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Haiti—Building Communities

As a District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair, I am often asked at times of disaster: ‘What is The Rotary Foundation doing to help the communities of Haiti?’

The Rotary Foundation is designed to enable Rotarians to build on the long term goals of world peace and understanding and such work requires long term, sustainable project planning.

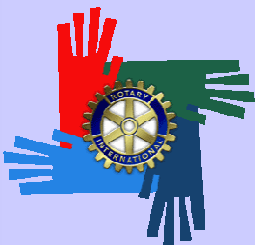


Calum Thomson,
Editor, Our Foundation

Though the Foundation may collect contributions specifically for disaster relief, our work will not be completed in the short term when the world’s media are present. Rather, our work will begin after the TV cameras have gone. Rotarians, through their clubs and districts, will begin the process of re-building the communities of Haiti by working on literacy, water and health and hunger projects, utilizing our Foundation’s funds and so helping to bridge continents.

The task begins now—yet another challenge for each and every Rotarian.

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“HELP HAITI” ROTARIAN INITIATIVE

FOR ROTARIANS THAT WANT TO CONTRIBUTE MONEY THERE ARE THREE MAJOR ROTARY FUNDS ESTABLISHED FOR THE HAITIAN DISASTER



I am extremely pleased to see all the out pouring of concern and services for the Haiti earthquake disaster. Your response clearly demonstrates the heart and soul of Rotary and our ability to spontaneously coalesce around a disaster and unify into response with money, service and support.

As the relief-to-development process evolves, needs and services change, it is worth keeping in mind the best ways to help so that your efforts can have the maximum impact as the needs change. In the first days of a disaster the best way for individuals to help is to give money to the appropriate aid workers that are on the ground. ***We have Rotarians group on the ground.*** For Rotarians that want to contribute money there are three major Rotary funds established for the Haitian disaster:

Here is how these funds are intended to work: The two local funds (the 4060 fund and the 7020 fund) are for immediate on the ground relief and humanitarian efforts (provide basic needs and stabilized the population). The relief effort starts right away, but should be ended quickly, within three months, (context will determine the actual timing).

The DAF fund will be primarily to "handshake" with the relief effort and carry the process into recovery as quickly as possible. There is still a lot of humanitarian work in the recovery process, but it is important to move quickly into recovery, because until people are "in recovery" they cannot start to rebuild their lives; they are stuck in a holding pattern of "waiting and being taken care of." Recovery quickly becomes the most important issue and assistance program. If Katrina is any example, it is recovery where Rotarians can have the greatest and most effective impact, both because of what Rotary is and the fact that most of the current aid workers will soon leave.

There are many agencies, associations and aid groups (including Rotarians) that will be collection funds for the Haiti disaster. Rotarians are free to give and support whomever they wish not just the funds noted above.

The current feeling in the international community is that the Haiti situation will be one of the largest recovery-



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rebuilding undertakings ever. So, although it is important to give to the relief effort, and we should, I would caution Rotary clubs to not put all their resources into relief; there will be long term recovery issue, and humanitarian needs, in which Rotarians will want to be involved over the next couple of years.

One of Rotary's strengths is that it is at a disaster site before the disaster, during the disaster and after the disaster and it personally cares about the local future, long after the aid workers have departed.

I should also point out that this disaster may prove to be the international community's worst nightmare, because we are working with extreme devastation, in one of the poorest countries in the world, with an almost functionless government, and in an urban setting, and I emphasize urban setting. No one is well equipped to handle this context. I also point out that we have only about four months before the hurricane season starts.

The current Haiti incident clearly demonstrates the important need for Rotary International to have a well functioning, worldwide framework and financing structure, as envisioned by the creators of DRRAG, to enable the rotary world to react timely, responsively and effectively when a disaster strikes.

I applaud all of you and look forward to Rotary effort to rebuild Haiti better than it was help move this country into the developed world. My sincere thanks for your efforts.



