74.48%
PolioPlus	179,742	36,835	387.97%
Permanent Fund & Related	36,179	30,830	17.35%
Restricted	206,949	321,581	(35.65%)
Total	\$1,338,395	\$913,963	46.44%
EUROPE & AFRICA			
Annual Programs Fund	1,543,307	1,474,740	4.65%
PolioPlus	645,060	66,556	869.20%
Permanent Fund & Related	23,081	61,952	(62.74%)
Restricted	1,132,085	1,084,332	4.40%
Total	\$3,343,533	\$2,687,580	24.41%
ASIA			
Annual Programs Fund	7,251,680	5,415,883	33.90%
PolioPlus	1,433,874	33,046	4239.02%
Permanent Fund & Related	965,176	922,316	4.65%
Restricted	362,385	327,722	10.58%
Total	\$10,013,115	\$6,698,967	49.47%
AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND			
Annual Programs Fund	563,525	552,422	2.01%
PolioPlus	165,351	234,719	(29.55%)
Permanent Fund & Related	8,820	50,981	(82.70%)
Restricted	56,984	78,536	(27.44%)
Total	\$794,680	\$916,658	(13.31%)
UNITED KINGDOM & IRELAND			
Annual Programs Fund	562,299	527,457	6.61%
PolioPlus	176,624	31,501	460.69%
Permanent Fund & Related	8,908	1,823	388.65%
Restricted	125,421	179,573	(30.16%)
Total	\$873,252	\$740,354	17.95%
ANONYMOUS			
Annual Programs Fund	8,075	(19,744)	140.90%
PolioPlus	604,476	2,777	21667.23%
Permanent Fund & Related	13,547	40,473	(66.53%)
Restricted	55,939	38,193	46.46%
Total	\$682,037	\$61,699	1005.43%
SUMMARY			
Annual Programs Fund	16,634,644	14,735,989	12.88%
PolioPlus	4,693,522	805,334	482.80%
Permanent Fund & Related	1,786,596	1,822,242	(1.96%)
Restricted	3,490,618	3,857,446	(9.51%)
SUBTOTAL	\$26,605,380	\$21,221,011	25.37%
TOTAL			
Unrestricted - Other	941,867		
Total	\$27,547,247	\$21,221,011	29.81%



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THE DISASTER RELIEF ROTARIAN ACTION GROUP



*RIPD John Eberhard
Chairman (DRRAG)*

Historically, Rotary's finest humanitarian work has occurred face-to-face; between clubs and districts. This not only accomplishes a humanitarian mission, but also breaks down the barriers of different cultures, languages and social customs to build greater understanding and friendships which is extremely important to us.

The Disaster Relief Rotarian Action Group – we refer to it as DRRAG :

- will provide Rotarians around the globe with the ability to respond to emergencies in a coordinated way.
- will be an educational tool
- and address issues related to rebuilding, after natural disaster strikes, in the traditional Rotary ways.

By our worldwide presence, Rotary and Rotarians will be there to help by exemplifying – by very graphic efforts – our motto of “Service Above Self” in thoughts, words and deeds.

“... there was no recognized Rotary International Board sanctioned structure in place for Rotarians to respond to natural or man-made disasters.

Rotarians are generous and want to reach out when someone needs help and Rotarians always want to work with other Rotarians.”





VISIT THIS NEW WEBSITE DISASTER RELIEF - A ROTARIAN ACTION GROUP

**DISASTER RELIEF
A ROTARIAN ACTION GROUP**

- Get up to the minute information about disasters and Rotarian efforts
- Participate in restoring quality of life in communities affected by disaster
- Work with other Rotarians to make a difference in your community and around the world
- Coordinate resources online in real time

GO TO:
<http://www.drrag.org/>



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Visit the Disaster Relief Rotarian Action Group Website
<http://www.drrag.org/>

A DISASTER OCCURS: "WHAT DO I DO AND HOW DO I DO IT"



LeGrand L. Malany
CEO, Disaster Relief
Rotarian Action Group (DRRAG)

"If it is disaster related I would like to see everyone go to our DRRAG website.

Our site could hot button to others. But ultimately the Rotary world needs one portal to enter.

Rotarians should not have to research a bunch of sites to get into Rotary and its disaster work.

I think that the entry point should be on the Rotary International home page!"

The third annual Rotary Emergence Disaster Initiative (REDI) workshop and conference will be held December 05 - 06, 2008, at the Sheraton Cable Beach Hotel in Nassau, Bahamas and I encourage everyone who has any interest in disaster management and response to attend. This year the Disaster Relief Rotarian Action Group (DRRAG) is partnering with REDI in the organization and presentation of this year's conference.

