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... FOR ROTARY LEADERS

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PEACE IS POSSIBLE

As we reflect on the 10th anniversary of the 11 September 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, many of us around the world are struck by the major paradigm shift those events brought about among global leaders. As several Rotary Peace Centers welcome the 10th class of fellows, we are reminded of Rotary International's successful paradigm shift, from decades of discussion about creating a Rotary university to developing a network of Rotary Peace Centers in partnership with leading host universities around the globe. These centers are focused on advancing research, teaching, and publishing, and providing practical experience for identifying the causes of conflict and building peace. In May, at the 2012 Rotary World Peace Symposium and alumni pre-convention event in Bangkok, Thailand, we will celebrate a decade of supporting Rotary Peace Fellows. The Rotary Peace Centers program, which prepares individuals for the type of work reflected in the articles below, ultimately enables Rotarians to promote greater tolerance and cooperation so that atrocities like those of 9/11 never happen again.



Peace.



Brad Lauman

Manager, Rotary Peace Centers

Ambassadorial Scholar 1981-82

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POLIO ERADICATION WITHIN REACH, DESPITE CONCERNS



*Robert S. Scott, chair of
Rotary's International
PolioPlus Committee.*

Among the key goals of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) is interrupting transmission of the wild poliovirus by the end of 2012. Although the GPEI Independent Monitoring Board (IMB) reported in July that this goal may be in jeopardy, it also noted signs of progress and provided several recommendations that could help get the program back on track.

ONLY ONE CASE IN INDIA IN 2011

The GPEI has made significant steps forward since the launch last year of its new strategic plan and the bivalent oral polio vaccine. Among the four polio-endemic countries, India has reported only one case of polio so far this year. The country “is on track to interrupt transmission this year,” the report states. “The northern part of India, where most of the problem had been, hasn’t had one case in 15 months,” adds Robert S. Scott, chair of Rotary’s International PolioPlus Committee.

The other polio-endemic countries are Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. The IMB report cites good progress in Afghanistan while spotlighting the challenge of immunizing children in conflict areas. Nigeria also has been making good headway but, following elections in April, needs to sustain the political commitment required to ensure eradication of the disease.

PROBLEMS IN PAKISTAN

In Pakistan, cases doubled in the first six months of 2011, compared with the same period in 2010. The report commended the country’s high-level commitment to polio eradication through its national emergency action plan, launched in January, but added that the plan needs to make a stronger impact at the local level. The report also expressed concern about controlling polio in countries with reestablished transmission, including Angola, Chad, and Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Despite these challenges, polio cases worldwide decreased almost 50 percent during the first six months of 2011, compared with the same period in 2010. “Type 3 polio numbers have dropped to 15 this year,” says Scott, referring to one of only two strains of the wild poliovirus that remain. “It appears type 3 will soon be eradicated completely.”

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Bruce Aylward, the World Health Organization’s assistant director-general for polio eradication

Health experts believe that eradicating polio, rather than trying to control the disease, is both feasible and essential.

“There are approximately a dozen countries where polio gets reported sporadically, and those cases can all be traced back to the four countries where transmission has continued,” says Robert Murphy, director of the Center for Global Health at Northwestern University in Illinois, USA. “If we focus on those four countries, the cases in the other countries are going to evaporate.”

back off now, the problem is going to get bigger and even more expensive.”

“It’s very important to finish the job soon, because we’re so close. If we



FINISHING POLIO ONCE AND FOR ALL

Finishing polio once and for all, the IMB report states, will require enhanced political commitment, secure funding, and strengthened technical capacity.

“The eradication of polio is the responsibility of every government,” says Rotary’s Robert Scott, noting the unanimous decision in 1988 at the World Health Assembly to pursue that goal. “Rotarians in every country must continuously talk it up with their fellow Rotarians and, at every opportunity, with their political leaders, to ensure support, both financial and moral.” During a TED conversation in July, Bruce Aylward, the World Health Organization’s assistant director-general for polio eradication and related areas, called Rotarians’ efforts at the international and grassroots levels “incredibly powerful for a global health initiative like polio eradication.”

Everyone can help end the disease, Aylward said, by providing funding and reminding their communities and government leaders that polio still exists and causes tremendous suffering. “We have the chance to ensure that no child ever suffers from polio again, and each of us plays a role in that,” he said.



LEADING BY EXAMPLE: ROTARY INTERNATIONAL'S GENERAL SECRETARY JOHN HEWKO



John Hewko, Rotary International's General Secretary

John Hewko, Rotary International's new general secretary, recently took on another leadership role: that of a Paul Harris Fellow. Hewko also has facilitated his continuing Foundation support by signing up for TRF-Direct. The online recurring gifts program sends contributions electronically on a regular basis from a checking or credit card account directly to the Foundation.



LEADING BY EXAMPLE

"The Rotary Foundation has a long history of financial strength and stability and is one of the world's top-rated charities," says Hewko. "I'm proud to lead this organization and to wear my Paul Harris Fellow pin. I hope the 75 percent of Rotarians who don't currently give to the Foundation will join me in supporting our humanitarian work and in utilizing TRF-Direct when giving."

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**TO ADVANCE
WORLD
UNDERSTANDING,
GOODWILL,
AND PEACE**
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It's through donations to the Foundation that Rotary is able to fulfill its promise to create a polio-free world, and its mission to "advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty."



RIBI PRESIDENT SWINGS INTO ACTION

The President of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI) proved Rotary is a hands-on organisation when he abseiled from the Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth (see below).

