



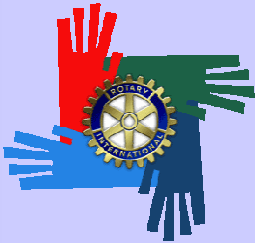
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A NEWSLETTER FOR ROTARY LEADERS



MORE than a Club

Rotary is going football crazy this month as we KICK POLIO OUT OF AFRICA to coincide with the FIFA World Cup.

Football Clubs have little in common with our Rotary Clubs on the face of it. Football clubs continuously battle against each other for supremacy, medals and trophies and the chance to declare themselves the 'best'. We who are members of a Rotary Club work together with fellow Rotary clubs from all over the world through many of our programs. Rotary clubs develop successful service projects every day of every month and it can never be that we declare one club 'better' than another. We each have a duty and obligation to work for the common good, to share resources and make this world a better place.



Our Foundation Editor
Calum Thomson

However, the headline statement above is actually the proud motto of a famous football (soccer to our American friends) club - FC Barcelona who are perhaps the 'best' football team in the world. They certainly play wonderful, silky and sexy football that is much admired.

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More Than A Club

FC Barcelona—FIFA World Club Champions—are also proud sponsors of UNICEF and display that acronym on their shirts. The club has (through their charitable foundation) donated over \$86 million towards UNICEF sponsored projects in places like Rwanda, Malawi and Angola providing hope to young children who are affected by genocide or AIDS.

They certainly live up to their club motto “Mes Que Un Club”.



Argentina's Lionel Messi—probably the best footballer in the world—is a UNICEF ambassador of goodwill



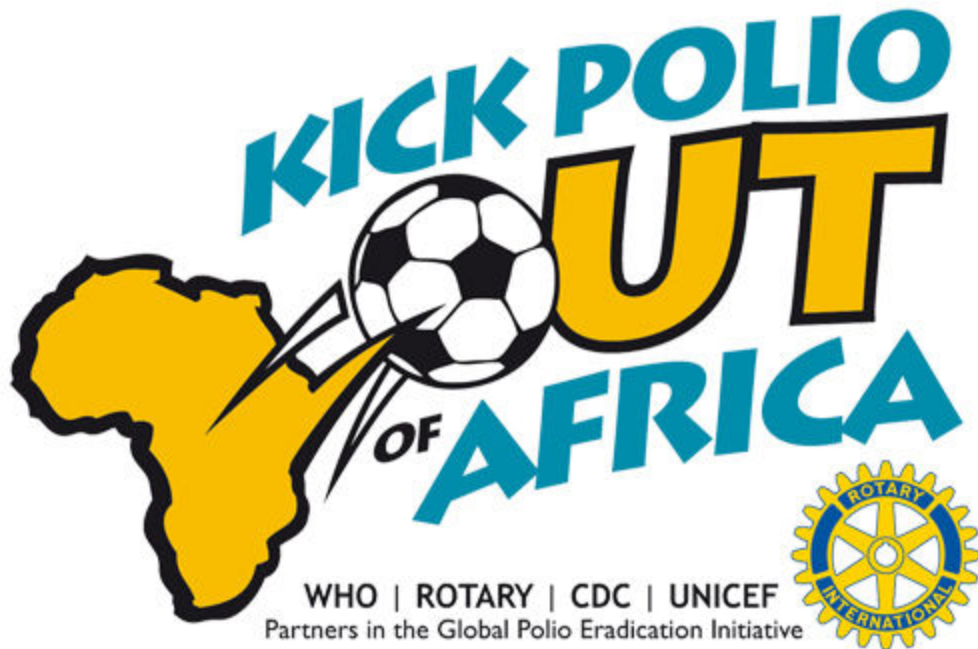
Yet each Rotary club

has also shown how it is more than a club—a part of the community, a force for change and an advocate for world peace and goodwill. We show we are more than a club by giving freely and constantly to

Our Foundation

When we donate to our Rotary Foundation we also demonstrate how we belong to more than a club as we reach out to help other clubs and districts by supporting projects and programs of the Foundation.

Maybe one day, a successful football club will place the name 'Rotary' on its own jersey!



In anticipation of the FIFA World Cup in June, Rotary clubs across Africa are gearing up for the final push to eradicate polio on the continent. The Kick Polio Out of Africa campaign launched 23 February with the symbolic kicking of a soccer ball signed by Nobel Peace Prize laureate Desmond Tutu, a polio survivor. Primary sponsor of the campaign is DHL Express.