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Yours in Rotary,

Lee Malany

President and CEO, Disaster Relief, Rotarian Action Group (DRRAG)

January 15, 2010



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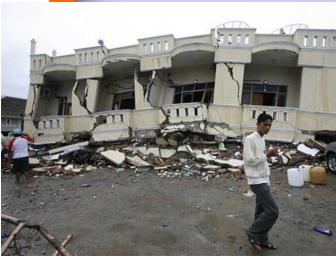
District 4060 Haiti Disaster Relief Fund (the 4060 fund). This fund has been established by the Governor of District 4060 (Dominican Republic) and his special committee to administer the fund. The funds are collected and administered locally. All funds will be accounted for in the traditional Rotary manner. All funds are exclusively for for the Haiti earthquake response. More at the D 4060 web site

http://www.rotary4060.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=599&Itemid=75

District 7020 Disaster Fund (the 7020 fund). This fund has been established by the Governor of District 7020 and his special committee to administer the fund. The funds are also collected and administered locally and will be accounted for in the proper Rotary fashion. All funds are exclusively for the Haiti earthquake response. View further details through DRRAG or visit the district website,

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/dprg/dxhome/home.aspx?did=7020>

The Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund, (Haiti DAF) A DAF (Donor Advised Fund) fund set up in The Rotary Foundation (TRF). For more information go to the DRRAG web site or to the Rotary International site at www.rotary.org and "click" on: "contribute to the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund."



Haiti Disaster- - Rotary Leaders Message

Dear Rotarians:

We are deeply saddened to hear of the recent earthquake in Haiti, and we are touched by the commitment of Rotarians to assist the communities affected by this disaster. Rotary International is coordinating relief efforts, and we are writing to you today to provide you with information on how you may work through Rotary to make a significant contribution toward alleviating this major humanitarian crisis.

Rotary International coordinates information and provides resources on club and district disaster relief efforts. When informed of local relief initiatives, RI shares updates about these efforts on the RI website. Rotarians wishing to contribute funds or donated goods to disaster victims can visit the website or contact the International Service Programs Section at relief@rotary.org to learn about current relief and recovery efforts.

Also, The Rotary Foundation has established the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund, a donor advised fund, for the purpose of collecting contributions for earthquake victims. Details about the fund have been posted on the RI website. Please note that all contributions must be in U.S. dollars, and only U.S. tax receipts will be issued. Additionally, District Designated Funds cannot be accepted.

We have been in contact with District Governor Errol C. Alberga to offer assistance in publicizing any relief efforts that clubs in Haiti are implementing on RI's online projects database, ProjectLINK. Any disaster recovery projects registered by District 7020 will be posted on ProjectLINK on a priority basis. Additionally, articles have been posted to the home page of the RI website with details on Rotary club involvement in relief efforts and how you can help.

Rotarians may contact Governor Alberga directly at al.gram@cwjamaica.com or visit the District 7020 website.

As always, when organizing a response to a local or international disaster, we encourage Rotary clubs and districts to work with experienced emergency relief organizations such as UNICEF, the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Doctors Without Borders, ShelterBox, Aquabox, and World Water Works to meet the immediate needs of victims affected by the disaster.

It is our hope that with your meaningful and rapid response to this appeal, you will be able to help rebuild the future for millions of innocent people affected by this crisis. Thank you for your commitment to helping disaster victims.

John Kenny, President Rotary International

Glenn E. Estess Sr., Trustee Chair The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International

Ed Futa, General Secretary Rotary International

Change the World with your Rotary Foundation Donation

Change the world with US\$2 a week and help exceed the Foundation's goals

Through the Annual Programs Fund, which is the primary source of funding for Rotary Foundation programs, Rotarians help make the world a better place.

For the 2008-09 Rotary year, approximately 313,000 Rotarians participated in the Every Rotarian, Every Year initiative, which funds the Annual Programs Fund. About 242,000 of those contributors are Rotary Foundation Sustaining Members contributing \$100 or more a year.

As of 1 July, the start of the Rotary year, more than \$13.6 million has been raised toward the Foundation's \$96 million goal.

If every one of the 1.2 million Rotarians contributed just \$2 a week, in one year the Foundation could raise almost \$125 million.

That's money that goes back to Rotarians in the form of scholarships and grants for projects that bring hope and make a difference in the lives of countless people. Rotarians have used grant money to bring sight to those blinded by cataracts, bought wheelchairs for those who could not use their legs, gave clean water to those made sick by contaminated water, and opened up new worlds by helping people learn to read.