President Ray Burman said: “My visits to Rotary districts have all involved doing an activity but I definitely reached new heights with the Spinnaker Tower.

“Victoria and I are delighted to be here and support District Governor Caroline Millman (District 1110, Southern England) who is raising funds for Polio Plus- the campaign to eradicate polio for good. The abseil was a drop of 350 feet but it is worth (it) to protect tiny children in the world from this crippling and sometimes fatal disease.”



RIBI President 2011/12 Ray Burman



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REACHING OUT TO EMBRACE HUMANITY: THE ROTARY CLUB OF RAJKOT MIDTOWN IN INDIA

Being four expert Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) surgeons (Members) in the Rotary Club of Rajkot Midtown, Dr Sunil Mody, Dr Jatin Mody, Dr Vimal Hemani and Dr Nirav Mody, we started this “**Hear Better, Live Better**” project twelve years ago.



Our aim was to reach out to our deaf patients and try to help them improve their hearing by way of medicine, surgery or by simply giving them hearing aids if needed and to prevent deafness as far as possible.

We requested an expert Ear surgeon from Mumbai to operate upon difficult or challenging cases and to demonstrate his surgical skills to other ENT (Ear, Nose And Throat) surgeons from all around the Gujarat state so that it we benefit in improving overall operative skills.



According to the budget of our Rotary Club or depending on the donations we receive, we distribute hearing aids to needy patients. Every year we have distributed a minimum of 100 hearing aids and we are moving upwards to 300 hearing aids.

Generally, on one of the Sundays in the month of January, we organize a camp in which our expert ENT surgeons check more than 350 patients of which they select 75 needy patients for surgery.

All the needy patients undergo a ‘Pure Tone Audiometry’ test by an expert audiologist to evaluate the hearing of the patient. And depending upon the number of hearing aids available, we distribute them to these selected patients. Other Rotarians in the club take part in the project by registering patients, carrying out general administrative paper work, publicizing the project, distributing hearing aids and explaining to patients how to use hearing aids.



We take inspiration from this project, from DG Deepak Agrawal who plans to do a

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district wide project with the help of a Rotary Foundation matching grant and planning to distribute 2750 hearing aids across the district in more than 50 cities to needy people.

The remainder of things like publicity, examination of patients, audiometry tests and hearing aid distribution will be taken care by the respective Rotary clubs.

We are now seeking additional help. This project needs YOUR help to help us Reach within to Embrace Humanity.

THE BENEFITS ARE...

- it would be helpful to so many needy deaf people across RI District 3060, the home district of RIP Kalyan Banerjee
- it would involve all the clubs of the district
- it would help fellowship in the club and between the clubs of the district
- it would give very good publicity to you and your District, our District- 3060- and to Rotary International



To participate please contact:

DG Deepak Agrawal

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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

Helen Keller was asked a question once that if she were given a choice of selecting debility between blindness and deafness, she answered that she would have chosen blindness. She then explained that if you are blind, you could still exist in society without being isolated but if you are deaf, you are in society, but you are isolated.





OUR FOUNDATION: RECOGNITION TOTALS

Arch C. Klumph Society members -- 312

Major Donors -- 14,195

Bequest Society -- 8,048

Benefactors -- 86,352

Paul Harris Fellows -- 1,304,583

As of June 30 2011



Major donors receive these beautiful crystal glass “thank you’s” as a token of appreciation for their gifts with the symbol of world peace—the white dove.

Bequest society members support the Foundation’s Permanent Fund by pledging to ensure Rotary’s capacity to do good continues in perpetuity.

It’s your gift to the world of tomorrow, your legacy for good. Bequest Society commitments have an expected value of US\$347.3 million. These commitments represent a significant percentage of the expectancies to the Permanent Fund.



PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY – SHOW HOW MUCH YOU CARE THROUGH ACCUMULATED GIVING

Is there a more prized possession within our Rotary family than the Paul Harris Fellow pin? Over 1.3 million of us are proud to be known as Paul Harris Fellows. Indeed some of us belong to 100% Paul Harris Fellow clubs.

Yet, for all the success of the Recognition program, one undeniable truth remains—Paul Harris Fellow recognition recognizes the past. But what about the future?

If there is one thing you can do, consider complementing your PHF pin with the PHS ‘tail’. It delineates your desire for world peace and understanding; it lets everyone know that you understand that PHF recognition is not the end but the beginning of your love affair with Rotary and its Foundation. That is why it is essential we convert our PHF pins into multi-PHF pins. Adding a sapphire or a ruby to that coveted pin enables us to ameliorate the suffering of others less fortunate. You can do it—if you really, really want to.

Paul Harris Society ribbons demonstrate your sustained commitment to donating \$1,000 each and every year to The Foundation’s Annual Programs Fund (and can include giving to matching grant projects and Polio Plus).

The Paul Harris society is available on request from many districts. It is organized and administered by the individual district.

Calum Thomson, Editor



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THE FUTURE – CLEAN WATER FOR THOUSANDS



More than 10,000 people in three communities in Ghana are receiving safe drinking water from a mechanized system built through the efforts of the International H2O collaboration, an alliance between Rotary International and USAID.



The water system is part of a US\$2 million project that is providing boreholes, hand pumps, and mechanized pipes, as well as ventilated pit latrines and showers, across Ghana's Volta, Greater Accra, Eastern, and Central regions.

During a ceremony on 21 August in Abutia Teti, RI and USAID representatives joined Ghanaian government officials in handing over responsibility for the completed system to the communities of Abutia Teti, Takla Gborgame, and Nyive.



