

OUR FOUNDATION



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LEAVING A LASTING LEGACY THROUGH THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

HELPING OTHERS AS WE HELP OURSELVES

As Rotarians plan for their retirement, making plans for their estate and legacy, there are financial vehicles available through The Rotary Foundation (TRF) that will help others while also helping their families and themselves. A major win-win. Consider leaving a legacy for tomorrow by remembering The Rotary Foundation in your will or estate plan today. Please see PDG Jack Best's "Estate and Legacy Planning" advice on page 7.

WHAT IS A BEQUEST?

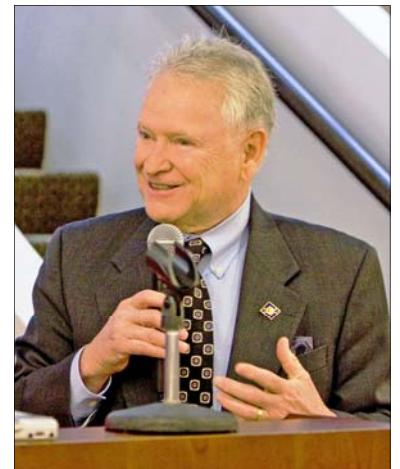
A bequest is a gift to TRF made through your estate, which enables you to make a substantial contribution to Our Foundation that might otherwise not have been possible during your lifetime.

You can name TRF (or specific programs) as a beneficiary of your will, revocable trust, retirement plan or other estate plan. This type of gift may be in the form of cash, life insurance, securities, real estate or other property.

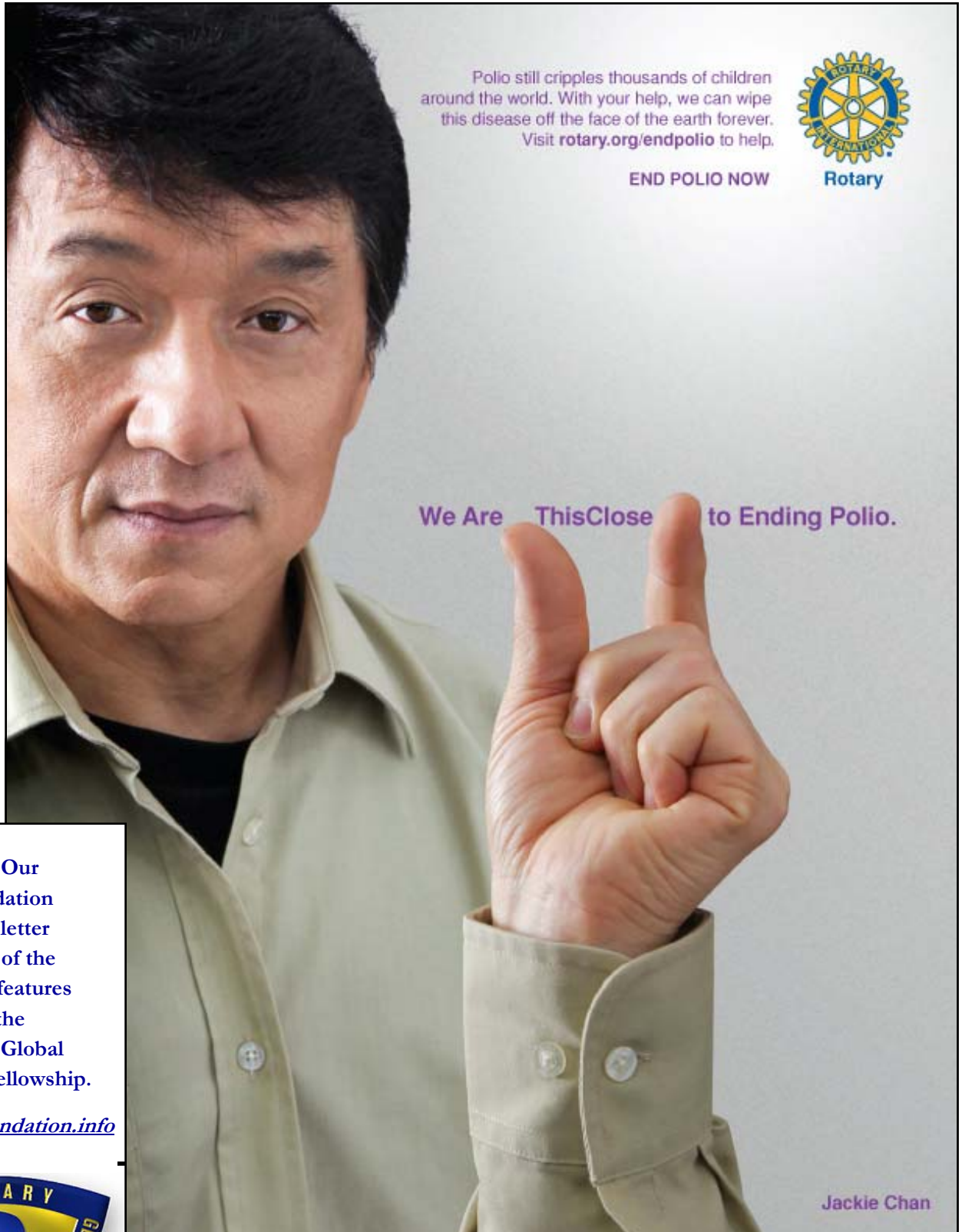
WHY MAKE A BEQUEST?

