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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

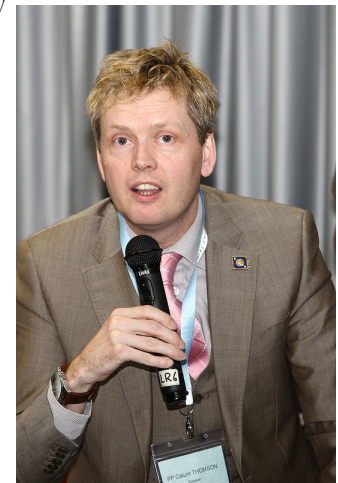
Another New calendar year and another new theme for the upcoming Rotary year. And its also another theme message that links our own Rotary Foundation to every single member and every community in the world.

RI President-elect Kalyan Banerjee has asked us all to reach within. Does he simply mean to reach into our pockets and find a few more dollars for our Charitable Foundation? I don't think so. Reaching within ourselves we can find the strength, motivation and the determination to make the lives of so many in need so much better.

Where else can we truly embrace humanity but through The Foundation?

Another theme is yet another reminder of who exactly we are; what we do; and what we can become if we really, really want to.

I wish you well in your own search within.



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Start With Ourselves and Within Ourselves

RI President-elect Kalyan Banerjee will ask Rotarians to Reach Within to Embrace Humanity during the 2011-12 Rotary year.

Banerjee unveiled the RI theme during the opening plenary session of the 2011 International Assembly, a training event for incoming district governors.

He urged participants to harness their inner resolve and strength to achieve success in Rotary.

"In order to achieve anything in this world, a person has to use all the resources he can draw on. And the only place to start is with ourselves and within ourselves," Banerjee said.

Once Rotarians find their inner strength, he continued, they can accomplish great things in their communities and around the world.

"Discover yourself, develop the strengths within you, and then unhesitatingly, unflinchingly, go forth and encircle the world, to embrace humanity," he said.

Banerjee emphasized the family as a starting point in serving others. "The communities we live in are not built of individual people but of families -- families living in homes together, sharing their lives and their resources and their common destinies. Good families lead to good neighborhoods, and good neighborhoods build good communities."

Rotarians can focus on projects that support families, such as those that provide safe housing or improve maternal and child health, he said.



RIPE Kaylan at the International Assembly, San Diego, Jan 2011



Continuity in Rotary's work, including polio eradication, is also important, Banerjee said. "There are so many things we are indeed good at: working for clean, safe water; spreading literacy; working in so many ways with the New Generations, our youth, in our newest Avenue of Service and assisting them to become the leaders of tomorrow."

Citing Mahatma Gandhi's call to **"be the change you wish to see in the world,"** Banerjee said Rotarians should also focus on change.

"If we wish for peace, we start by living in peace ourselves, in our homes and in our communities," he explained. "If we wish environmental degradation to stop, if we wish to reduce child mortality or to prevent hunger, we must be the instrument of that change -- and recognize that it must start within us, with each of us."

Source— rotary.org





Carl– Wilhelm Stenhammar writes...

The Future Vision pilot, launched seven months ago with 100 pilot districts, has already produced exceptional global grant projects with sustainable, measurable outcomes.

Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar highlighted several early success stories of the Future Vision Plan while touting its benefits before an audience of incoming district governors at the fourth plenary session of the 2011 International Assembly, 18 January in San Diego, California, USA.

"Future Vision represents a philosophical shift in the way the Foundation funds Rotarians' activities," Stenhammar said. "Under Future Vision, the Foundation asks Rotarians to start their planning by identifying a pressing need and working with the community to determine the best activity or combination of activities through which to address it, and then carry them out."

One hundred districts were specially trained in San Diego a year ago and began testing a new grant model 1 July in the Future Vision Pilot. Districts will begin using the model on 1 July 2013.

Though change isn't painless, Stenhammar said, the plan will allow for increased flexibility, particularly for scholarships. District Grants can fund scholars either locally or abroad at any level, for any length of time, either for a degree or certificate program or for a period of study. With global grants, clubs and districts may use their cash or District Designated Fund to receive a World Fund match for graduate-level students studying abroad under one of the areas of focus. Global grants can fund students for a single year or for an entire degree program, up to four years in length.



Chairman of the Rotary Foundation
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Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar



Stenhammar pointed to the Rotary Club of La Jolla Golden Triangle, California, which has used two global grants for \$30,000 each to sponsor a student from Quito, Ecuador, and another from Kampala, Uganda, to study peace and conflict resolution.

He encouraged non-pilot districts to learn as much as they can about the plan and its opportunities at www.rotary.org and in the Future Vision Pilot newsletter.

Earlier in the day, Foundation Trustee Chair-elect William B. Boyd outlined goals for the Foundation:

- **Eradicating polio**
- **Increasing support for the Foundation**
- **Continuing progress on the Future Vision Plan**

Boyd said the areas of focus under the Future Vision Plan allow Rotarians to carry out projects with a common purpose, in a way that will benefit as many people as possible.



PRIP Bill Boyd

"All of us should work to build those six areas of focus into the culture and thinking of every Rotary club," he said. "We should seek opportunities to build partnerships between clubs and districts, our Rotary Foundation, and other organizations that can join us in our mission to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty."