The ball's journey began in Cape Town, South Africa, one of the host cities for the 2010 World Cup, and will continue through 22 countries, most of them polio affected, en route to the RI Convention in Montréal, Québec, Canada, in June.

During the ball's four-month trip, Rotary clubs in polio-affected countries are organizing soccer-related polio awareness events to generate support for polio immunization. Each national PolioPlus committee chair will also sign the ball.

Only unified efforts which galvanise whole societies towards these goals will succeed in kicking this virus, that looks so much like a football, out of Africa, and eventually, out of the world..

Nelson Mandela



Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge totals*

US\$ 122.4 Million

*As of 1 May 2010

Polio Facts & Figures

Area Number of cases in 2010

Afghanistan 8

India 19

Nigeria 2

Pakistan 14

Non-endemic countries 41

Total worldwide 84

(Data as of 27 April/World Health Organization)

For the latest on the number of polio cases, progress reports on polio-endemic countries, and other information, go to www.polioeradication.org.

Contributions Update

For the nine months ending 31 March 2010, contributions to The Rotary Foundation totaled **US\$109,944,697** up 6.33% over last year which is good news. Of that amount, however, contributions to the Annual Programs Fund of **US\$61,724,062** are down 3.49% over last year's giving.

We have achieved 63.6% of our Worldwide Annual Programs Fund Goal of US\$96,000,000. Contributions to the Permanent Fund totaled US\$7,678,975, an increase of 5.01% from the previous year. PolioPlus contributions continue to remain strong up 32.65% at US\$22,969,286. Restricted gifts totaled US\$14,673,144, an increase of 14.36% from one year ago.



Unrestricted other are contributions to the Donor Advised Fund with contributions to the Haiti DAF being the reason for the increase of 46.35%.

Successful fund raising for the Gates Challenge

Clubs in Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI) have reached their goal of raising £1 million (approximately US\$1.5 million) for Rotary's challenge through the Thanks for Life campaign. Rotarians and other members of the family of Rotary are continuing to sponsor Purple Pinkie events, concerts, rugby matches, dinners, and other activities to raise an additional \$500,000.



A Thanks for Life exhibit draws a strong turnout in Chichester, England. (see photo)

- The Rotary Club of Sentosa, Singapore, hosted more than 300 Rotarians and guests from Singapore and Malaysia to celebrate Rotary's anniversary, raising over US\$85,000 for Rotary's challenge.
- A dinner, dance, and raffle with a Valentine's Day theme, sponsored by the 22-member Rotary Club of Belhaven-Pantego, North Carolina, USA, netted more than \$6,000.

A fundraiser organized by the Rotary Club of Willowbrook (Houston), Texas, USA, featured an iron lung flanked by images of polio survivors and children being immunized. The effort garnered about \$3,000 by selling notecards that enabled the purchaser to make a donation in another person's honor.

- The Ethiopia PolioPlus Committee, working with the local Ministry of Health, World Health Organization, UNICEF, and USAID, organized an End Polio Now festival in Addis Ababa that raised about US\$1,290.

Humanitarian Grants success stories

The Rotary Clubs of Torreón, Mexico (D4110) and North Shore (Houston), USA (D5890) partnered together to receive a Matching Grant to provide bedding, kitchen and dining equipment to an orphanage in Torreón, Coahuila, Mexico.



Over one hundred orphans, aged 0-6 years, have benefited tremendously from these improvements to the orphanage, as clearly demonstrated through the smiles on their faces!



This is what we do with your contributions to The Rotary Foundation



Rotarians in Belgium and Uganda are bringing a bounty of benefits — agricultural supplies and livestock, water boreholes and pumps, mosquito nets, vocational training and equipment, and educational materials and uniforms — to an impoverished Ugandan village, aided by a US\$227,508 Rotary Foundation grant.

Ambassadorial Scholarships

2010-11 Host Counselor Appointments Needed

Scholarships staff are working to request host counselor appointments for the Ambassadorial Scholars who will study during the 2010-11 Rotary year. Information on the scholars assigned to each district is being sent this month electronically to District Governors-elect, District Governors, Scholarship Subcommittee Chairpersons, and if necessary to the District Foundation Chairs. Each district must inform TRF of their host counselor assignments by 15 June 2010. The fax number is +1-847-556-2144.