Every year, realized bequests are a major source of Our Foundation's financial strength and its ability to meet our charitable needs. By naming specific programs in your will, (perhaps through life insurance) you can make a lasting impact on the future while taking advantage of the following benefits:

- You remain in control of your assets during your lifetime.
- You can modify your bequest if your circumstances change.
- Your gift is exempt from USA federal estate tax.
- You are celebrated/recognized / honored by The Rotary Foundation.
- You will surely make a meaningful difference for future generations.



*Eddie Blender,
Publisher: Our Foundation*



Polio still cripples thousands of children around the world. With your help, we can wipe this disease off the face of the earth forever. Visit rotary.org/endpolio to help.



END POLIO NOW

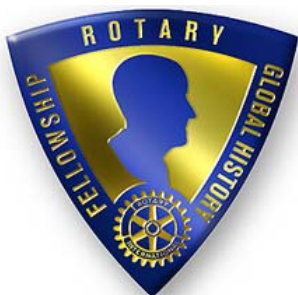
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We Are ThisClose to Ending Polio.

Jackie Chan

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MASSIVE INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO STOP POLIO EPIDEMIC – ACROSS WEST AFRICA

**WITH WEST AFRICA ON THE VERGE OF SUCCESS,
EXPERTS CAUTION THAT COMPLACENCY COULD
BREATHE NEW LIFE INTO OUTBREAK**

Health experts today confirmed that a devastating polio epidemic in west African countries is on the verge of being stopped - but warned that complacency could breathe new life into the outbreak. Since mid-2009, polio has re-infected eleven countries across west Africa, claiming many lives and leaving hundreds of children paralyzed for life.



*Massive international effort to stop polio epidemic across west Africa.
M Bachir Chaibou/WHO Niger*

A series of synchronized, multi-country immunization campaigns in the second half of 2009 and 2010 have now succeeded in all but wiping out this outbreak.

A further multi-country campaign on 25 March and again on 28 April 2011 across 15 coun-

tries will aim to immunize more than 38 million children, by a network of more than 180,000 volunteers armed with 48 million doses of polio vaccine, to extinguish any remaining chains of polio transmission. At the same time, polio eradication efforts are further intensifying in Nigeria, the only endemic country in Africa. Over the past 12 months, the number of new cases in the country has been slashed by an impressive 95% in 2010 compared to 2009.

EXPERTS WARNED AGAINST COMPLACENCY

But while the region stands on the threshold of a public health success, experts warned against complacency, cautioning

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WE ARE THIS CLOSE TO ENDING POLIO ...

that any pockets of unimmunized or under-immunized children could result in the outbreak gaining a second wind. This risk was further underscored with confirmation of a new case reported in March in Niger, across the border from northern Nigeria.

"These latest campaigns are critical to re-achieving a polio-free west Africa," said Dr Luis Gomes Sambo, the World Health Organization Regional Director for Africa. "Under the leadership of the governments of countries across the region, this epidemic is on the verge of being stopped, but we must all invest the necessary resources to stop polio for ever in our Region."

POSITIVE RESULTS OF THESE TREMENDOUS EFFORTS

The Regional Director for UNICEF in West and Central Africa, Dr. Gianfranco Rotigliano, added: "We are now seeing the results of the tremendous efforts of the past two years. Tens of thousands of children have been spared life-long paralysis. But at the same time, we must remember that in 2010 alone more than 500 children and adults were affected and are today suffering the effects of this devastating disease, and far too many have died. We must ensure that the outbreak response continues and that all children are immunized."