Source—rotary.org



Gift Aid—Another Gift of Life

We have explored at length some of the tax incentives those who live in North America enjoy when giving to The Foundation. We would now like to extend this discussion to cover other systems. We begin with the United Kingdom.

Gift aid as explained in more detail by the British Government's Revenue and Customs (on the next page) allows UK tax payers to claim back some of their tax contributions as an additional donation to their favorite charity. Rotary Foundation United Kingdom (RFUK) is the conduit that allows Rotarians to add more pounds/dollars to their donation to the Annual Programs Fund, Polio Challenge fund or a Matching Grant project.

Yet, amazingly, thousands upon thousands of pounds/dollars are lost each and every year. Many clubs in the UK still contribute to The Foundation through a Club 'lump sum' and in most cases Gift aid is not utilized. What a waste!

Gift Aid is an incentive for individual giving. And as such only truly voluntary donations are eligible. The Club where, for instance, every member donates a pound/dollar for the weekly raffle is not seen as a truly free donation.

The answer is very simple—become a Sustaining Member of the Foundation and RFUK will automatically claim gift aid from your regular donation every month, quarter or year—its so simple.



It is heartbreaking to think of the mount of money that is available yet goes unclaimed each year. Would we flush thousands of dollars down our toilet when it could be building toilets in a community crying out for a life saving sanitation system?

How Gift Aid Works

The Gift Aid scheme is for gifts of money by individuals who pay UK tax. Gift Aid donations are regarded as having basic rate tax deducted by the donor. Charities take your donation - which is money you've already paid tax on - and reclaim the basic rate tax from HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) on its 'gross' equivalent - the amount before basic rate tax was deducted.

Basic rate tax is 20 per cent, so this means that if you give £10 using Gift Aid, it's worth £12.50 to the charity. For donations between 6 April 2008 and 5 April 2011 the charity will also get a separate government supplement of three pence on every pound you give.

In order to make a Gift Aid donation you'll need to make a Gift Aid declaration. The charity will normally ask you to complete a simple form - one form can cover every gift made to the same charity for whatever period you choose, and can cover gifts you have already made and/or gifts you may make in the future.

A Gift Aid declaration must include:

- * your full name
- * your home address
- * the name of the charity
- * details of your donation, and it should say that it's a Gift Aid donation



You can use Gift Aid for gifts you make jointly (as a couple) if you tell the charity how much each of you is giving and if you each make a Gift Aid declaration.

You can use Gift Aid if the amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax you've paid in the tax year (6 April one year to 5 April the next) in which you make your donation is at least equal to the amount of basic rate tax the charity is reclaiming on your gift. If you make a number of Gift Aid donations, you will need to consider the tax you've paid on each donation on an accumulative basis. If you don't pay enough tax you may be required to pay any shortfall in tax to HMRC.

Source: HMRC



Rotary Peace Fellows star at our Rotary Institutes



Melis Alguadis, Turkey, Rotary Peace Fellow, 2004-06, Sciences Po, France, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Altunizade, Turkey, District 2420 spoke to the Zone 20b Rotary Institute in Sofia, Bulgaria



Marios Antoniou, Cyprus, Rotary Peace Fellow, 2008-10, Duke University / University of North Carolina, USA, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Nicosia Salamis, Cyprus, District 2450 recently presented at the Zone 15 & 16 Rotary Institute in Aalborg, Denmark



Pamela Broussard, USA, Rotary Peace Fellow, 2007, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Cypress-Fairbanks, USA, District 5890 gave a presentation to the Zone 6b, 7a & 10b Rotary Institute in Bangkok, Thailand



Indri Dewi, Indonesia, Rotary Peace Fellow, 2009-11, International Christian University, Japan, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Mataram Yoyakarta, Indonesia, District 3400 was a guest speaker to the Zone 9 & 10a Rotary Institute in Seoul, South Korea



Andrea Fanta, USA, Rotary Peace Fellow, 2006-08, University of Queensland, Australia, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Dickson, USA, District 6760 spoke to the Zone 30 & 31 Rotary Institute in Nashville, TN, USA



John Foster, USA, Rotary Peace Fellow, 2005-07, University of Queensland, Australia, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Chattanooga, USA, District 6780 was a presenter to the Zone 30 & 31 Rotary Institute in Nashville, TN, USA



Miho Fukuhara, Japan, Rotary Peace Fellow, 2003-05, University of Bradford, UK, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Urawa, Japan, District 2770 attended and presented to the Zone 25 & 26 Rotary Institute in Bellevue, WA, USA



William Payne, Canada, Rotary Peace Fellow, 2003-05, Universidad del Salvador, Argentina, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Windsor, Canada, District 6400 spoke to the Zone 24 & 32 Rotary Institute in London, ON, Canada



Shai Tamari, Israel, Rotary Peace Fellow, 2006-08, Duke University / University of North Carolina, USA, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Port of Brisbane, Australia, District 9630 was a guest speaker to the Zone 21b & 27 Rotary Institute in Albuquerque, NM, USA