Breakthrough in Polio Immunizations

A new oral polio vaccine, developed to stop the transmission of the type 1 and type 3 wild polioviruses simultaneously, made its world debut during 15-17 December Subnational Immunization Days in Afghanistan.

An estimated 2.8 million children received the vaccine during the campaign, which was funded by the Canadian government.

According to the World Health Organization, the bivalent vaccine is also intended for introduction in India and Nigeria by late January and is expected to be a critical new tool in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

Of the three wild polioviruses, known as types 1, 2, and 3, type 2 hasn't been seen anywhere in the world since 1999. This achievement led to the development of monovalent vaccines, which provide more effective protection against a single type than the traditional trivalent vaccine. In a clinical field trial completed in June, the newly developed bivalent vaccine proved to be at least 30 percent more effective than the trivalent vaccine and almost as good as the monovalent vaccines.

As of 22 December, Afghanistan reported 31 polio cases in 2009, 28 of which occurred in the southern region. Families there are frequently on the move because of the changing security situation, limiting health workers' access to children. The bivalent vaccine simplifies the logistics of optimally protecting each child.

"The new vaccine will allow us to save time and energy and reach, eventually, many more children," said Sheila Noor, one of 21,000 health workers deployed by the Afghan Ministry of Health. "We explain to every mother that this time a new vaccine is used that will protect their children even better. They appreciate it."

One reason health workers encountered little resistance during the immunization campaign was the effectiveness of social mobilizers. Before the effort began, volunteers trained by WHO, UNICEF, and the health ministry visited homes and explained the importance of vaccination.

Another reason was the agreement of Taliban leaders to allow immunization in the areas they control. Health workers who went house to house to vaccinate children carried letters from these leaders endorsing the campaign.

The ongoing effort to end polio in the country is staunchly supported by Rotary's Afghanistan PolioPlus Committee, chaired by Ajmal Pardis, a member of the Rotary Club of Jalalabad.

"Eighty-four percent of Afghans live in parts that are polio-free, and they are not being re-infected despite the vast movement [of people] we have in this country," said WHO

Building Communities

After taking the stage to the tune of "California, Here I Come," RI President-elect Ray Klinginsmith announced the 2010-11 RI theme, Building Communities – Bridging Continents, during the opening plenary session of the 2010 International Assembly .

Klinginsmith said he arrived at the theme after reviewing RI themes of years past. He noticed that only a few spoke to non-Rotarians.

"As a result, I decided to search for a briefly stated theme that would fulfill two objectives: the first to explain Rotary to non-Rotarians, and the second to validate our work for Rotarians," he said. "The words I have selected to describe Rotary's current mission and to highlight our achievements are what we do best: Building Communities – Bridging Continents. "

The president-elect described how his 50 years of Rotary experience have contributed to his focus on communities at home and abroad. For example, as a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar, he studied for a year in South Africa, becoming the first student from his small town of Unionville, Missouri, USA, to study abroad.



Bridging Continents

The timing of the theme announcement, which took place in the evening, was a break in tradition from past assemblies and a reflection of Klinginsmith's willingness to embrace change. He encouraged district governors-elect to reexamine traditional procedures that were no longer best practices and to begin new traditions where appropriate.

He also paid homage to Rotarians of the past who helped raise Rotary to a place of prominence on the world stage. He urged district governors-elect to meet the past RI presidents and other former officers in attendance to deepen their connection to Rotary's past.

"I love it," says Governor-elect Robert Martin, of District 5020 (British Columbia, Canada; Washington, USA). "I'm going to be promoting Rotary pride in our district next year, and Building Communities – Bridging Continents is something we can all be proud of."



RIPE Ray Klinginsmith

International Assembly 2010

Incoming governors from the 100 districts chosen to participate in the Future Vision pilot attended special training sessions 17-18 January, before the International Assembly (See related story). The three-year pilot, which begins in July, will test a new, streamlined Rotary Foundation grant structure. Several district leaders shared their thoughts about the pilot.