RI President Kalyan Banerjee took part in the event, along with Laurel Fain, chief of the USAID Ghana Health Office, and Mustapha Ahmed, Ghana's deputy minister for water resources, works, and housing. "This project is a great example of public and private partnership at its very best, to improve not only the quality of life, but life itself, immeasurably," Banerjee said.

"This innovative partnership between USAID, the Ghana Ministry for Water Resources, and Rotary International saves lives by reducing these communities' use of unsafe open water sources," Fain said. "Today, the community and the government of Ghana take responsibility for maintaining these facilities and for continuing to educate children and citizens in proper hygiene, creating conditions where our assistance is no longer necessary."

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A FUTURE VISION PARTNERSHIP

The International H₂O Collaboration is in its third year. As part of the efforts in Ghana, Rotarians are also working with villagers to change their sanitation practices and provide training to maintain the new equipment.



The collaboration is also funding hygiene training and bio-sand water filters in the Dominican Republic, and a project in the Philippines to improve sewage collection and treatment that will help more than 150,000 people.

According to USAID officials and Rotarians who have been involved in the initiatives, the collaboration has provided valuable insight into best practices for water and sanitation projects. These include an emphasis on monitoring and evaluation, taking a long-term approach to meeting needs, and increasing sustainability by ensuring community ownership and management.



The collaboration also has demonstrated the value of conducting a needs assessment at the outset of any water project, identifying potential barriers to the adoption of new practices, gathering information about the project site, and assessing the community's ability to pay for water and sanitation products.



NOTE: The relationship between the RI/USAID International H₂O Collaboration and the Future Vision Plan.

While the alliance was developed separately from The Rotary Foundation's Future Vision Plan the concept of strategic partnerships with other organizations has become a vital part of the plan's new grant-making model. Packaged Rotary Foundation Global Grants will leverage funding, advocacy, and technical expertise of other organizations to develop large-scale projects for Rotarians to implement.



FIGHTING BACK IN UTTAR PRADESH...

Uttar Pradesh was once the epi-centre of polio. Today Uttar Pradesh is leading the battle against the polio-virus in our country. **The State is yet to witness a case within its boundary for more than a year now.** The last incidence of polio in U.P. was in April 2010.

The resurgence of U.P. back on the polio-free map is a success story worth telling and celebrating. I visited Bareilly and Lucknow for three days recently. My first stop was Lucknow where I participated in a meeting organised by the Ulema Committee Members. The meeting was very successful and 30 senior Ulemas attended the meet in which the State Health Minister Mr. Nasimuddin Siddiqui was present.

At the meeting all the Ulemas were unanimous in their support for the polio eradication effort and were grateful to Rotary for making them the anti-polio advocates that helped reach out to their community. They also reaffirmed their commitment to building a polio-free Uttar Pradesh and a polio-free



India. Assuring every possible support to Rotary in this endeavor, they suggested the hosting of health camps inside Dargahs (place of worship), where devotees from all over the world visit in huge numbers. These Dargahs will be the site for medical services and polio immunisation booths will function from the premises.

Addressing the gathering, the State Health Minister suggested that Rotary could organise immunisation booths and camps during Kumbh Mela which is a religious gathering along the banks of convergence of three holy rivers. Stressing on the important role played by Rotary in the implementation of the polio eradication campaign, the Minister asked Rotarians to look into the issue of the refusal by the population in urban cities like Agra, Varanasi and Kanpur, where according to him, many children are left without drops due to their parent's ignorance. He assured his support and the commitment of the State Government in eradicating polio completely and keeping Uttar Pradesh polio-free.

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...FIGHTING BACK

After this encouraging meeting in Lucknow, I had the opportunity to visit Bareilly, for a meeting with the Ulema members of the western U.P. branch. About 20 senior Ulemas from the region attended the meeting that discussed amongst many others the importance of eradicating polio from the community and the indispensable role religious leaders could play in achieving the same. One encouraging revelation that came to my notice was the commitment of the members as one of the Ulema members had the anti-polio message ‘Do Boond Zindagiki - Har Baccha Har Bar’ (Two Drops of Life- Every Child, Every Time) printed on his visiting card. It dawned to me that with such dedication from Ulemas, Rotarians and Government in the battle against polio, the polio virus will be left with no place to hide in U.P.

The District Polio Orientation and Planning Meet that I attended in Bareilly was very well organised. The Rotary Clubs in the District have been very forthcoming in the past year with their contribution to the Foundation towards the USD 200 million challenge grant. Seeing this encouraging response, I am sure more clubs will join the fray before the end of the year in supporting The Rotary Foundation through their contributions.

I returned to Mumbai with a very confident feeling that Rotarians, Partners and the Government of U.P. are all committed to ending polio in the State and will leave no stone unturned in their path to achieve eradication in the coming months. I was pleased to see the media reception to our meetings on polio. Both the print and electronic media covered Rotary’s engagements in the two cities with very encouraging and confident words about Rotary’s resolve to end polio. **With Uttar Pradesh fighting back to end polio, we can say that India is surely on the path of being declared ‘polio-free’ in the months ahead.**



Rtn. Ashok Mahajan, Trustee,
The Rotary Foundation and
Past Director 2007-09



GSE APPLICATIONS

2012-13 District GSE Applications Available

The 2012-13 GSE District Application is available at www.rotary.org/gse (see specific language sites for languages other than English).

Applications are due to the GSE Department by 1 October 2011; however we encourage districts to submit these applications as soon as they are completed.

If your district is still searching for a partner, consider posting a request for partnership on the GSE Resource Forum's discussion board.