Etsuko Teranishi, Japan, Rotary Peace Fellow, 2005-07, University of Queensland, Australia, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ibaraki-east, Japan, District 2660 presented at the Zone 1, 2, 3 Rotary Institute in Osaka, Japan



Brigitta von Messling, Germany, Rotary Peace Fellow, 2004-06, University of Bradford, UK, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Tullahoma, USA, District 6780 was the Peace Fellow presenter at the Zone 11-14, 17-19 Rotary Institute in Hannover, Germany



Christine Wright, UK, Rotary Peace Fellow, 2007, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Dulwich & Peckham, UK, District 1130 and presented at the Zone 4, 5, & 6a Rotary Institute in Bangkok, Thailand



Future Vision: Foundation in a Time of Change

by Trustee Chairman Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar

Around 2005, it became apparent that the Trustees would have no choice but to change the Foundation. The Matching Grants program had experienced astronomical growth, and the Foundation administration was no longer equipped to support it. Essentially, the Trustees had to decide whether to significantly increase staffing in Evanston, or whether it was time to take a look and see if this growing pain offered an opportunity. They chose the latter route, and an in-depth strategic planning process ensued. Two consulting firms — Grant Thornton and Jefferson Wells — examined The Rotary Foundation, and nearly 10,000 Rotarians answered a comprehensive questionnaire. Based on the results of this feedback, the Future Vision Committee and Foundation Trustees have worked very hard to come forward with the Future Vision Plan.

So let me fill you in on some of the basics.

Future Vision funds many popular activities through two grant models: district grants and global grants. District grants are incredibly flexible and fund both club and district activities using the District Designated Fund (DDF). Global grants are designed to fund larger humanitarian projects with sustainable, measurable outcomes, as well as scholarships and vocational training teams, in one or more of the six areas of focus.

Future Vision also places a big emphasis on making activities **sustainable**. The idea is that the benefits of a particular activity will continue and that the community will have greater capacity to address future needs, even after the Rotary clubs have finished their work.

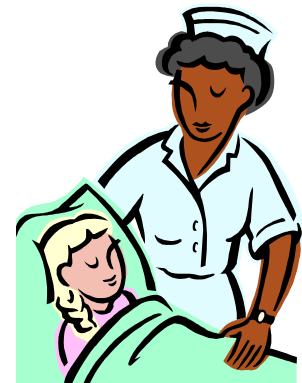


Future Vision represents a philosophical shift in the way the Foundation funds Rotarians' activities. In the classic Foundation model, when planning, Rotarians are asked to pick their favorite activities, learn the rules of the program that supports them, and carry them out.

Under Future Vision, the Foundation asks Rotarians to start their planning by identifying a pressing need and working with the community to determine the best activity or combination of activities through which to address it, and then carry them out. Of course, Rotarians have been identifying needs in the classic model all along, but now the Foundation is working in alignment with that process to better support it.

One hundred districts were selected for the Future Vision pilot, and they were specially trained here in San Diego last year. They began using the new grants model on 1 July. So how have they responded to this new plan? With some pretty exceptional projects.

The Rotary Club of Kpalimé, Togo, in District 9100 and the Rotary Club of Paris-Porte d'Orléans, France, in District 1660 have partnered to provide equipment and materials to a pediatric center and to establish a training program on public health and nutrition in Kpalimé. The sponsors have made the project sustainable by training staff members at the center and by charging a small fee for services, thereby ensuring that the center has the necessary funds to stay open.





Where scholarships and vocational training teams are concerned, Future Vision offers tremendous freedom. I would argue that Future Vision improves upon the current scholarships program significantly. Future Vision district grants fund scholars either locally or abroad at any level, for any length of time, either for a degree or certificate program or simply for a period of study. The current timeline for Ambassadorial Scholarships is lengthy — 18 months. Scholarships under Future Vision offer maximum flexibility and a significantly shortened timeline. Your district can keep an 18-month timeline if it works for you, but it certainly is no longer necessary.

Under global grants, clubs and districts may use their cash or DDF to receive a World Fund match for graduate-level students studying abroad under one of the six areas of focus. Districts can opt to fund the student for a single year or for an entire degree program, up to four years in length. To date, we have mostly seen applications for students to receive a flat grant of US\$30,000 — the global grants budget minimum — but this is not a requirement. Awards can be higher than that, thereby enabling talented individuals to complete needed graduate-level degree programs that will make a difference in the world.

For example, the Rotary Club of La Jolla Golden Triangle [in California, USA] has worked closely with the Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at the University of San Diego to identify strong candidates within peace and conflict prevention/resolution for sponsorship. The result is two global grants, each for \$30,000, to sponsor a student from Quito, Ecuador, and another from Kampala, Uganda, for study.

At this point, I'd like to move on to Group Study Exchange (GSE) and vocational training teams. Vocational training teams are not GSE, although there can be some similarities. Goodwill exchanges, similar to GSE, are carried out under the auspices of district grants. Team travel to another country to implement a project, provide training, or receive training is carried out under the auspices of vocational training teams funded by global grants. The latter bear minimal resemblance to GSE.



Feedback from the pilot districts will help us determine what works and what doesn't. Every time a Rotarian contacts the Future Vision staff, the Foundation records the inquiry. The data collected will help ensure that the Trustees have the most accurate information possible to determine what changes are needed.

