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Rotary Foundation Establishes a Pakistan Flood Recovery Fund

More than 1,500 people in Pakistan have been killed and hundreds of thousands stranded by flooding triggered by the annual monsoon rains. The floodwaters have washed away millions of hectares of crops, submerged villages and destroyed roads and bridges. Disease is spreading among Pakistani flood victims, and there have been warnings that dams in the south may burst.

On August 17, 2010, the Rotary Foundation board of trustees announced the establishment of the Rotary Pakistan Flood Recovery Fund. Funds will be used to match club and district projects involving the flood relief in Pakistan. All grants must adhere to the policies and guidelines of the Rotary Foundation including the restriction on construction.

As in all special funds including Polio Plus, money contributed to this fund are not subject to Rotary Foundation Paul Harris Fellow Recognition.

One way that Rotary Clubs could access this money for projects is to donate to Shelterbox, and apply for Matching grants from the Rotary Pakistan Flood Recovery Fund.

The Rotary Foundation is Highlighted at the Rotary 7450 “Oktoberfest” District Conference



The District Conference will take place on October 8 through October 10 at the Desmond Hotel and Conference Center, in Great Valley, in Chester County. Rotarians who have not yet registered are urged to do so now to avoid extra charges for late registration. Governor Joan Batory and her committee have been working hard in planning a first rate event, worthy of your time, with first rate activities, programs, speakers and meal functions.

On Saturday morning, immediately after breakfast, Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar Kyra Zogbekor will be speaking. This will be followed by our own Vasanth Prabhu speaking on the Polio Eradication efforts with Carol Metzger talking about our district trip to participate in Polio Eradication.

On Saturday night will be a Rotary Foundation Awards Dinner. Included will be the traditional parade of Governors, Youth Exchange Flag presentation, an address from the Rotary International President’s Representative John Capp who is returning to our district twelve years after making a great impression at our 1998 conference. There will be various levels of recognition awarded that night.

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Polio on the Run Planet-Wide – New Outbreaks in Tajikistan and Central Africa Still Threaten the Global Eradication Effort.

Drastic reductions in Polio cases in India and Nigeria were partly offset by a major outbreak in Tajikistan, a country in the Former Soviet Union bordering on Afghanistan. Year to date cases in Tajikistan numbered 456 but due to inoculation efforts, no new cases were reported in the weekly report issued September 14. Additional immunization days are planned there for October 4, and November 8.

In a related development, on August 24, Bono – lead singer of the rock band U-2 met with Russian President Dmitri Medvedev, in Sochi, Russia. Both men discussed the importance of stopping Polio. President Medvedev said: “Polio is an issue that should be of concern to all governments... We need to spend money on these kind of diseases, especially in nations that have financial problems.”

Twelve polio cases have been reported in Russia, relating to the outbreak in Tajikistan.

Year to date cases as of September 14 were 648 cases globally – as of the same date last year there were 1008 cases. The total cases last year were 1604.

“Wanna Help End Polio?”

by Carol Metzger



A group of Rotarians from District 7450 asked that question- *Wanna help end polio?*-nearly 3000 times as they handed out “End Polio Now” fliers to Phillies fans on July 28th.. The question sparked conversations to tell young people that polio is a devastating virus, and let older ones know it is still hanging around, but we’re getting rid of it.

Just three weeks into the new Rotary year, at the district’s first kiosk at Rotary night at the Phillies, Rotarians also hung posters of celebrities Jack Nicklaus, Desmond Tutu and Jane Goodall showing the world we’re “this close” to eradicating polio. Other features of the evening: “End Polio Now” video on the Phillies’ jumbo-tron and the baseball game’s first pitch by DG Joan Batory sporting an “End Polio Now” T-shirt.

So...clubs, “Wanna help end polio?”

- Request a speaker about Polio eradication for a club meeting (visit the district web site Speaker’s Bureau.)
- Plan a club fundraiser that will bring in money from sources outside Rotary and will contribute to the \$200 million challenge issued by the Gates Foundation.
- Is anyone interested in a District wide “Rotary Night at the Union” soccer game and fundraiser to kick out Polio?



District Governor Joan with the Philly Phanatic after she threw out the first pitch at the Phillies game.

To go on the National Immunization Day trip to India or to express interest in a soccer game fundraiser, please contact Carol Metzger at ecjmetzker@aol.com.