Julianne Reppenhagen District 7980 (Connecticut, USA)

"The networking opportunities have been great. We're enthused to go back and get our presidents involved in a positive way."



Matthias Shoga District 9110 (Nigeria)

"We have done some of these projects on a smaller scale. This gives us the opportunity to seek out opportunities on a larger scale."



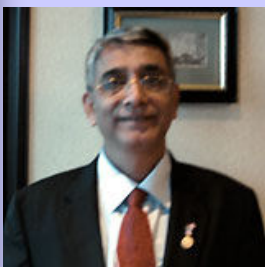
Wichai Maneewacharakiet District 3330 (Thailand)

"This will help us find the partner we're looking for. We need more events like this."



Stephen May District 7930 (parts of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, USA)

"I'm proud to have a chance to be in on the ground floor of the future of Rotary."



Yashwant Jejurikar District 3131 (India)

"I'm happy that Rotary is changing according to the times. It will definitely increase the credibility of the Foundation."

Future Vision Networking

After a long day of Future Vision Pilot Training, district leaders were ready to put their knowledge to work by swapping humanitarian project ideas with their peers.

“This is the way to do it. This is going to open up communications for leaders from pilot districts and then do the same for the rest of RI,” said Stephen May, governor-elect of District 7930 (parts of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, USA).

The 17 January networking session was part of a two-day training event in San Diego, California, for incoming district governors and Rotary Foundation chairs from the 100 Future Vision pilot districts and for regional Rotary Foundation coordinators. The purpose of the training is to prepare district leaders for the 1 July launch of the Future Vision pilot, a test of The Rotary Foundation’s new grant structure.

“This is a unique opportunity to look each other in the eye, shake each other’s hand, and make a human connection,” said moderator Carolyn E. Jones, a past Rotary Foundation trustee.

To make it easy to spot potential project partners, district leaders donned colored stickers representing which of the six areas of focus for Foundation grants they would like to discuss. Some were in the early stages of deciding which type of project to pursue; many had proposals in hand, ready to get into the details.

There was plenty to talk about. Throughout the day, participants attended plenary and breakout sessions to discuss the new Foundation grants structure, their responsibilities as district leaders, and district qualification and stewardship. The sessions featured question-and-answer opportunities with current and former Foundation leaders, Foundation staff, and other Rotary experts.

The Foundation's Goals for 2010/11

Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair-elect Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar outlined four goals for the 2010-11 Rotary year: PolioPlus, implementing the Future Vision pilot, rebuilding the Annual Programs Fund through Every Rotarian, Every Year, and continuing to build the Permanent Fund.

"Polio eradication has been, is, and will remain our top priority until the job is done," he declared at the fourth plenary session of the 2010 International Assembly.

In addition to high-profile donors such as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, 39 governments have contributed to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, and their money constitutes the majority of the funding to end the disease.

Stenhammar explained the importance of partnering with other organizations and implementing the Future Vision pilot to keep pace with the changing environment of global service.



(continued next page) Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar

2010/11 Chair of the Rotary
Foundation Trustees

Building Communities Bridging Continents through Our Foundation

"Cooperation with other organizations is today the future for many entities, and The Rotary Foundation must not miss getting onboard that train," he said. "It is extremely important that all districts, pilot or not, stay aware of the evolution of the Future Vision Plan and start looking for ways to align your projects and activities with its goals and the six areas of focus as soon as possible."

He also encouraged all Rotarians to reexamine their annual contributions to the Foundation.

"Only 25 percent of Rotarians are giving to our Foundation – 75 percent are not. Think about what it could mean if we could alter those numbers or have 100 percent of Rotarians become donors," he told district governors-elect.

Rotarians are encouraged to give at least US\$100 every year to the Annual Programs Fund through the Every Rotarian, Every Year initiative and to support the Foundation's Permanent Fund.

"If we get that support from you, we can bridge over this difficult time, and The Rotary Foundation will remain sound and healthy," Stenhammar concluded.



As of November 2009, there are eight former Ambassadorial Scholars on staff at the Rotary International World Headquarters office. They are (from left) Mark Garavaglia, Sarah Datz, Brad Lauman, John Osterlund, Harvey Newcomb, Jamie Revord, Steven Solomon, and Abby Breitstein.