So what has changed? The biggest changes are the fact that a goodwill exchange is no longer funded entirely by World Fund but instead relies on DDF through district grants, a funding model similar to that used currently in Ambassadorial Scholarships. Another change is that the Foundation no longer pairs districts for goodwill exchanges. The third change is really exciting. Under Future Vision, you are freed from program rules. Exchanges no longer have to be four to six weeks in length. They last as long as you want, be that two weeks or six months, and they cost exactly what they cost. If you can do a goodwill exchange through district grants for \$5,000, that's all it's going to cost.

If you are interested in global grants, we've seen some highly creative and effective proposals that bundle vocational training teams with projects and do not involve an exchange at all. For example, we had a team of heart specialists travel from District 6560 in Indiana [USA] to District 9200 [Uganda] to perform a series of heart surgeries on children while simultaneously training their Ugandan counterparts. The project is sustainable because now doctors in both countries are knowledgeable on the techniques needed to perform these surgeries.

These are impressive grants, and there are many others. The applications that the Foundation has received for both district grants and global grants are simply outstanding. And for the first time ever, the Foundation, with the assistance of the Rotarians, will be gathering data on the success of these grants and their impact on the beneficiaries. Over time, this information will be used to illustrate the impact that Rotarians, through The Rotary Foundation, are making in addressing world needs.



So what sort of questions will the Trustees review when it is time to evaluate the plan?

Well, we know that some Rotarians are extremely concerned about the future of GSE, the loss of a World Fund match for smaller Matching Grant-sized projects, and the provision of spending plans for district grants. We'll have to look at whether those concerns are offset by the benefits of the new plan.

One governor-elect wrote me early last summer to say: "I get so tired, tired on this qualification process, which is a wonder of the highest level of bureaucracy. . . . I am trying to find out what is wrong, something is wrong — my signature on the memorandum of understanding was missing, it was long ago I signed it . . . something is missing in District Bank Account Information in spite of all the boxes being tagged. . . . In my childish mind, I thought we were to get extra help for this qualification." I shall not tell you what country he is from, as I do not want to offend anyone should there be Swedes in the audience. (Swedish flag appears on the screen.)

In the fall I met a governor who said to me: "I became so happy when I found out that our district had become a pilot. But with the complicated implementation of the plan, I wish we had not." Again, I would not wish to tell you which country he was from. (Canadian flag appears on the screen.)

These frustrations have now been settled and these districts are following along fine, but as you can understand, with change there is often some pain involved initially. The Foundation is closely tracking these concerns. The successes, as evidenced by the applications, are so impressive, but we want to ensure that everyone's experience is as positive as this Rotarian's, who shared with me his delight with the speed at which his district's first global grant scholarship was awarded. He said that "thanks to the online system, [he] was able to `sign off' on the application even while travelling abroad."



So, what about the 432 other districts that are Doing Good in the World with the current programs and supporting the Foundation while we test this new model? Well, the time has come to get ready, and I have some tips on how to get started.

To begin, I would encourage you to consider the model on its own merits. **Among the pilot districts, the ones that have struggled the most are those that have attempted to push the existing Foundation model into Future Vision. Their efforts have been met with frustration, and they have often missed out on some of the incredible new opportunities available through Future Vision.**

Second, take a look at the timelines established in your district. They are different under Future Vision. Go ahead and give qualification a try. It is genuinely helpful in pointing out the types of records your club or district should maintain related to grants and in outlining best practices for managing grants.

Finally, I would encourage you to educate yourself on the new model. There is a wealth of resources available on the website, including e-learning modules and a qualification tool kit. However, your best source of information initially may be Future Vision Pilot News, an e-newsletter available to anyone. You can subscribe on the website.



Carl -Wilhelm Stenhammar

As you have understood, change comes with some frustrations, but also with some great opportunities. It can sometimes be challenging to talk about the Future Vision Plan. I almost expected people to fall asleep during this presentation. But I have only seen one person do so and that was not my fault — he was already sound asleep when I started.





Polio Outbreak in Pakistan

Responding to a sharp increase in the number of polio cases in Pakistan in 2010, the government has launched the National Emergency Action Plan for Polio Eradication 2011. Developed by national and international health experts at the request of President Asif Ali Zardari, the plan's two main goals are to stop polio outbreaks by mid-2011 and halt transmission of the disease by yearend.

Pakistan was the only one of the world's four polio-endemic countries to see an increase in polio cases last year -- 142 compared with 89 in 2009. And Pakistan's total accounted for more than 60 percent of all cases among the four, which also include Afghanistan, India, and Nigeria.

That increase "was a cause of alarm for the nations of the world, who were preparing to usher in, [in] the near future, a world without the scourge of this disease," says health minister Makhdoom Shahabuddin. "Failure is no option. We have come this far after years of efforts with the support of our international partners, and we must now finish the job with a more focused approach toward the last remaining bottlenecks that threaten to reverse the gains we have made."

A national task force will oversee implementation of the plan, which is aimed at reaching children in high-risk districts, mobile populations, and insecure areas.