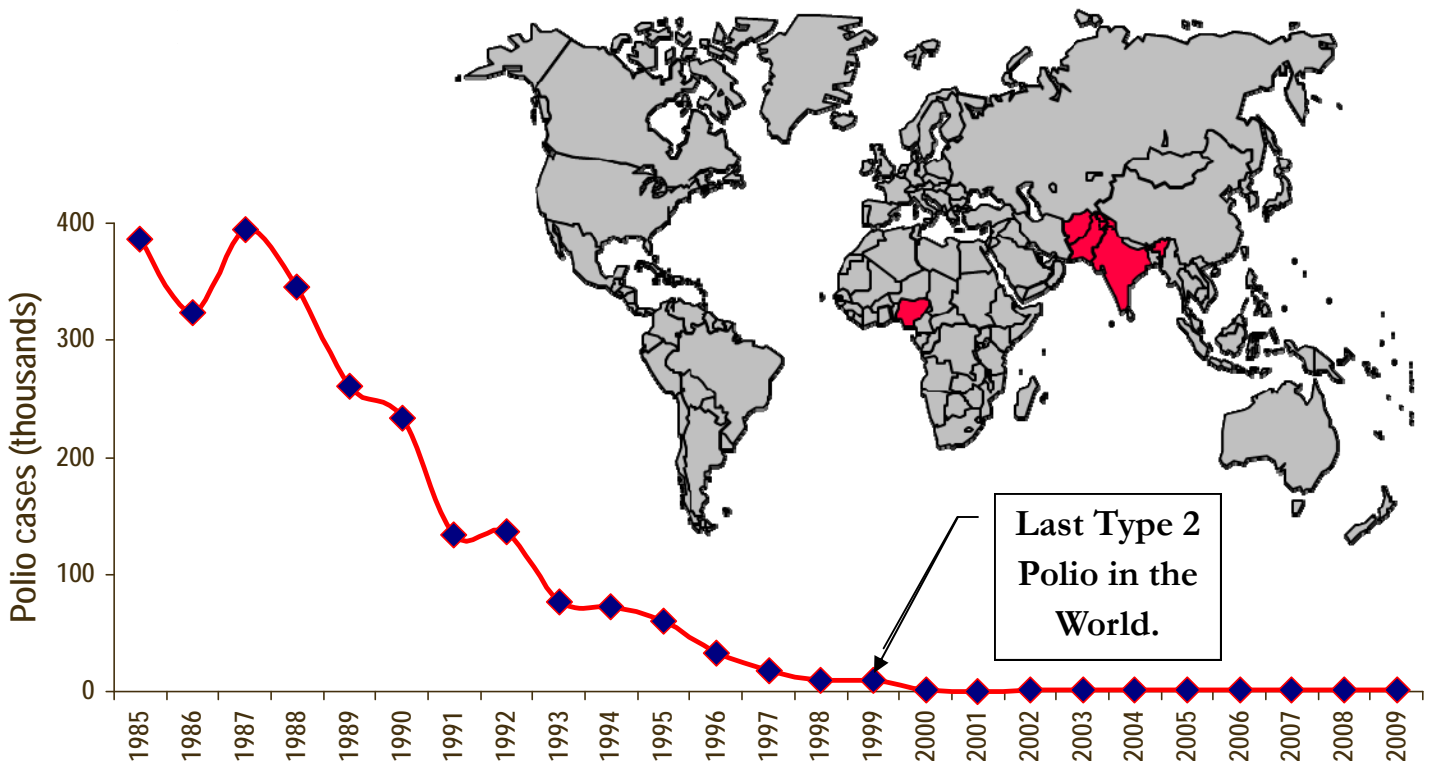
"At Rotary International, we will continue to do all we can to support communities and countries in their polio eradication efforts," said Mr. Ambroise Tshimbalanga-Kasongo, chair of Rotary International's African PolioPlus Committee. "Rotary members have contributed over US\$1 billion to the fight against polio and will continue to do so until no child has to suffer from this crippling disease. We are proud to be able to be a part of this tremendous effort."



Even after the outbreak is stopped, periodic vaccination campaigns, along with routine immunization, will continue to ensure immunity amongst the population and to minimize the risk of another outbreak. Key to success will be the continuing engagement of political, religious and community leaders whose support has underpinned the drive to stop polio in the region.

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL AND POLIO ERADICATION - ON THE ROAD TO: **Polio Zero**



WE ARE THIS CLOSE

This graphic shows the state of Polio Eradication starting with 1000 cases per day (350,000 cases per year) in 1985 to 1300 (type 1 and 3) total for the whole of 2010. And as of 15 April 2011 less than 100 cases with only 1 case in India.

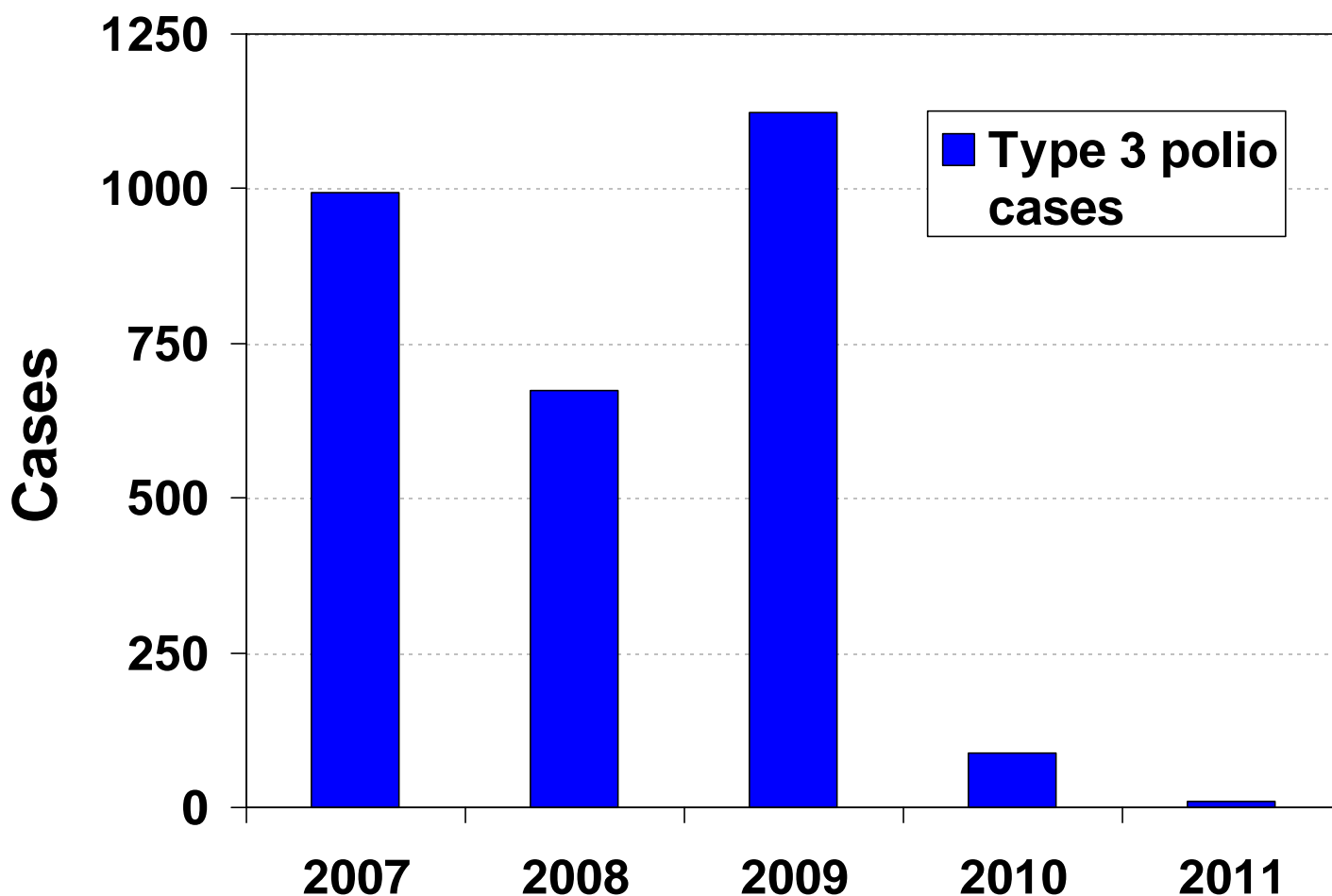
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ROTARY'S WORK CONTINUES. Even after the outbreaks are stopped, periodic vaccination campaigns, along with routine immunization, will continue and are needed to ensure immunity amongst the population and to minimize the risk of other outbreaks.