This year's conference is a great opportunity for participants to engage in a wide range of experiences and learning situations:

- For those who are interested in the nut and bolts of "what do I do and how do I do it" in a disaster situation, the REDI workshops and handout materials are a great resource and a wonderful place for new club and district disaster coordinators to get their "Disaster 101" basics;
- For those who are interested in the broader arena of Rotary's international disaster operation and relief and development strategies, the conference will have much to offer, including the presence of the major leaders of the Disaster Relief RAG. These officials will be available to meet and work with Rotarians interested in DRRAG's worldwide relief and development effort;
- For those who are club leaders, district governors, RI directors and other leaders in Rotary, the REDI conference is a great place to help formulate roles, comprehend needs and understand disaster dynamics so as to enhance leadership abilities in the demanding and complex world of disaster operations and management; and
- For those who want to see humanitarian motion in Rotary action, who want to see Rotary service above self in all its splendor and want to feel the earth shake with the spirit of improvement, the REDI conference is the only place to be.

I hope to see all of you there.
Lee Malany





ROTARY EMERGENCY DISASTER INITIATIVE

Jointly Sponsored with DRRAG

Annual Conference & Workshop

December 5-6, 2008

Nassau, Bahamas



Hosted by
Sheraton Cable Beach, Nassau

General Information

Room rates at the Sheraton Cable Beach Resort will be \$132,
which includes 3 days before and after the conference

Conference registration fee is \$195.00.
After October 31 the conference fee will be \$225.00

Registration form may be found at:

www.rizones33-34.org/REDI

And also on the following page →



PEACE FELLOW PATRICIA ALIPERTI REPRESENTS TEXAS D-5830

Our district (5830) has nominated a World Peace Fellow attending International Christian University (ICU) in Tokyo, Japan that I believe we will be hearing great things about in the future.

Patricia Aliperti came to the United States from Mexico as a 12 year old and not long after graduated from High school as Valedictorian. She went on and received a teaching degree from North Texas and started teaching school in Fort Worth.

"As a result of my extensive research and involvement with the issue of human trafficking, I was accepted to work for the International Organization for Migration as a case worker for their anti-trafficking unit."

She was awarded an Ambassadorial Scholarship to Peru and was not in Peru two weeks before she started inquiring what could Rotary do to help with the poverty in Peru. Her sponsoring Rotary Club worked with her and completed a Rotary Matching Grant in Peru.



Patricia Aliperti , RWPF at International Christian University, Japan



She returned to Fort Worth to resume her teaching career and said "I have been given so many opportunities in the US that I want to give back". She resigned her teaching position and signed up for the Peace Corp where she was assigned to the Ukraine where she certified English Teachers. District 5830 worked with Patricia and brought four Ukraine teachers to visit the district for a six week period.

At the end of her assignment in the Ukraine, she was awarded a Rotary World Peace Fellowship and is now studying at ICU in Japan.

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TESTING INNOVATIVE IDEAS IN GLOBAL HEALTH. FLYING SYRINGES AND OTHER IDEAS!

BANGKOK, 22 October 2008 – THE BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION today announced



104 grants to explore bold and largely unproven ways to improve global health. The grants of US\$100,000 each will be made to scientists from 22 countries and five continents. They mark the first round of funding from Grand Challenges Explorations, an initiative to help lower the barriers for testing innovative ideas in global health.

The initial set of grants will inject fresh perspective into research for preventing or curing infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS and TB, and limiting the emergence of drug resistance. Successful applicants showed how their project falls outside current scientific paradigms and could lead to significant advances if successful—in just two pages.

104 grants were selected from nearly 4,000 proposals, with the geographic distribution of applicants largely matching the geographic distribution of awards. The applicant details were not provided to reviewers, helping them to focus on the innovation of the idea instead of a scientist's credentials, geographic location, or organization's reputation.

All levels of scientists are represented, including young investigators who never before have received a research grant, and those who were applying experience from other fields like bioengineering. Grants were

made to universities and other nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and six private companies.

Projects cover a wide range of innovation, including a "mosquito flashlight" to prevent malaria transmission by disrupting wavelengths, self-destructing TB cells, and studying anti-infective properties of the eye to help prevent HIV/AIDS and other infectious disease. A few examples of funded projects follow:

MIMICKING EFFECTIVE NATURAL PROCESSES TO LIMIT INFECTIOUS DISEASE:

- Pattamaporn Kittayapong at Mahidol University in Thailand will explore new approaches for controlling dengue fever by studying bacteria with natural abilities to limit the disease.

- Suzanne Fleiszig at the University of California, Berkeley, in the U.S. will focus on the natural defenses of the human eye to discover new classes of broad-spectrum antimicrobial agents.

- Elizabeth Sockett at the University of Nottingham in the U.K. will study whether the best medicine against some disease-causing bacteria may be a "living antibiotic" made up of microorganisms that naturally prey on harmful ones.