La tabula rasa.

It has been years ... no, it has been decades since I studied Latin. And Latin, being a “dead” language, I never had any use for it after my college studies. Yet when I thought today about the subject of this message to you, those 3 words, walked across my mind.

La tabula rasa: the clean slate.

The mind is a curiosity. Somewhere dead in my brain, an old piece of learning awoke to merge with the thoughts of a new Rotary Foundation initiative: the Future Vision Plan — the Plan for Rotary’s humanitarian work in the future — and our meeting together in San Diego next month.

The Future Vision Plan represents four years of interviews, surveys, studies, reports, meetings, discussions, explanations, planning and countless votes. After all of that careful and considered work, 100 District Governors-elect, 100 District Foundation chairpersons, and you will meet in San Diego next month where we, in one sense, begin anew with a clean slate.

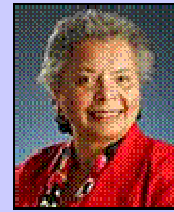
In another sense, the slate will not be totally blank because those four years of preliminary work did produce a tentative Plan to “pilot” the work of the next three years. The 100 districts represented in San Diego have committed to pursue their humanitarian work over the next three years by trying out the Plan. It will be their job to test the Plan in the real Rotary world instead of in the Rotary boardroom. It will be their job to see what works for Rotarians and what is not workable. With the feedback that these 100 pilot districts report back to us, they will write the first words on that clean slate.

And what about you, the Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinators? Those first words on that clean slate can never be written without you. You will be the Foundation’s best resource and support to the 100 pilot districts. You will be our first line of defense. If the pilot districts are to succeed, it will be because of you. You will be there at their Institutes, their conferences, their assemblies, their Foundation seminars, their social networks and their webinars. You will have an ever closer connection with your computer and the steady stream of e-mails that they will send to you. I know you will provide them with the information that they need; you will answer their questions; you will listen to them as they describe their struggles with the Plan; you will cheer them on.

When July 1, 2013 arrives, the Rotary Foundation and the entire Rotary world will continue to do good in the world but how they do good in the world will be because of what those 100 districts write on the clean slate in the next two years. It will be because of your work in supporting them.

I can’t think of the next years without getting excited. It is not often in our life that we get to write on a clean slate ... to start fresh ... to start anew.

Carolyn Jones



RRFC Moderator
and TRF Trustee
Carolyn Jones—
another member
of RGHF



On April 18, 2010, Rotarians and others around the world will come together in the largest event ever held to raise awareness of water and sanitation issues.

Many cities will be hosting a run/walk of 6 km (the average distance women and children in the developing world walk each day to get water) together with concerts and water villages.

Wasrag is one of the TARGET CHARITIES for FUNDS raised from this event!

Over 6,000 people die every day from water related illnesses – collectively the biggest health concern in the world. 2.6 billion people lack access to adequate

sanitation. Learn how your club can participate in a sustainable solution.

LIVE EARTH is a HUGE opportunity for Rotary CLUBS but WE NEED YOUR HELP!

- Get involved: email us at liveearth@crwfoundation.org

- Share news of the event with Rotarians and friends

- Encourage your club to participate

- Join our mailing list for email updates on water and sanitation news by emailing: info@wasrag.org

Worldwide, the RUN FOR WATER is organized by Live Earth.

Each region of the world has a charity partner to benefit from the money raised. Wasrag is one of the charity partners. This event is a golden opportunity for Rotary Clubs to raise funds in support of safe water!

In some of the world's largest cities, the run/walks will feature concerts and water education activities. But Rotary Clubs can host their own events too!

There are two main ways to help:

1. If you live near one of the cities that will be a race site, (see www.liveearth.org for the list) we need local organizers to encourage participation by clubs, Rotarians and friends, and to help make the event a big success:

If you're interested email your name, club and district to liveearth@crwfoundation.org

2. If you don't live near a race site, there is still a big opportunity. Any club in the world can register with Live Earth and host a "Friends of Live Earth" event. We are encouraging clubs to share any funds raised - the club keeps 50%, and the rest is donated to Wasrag. (contd on next page)



Worldwide,
Live earth's
Run for Water
will raise
money for
Rotary club
projects!
You can
help!