Polio Zero is the goal!



POLIO CASES DUE TO TYPE 3 WILD VIRUS 2007-2011 (AS OF 19 APRIL 2011)





THIS MONTH'S DIAMOND IDEA... BUILDING AND LEAVING A LEGACY THROUGH THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

**USE A NEW OR UN-NEEDED LIFE
INSURANCE POLICY TO HELP YOURSELF,
AND BENEFIT ROTARY AND BE RECOGNIZED
AS A MULTIPLE-DIAMOND DONOR**



*John "Jack" K. Best, Certified Financial Planner
Vice Chair, Rotary Peace Centers
Major Gifts Initiative Committee*

Many Rotarians already support The Rotary Foundation in a variety of meaningful ways.

This month's idea is related to the use of life insurance policies whose face values can be designated to The Rotary Foundation, while its owner is recognized as a multiple-diamond Bequest Society member.

OPPORTUNITIES

Rotarians of any age can use the leverage of life insurance to make a substantial bequest to The Rotary Foundation.

A 40 year old Rotarian in reasonable health can get a \$500,000 insurance policy payable to The Rotary Foundation for an annual premium of \$3,842. His 65 year-old colleague could get the same contract for \$12,582, annually.

ESTATE AND LEGACY PLANNING

**AS ONE PLANS FOR
ONE'S RETIREMENT ...**

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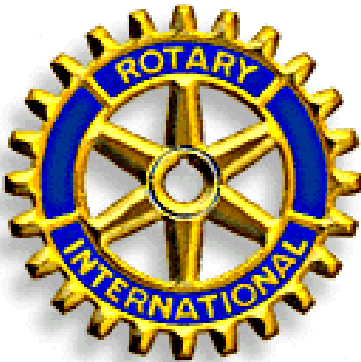
A WIN-WIN!

Let's say that a 65 year old Rotarian has a \$100,000 life insurance policy that was purchased 30 years ago to protect the family from an untimely death. It is all paid up and has a \$50,000 cash value. The children are raised, the house is paid for, and the policy is no longer needed.

Option 1: the Rotarian could gift the policy to The Rotary Foundation and be recognized as a \$50,000 Major Donor—three diamonds, plus receive a tax-deduction for its \$50,000 cash value.

Option 2: the Rotarian and The Foundation would agree to keep the

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policy in force, in which case the Rotarian would be recognized as a \$100,000 Bequest Society member—four diamonds.

Option 3: the 65 year old Rotarian who had a spouse the same age could transfer the cash value into a new \$500,000 insurance policy. It still would require annual premiums for as long as either partner lived, but would leave a significant legacy to The Rotary Foundation, with five diamond Bequest recognition. Annual premium: \$3,530



The premiums quoted above could be higher or lower depending upon the health of the insured. Poor health could negate the use of life insurance as an option.

ADDITIONAL ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH LIFE INSURANCE

There are some additional issues associated with life insurance to consider:

1. the premium is not tax-deductible if the policy is owned by the Rotarian.
2. the policy cannot be term or group insurance.
3. insurance policies may contain terms or language that is not readily apparent until the beneficiary reaches a certain age, so please read the policy carefully.



The use of new or un-needed insurance policies to benefit The Rotary Foundation is one of many financial options available to you as a Rotarian.