In order to provide districts with the necessary information in a more timely and effective manner, we are asking all districts to submit their GSE District Applications through the Group Study Exchange Resource Forum Workgroup. The workgroup can be accessed through the Member Access Portal (MAP) on the Rotary International Website. All necessary documents must be uploaded to the appropriate district folder within the GSE Workgroup. Each district has been provided with a specific folder, which can be found in the Document Library labeled "2012-13 GSE District Application Drop Off". District leaders will be able to successfully track and monitor the applications as they are being processed at TRF. After each complete application is approved and the district has been paired for a 2012-13 GSE, TRF staff will email a notification to your district indicating that the application process is complete. We expect this part of the process to be finalized no later than January 2012, prior to the International Assembly. If you have any questions about the GSE application process, please contact your district's Coordinator in the GSE Department.



Group Study Exchange—
applications still available to non-
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RECOGNITION TO ANOTHER 100 PERCENT PAUL HARRIS FELLOW CLUB



The Rotary Club of Kowloon Golden Mile, District 3450 were recognized at the recent District Rotary Foundation Seminar in Hong Kong as a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club joining other clubs from around the world.

District Governor David Harilela (a member of the Kowloon Golden Mile Club) and President Thomas Mo receive this prestigious banner from IPDG Jason Chan.





CLUB RECOGNITION THROUGH THE PRESIDENTIAL CITATION

Club Recognition

Club recognition has TWO Rotary Foundation contribution components and FOUR membership components. Clubs that meet all requirements and are certified by the district governor will receive a certificate. Clubs must submit their results to the district governor no later than 6 April 2012.

Mandatory: The Rotary Foundation (two components)

- 100% Annual Programs Fund participation (every active member personally contributes some amount between 1 July 2011 and 31 March 2012); and
- US\$100 minimum per capita¹ in club contributions to the Annual Programs Fund

Mandatory: Membership (four components)

- Minimum net increase of one member; and
- 85% minimum retention rate

And achievement of **two** of the following **four** components:

- 2% increase in qualified women
- 2% increase in qualified younger professionals (under age of 45)
- Induction of one or more RI/Rotary Foundation program alumni
- Increased diversity (e.g., classification, gender, age)



Kalyan Banerjee, RI President
2011/12

TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF MEMBERSHIP AND CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



MASS MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION AND INVOLVEMENT

RI President Kalyan's Presidential Citation has established the goal of 100% member participation in the supporting The Rotary Foundation. It asks EVERY member to personally give anything to our own charitable Foundation.. Is this a goal that is unreachable—of course not.

It does not set a target for everyone of \$100 giving but simply asks us to give what we can. Of course, in order to meet the overall target RIP Kalyan has set, the average giving must be \$100 per member.

This follows our APF mission statement of Every Rotarian Every Year. Would it not be wonderful to see a great awakening within those Rotarians who leave it to someone else to meet the Club's target?

Every single cent counts, no donation is too small to be insignificant.

Let us all together fully embrace humanity by reaching within into those pockets/wallets/purses and find the means to provide hope and a future to millions of fellow human beings.

What better way to energize our Clubs into attracting new members and meeting our second mandatory target.

Every Rotarian Every Year—helping both to increase our membership base; contributing to a better world through our Foundation; and building an effective Rotary Club.



Calum Thomson, Editor



PROGRESS IN THE \$200 MILLION CHALLENGE

As of 26 August 2011, Rotarians have raised approximately **US\$186.9 million** for the US\$200 Million Challenge. These contributions will help Rotary raise US\$200 million to match US\$355 million in challenge grants received from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Staff Benda Bilili, a group of musicians (most of them polio survivors) from Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, is part of Rotary's "This Close" PSA campaign to raise awareness for polio eradication. Rising stars of world music, the band's album "Tres Tres Fort" met critical acclaim, earning them the Womex World Music Award. An award-winning documentary "Benda Bilili," about the band's rise from their days as street musicians in Kinshasa, debuted at the 2010 Cannes Film Festival and was nominated for Best Documentary at the 2011 César Awards. This documentary will be released in theaters throughout the United States by National Geographic Entertainment in October 2011.

Staff Benda Bilili is touring select U.S. cities in September and October 2011, and Rotary International is working with them to incorporate polio eradication messaging into the tour. This agreement includes: media mentions, a slide encouraging fans to text-to-donate to Rotary's \$200 million challenge, Rotary polio eradication materials at shows, cross-promotion at website, and participation of the band at special pre-concert events in select markets.

Rotary International is also working with National Geographic to cross-promote polio eradication awareness with the documentary film. This agreement includes the following: a special screening of the film with Rotary as the host, a select number of invitations for Rotarians to special screenings nationwide, Rotary messaging on the film website, promotion of "End Polio Now" through social media channels, and a Rotary PSA inclusion on the DVD.

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“We’re this close” say
Staff Benda Bilili



WIN 1,000 RECOGNITION POINTS BY REGISTERING FOR MEMBER ACCESS

From **14 September to 14 October**, Rotary club members are eligible to win 1,000 extra Rotary Foundation recognition points simply by registering on Member Access. Registrants will be entered into a drawing, and the winner will be announced after mid-October.

Start the registration process by using a valid e-mail address to create an account. You may be asked to provide additional information to help us determine your relationship with Rotary International and match you with your record in our database. Within 24 hours, you will receive a verification e-mail with a hyperlink that will connect you to a Member Access screen to complete your registration. If you do not see the e-mail in your inbox, check your spam/bulk/junk folder.