Annie Ramirez, a 2009-10 Ambassadorial Scholar from Corpus Christi, Texas, sponsored by District 5930 to study Social Anthropology at the University of Edinburgh meets RI President John Kenny at his own club meeting in Grangemouth, Scotland—April 2010. (also pictured host counsellor Ken Donald (R/C Polmont)

Our Alumni—Andrew Feinstein

Andrew Feinstein, 1987-88 Ambassadorial Scholar sponsored by the Rotary Club of Groote Schuur, South Africa (District 9350) to attend University of California-Berkeley in USA

Andrew Feinstein is a former member of the African National Congress (ANC) in South Africa. He was born in Cape Town and received education at King's College, Cambridge, the University of California at Berkeley and the University of Cape Town. His political life began when he served as an advisor to then-MEC of Finance, Jabu Moleketi in Gauteng (a province of South Africa) from 1994 to 1996. He also worked as an economic advisor to Tokyo Sexwale, current South African Minister of Human Settlements.



Feinstein was elected as a member of the South African Parliament's lower house in 1997 and rose swiftly through the ranks. During his time in office, he served as ANC's official spokesman on the National Assembly's public accounts committee, Scopa. Referred to as "one of its most vocal and talented MPs", he sought a thorough investigation into bribery allegations on the South African Arms Deal, however, resigned in 2001 after the ANC refused to launch the investigation.

Feinstein now resides in London with his wife and two children. He chairs the Aids charity Friends of the Treatment Action Campaign and works as a securities coordinator for Investec Bank UK Ltd. He also lectures and writes on South Africa. He is known for a bestseller *"After the Party – A Personal and Political Journey inside the ANC"*, a critical memoir of the political culture of the ANC.

Our Alumni—Mary Berge and Maria Fetock

Group Study Exchange

Mary Berge (right) and Maria Fetock (left), 2001-02 GSE team members sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Johnstown and Brownville, Pennsylvania, USA (District 7330) to Sweden (District 2390)



Former GSE Team members Mary Berge and Maria Fetock have been hard at work since returning from their tour in Sweden in 2002. Since then both have become Rotarians, both joining the same club which sponsored their participation on the team- Mary joining the Rotary Club of Johnstown, PA, and Maria joining the Rotary Club of Brownsville, PA. While club president in 2005-06, Mary was named Rotarian of the year, the Rotary Club of Johnstown was named club of the year; while District Governor in 2008-09 when District 7330 set an all time record in Foundation Giving and was awarded the highest per capita giving award for Zone 28. Not to be outdone, Maria was named club president for the Rotary Club of Brownville for 2008-09, and may also be setting her sights on loftier goals in the future.

More Humanitarian Grants Success Stories

A MOBILE CLINIC FOR COUNTRY DISTRICTS IN WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE, SOUTH AFRICA.

A JOINT PROJECT BETWEEN THE ROTARY CLUBS OF KIRKCUDBRIGHT AND CLAREMONT, AND THE ROTARY FOUNDATION.

- 5.2 MILLION PEOPLE WITH HIV AND AIDS IN SOUTH AFRICA
- OVER 250,000 SOUTH AFRICANS DIED OF AIDS.
- ONE-IN-THREE WOMEN AGED 25-29, AND A QUARTER OF MEN AGED 30-34, ARE LIVING WITH HIV.
- PREDOMINANTLY PASSED BETWEEN COUPLES
- MOTHER-TO-CHILD TRANSMISSION IS THE OTHER ROUTE.



This project was initiated by The Kirkcudbright Club, which together with Rotary District 1020 (via DDF) raised \$30,000 towards its cost. The Kirkcudbright Club raised its \$18,000 share through organizing a Sporting Dinner. As a key part of planning the project The Kirkcudbright Club had lengthy discussions with The Claremont Club in Cape Town. Between them a project was devised to provide a mobile clinic vehicle to serve the people on farms and in small rural communities in the Western Cape Province of South Africa, particularly those children and adults who are HIV positive and living with AIDS.

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The Claremont Club plus its local Rotary District 9350 (through DDF) contributed \$20,000, with the balance from The Rotary Foundation's World Fund. This Grant has enabled the project to be rolled out valued at \$100,000. This project was the only competitive matching grant approved within RIBI during 2008/09 (ie the project had to compete for the large grant with other worthy projects)

So far \$31,000 has been spent to acquire the basic Mercedes Sprinter Chassis/Cab unit on which the clinic will be built, and which is the subject of the accompanying photos. These were taken by The Claremont Club when they recently visited AC Motorhomes, who are building the clinic.

It will then be handed over to The Desmond Tutu HIV Foundation (DTHF), the Cooperating Organisation for the project, which will assume responsibility for staffing the clinic and for setting up and funding its operating programme. The DTHF already has another clinic vehicle which carries out HIV testing in the townships of Greater Cape Town and which is called "The Tutu Tester". Because of the synergy between the two vehicles, it is proposed to call our Rotary sponsored vehicle "The Tutu Treater".