How will your club participate?

Around the world, Rotarians and others will come together to raise awareness of water and sanitation issues. Make sure your club is part of it!

Many cities are hosting a run/walk of 6 km – the average distance women and children in the developing world walk each day to get water. Globally, the Run for Water is organized by LiveEarth. Each region will have a charity partner to benefit from the money raised. Wasrag is one of the charity partners – which translates to funds available to assist Rotary Clubs with sustainable water & sanitation projects. As Rotarians we need to play our part in this event. By donating to Wasrag, you are supporting the efforts of Rotary Clubs undertaking sustainable water & sanitation projects and improving the quality of life in communities in need.

Near a race site?

- Enter a team (or two, or three!)
- Raise pledges to support teams
- Challenge other Rotary clubs to enter teams – compete on funds raised
- Tell local business about this upcoming event – ask them to help raise awareness about the race
- Get youth involved – tell your local schools about the event, encourage them to enter teams, do a presentation on water & sanitation issues,

sponsor an essay-writing contest...

- Support a local or international water & sanitation project with a donation through the Live Earth Site www.liveearth.org/rotary

Not near a race site?

- Host a local run/walk
- Promote the run in schools, get local youth involved
- Show a movie (there are a lot of good ones out there e.g.: FLOW, Blue Gold, Tapped Out)
- Organize the clean-up of a local stream or pond
- Support a local or international water & sanitation project with a donation to Wasrag...

In the U.S. www.wasragfoundation.org

Everywhere else: www.crwfoundation.org

The RI Water Resource Group says JOIN IN!



Future Vision—...it's closer than you think

DDF Planning

If you have not already done so, pilot district officers should begin making decisions about the use of their District Designated Fund (DDF) in 2010-11. Throughout the pilot, districts may request a portion of their DDF to support annual, short-term Rotary Foundation District Grant activities and to fund Rotary Foundation Global Grant projects. Pilot districts may also continue to make DDF donations toward PolioPlus and the Rotary Centers for International Studies and may make direct DDF donations to other pilot and nonpilot districts.

Each district's 2010-11 DDF represents 50 percent of the district's donations to the Annual Programs Fund during the 2007-08 Rotary year. The DDF account may also contain unused DDF from previous years. Districts may request an updated SHARE report detailing their available DDF at any time, either from SHARE System Senior Coordinator Steve Lyons or from their designated Future Vision grant coordinator.

As mentioned above, one option for using DDF during the pilot is global grants. Pilot districts may fund global grants using both cash and DDF. Cash contributions are matched at 50 percent, and DDF contributions receive a 100 percent match from the World Fund. The minimum award amount for global grants is US\$ 15,000, for a total minimum project cost of \$30,000.

Another option is district grants, which are annual block grants made to pilot districts for up to 50 percent of their DDF, including Permanent Fund SHARE earnings, to support short-term activities and projects. If your district requests less than the full amount available, the remaining funds may be used for global grants, PolioPlus, or the Rotary Peace Centers. Funds that roll over to the following year will not increase the amount available for district grants, but again can be used for global grants, PolioPlus, or the Rotary Peace Centers, or as direct DDF donations to other districts. Districts may also contribute a portion of their DDF directly to another pilot or nonpilot district. The receiving district may use the donated DDF to fund any SHARE option for which it is eligible to participate.

A 2010-11 SHARE mailing was sent to pilot districts at the end of November. This mailing included a SHARE worksheet for calculating DDF, global grant, and district grant expenditures. If you have additional questions about DDF, contact Steve Lyons or your Future Vision grant coordinator. (contd next page)

Future Vision addenda for the Assistant Governor's Training Manual and the District Committee Manual are now available. Consult these publications to understand how Future Vision pilot participation affects the roles of assistant governors and district committee chairs.

Visit the Resources page for more Future Vision training resources.

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Q: Who is responsible for authorizing the use of DDF during the pilot?