CONTACT THE ROTARY FOUNDATION DIRECTLY

Meet with your club or district Rotary Foundation Committee Chair or contact The Rotary Foundation directly to explore what choices may be available through The Rotary Foundation. Discuss policy owner and beneficiary designations with your insurance agent or financial advisor who also will need to determine your insurability.



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OUR PRIDE — IN OUR FOUNDATION

IT IS OUR FOUNDATION, OUR MONEY, AND WE NEED TO WORK OUT THE BEST WAY TO USE IT. THE ROTARY FOUNDATION (TRF) IS A VERY IMPORTANT TOOL IN OUR SERVICE TOOLBOX.

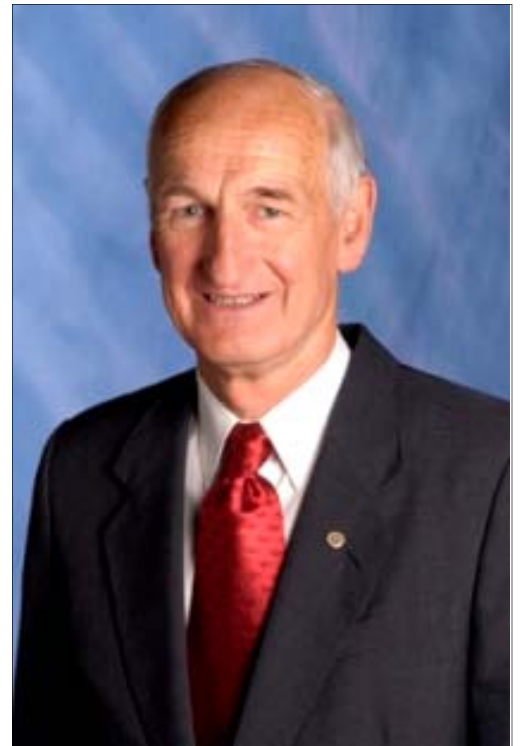
There is a school at Ada in Nigeria called the Umuocham Girls Secondary School, and it had a problem. The school, with 2,400 pupils, had no water supply, yet was bound by a government requirement that its sanitation be water-based. Classes were rostered each day to bring water to school and when the water ran out, the school had to close.

The Rotary Foundation gave a grant to two Rotary clubs that has ensured that Umuocham and 21 other schools now have their own water supply. Their students now spend their time in school learning, not carrying water; the length of their school day is no longer determined by how much water is left to use.

In Nairobi, there is a slum called Mathare where 500,000 people struggle to survive. It is a slum far beyond the comprehension of most of us. In the slum is a school that exists through the support of Rotary. [My wife] Lorna and I visited it. It is not glamorous — really, a big corrugated-iron shed — and I wondered why we should be educating children in a country with over 50 percent unemployment.

A PATHWAY TO BETTER HEALTH AND EMPLOYMENT

The answer is that if we can teach them to read and write, we give them a pathway to better health and the opportunity to find employment. We cannot guarantee a job, but we can give them a chance.



*William B. "Bill" Boyd,
The Rotary Foundation
Trustee Chair-elect 2011-12.*

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PAST
PRESIDENT WILLIAM B. BOYD
IS THE INCOMING TRF TRUSTEE
CHAIR, 2011-12.**

**OUR FOUNDATION HAS
EXCERPTED HIS REMARKS
DELIVERED TO THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS, THE TRUSTEES OF
TRF AND OVER 500 INCOMING
DISTRICT GOVERNORS (2011-
2012) AT THE RECENT
INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY IN
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA USA**

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In Manila, Lorna and I watched a cataract surgery in an eye hospital that had been equipped by Rotary. Young doctors were being trained by the specialist and would eventually move out into country areas. An older lady was having a cataract removed, and after watching for a few minutes we moved on to see the rest of the hospital with all the machines identified by the Rotary wheel. As we were about to leave, the patient came out on the arm of the doctor with a bandage covering the eye that had been operated on. She took Lorna's arm and tears streamed from her other eye. "I thank God for Rotary," she told us, "for I am poor and was going blind and Rotary has given me back my sight." Lorna shed a few tears and I was close, and I felt so proud to be a Rotarian.

But as we move into Future Vision, we are realizing that an unfocused Rotary Foundation will not build on opportunities like these: We need to expand those opportunities, so that we change the lives of the greatest number of people. This is why we have agreed that we should have six areas of focus. They are broad and will allow us as Rotarians to do the projects we wish but with some common purpose and in such a way that benefits as many people as possible, to do bigger projects that touch more lives.

They match some of the Millennium Development Goals of the United Nations, and they meet the RI Strategic Plan objective to focus and increase humanitarian service.

These areas of focus overlap. Our Umuocham Girls Secondary School received a water supply, and this has led to better education. A UNESCO project showed that giving women just a primary school educa-

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TRF'S AREAS OF FOCUS ARE:

**PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION
DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT
WATER AND SANITATION
MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH
BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**



THE RIPPLES ROLL ON AND ON.

A FRESH WATER SUPPLY



A BETTER EDUCATION



INCREASED LITERACY



DECREASED
CHILD MORTALITY



HIGHER ECONOMIC
AWARDS

tion decreases child mortality by between 5 percent and 10 percent. The World Bank says that the more girls who go to secondary school in a country, the higher that country's per capita income growth.