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Rotary Scholarships in a Nutshell

By Joe Batory

Ambassador Scholarships

When to apply annually:

---April 1 to May 1....Applications due at the Rotary Club where the candidate resides; local Rotary Club checks for completeness, interviews applicant, and if approved, endorses candidate... one recommendation per club is allowed.
---May 1 to June 15District 7450 Scholarship Committee reviews applications from local Rotary clubs and selects winner (s) to be submitted to Rotary Foundation for final approval which usually occurs by November. Study begins in the fall semester of the following year.

---Amount of Award & Number of Scholarships is determined annually by District 7450 (currently a flat grant of \$26,000 for one scholarship) for study abroad.

Requirements: Humanitarian focus for the future. At least two years of college; record of academic achievement and leadership prowess; willingness to act as an ambassador of good will and visit Rotary Clubs in the country of study. (Many past winners have had three years of college when they applied and then used the Ambassador Scholarship for the 1st year of master's degree study.)

Peace Fellowships Master's Degree

When to apply annually:

-----April 1 to May 1....Applications due at the Rotary Club where the candidate resides; local Rotary Club checks for completeness, interviews applicant, and if approved, endorses candidate...unlimited recommendations per club are allowed.

---May 1 to June 15District 7450 Scholarship Committee reviews recommended candidates from local Rotary clubs and selects applicant to be submitted to the Rotary Foundation which determines the winners usually by December.

Study begins in the next fall semester.

Amount of Award: Fully funded tuition, boarding, transportation and miscellaneous expenses at one of four designated universities abroad for two years. The four university choices available to United States applicants are the International Christian University in Tokyo, Japan; the Universidad del Salvador in Buenos Aires, Argentina; the University of Bradford in West Yorkshire, UK; and, the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia.

Requirements: Undergraduate degree; proficiency in a 2nd language; three years of full time work experience; academic prowess; commitment to a career in peace and conflict resolution.

Peace Fellowship Certificate

This program is for three months for study at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok. Past winners have come from a wide variety of professional backgrounds.

Employers of candidates asked to contribute but all candidates are considered for a fully paid fellowship (tuition, boarding and transportation) for the three months of study.

The application window is:

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---May 1 to June 15District 7450 Scholarship Committee reviews applications and selects recommended candidate to be submitted to the Rotary Foundation which selects the winners for three months of study in either January or July of the next year.

Requirements: Currently employed full time; Undergraduate degree; five years of work experience; demonstrated commitment to working toward peace and conflict resolution.

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Bequest Society Members and Benefactors Needed to Secure Tomorrow

By Bronwyn Martin



The Permanent Fund helps to Secure Tomorrow. As the name implies, the Permanent Fund is invested in perpetuity. No, we're not asking for money now. We know you already give so much. But have you thought about a commitment to Rotary where you may give more than is possible during your lifetime? Consider to designate a portion of your assets in your estate plans to benefit the Foundation. Gifts of \$1,000 or more help The Foundation to create a legacy of helping people lead better lives around the world. Help keep the job that Rotary does going long after you can.

A Rotary Foundation *Benefactor* is a person who has notified The Rotary Foundation that he/she has made provisions in their final state plans, or made an outright gift of as little as US\$1,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation's Permanent Fund. Benefactors receive a commemorative certificate, a letter of appreciation and a blue and gold recognition insignia to attach to their Rotary or Paul Harris Fellow pin.

There are over 72,000 Benefactors in the Rotary world today. Are you one?

A *Bequest Society* member is an individual or couple that has made a provision in their estate plan to gift a minimum \$10,000 to the Rotary Foundation. There are over 7000 Bequest Society members in the Rotary world today. Are you one?

By participating in The Permanent Fund, you join fellow Rotarians whose combined efforts continue to build a better future for all of the world's people to live in good health, harmony, and peace. You are already a member of the Rotary family, be a part of it forever.

Please contact Bronwyn Martin, District 7450 Chair of the Permanent Fund if you have questions or would like a presentation made to your Club.

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District 7450 Ambassador Scholar Selected For Study in 2011-2012

Following intense interviews of all of the candidates this past June, David Gau became the unanimous selection of the Rotary District 7450 Committee as the recipient an Ambassador Scholarship to study in 2011-12. David was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Kennett Square. Rotary International has subsequently approved the District 7450 recommendation of this candidate. David will attend the University of New England in Armidale, Australia for graduate study in 2011-2012.

David has excelled academically as an undergraduate at the University of Pittsburgh with a “triple major” in bioengineering, mathematics and economics. He will commence his senior year at Pitt in the fall of in 2010. David has coupled his scholarly achievements with a solid record of campus leadership and community service.