If you have questions, e-mail the Contact Center at contact.center@rotary.org or phone 866-9-ROTARY (866-976-8279) toll-free (within North America). The Contact Center provides services in English and Spanish and operates Monday-Friday, 08:00-17:00. Rotarians outside North America should contact their international office.

THE PERMANENT FUND

On 30 June 2011, the Permanent Fund's net assets were **US\$240.7 million**.

As of 30 June 2011 the estimated expectancies to the Permanent Fund stood at US\$438.5. The Permanent Fund's net assets and expectancies are US\$679.2.

The goal is to reach US\$1 billion by 2025.





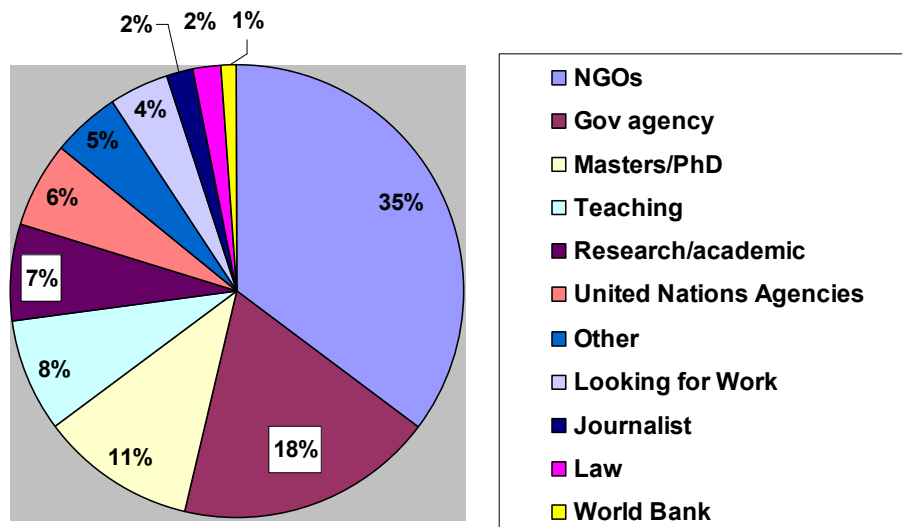
ROTARY PEACE CENTER ALUMNI - POST-FELLOWSHIP EMPLOYMENT

Statistics are for all alumni through the 2009-11 class, with the exception of USAL peace fellows, who are still completing their AFEs. These statistics are accurate as of 1 September 2011.

There are 565 peace fellows that have reported their current position to The Rotary Foundation (out of 591 total alumni) or 96%.

Of these 565 peace fellows:

- 197 (35%) work for NGOs or other peace-related organizations
- 104 (18%) work for a government agency
- 63 (11%) are pursuing additional advanced degrees in peace-related fields
- 43 (8%) are teachers/professors
- 42 (7%) work in research or academic support positions
- 36 (6%) work for United Nations agencies
- 11 (2%) are journalists
- 11 (2%) are lawyers or work in a law-related field
- 8 (1%) work for the World Bank
- 26 (5%) defy easy categorization; these include: bankers, human resource professionals, and business owners
- 24 (4%) reported they are actively looking for work in the field

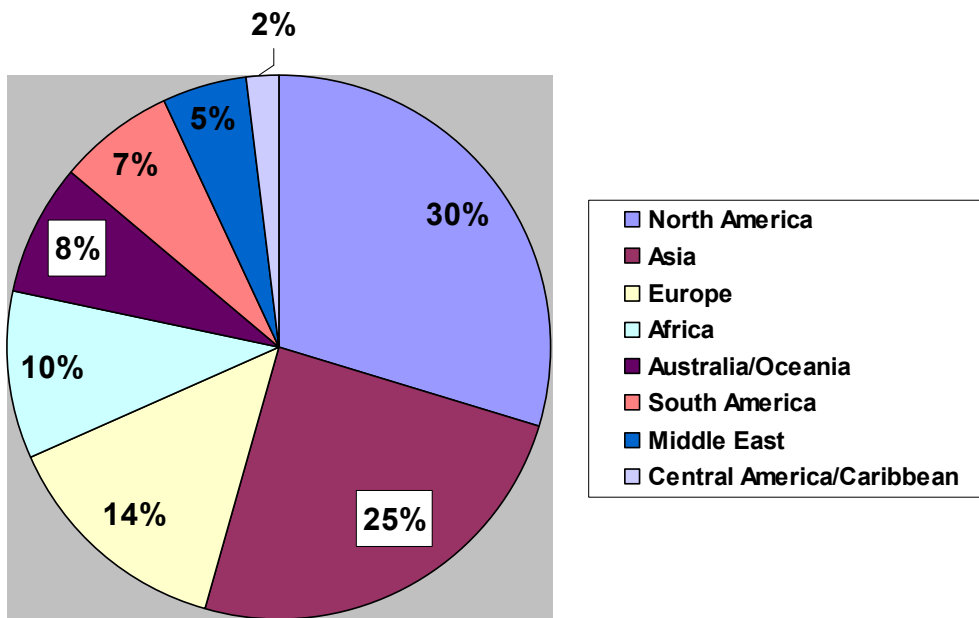




ROTARY PEACE FELLOW ALUMNI EMPLOYMENT LOCATION

Alumni find work around the world:

- 169 (30%) reside in North America
- 140 (25%) reside in Asia
- 78 (14%) reside in Europe
- 56 (10%) reside in Africa
- 45 (8%) reside in Australia and Oceania
- 40 (7%) reside in South America
- 26 (5%) reside in the Middle East
- 11 (2%) reside Central America and the Caribbean





FROM DISABLED WORLD...