"There will be strict oversight of the plan at the national and provincial levels through monitoring cells," Zardari said at a 24 January ceremony in Islamabad to launch the plan. "We shall be working on a fast-track emergency plan with the support of our security forces to access children and households in the security-sensitive areas."

Mobilizing clubs

Rotarian coordinators assigned by the Pakistan PolioPlus Committee are mobilizing Rotary clubs to provide support in the country's four provinces. Club members will assist with the effort "to cover every nook and corner of the country," says Aziz Memon, chair of the committee. "We are committed to a polio-free Pakistan."

The plan's progress will be evaluated by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative's independent monitoring board, established in 2010 to assess the GPEI's effectiveness in fulfilling its 2010-12 strategic plan. Rotary is a spearheading partner of the initiative, along with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

At the launch ceremony, Zardari thanked Rotary International and the other global partners for their support of the emergency action plan. In recognition of Rotary's role in the drive toward polio eradication in Pakistan, he awarded the President's Award for Pride of Performance to Memon and the Star of Good Conduct to International PolioPlus Committee Chair Robert S. Scott.

"We need this spirit of partnership in the country at this critical time," Zardari said. "No challenge is too big to stop us from saving our children from polio and ridding the world of this disease."





End Polio Now Products

Did you see some really great looking END POLIO NOW products at the 2010 Montreal Convention? Did you wonder where to get your own polo shirt, sweatshirt, baseball cap or fleece? Well.. Great news!

The Rotary club of Guernsey is selling End Polio Now Products world-wide. The proceeds from sales support Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge. The website for ordering is www.endpolionowguernseyshop.org.

This initiative of selling End Polio Now products was started by Rotarian Jannine Birtwistle from the Rotary Club of Guernsey in District 1110. The idea came because Janine, who serves as District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair and is a former GSE team member wanted to have a variety of products available for clubs to use to promote the Challenge and help with fundraising.



Jannine and her husband Paul (who acts as a male model on the website) have put in countless hours selling these exclusive products whose quality cannot be doubted. The website will open up the whole world to these products which are manufactured close to the Birtwistle's home in the majestic Channel Islands.





100th Future Vision Pilot District Qualified!

On 11 January 2011, District 4780 (Brazil) was qualified, marking a milestone in the Future Vision pilot as all 100 districts selected for participation in the pilot have now been qualified.

Currently, 99 of the 100 districts are participating in Future Vision district grants and global grants. District 3250 remains suspended from participation in the Future Vision pilot as a result of their world reporting suspension. As soon as they are lifted from suspension, they will once again be able to participate in Future Vision grants.

Grant approved to support public health and nutrition project in Togo

The Rotary clubs of Kpalimé, Togo (District 9100) and Paris-Porte d'Orléans, France (District 1660) received a global grant to provide equipment and materials to supply a pediatric health center and establish a training program on public health and nutrition in Kpalimé. The center will offer preventive and curative services focusing on eye health, hearing, parasites, malaria, AIDS, and dental hygiene. The sponsoring clubs will work closely with a nongovernmental organization, Soutien Enfants Togo, which will help to ensure the long-term sustainability of the project. This project aligns with two areas of focus: disease prevention and treatment, and maternal and child health.

First \$100,000+ global grant approved

The Rotary clubs of Freetown, Sierra Leone (District 9100) and Fishers, Indiana, USA (District 6560) partnered to receive the first global grant requesting more than \$100,000. This ambitious project will provide 70 water wells serving over 70,000 people in Sierra Leone. Read more about this project.

Model district grant

District 9940 (New Zealand) received its 2010-11 district grant funds in early November and has begun implementing a number of excellent local and international projects. These activities include a water project in India, maternal and child health projects in Tonga and New Zealand, various education projects, and a water collection system for a school in Fiji.



Our Rotary Peace Centers

New Class Commences Certificate Program

A new class commenced the Professional Development Certificate program at the Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand on 13 January. The class of 14 fellows includes **Cristianne Wendler**, the first Rotarian to participate in the program. Unlike the master's degree programs, Rotarians are eligible to apply to the certificate program.

Duke-UNC Annual Washington, DC Trip

Class IX Rotary Peace Fellows at the Duke-UNC Rotary Peace Center visited Washington, DC this month for their annual professional development trip. During the two-day visit fellows attended informational meetings with representatives from numerous NGOs and international organizations.



Rotary Peace Centers Publications

New versions of the Rotary Peace Centers publications are now available for download. Revised publications include the:

- 2012 Rotary Peace Fellowship Application (Available 1 February)
- Rotary Peace Fellow Handbook for the Master's Degree Program
- Rotary Peace Fellow Handbook for the Professional Development Certificate Program
- Rotary Peace Centers Program Guide for Rotarians

Rotary Peace Fellowship Brochure

Please note that the Rotary Peace Fellowship Application deadline is 1 July 2011.

Sign up to receive more rotary centers news at:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/EducationalPrograms/RotaryCentersForInternationalStudies/Pages/PeaceNetNewsletter.aspx>

UK pledges to double its Polio contribution

In Davos, Switzerland Britain's new Prime Minister David Cameron said on 28 January that the United Kingdom would double its current contribution to polio eradication following on from the pledges made by the previous administration and indicating a united political will within the UK to END POLIO NOW.