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The Saga of the Canadian Coins Or one Rotary Club’s Idea for raising money for Polio.

By Ward McMasters



In October of 2009 Langhorne Rotarian, David Carson, developed a unique fundraising project for Polio Plus. As a manager of the First National Bank of Newtown, Langhorne branch, he observed customers throwing Canadian coins away while using the coin counting machine. He placed a decorated coffee can with a sign about The Rotary Foundation program to eradicate Polio and stating a donation of Canadian money would be taken to the Rotary International convention in Montreal, Canada, held in June, by members of the Langhorne Rotary attending the convention. Cans were placed in other branches of the bank as well as in the community.

By June of 2010 over \$714 was collected in coins as well as paper money. It was bundled up and taken by Rotarian Myrl Brut to Canada prior to the convention and converted to a check that was presented to officials at the End Polio Now booth at the convention.

The donation cans are still in the bank branches and Canadian money is still being donated. When a large sum is collected it will again be converted and sent to the Rotary Foundation as part of our annual pledge to Polio Plus.



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SIXTEEN DISTRICT CLUBS EXCEED \$100 PER MEMBER IN ANNUAL GIVING

Congratulations and a big thank you are in order for the sixteen clubs who exceeded one hundred dollars per capita in annual giving for the 2009-2010 Rotary year.



Club	Per Capita Annual Giving
Cheltenham-Rockledge	\$194.25
Springfield	184.14
Glenside	172.06
Longwood	163.92
Kennett Square	163.00
Levittown-Fairless Hills	151.00
Bala-Cynwyd-Narberth	134.78
Frankford-NE	131.00
Greater West Chester Sunrise	130.23
Westtown Goshen	130.00
Upper Darby-Lansdowne	109.91
Ardmore	107.85
Thorndale	107.23
Coatesville	107.09
Bryn Mawr	104.74
Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn	103.78

The highest clubs in actual annual giving are:

Club	Actual Contributions
Longwood	\$14,425.00
Ardmore	9383.00
West Chester	6971.00
Glenside	5850.00
Coatesville	5783.00
Jenkintown	5633.00
Greater WC Sunrise	5209.00

The district contributed \$134,406.00. Regrettably, the Rotary Foundation message needs to get out to more members as 17 clubs had per capita giving of less than \$50 per member.

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THE ROTARY FOUNDATION INFORMANT IS BACK

By Russ deFuria, DRFC

Welcome to the first edition of the “**District 7450 Rotary Foundation Informant**” for this Rotary year. We hope you have found this publication to be of value to you.

The Rotary International theme for this year is “**Building Communities Bridging Continents**”. What a great theme to relate to The Rotary Foundation! Through support of “our foundation” we help build communities around the world through District Simplified Grants funding all sorts of projects. Bridging continents is what The Rotary Foundation does best, through Peace Fellows, Ambassadorial Scholars, and matching grants that allow international clubs to work together toward a common goal.

Is your club involved with any of the programs listed above? If not, you may be missing out on a great opportunity for your club. To find out more information on things like grants and scholarships, go to the district website at www.rotary7450.org and click on the Rotary Foundation page. You’ll find useful information there, as well as a speaker request where you can notify us directly of a topic you would like presented at your club.

To really have an opportunity to learn more about The Rotary Foundation, be sure to attend the **District Conference** at the Desmond Hotel and Conference Center in Malvern on **October 8th & 9th**. District Governor Joan Batory has devoted Saturday morning to presentations and training for The Rotary Foundation. There will be information on scholarships, a workshop on grants, as well as updates on polio eradication. We hope you will join us for a very informative morning together.

Over the years, members of our district have given generously to our foundation. That support is what funds all of the wonderful programs mentioned above. But, we don’t want to focus on money, instead focusing on what the generosity of Rotarians can do to help change and save lives around the world.

Please remember that all of us that are part of The Rotary Foundation Committee are here to serve the needs of our clubs and their members. If you have any questions or issues that you would like addressed, please let us know. The committee is comprised of a variety of sub-committees with members that have specialized expertise in the given areas and can best help you achieve your goals. In addition, every club is also supported by an Area Coordinator to help keep your club updated on foundation information.



A Message from the Editor

The Informant has been formatted to fit on 8.5 x 11 paper so that it can be easily printed. **Please print it out and bring it with you to your Club meetings** to share with your members. There will be useful information in it to help your club become more familiar with the workings of The Rotary Foundation. You are also **invited to forward it to all your club members as part of your regular email program.**

Until next time.... Holly Lankin, NE Sunrisers- hlankin@comcast.net

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