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ENGINEERING WAYS TO ENHANCE THE NATURAL HUMAN IMMUNE SYSTEM:

- Leonard Damelin at the National Health Laboratory Service in South Africa will attempt to improve bacteria that naturally line the walls of the vagina and cervix in order to enhance their ability to fight infections.

- Yen Wah Tong at the National University of Singapore will attempt to create nanoparticles to "soak up" viruses circulating in the body; the particles will be imprinted with the viruses in order to mimic the three-dimensional structure of cells that the virus normally tries to infect.

- Jord Stam at Utrecht University in the Netherlands will attempt to create "two-sided" antibodies to fight HIV; one side would attach to HIV, and the other side would safely deposit the virus in cells in which it cannot replicate.

- Sanah Jowhari at TheraCarb, a biotechnology company in Canada, will apply technology to capture and remove the cholera toxin from the body of a host, and validate an approach to developing an effective drug candidate for cholera.

PROBING UNEXPECTED RESULTS FOR GLOBAL HEALTH:

- Elijah Songok at the Kenya Medical Research Institute will explore whether natural resistance to HIV may be linked to genetic markers for type 2 diabetes.

- Huan Nguyen at the International Vaccine Institute in Korea will follow up on the unexpected finding that a fluorescent green protein originally intended as a research control could be the basis of a highly effective influenza vaccine.

EXPLORING HYPOTHESES THAT CHALLENGE CONVENTIONAL WISDOM:

-Mike McCune at the University of California, San Francisco, in the U.S. suggests that the best immune response to HIV may be no response at all, because the immune cells that are marshaled to fight the virus are the same cells that HIV infects.

- Hiroyuki Matsuoka at Jichi Medical University in Japan thinks it may be possible to turn mosquitoes that normally transmit disease into "flying syringes," so that when they bite humans they deliver vaccines.

If the grants show that the ideas have merit, the foundation is offering secondary funding of \$1 million over two years to take them further. Grant winners are asked to sign contracts specifying that if any significant breakthroughs result, they will be made available at affordable prices in the developing world.

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Serving meals in Galveston, Texas, USA



Capps hands out a meal from a Salvation Army mobile canteen in Galveston, Texas, USA. Photo courtesy John Capps



When a fire claimed the life of John Capps' mother and destroyed his home 50 years ago, a sergeant in the Salvation Army was the first person to offer comfort, bringing clean clothes and spending money.

All these years later, Capps, a longtime member of the Rotary Club of Morehead City-Noon, North Carolina, USA, is eager to give back.

He and his wife, chair of the local advisory board of the Salvation Army, are part of a team of volunteers from all over the country serving meals from mobile canteens to residents of Galveston, Texas, which was ravaged by Hurricane Ike in mid-September.

"We are here for the same reason we are in Rotary: to serve other people," says Capps, a past district governor. "This was a great opportunity to *Make Dreams Real.*"

John and his wife, Jane, have met more than a dozen other Rotarians among the Salvation Army disaster response teams. Capps has been wearing his "Rotary at Work" shirt, making him easy for other Rotarians to spot.

One of those is Ginger Virkler, a member of the Rotary Club of Greater Flint Sunrise, Michigan. When she arrived on 5 October, "the area was devastated," Virkler says. "I talked to a lady yesterday from Michigan whose entire 250-unit apartment building is condemned."

Rewarding

Virkler, who has served on disaster teams in Flint, adds that helping on the national response effort has been "rewarding" and "something I've always wanted to do."

During their two-week stint, the volunteers stay in a makeshift camp on the outskirts of Galveston's airport that is part of a larger complex housing all emergency response personnel. The volunteers sleep in bunk beds in dormitories fashioned from shipping crates, 24 volunteers to a crate, Capps says.

The Salvation Army teams' primary focus of late has been to provide two hot meals a day, lunch and dinner, at 30 locations in the Galveston area. Other teams have set up in store parking lots or delivered mops and cleaning kits door-to-door.

Capps says Galveston residents are returning and starting the hard work of cleaning up. Contractors have set up a six-block-long dump for debris, with separate areas for electronic appliances, hazardous materials, and other waste. Power had just returned to the airport shortly after the volunteers arrived, and a few areas of town are still without electricity.

"A major thing the Salvation Army is doing is providing spiritual care," Capps says. "We're giving people a hug, hearing their stories, letting them know people care. That's as important as the food."

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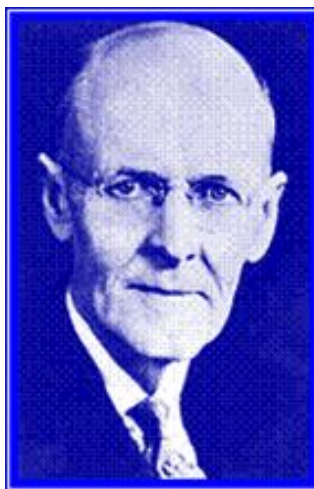


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