For many people who are physically or otherwise challenged the world is cruel. The world is full of prejudices against those who were earlier called dumb, deaf, lame, of unstable minded, chronically diseased or blind. They were not given equal rights in society. They had little or no means to survive in a harsh world. Opportunities were denied and even moving from one place to another was nearly impossible for many.

Today all of those prejudices have nearly vanished or been eroded. We see 'differently able' people going to work, driving motor vehicles, working as teachers and even participating in sports. Yet, there is always more to be done to lift these people from despair. This is why Rotary emphasises the need for vocational service and lays great faith in the ability of Rotarians to change the lives of those who are sulking due to minor, or major, disabilities. The Rotary Foundation recognises the fact that every life is a miracle and that each person has something to contribute.

Disabled or 'differently-able' persons were first taught not to waste time and be angry about their disability. They were given the confidence that they can get on with life and most of them have done well. Disabled persons were labelled as unfit or people with little worth till good Samaritans found out how to use their hidden talents. The Trustees of The Rotary Foundation knew that the goals of their welfare programmes must be positive and constructive. James Baldwin, the American novelist said, "*Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.*" The Rotary Foundation's decision to support vocational service projects meant that for the 'differently-able' persons this was an experiment that could be proved successful. Rotary clubs have now started taking part in projects in the much neglected avenue of vocational service.

**THE ROTARY
FOUNDATION IS
ONE SUCH TRUE
FRIEND**



Another pithy project report from TRF trustee
Ashok Mahajan

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...TO ENABLED WORLD

The Rotary club of Udaipur, RI District 3050, joined hands with The Rotary Club of Scarborough, RI District 9455, Australia, to provide equipments and materials for training and skill enhancement for the physically challenged children of Udaipur. The club contributed US \$ 6,500 and the District added another US \$10,000 from the DDF. With the international partner giving their share of US \$ 7,500 The Rotary Foundation matched the contributions with a grant of US \$ 24,930. The total budget for the project is US \$ 58,930.

This vocational service project was inaugurated in the Silai Prashikshan Kendra which was sponsored by the Dr. Yashwant Kothari Charitable Public Trust. The Viklang Kalyan Samiti which benefits from the project organised sewing machines as the first phase of the project and started training programmes for the physically challenged. District Governor 2010–11 Kranti Mehta and PDG Nirmal Singhvi motivated the club to dream big and take up a good project.

“A true friend knows your weaknesses but shows you your strengths; feels your fears but fortifies your faith; sees your anxieties but frees your spirit; recognises your disabilities but emphasises your possibilities,” said William Arthur Ward, America’s most quoted writer.

The Rotary Foundation is one such true friend.





OUR ALUMNI

Kentaro Hayashi, 2007-08 Ambassadorial Scholar sponsored by the Rotary Club of Tokyo-Higashi-Edogawa, Tokyo, Japan (District 2580) to attend Koninklijk Instituut voor de Tropen (Royal Tropical Institute) in Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Kentaro Hayashi started his career in medicine as an anesthesiologist in Okinawa, Japan. He joined Doctors Without Borders in 2003 and provided medical care and training in troubled areas of countries including Myanmar, Nigeria, Sri Lanka, and Kurdish region of Iraq. In March 2011, he rushed to the northeast region of Japan that has been ravaged by an earthquake and tsunami. His first job there was performing autopsies on tsunami victims. With his assessments of medical care needs in the area, he now leads the disaster relief efforts administered by Japan Primary Care Association (PCAT) based in Tokyo, Japan. On top of working as a physician, he multitasks between human resources management, supply logistics, fundraising for PCAT, and even finds time to serve on the board of directors at Doctors Without Borders Japan.



Dr. Kenarto Hayashi

Gulam Vahanvety, 1977-78 GSE team member sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town, India (District 3140) to Indiana, USA (District 6560)

PDG Gulam Vahanvety took advantage of a trip for Rotary business recently to reconnect with one of his GSE host families from 34 years ago in Indiana, USA. While in Indiana, Gulam addressed the Rotary Club of Attica-Williamsport. He updated the Rotarians there about Rotary's efforts in the fight against polio in India and India's economic state. His visit was covered in a local newspaper.



Gulam Vahanvety,

TRF Alumnus and
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OUR ALUMNI



Rotary Peace Fellow
Aung Aung

Aung Aung, Myanmar, Rotary Peace Fellow, Duke University / University of North Carolina, USA, 2009-11, sponsored by District 3360, Thailand

Aung is the first peace fellow from Myanmar to complete the master's program. He received his Master of Arts, International Development Policy & Certificate in International Peace and Conflict Resolution in May of this year. After completing his studies, Aung is proud to report that he returned to his home country and accepted an offer from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to be a protection associate. He writes: "Since I was an adolescent, I longed for freedom and fairness. Basic human rights have been lost for ages in Burma. I knew some people in Burma who loved fairness and were active in human rights but were arrested though they never committed any crimes. This kind of fate can happen to me one day because I also love what these victims love. A strong commitment to work for peace, conflict resolution and sustainable development has become rooted in my soul and heart."





WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY?

ASKS PRIP BILL BOYD

Years ago, during a visit to New York City , I saw a T-shirt that said, “He who dies with the most wins.” It seemed funny at the time, but we all read the stories of people who judge their success by their wealth. The problem is that material possessions often do not bring happiness, for there is always someone who has more.