Mr Cameron called on other donors to back the Global Polio Eradication Initiative as he announced the UK's commitment that will see an extra 45 million children fully vaccinated against the disease. Noting the question of international development assistance in the current financial climate, Mr Cameron said, "There is never a wrong time to do the right thing."

In 20 years, polio cases have been reduced by 99 percent and the disease is now close to being only the second in history – after smallpox – to be wiped out. In 2010, India and Nigeria – historically the toughest challenges to eradication – cut cases by 95 percent each. However, until eradicated, polio remains a threat to children everywhere.

The new contributions build on the progress to date in bringing polio close to eradication, due in no small part to the leadership of Rotary International. Both Mr Cameron and Mr Gates paid tribute to Rotarians, who will have contributed nearly US\$ 1.1 billion to polio eradication.



British PM David Cameron (right) with Bill and Melinda Gates

Prime Minister Cameron said: "I passionately believe that we have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to rid the world of the evil of polio. We have the vaccines and the tools to do it. All that's missing is real and sustained political will to see this effort through to the end."

The contribution from the UK is structured as a matching grant, to broaden the support base for polio eradication. For every \$5 pledged by others from 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2012, the UK will increase its support by \$1 up to a maximum of the additional £40m announced.

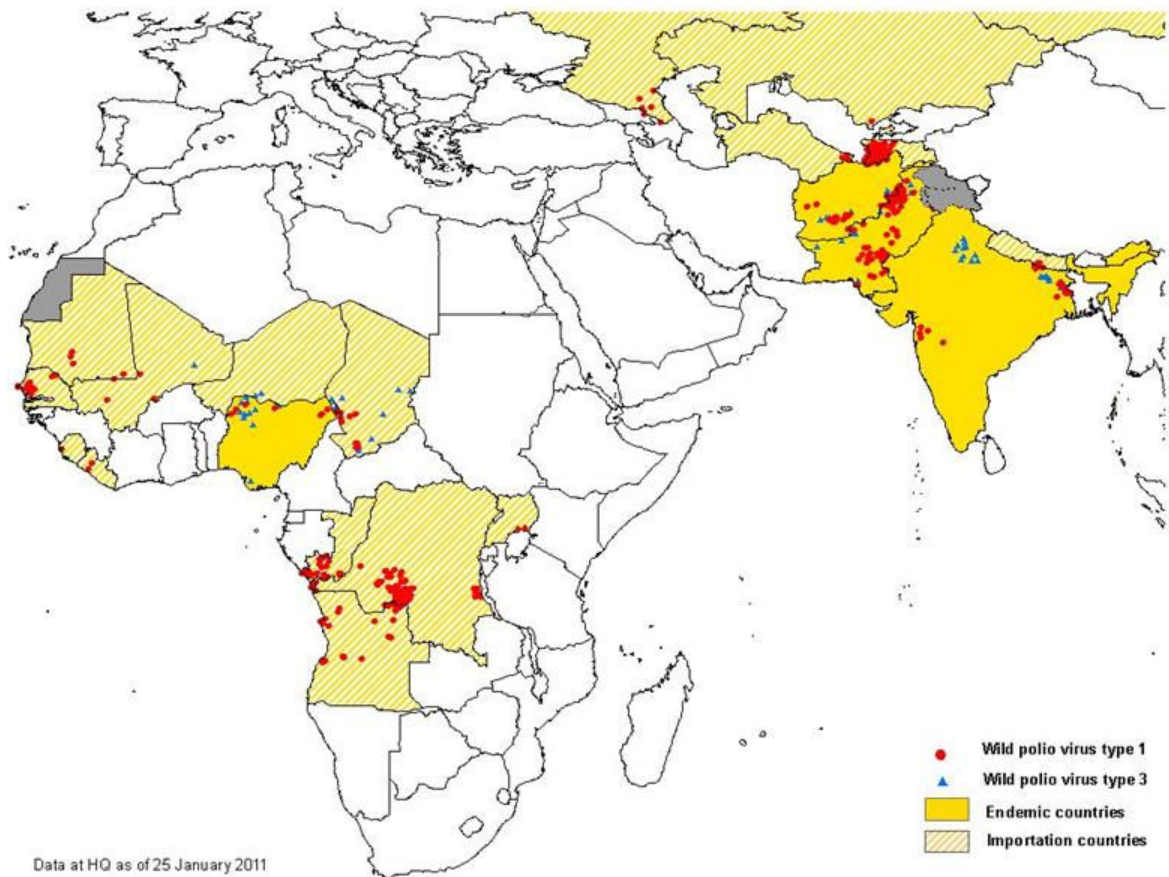
Progress in the fight against Polio in 2010

FACTS & FIGURES

There were a total of 874 cases globally in 2010 (794 type 1 and 80 type 3), compared with 1,503 cases at this time in 2009 (464 type 1 and 1,039 type 3).

20 countries have reported cases in 2010, compared with 23 at this time in 2009.