You can see the pattern. Address one major issue and you impact on others. The ripples roll on and on.

UNDERSTANDING THE ISSUES

Too many statistics in a speech are hard to absorb, but they do help us understand the issues. Afghanistan is rated 169th in the International Monetary Fund economic ranking of 181 countries. Of every 1,000 babies born there, 257 die before the age of 5. The literacy rate is 28 percent. Of the appropriate age group, 28 percent of boys and 9 percent of girls go to secondary school. UNICEF says that

in 2006, 22 percent of the population had improved drinking water and 30 percent improved sanitation.

A POOR ECONOMY, A HIGH RATE OF CHILD MORTALITY, LOW LITERACY, INADEQUATE WATER AND SANITATION.

If you come from a developed country, please don't feel smug. The National Institute for Literacy in the United States says that in the U.S., adults who cannot read are hospitalized at twice the rate of those with reading skills, 45 percent of those at the lowest literacy level live in poverty, and 60 percent of prison inmates are illiterate.



So how do we as Rotarians respond? Through Future Vision, we develop projects in the six areas of focus, and we look to get the best results from our resources. None of this is new, but we are looking to better target our efforts. It is our Foundation, our money, and we need to work out the best way to use it. The Rotary Foundation is an important tool in our service toolbox.

Each year, it is customary at the International Assembly for the chairman-elect of our Foundation to announce the Foundation goals for the coming year.

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1. Our first goal remains the eradication of polio, and suddenly that goal seems much closer.
2. Another key goal involves increasing support of our Foundation. As Rotary leaders, we can help our fellow Rotarians to realize that this is their Foundation and that they should take ownership by supporting the Annual Programs Fund, the Permanent Fund, and the Rotary Peace Centers.
3. Continuing our progress on the Future Vision Plan is our final goal. If you are a pilot district, you are a driving force in ensuring our Future Vision is as good as it can be. If you are not a pilot district, then you should start preparing now to transition easily in 2013 by aligning service projects with the areas of focus.

All of us should work to build those six areas of focus into the culture and thinking of every Rotary club.

SEEK OPPORTUNITIES TO BUILD PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN CLUBS AND DISTRICTS, OUR ROTARY FOUNDATION, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

To help meet our goals, 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.

Lorna and I met a lady in Manila named Ynday Mijares. She had had polio as a child, but that was well behind her and life was good for Ynday with her own business, a happy family, and her life as a Rotarian.



In the mid-1990s, she found it increasingly difficult to walk, and when her doctor checked he found that she had developed post-polio syndrome and would have to spend the rest of her life in a wheelchair. She said she went home and shut herself away in her bedroom, unable to accept what had happened to her. It just wasn't fair.

She had done nothing to deserve this. She was unpleasant to her family and did not want to see her friends. Then, Ynday said, one day God sent her a candle, and it was in the shape of a Rotary wheel. She came out of her bedroom and

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made peace with her family. She became the charter president of the Rotary Club of Centennial Quezon City, has been an assistant governor three times, and has served on a number of district committees, all in her wheelchair. As you travel the world, you come to realize the power of that Rotary wheel.

ROTARIANS WANT THE ABILITY TO REACH OUT, TO SHOW OTHERS THAT WE CARE, TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERITY AND OUR LOVE

MOTHER TERESA SAID: "THE BIGGEST DISEASE TODAY IS NOT LEPROSY OR TUBERCULOSIS BUT RATHER THE FEELING OF BEING UNWANTED, UNCARED FOR, AND DESERTED BY EVERYBODY. THE GREATEST EVIL IS THE LACK OF LOVE AND CHARITY, THE TERRIBLE INDIFFERENCE TO OUR NEIGHBOR. AT THE HOUR OF DEATH, WHEN WE COME TO FACE GOD, WE ARE GOING TO BE JUDGED ON LOVE — NOT HOW MUCH WE HAVE DONE BUT HOW MUCH LOVE WE HAVE PUT INTO OUR ACTIONS."

We Rotarians refuse to fall prey to that terrible indifference. Each of us came to Rotary because we want the ability to reach out, to show others that we care, to express our sincerity and our love.

You and I want many people — as many as possible — to know that someone who wears that Rotary wheel cares for them, cares enough to reach out and change their lives. We know that we can do this through our Rotary Foundation.

Together, we can. And together, we will.

*Rotary International Past President
William B. "Bill" Boyd
Rotary Foundation Trustee
Chair-elect 2011-12*



**SUPPORT
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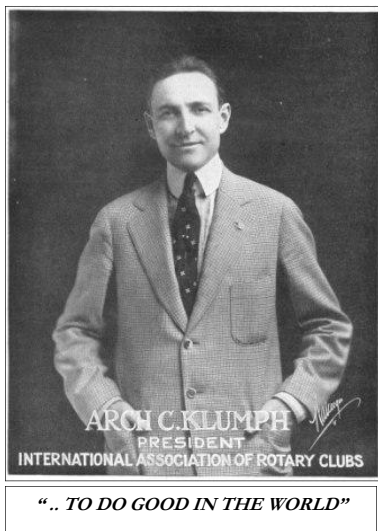




IS THERE A ROTARY ROAD TO PEACE?