Most of us, however, want our life to be measured by what we have done. Many Rotarians have expressed their appreciation of fellow Rotarians’ service by promising a contribution to our Rotary Foundation that will live on after them. The earnings from their gifts go to our Annual Programs Fund year after year. What better legacy to the world?

By earlier this year, we had almost 8,000 commitments to the Bequest Society. These represented an expected value of about US\$338 million, a significant share of the almost \$700 million in assets and expectancies in our Permanent Fund.

The first Australian RI president, Angus S. Mitchell (1948-49), foretold the creation of the Permanent Fund in 1992, in a speech that ended with this story from the Talmud: Choni Hama’agel saw an old man planting a carob tree and asked when he thought the tree would bear fruit. “After 70 years” was the reply. “What!” said Choni. “Do you expect to live 70 years and eat the fruit of your labor?” “I did not find the world desolate when I entered it,” said the old man. “And as my fathers planted for me before I was born, so I plant for those who will come after me.”

We each have that same opportunity by making a bequest to our Rotary Foundation.



PRIP Bill Boyd, Chairman of the Rotary Foundation Trustees 2011-12



Past RI President Angus Mitchell



ROTARY WORLD PEACE FELLOWS

Jianrong Chen believes that China has a special need for peace studies because of the diversity of its people. With a population of 1.3 billion and 56 different ethnic groups, interethnic conflict is common. Chen, a lecturer in the Department of International Relations at Jinan University in Guangzhou, China, wanted to equip the younger generation of Chinese with tools for dealing with conflict.



Chen Jianrong , Rotary
World Peace Fellow

“In the past, we stressed harmony and we almost forgot that we have conflict,” he says. “If we cannot look at conflict in a way that it should be, how can we have peace?”

After completing the professional development program at the Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand, Chen began teaching an introduction to peace and conflict course at Jinan University. He is hoping to recruit other academics working on conflict issues at the university to create a peace teaching team. He also plans to hold a peace workshop at his university on China-Africa relations in July.

“What I am doing now is just the very beginning of this long-term journey in my dream,” Chen says.





RGHF WELCOMES ANOTHER ROTARY FOUNDATION LEADER

RGHF recently welcomed another new member to our fellowship as we close in on 1,000 members world wide.

District Rotary Foundation Committee Chairman 2009-12 Kenneth Chow of the Rotary Club of Tsuen Wan, District 3450, Hong Kong (a 100% PHF Club) recently received his RGHF pin from Area Representative and Board Member Florence Hui.

DRFC Chow, a committed, experienced and knowledgeable Rotarian—full of natural vim—and a Major Donor, led an inspiring and well-attended District Rotary Foundation Seminar. He continually emphasizes and illustrates the ‘Magic’ of The Rotary Foundation in his presentations. Over one hundred delegates attended this day long event travelling from various parts of Asia.

By the end of the day, District 3450 had gained a pledge of another member of the Arch Klumph Society.

Good news all round.

Join RGHF at <http://www.joinrghf.org>



Arch Klumph, founder of The Rotary Foundation



DRFCC Chow (center) RGHF Board Member Florence Hui (right) and Past President/Chair of RGHF Calum Thomson (left)



END POLIO NOW

After 25 years of hard work, Rotary and its partners are on the brink of eradicating this tenacious disease, but a strong push is needed now to root it out once and for all. It is a window of

ROTARY'S US\$200 MILLION CHALLENGE

Your contribution will help Rotary raise US\$200 million to match \$355 million in challenge grants received from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The resulting \$555 million supports immunization campaigns in developing countries where polio continues to infect and paralyze children, robbing them of their futures and compounding the hardships faced by their families.



END POLIO NOW!

As long as polio threatens even one child anywhere in the world, children everywhere remain at risk. The stakes are that high. By donating now, you can help Rotary achieve a polio-free world.





END POLIO! BE PROACTIVE! CREATE AWARENESS! WRITE A PRESS RELEASE!

NEWS RELEASE: ERADICATING POLIO

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WORLD POLIO DAY, OCTOBER 24, 2011: THE ROTARY CLUB OF VAIL FIGHTS TO END POLIO WORLDWIDE



In honor of World Polio Day, which is widely recognized on 24 October, the Rotary Club of Vail will be donating a portion of the money raised from the club's Annual Duck Race on September 4th to contribute to Rotary's mission to eradicate the crippling childhood disease polio.

As part of Rotary's most recent campaign to match a US\$355 million challenge grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation with \$200 million by June 2012, the humanitarian service organization is close to reaching its goal, with more than US\$185 million raised to date. The funding will provide critical support to polio eradication activities in parts of Africa and Asia, specifically, Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan.

MORE THAN \$1 BILLION CONTRIBUTED BY ROTARY

Since 1985, Rotary has contributed more than \$1 billion and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than two billion children in 122 countries. The disease remains endemic in four countries -- Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan -- although other countries remain at risk for imported cases.

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Rotary is determined to eradicate Polio. We promised we would do that. Millions of children are able to walk today because of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. Eradication will not only save lives but will save billions of dollars. Polio is less expensive to eradicate than contain.

It is estimated that 10 million children will be paralyzed by Polio over the next 40 years if the world fails to capitalize on our (so far) over \$8 Billion global investment in worldwide Polio eradication.



PREVENTION OF POLIO IS THE BEST PROTECTION

Polio is a highly infectious disease, which causes paralysis and is sometimes fatal. As there is no cure for Polio, the best protection is prevention. For as little as 60 cents worth of vaccine, a child can be protected against this crippling disease for life. After an international investment of more than US\$8 billion, and the successful engagement of over 200 countries and 20 million volunteers, polio could be the first human disease of the 21st century to be eradicated.