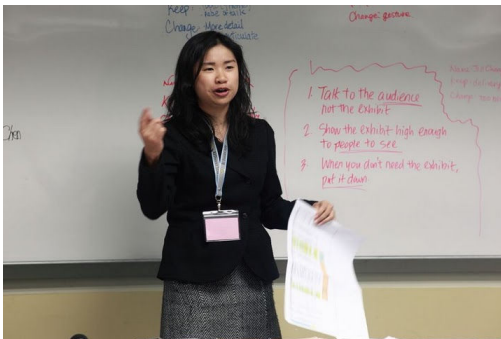
Polio cases in the world in 2010





Rotary Scholars Orientation Seminar 2011

“Kung Hei Fat Choi, Kung Hei Fat Choi, Kung Hei Fat Choi” is the repetitive chant from one of the presenters at the Asia RSOS 2011 hosted by District 3450 (Hong Kong, Macau, Mongolia) and District 3520 (Taiwan).



Past scholar Helen Keung

As the traditional Chinese New Year greeting is repeated almost in unison by up and coming Ambassadorial Scholars and Group Study Exchange team members, it is clear that the lesson has truly begun in how to give a successful presentation.

The demonstration is a fabulous introduction on how to elicit a response from one’s audience. The professional delivery is flawless. The presenter—a past scholar from Hong Kong and program director for the seminar, Helen Keung—seems to grow in stature as she seamlessly captures the audience. We listen intently, spellbound, frozen in time.

Other presenters are performers in their own special way: DG, PDG, DRFC and a list of Foundation Alumni who all have a role, have something to say, something to pass on to the next generation.

Organizing Committee Chair and Scholarships subcommittee Chair of District 3450 Eugene Fong along with the DRFC of D-3450 Raymond Sin have assembled a group of talented and articulate past scholars in order to put together this program. It is heartening to meet those who are still active within the Rotary family through Rotaract, Alumni



Outgoing Rotary scholars work on their presentation skills at RSOS

RSOS 2011—Hong Kong

Yet, in a couple of years time these two Foundation programs will be transformed beyond all recognition through Future Vision and I feel a sense of nostalgia as we listen to the attendees give their own individual stories to the assembled group. Each account is fascinating and unique, each presentation tells something of the person—their humanity and their dreams for a better tomorrow. Each young person is a wonderful example of service above self.



As one of only two native English speakers at the seminar, I was impressed by the quality and eloquence from the class of 2011. Their passion and their enthusiasm more than makes up for any slight weaknesses with the English language. Its something I find quite endearing. I offered a few words of encouragement to

each and every one asking them to get involved in the projects and programs of Rotary and eventually to join us in building communities and bridging continents.

The RSOS in Asia brought together over thirty participants from nine countries. Three current year inbound 2010/11 scholars from Canada, Italy & USA who are all studying in Asia, were joined by outbound 2011/12 scholars from Japan, South Korea, Bangladesh, Taiwan & Mongolia. In addition, two GSE teams participated in the seminar, one team from RI district 3450, and the other from RI district 3520 Taiwan.

I wish them all and every one else: **Kung Hei Fat Choi.**



Intensive scrutiny and development of presentation skills is the main focus of this seminar

Calum Thomson



Our Alumni

Makoto Fujiwara, 1992-93 Ambassadorial Scholar sponsored by the Rotary Club of Kofu South, Yamanashi, Japan (District 2620) to attend University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada



The disappearance of antimatter in the universe is considered one of the fundamental unanswered questions in physics. In November 2010, after more than five years of work at CERN (European Organization for Nuclear Research), a Canadian team of researchers led by Makoto Fujiwara made the groundbreaking discovery of a new technique to trap antimatter atoms for a long enough period to study them. Fujiwara, an assistant professor of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Calgary and a research scientist at TRIUMF laboratory, believes that advancing this study can help people better understand the origins of the universe.

Philippe Lamoise, 2000-2001 GSE Team Leader sponsored by the Rotary Club of Torrey Pines (La Jolla), CA, USA (District 5340) to Eritrea/Ethiopia/Kenya/Tanzania/Uganda (District 9200) and 2004-05 Rotary Volunteer to India (District 3070)



Rotarian Philippe Lamoise is once again leading a team to Africa. He is currently serving as the leader of a vocational training team (VTT) traveling in District 9200, which includes Uganda. The vocational training team model is set to replace the Group Study Exchange program under Future Vision. The team consists of four Rotarians including Lamoise, and three non-Rotarians. While in Uganda the group will implement a series of projects at the same location in multiple areas of focus. This will make a big impact at the village and help them to get out of poverty. The team is working in association with the “Adopt-A-Village” project in Uganda. More details on the group’s activities, including how a vocational training team works and videos on their activities can be found at <http://www.rotary5340.org/foundation/alumni/vtt10/index.html>.

Top tips for presenting at the Rotary Club

- Firstly, remember to ALWAYS use a microphone if there is one present. In most Rotary Clubs there will be at least one ‘senior member’ and the chances are he/she will not hear very well. Remember, a microphone is for the audience’s benefit and not the presenter’s. How many times do we see a speaker simply ask if everyone can hear him/her (without the mic) and then begin before the less well aurally blessed realize what is happening?
- Secondly, always remember the maxim—if you fail to prepare, then prepare to fail’. In today’s rapid, powerful, technological world, never assume the laptop, projector and power point program will work for you. Check before the meeting begins with a quick rehearsal. And always be prepared to talk without an AV system—just in case.
- If you use a radio microphone, watch out for losing audio if you turn away from the audience and look at the screen. The radio mic won’t pick up your voice.