IS THERE A COMMON THREAD CONNECTING OUR PROGRAMS?
YES! IT'S PERSON-TO-PERSON CONTACT, FRIENDSHIP,
FELLOWSHIP AND CROSS-CULTURAL EXCHANGE.

On February 23, 2011 we celebrated the 106th anniversary of Rotary International and in 2017 we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Rotary Foundation.



The Rotary Foundation (TRF) is a not-for-profit corporation that supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs. It is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.

The Foundation was created in 1917 by Rotary International's sixth president, Arch C. Klumph, as an endowment fund for Rotary "to do good in the world."

It has grown from a small initial contribution of only US \$26.50 to soon approaching one billion dollars. It is one of the largest and most prestigious international foundation programs in the world.

THE FOURTH OBJECT OF ROTARY

As a pro-active Rotarian, **Donald MacRae** in June 1918 proposed that Rotary become an agent for the promotion of goodwill and peace among nations - the first time that this vision of Rotary was expressed publicly.

In 1921, as chair of Rotary's Constitution and By-laws Committee, MacRae had an opportunity to incorporate this vision into the constitution of Rotary.

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ROTARY, AN AGENT FOR THE PROMOTION OF GOODWILL AND PEACE AMONG NATIONS



Rotarian Donald MacRae

"THE ADVANCEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING, GOODWILL, AND PEACE THROUGH A WORLD FELLOWSHIP OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL PERSONS UNITED IN THE IDEAL OF SERVICE."

**DONALD MACRAE,
EDINBURGH
INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION, 1921**

MacRae presented a resolution to the International Convention in Edinburgh, Scotland (1921) that amended the constitution by adding the Fourth Object of Rotary.

The Fourth Object became the engine that drives Rotary's international service; indeed, it has become the watchword of the Rotary Foundation.

THE CONNECTION

From 1921 to today, the Rotary Foundation's programs have developed a common thread.

Let's look at Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE), a program in which every year hundreds of high school *students are given the opportunity to study, to live for a year in a country other than their own.*



High school students interact with students their age while living with host families while attending school in a different country. During that year learning a different way of living, learning about themselves and others and maybe even a new language. They are also ambassadors; through person-to-person contact and cross-culture exchange. They help bring the world closer by friendship and fellowship and their interest in their new friends' country, culture and ideas.

Both students and host families have broadened their horizons through Rotary Youth Exchange. More than 80 countries and thousands of students each year participate in the program, which is administered at the regional level by Rotary districts and at the local level by Rotary clubs.

WHAT ABOUT AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS?

In 1947, in honor of Rotary's founder Paul P. Harris, the first class of scholarship recipients were selected and the program soon evolved into TRF's Ambassadorial Scholarships. Since 1947 we have named over 40,000 Ambassadorial Scholarship recipients from over 130 countries and Rotarians have donated more than US \$517 million dollars to that endeavor.

THE CONNECTIONS

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**LIVING WITH HOST
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TOGETHER, OVERCOMING
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**SHARING KNOWLEDGE
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OF HUMANITY DESIRES
THE SAME THINGS.**

**NEEDING A ROOF OVER
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THE FAMILY AND
EDUCATIONAL
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THEIR CHILDREN AND
ABOVE ALL, THE DESIRE
TO LIVE IN A JUST AND
PEACEFUL WORLD.**

In 2009-10, 710 scholars from 73 countries studied in 87 countries (other than their own) and program awards were over US \$ 14.7 million dollars. Rotary's Ambassadorial Scholarship program is far and away the largest non-profit organization scholarship program in the world.

ROTARY'S GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE

The Group Study Exchange (GSE) is a cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women in the initial years of their professional life.

The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits between paired areas in different countries for four to six weeks. Team members study the host country's institutions and ways of life, observe their own vocations as practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

Team members are hosted by Rotarians in the country they are visiting (a country other than their own). Since 1967 about 69,000 individuals from 205 countries and geographical areas have traveled abroad and have participated at a cost of more than US \$115 million dollars.

THE ROTARY PEACE CENTERS

TRF sponsors the highly successful Rotary Peace Centers program, which began in 2002. We now have over 500 Rotary Peace Fellow graduates from our Centers. We recently selected our tenth class (2011-13).



The Rotary Peace Centers provide Peace Fellows the opportunity to pursue a master's degree in conflict resolution, peace studies, international relations and related areas. Each year, up to 50 Rotary World Peace Fellowships (in the Master's Program) and 60 in the short term (Certificate Program) are offered on a competitive basis at six Rotary Centers, which operate in partnership with seven leading universities. The Peace Fellows study in a country other than their own.

Coursework at the Rotary Centers focuses on preventing and resolving conflict by addressing its root causes- for example: responding to hunger with food security, disease with health care, illiteracy with education, poverty with sustainable development and environmental degradation with conservation.

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SHORT TERM STUDIES

The Short Term Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program was established to provide professionals from around the world with the opportunity to be trained in conflict resolution and mediation strategies. The program also can help participants become better equipped to prevent and resolve conflict and to foster policies and create settings that ensure peace worldwide. Offered in English, the program is aimed toward mid- to upper-level professionals in governments, nongovernmental organizations, and private corporations.

The intensive three-month course, which was started in July 2006, is housed at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. Rotary will accept up to 30 program participants per session for two sessions annually. Each session will include both academic learning and practical fieldwork components. The program aims to inspire people to work for a culture of peace and tolerance while enhancing their capacity, knowledge, and skills.