It is planned that the Clinic will commence operations in March 2010, serving farms and small rural communities in the Boland and other inland country districts of the Western Cape. Whilst its major function will be the ongoing treatment of HIV Positive persons of all ages (including the prevention of transmission of AIDS to the unborn child), it will be equipped and staffed to provide a diagnostic, treatment and counselling service for other types of illness as well.

Keith Bruce, R/C Kirkcudbright, International Project Coordinator

Rotary Peace Center Alumni - Post-Fellowship Employment

There are 458 peace fellows that have reported their current position to The Rotary Foundation (out of 485 total alumni) or 94.4%.

Of these 458 peace fellows:

- 144 work for NGOs or other peace-related organizations (31%)
- 95 work for a government agency (21%)
- 53 are pursuing additional advanced degrees in peace-related fields (12%)
- 41 are teachers/professors (9%)
- 33 work in research or academic support positions (7%)
- 25 work for United Nations agencies (5%)
- 10 are journalists (2%)
- 10 are lawyers or work in a law-related field (2%)
- 8 work for the World Bank (2%)
- 19 defy easy categorization; these include: bankers, human resource professionals, and business owners (4%)

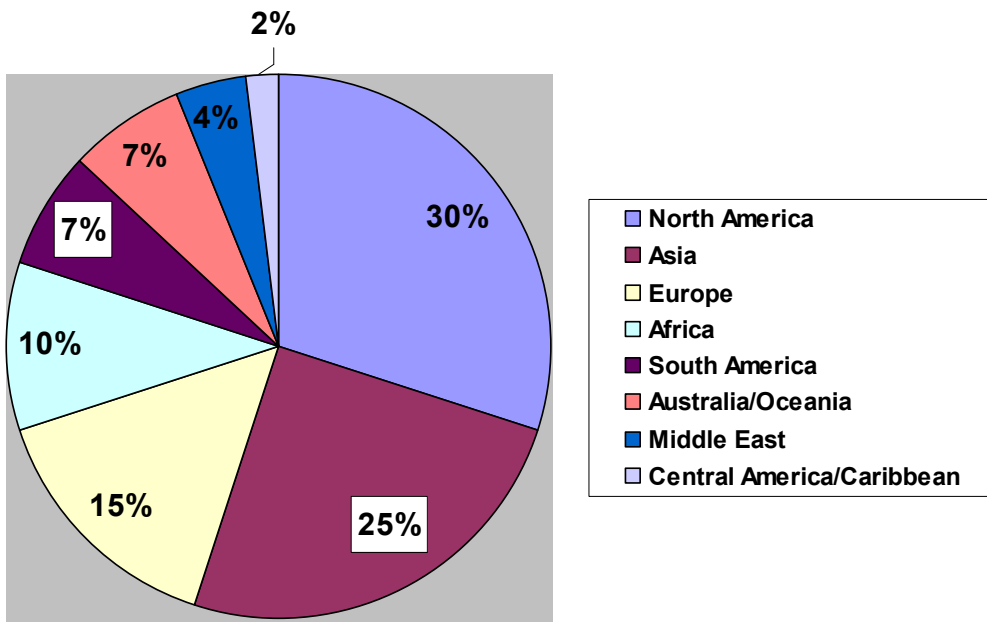
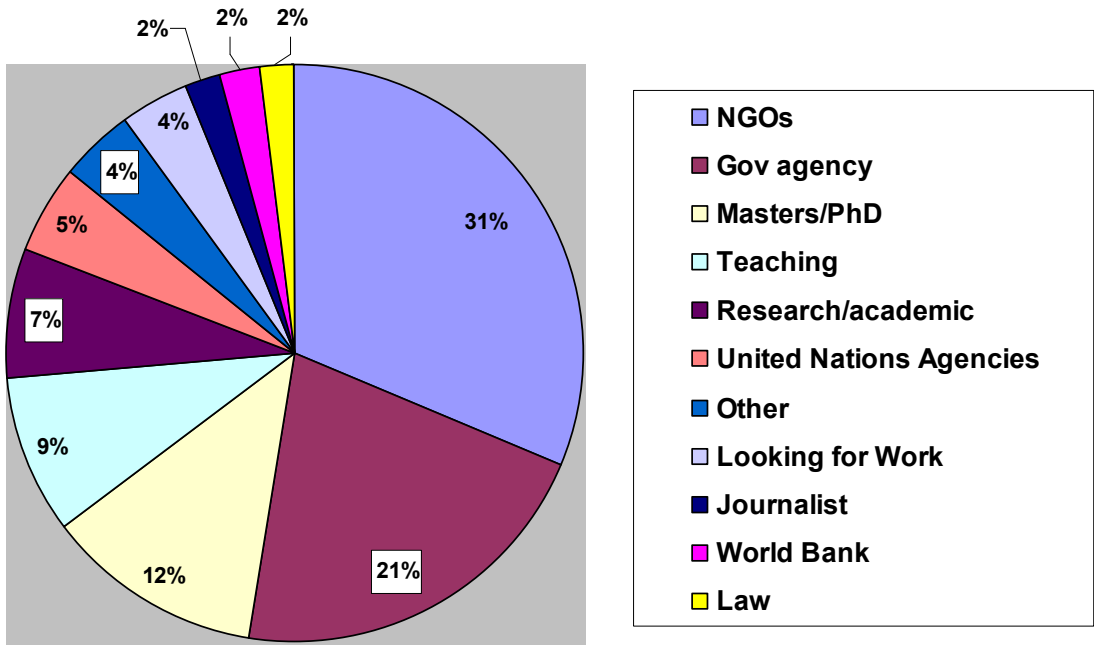
20 reported they are actively looking for work in the field (4%)