- NEVER use red text on a blue background. The color blind males amongst us will know this combination is almost unreadable.

Finally and most importantly, know that your Rotary audience is on your side. They wish you to do well. They are your supporters and friends. If English is not your native language do not worry, if you spoke like a native there would be a sense of disappointment and maybe some mistrust that

you were not who you said you were!

How do I know all the answers? Well, to quote Oscar Wilde: **“Experience is the name every one gives to their mistakes.”**

Do Boond Zindagi Ke' - AN EXEMPLARY EFFORT

Annette Riya Wani has taken the initiative, and is independently handling Polio Immunisation activity in Society. We are happy to share this exemplary effort in Riya's own words. A great motivation for all!

“My inspiration is my father who has great concern for our society. He has come through a very hard phase in life and faced many difficulties to reach this stage. He has helped the poor and the needy especially in education & health. Ever since I can remember, he has celebrated my birthdays in an orphanage by distributing toys & sharing happiness with them. To the best of my knowledge he has adopted many kids for their primary and secondary education. He keeps sharing with me his views for service to society, he is active in Rotary and always takes me to the many projects they do.



I am seeing Rotarians making lot of efforts for Polio eradication. I also joined the campaign and then started enjoying it as it was fun to deal with kids. When I visited the slums, it really shook me as they need a lot of effort to take care of them from diseases. My father made me realise the importance of giving polio drops to every kid below the age of six. Then I thought, why can't I have a campaign in my own community.

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I approached my Community Chairman for permission to have a polio camp in our community of Konark Splendour, Kalyani Nagar. They didn't even hear me as it was a big request. Finally I convinced them that I am keen to organise the camp for the betterment of our children. The Chairman demanded a written application, and I gave a hand written application. But they said we need authorisation from Rotary as they were not sure about my ability to conduct the camp. I then coordinated with my Dad for permission, and got the same.

The real fun starts here - I made hand written notices and pasted them on notice board of each building mentioning details of camp timing. I identified all the children who should be immunized and reminded their parents to bring them along for immunization.

My friends and I organised chairs and tables for the booth, and then my job was simple - to call Uncle Kiran who comes with the polio drop bottles which are kept in ice to maintain the temperature.

I have maintained a register of children who got vaccinated, and call them every year for the same.

We then go to nearby slums and in the market place give 'Do Boond Zindagi ke' (Two drops of Life). I want to be a conservationist and I would request that Rotary to do something for the animals too."

Riya Dippak Wani,

source: District 3131 DRFC newsletter



Rotary Reunion—Save the Date!

The Rotary Reunion at the 2011 RI Convention in New Orleans combines two preconvention events, the Rotary Alumni Celebration and the International Institute, into one meeting. The reunion will provide greater opportunities for alumni and Rotarians to network. The Rotary Reunion will be held **20-21 May 2011**. Registration is US\$50 and Convention registration is not required.

Ray's Rotary Reunions and Rotary Projects Expo

RI President Ray Klingensmith is planning a series of reunions and project expo in Cape Town, South Africa 3-5 February 2011. The three reunions are an opportunity to reconnect with Rotary and learn about international service opportunities in Africa:



RI President 2010/11
Ray Klingensmith

Thursday, 3 February: Rotary scholars who attended the University of Cape Town

Friday, 4 February: Ambassadorial Scholars & Group Study Exchange teams to or from Africa

Saturday, 5 February: forum for international service projects in Africa

Friday, 4 February-Saturday, 5 February: Rotary Projects Expo from all across Africa

To learn more visit <http://raysrotaryreunions.weebly.com>. Watch President Ray's video message about the event at <http://vimeo.com/15742737>.

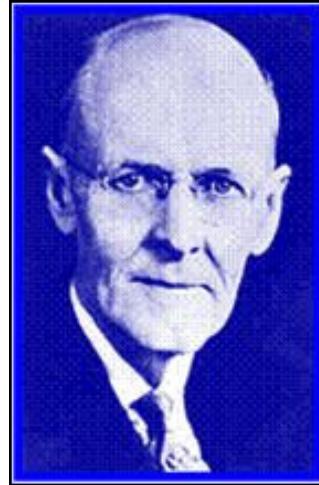


WHAT PAUL HARRIS SAID...

“Has Rotary a meaning for you? No? Possibly you haven't the right perspective. You have worried yourself so much over the little unimportant things that you haven't even given yourself a momentary glimpse of the tout ensemble. Stand back, a few paces, for a moment, far enough away from the picture so that the details may assume their proper proportions and disclose their true relationship toward each other. It will profit you to get the distance sense.”

Paul Harris, “The Distance Sense” in *The Rotarian*, 1914

Ches Perry defined “the distance sense” as looking at life from the proper perspective. In his own way, in 2011 RIPE Kalyan is also redefining Harris’ distance sense when he asks us all to “Reach within and embrace humanity” for it is there that we will discover the true meaning of Rotary.



Paul P. Harris



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