A: DDF contributions to global grants must be authorized by the district governor and district Rotary Foundation committee (DRFC) chair. Global grant applications submitted between April and June will require signatures from the 2009-10 DG and DRFC chair. Global grant applications submitted after 1 July will require DDF authorizations from the 2010-11 DG and DRFC chair. District grant applications require the authorization of three district officers: district grants subcommittee chair, DRFC chair, and DG. Applications for 2010-11 district grant funds will require authorizations from 2010-11 district officers.

Q: Are clubs required to be qualified before requesting district grant funds from their district?

A: Districts are encouraged to qualify clubs wishing to participate in district grants but this is not a requirement. However, districts must be qualified before submitting their district grant application to the Foundation.

Q: Are districts required to request their full district grant amount?

A: Districts may request up to 50 percent of their available DDF to support their district grant projects and activities. They are not required to request the full 50 percent. If a pilot district requests less than 50 percent, the remaining funds will stay in the DDF account for use toward global grants, contributions to PolioPlus and the Rotary Peace Centers, or direct DDF contributions to other districts.

Send your Future Vision pilot questions to futurevision@rotary.org. Questions and answers will be published in upcoming editions of this newsletter.



Humanitarian Grants Success Story

The Rotary Clubs of Usula, Honduras (D-4250) and Plymouth, MI, USA (D-6400) partnered together to receive a Health, Hunger, and Humanity Grant to improve water quality, nutrition, agricultural techniques and cooking efficiency in the Merendón Reserve near San Pedro Sula, Honduras. To date this project has improved living conditions for nearly 5,000 people through the provision of eco-friendly stoves, biosand water filters and biodigestors. The sponsoring clubs also plan to plant fruit trees and install compost units. In addition to responding to environmental needs, the sponsoring clubs have carried out health brigades focused on combating parasitic diseases. The brigades have been so successful that the Rotarians plan to add dental and ophthalmologic services as well.

Pictured below are the eco stoves that help to create jobs while also reducing the usage of wood to bake bread.



WHAT PAUL HARRIS SAID...

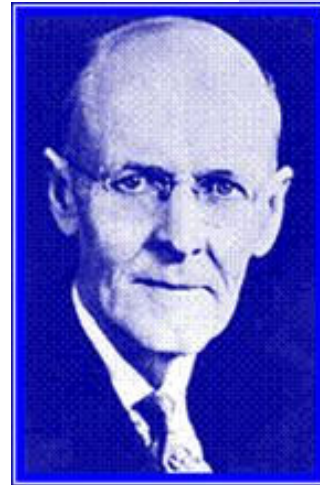
"To him (her) who has faith all things are possible."

.. "What we need is a race of ... Men (and women) who have a passion for truth and who are prepared to make sacrifices for it, men who have the vision to see our splendid ideal and the determination to make it practicable. Rotarians have volunteered to meet the demand. Rotarians are redblooded, two-fisted men (and women) - and they never say die. "

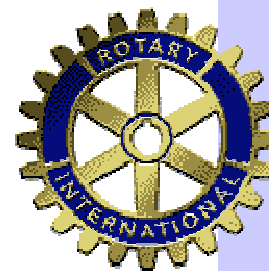
Paul P Harris, *The Faith of Rotary*, *The Rotarian* magazine 1921

Be it finishing the job of polio eradication or beginning the job of rebuilding the communities of Haiti, Rotarians have faith—faith in their ability to get the job done and faith in one another.

We can all show our FAITH by making our contribution to our FOUNDATION today.



Paul P. Harris



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Letters—Your views

Dear Sir,

LET'T BE PROACTIVE TO END POLIO

Reading through the 2009 February edition of THE ROTARIAN, I cannot but to commend your team for a well research story on polio. I hasten to encourage all Rotarians to go back to their Libraries and read the edition again. It's a wonderful story.

In fact, I had to adjust my polio plan and budget in order to give Polio more priority attention it deserve. So, I encourage my colleagues especially in NIGERIA, AFGANISTAN, INDIAN and PAKISTAN to be proactive in our approach to end Polio. Let's give it the final fight. I can foresee a Polio free world in the shortest Months to come.

With our extra ordinary efforts, YES WE CAN. Let us make the dream of a polio Free World real because THE FUTURE F OR OUR GENERATION, GENERATION YET UNBORN AND THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN OUR HANDS.

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