Alumni find work around the world:

- 137 reside in North America (30%)
- 114 reside in Asia (25%)
- 69 reside in Europe (15%)
- 45 reside in Africa (10%)
- 34 reside in Australia and Oceania (7%)
- 32 reside in South America (7%)
- 20 reside in the Middle East (4%)

7 reside Central America and the Caribbean (2%)

Peace Centers Alumni—Employment and Location



Our Alumni—Vanessa Contopulos

Ms. Vanessa Contopulos, USA, Rotary World Peace Fellow, 2008-10, University of Bradford, UK, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Temecula, USA, District 5330



Vanessa returned to her native San Diego after her fellowships and picked up her pre-fellowship work as a music therapist. Her research interests focus on the role of the arts and music in peace building. In San Diego, she joined an online group called Music for Conflict Transformation. Through this connection, she was able to speak in Tunisia at a conference relating to music for intercultural dialogue. She and a colleague are in the process of starting a consultancy called Create4Peace. Its mission is to support peace building organizations by providing creative resources, workshops, and training. They have already begun working with local organizations and hope to expand their services to more national and even international opportunities.

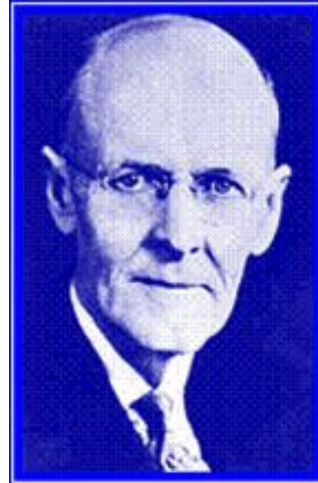
Vanessa loves speaking and sharing ideas about how music and the creative arts can support peace. She would love to continue speaking at Rotary events and hopes to connect with more Rotarians and organizations whose interests mesh with the arts and peace building.

WHAT PAUL HARRIS SAID...

"I would not really dare to tell you gentlemen, right now, what I think about the future of this organization. If I were to do so, I venture to say that there is not a man assembled here now who would not say that I was a vagarist. But the thoughts and the plans that I have for Rotary, transcend, I believe, anything that has yet been expressed by any member of any Rotary Club. We have undoubtedly a great many severe problems to confront us and it is going to require a masterful spirit and a masterful energy for us to cope successfully with those problems."

Paul Harris's address to the 1st Convention in Chicago, A newly married Paul Harris was understandably upbeat when he first addressed Rotarians at the Rotary Convention in August 1910. As we all know, Paul Harris' thoughts and plans for our movement were truly momentous and certainly lived up to the build-up in this address.

As ever it is up to all of us to keep the spirit and energy going into the Future.



Paul P. Harris



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FUTURE VISION PILOT NEWS



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Save the date for webinar

“Future Vision: Global Grants and Your Club”

2 June, 10:00 CDT (GMT -5)

9 June, 18:00 CDT (GMT -5)

Rotarians who’d like to learn more about global grants are invited to participate in one of two identical webinars next month on the following topics:

- * Overview of the Future Vision pilot
- * Global grant requirements and possibilities
- * Areas of focus and sustainability
- * Resources

Prerequisites for participating in the webinar include taking the Future Vision Overview e-learning module and reading about the Future Vision pilot online. Details about how to participate will be e-mailed and posted at www.rotary.org in mid-May.