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative is spearheaded by the World Health Organization, Rotary International, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). It includes the support of governments and other private sector donors.

Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide to provide humanitarian service and help to build goodwill and peace in the world. It is comprised of 1.2 million members working in more than 34,000 clubs in 200 countries and geographic regions.

Join us! Rotary invites the public to support the polio eradication initiative by visiting www.rotary.org/endpolio .

For further information visit, www.rotary.org
www.polioeradication.org.

Sincerely,

Dr Edward "Eddie" Blender

Vail Rotary Club Vail, Colorado USA





PAKISTAN BATTLES POLIO



News on the battle against polio in Pakistan is coming in different forms – both good and bad.

Taking the bad first, we are seeing our worst year in a decade, with regard to new polio cases. Six new cases have been confirmed since August 15; four from Balochistan and two from Fata bringing to 69 the deadly score thus far this year. (MID August 2011).

Balochistan has been the hardest hit with 26 cases followed by Fata, 22; Sindh, 14; Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, 6; and Gilgit-Baltistan, 1.

Punjab and Islamabad remain polio free but both are vulnerable to infection mainly because of the mobility of populations. Counter polio measures in Balochistan are currently hampered by a strike by paramedics who have also withdrawn their cooperation with the anti-polio campaign.

On a more positive note, we have the ‘good if it works’ news. The Prime Minister’s Secretariat has taken over the administration of the Prime Minister’s Monitoring and Coordinating Cell for Polio Eradication. It had hitherto been working under the Ministry of Health but its functions were devolved on June 30.

The intention is to provide a national focal point for polio eradication, and given the nature of the disease this makes sense. Whether the provincial health ministries in a newly-devolved setup are going to accept a lead from a federal agency in this matter remains to be seen, but we wish it well.

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The good news on polio comes from one old friend and one new. Japan has long supported the polio eradication campaigns in Pakistan through the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). The latter has now teamed up with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to create an innovative strategic partnership, and in doing so, given us an attractive goal to aim for.



We are due to repay a \$65 million loan to JICA, but the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is offering to pay the loan for us if we eradicate polio by 2013.

The mechanism by which this might be achieved is called ‘loan conversion’ wherein the Gates Foundation will repay what we owe JICA if the eradication program is successfully implemented thus ensuring (hopefully) governmental commitment to the program without the accompanying financial pressure.

Other partners in the National Emergency Plan for the Eradication of Polio are the World Health Organization (WHO), Unicef and Rotary International.

Unicef says eradicating polio from Pakistan depends on delivering oral polio vaccines to each and every child, including the most vulnerable and the hardest to reach. "This massive undertaking can succeed, but only with the tireless efforts and commitment of the people of Pakistan," a Unicef statement said.

The next polio vaccination campaign will be held 19-21 September, targeting 16.5 million children in the districts at the highest risk.

The eradication of this dreadful disease is something that has been within our grasp in the recent past; but a range of factors have made its final eradication difficult, with last year’s floods and a deteriorated security situation principal among these.

Now that we have both the mechanisms and the incentive to make a final push, let us all struggle to make 2013 the year that polio is finally banished from Pakistan.

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ANNUAL PROGRAMS FUND RAISES SECOND HIGHEST AMOUNT IN ITS HISTORY



THANK YOU FOR A REMARKABLE
YEAR!

Rotarians and friends of Rotary responded with extraordinary generosity again during the 2010-11 Rotary year.

Contributions to our Annual Programs Fund exceeded US\$100 million for the fourth time in history, and we far surpassed our goal of \$95.5 million.



In fact, contributions to the Annual Programs Fund were the second-highest ever, at nearly **\$108 million**.

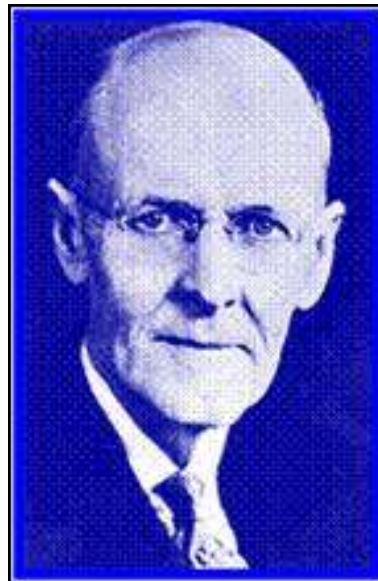
WHAT PAUL HARRIS SAID...

“The best way to win the esteem of others is by observing the simple rules of decency. If they won’t accomplish the desired result, nothing will.”

Paul P Harris, *This Rotarian Age* page 62

Our Rotary rectitude requires each member to uphold high ethical standards in our private, business and community lives. Our propriety also requires us to do all we can to help improve health, support education and alleviate poverty wherever it exists—these are the simple rules of decency and they require a simple solution

—EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR.



RIPP (1910-12) Paul P. Harris
(Founder of Rotary) (law), Rotary
Club of Chicago, Illinois, USA.
ROTARY VISION: TO HARNESS THE
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Polio Facts & Figures

Area	Number of cases in 2011
Afghanistan	12
India	1
Nigeria	23
Pakistan	69
Non-endemic countries	220
Total worldwide	325

(Data as of 17 August/World Health Organization)

Remember—Polio is only a plane ride away.

On 31st August 4 children were diagnosed with the wild Polio virus (type 1) in Xinjiang Uygur , China. This is the first outbreak in the People's Republic of China since 1994.



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