In the Master's program the Fellows also put classroom lessons into practice through an applied field experience (AFE), when they work with a variety of governmental and nongovernmental organizations worldwide. Many work and study with various United Nations agencies, the World Bank, European Parliament, the Organization of American States, along with national governments and international businesses.

Our fellows are chosen from countries and cultures around the globe based on their potential as leaders in government, business, education, media, and other professional areas. Moreover Rotary Centers Peace Fellow alumni have demonstrated their ability to further global understanding and peace in their work.

To find out more about the Rotary Centers program, contact the [Rotary Centers Department](#) at The Rotary Foundation.



Have you considered supporting the Centers and the Peace Fellowship Program? Have you considered establishing an endowment in your family's name and creating a legacy that will last forever and will leave our world a better place?

To learn more about the Peace Center opportunities visit with TRF's Major Gifts Officers (MGO). 1-847-866-3000

I CONTINUE TO BE IMPRESSED BY THE CURRENT CADRES OF DEDICATED ROTARY PEACE FELLOWS AND ROTARY PEACE FELLOWSHIPS ALUMNI WHO UNDERTAKE INTENSIVE STUDY AND FIELD WORK TO HELP TRANSFORM OUR WORLD FROM DIVISIVE CONFLICT TO PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE.

THIS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM HAS ALREADY STARTED TO MAKE AN IMPACT ON OUR WORLD.

IT OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY LIKE NO OTHER. IT ENABLES STUDENTS TO REACH BEYOND THEIR NATIONAL IDENTITIES TO DEVELOP THE ANALYTICAL AND PRACTICAL SKILL BASE REQUIRED TO SUCCESSFULLY SPECIALIZE IN EMERGING, GROUNDBREAKING WORK THAT WILL REDEFINE WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A GLOBAL CITIZEN IN ACTION.

**PEACE,
BRAD LAUMAN
MANAGER, ROTARY PEACE
CENTERS DEPARTMENT**



EVERYTHING WE DO IN ROTARY

AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARS

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

HUMANITARIAN GRANTS

FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE

PEACE CENTERS

PEACE FELLOWS

YES! EVERYTHING WE DO IN ROTARY

“Everything we do through our Rotary clubs — from fighting poverty to eradicating polio — is intended ultimately to promote world peace. In one way or another, all of the excellent programs of The Rotary Foundation contribute to world peace and understanding”

One of the joys of Rotary is meeting people from other cultures — from other countries. Rotary arranges this purposely through Youth Exchanges, Ambassadorial Scholarships, Group Study Exchanges, Peace Fellowships and Humanitarian and Educational Grants.

Purposely?



Of course! Can you think of a better way to advance international understanding, goodwill, and peace?

We are invited to visit with folks (often at their dinner table) and we speak different languages, have different skin colors, our eyes are shaped differently and we have different religious faiths.

And when we interact and work with folks

**ROTARIANS,
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CONTACT, FRIENDSHIP,
FELLOWSHIP AND
CROSS-CULTURAL
EXCHANGE.**

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all around the world we discover that we all care about the same things. We care about our families and want our children to be safe, to be healthy and educated.... and the things that we share are more important than the things that are different.

The joy of... the power of The magic of Rotary gives life to the motto that “Peace is Possible”

PEACE IS POSSIBLE...



Yes, peace is possible if we address the root causes of war — poverty, disease, and ignorance — and replace them with education, health care, cross-cultural exchange, clean water, and the opportunity to make a better life.

Yes, peace is possible if young people are given opportunities to study and live in other countries, learning to appreciate different cultures and to recognize our shared humanity.

Yes, peace is possible if more professionals are trained in the art of conflict resolution and peace building.

And yes, peace is possible if men and women of goodwill continue to work together in the name of service and international fellowship.

Rotarians have been talking about peace for many years now. It was our founder, Paul Harris, who said that ... ***“the way to war is a well paved highway and the way to peace is still a wilderness.”***

As we work to blaze a path through that wilderness, we must keep interacting with one another — speaking with each other and all those who share Rotary’s strong commitment to achieving peace in the world.

We keep asking the question: Is peace possible? And always, Rotary’s answer is yes.



HOW TO FIND THE NEXT ROTARY PEACE FELLOW

—
**AT NO COST
TO YOUR CLUB
OR DISTRICT**
—

Each year many Rotary District Peace Chairs ask us what makes the “perfect” Rotary Peace Fellow applicant.

The truth is there is no perfect peace fellow and there is no perfect combination of test scores, experience, and educa-

tion that guarantees an applicant will be the next successful

Rotary Peace Fellow. Candidates come from all over the world, from all different career sectors and with all different experiences.



New Rotary Peace Fellow Chiayin Lin is from Taiwan and is interested in the link between health, free trade and peace in East Asia.

But to give you a little better idea, here is what the newest class of Rotary Peace Fellows looks like:

- On average, each selected fellow has seven years of professional experience;
- ... a third of the selected fellows are coming from work with an NGO and
- ... another 20% come from backgrounds in education or peace building.



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- ... The newest class of fellows is from 31 different countries ranging from Australia to Haiti to Iran to South Africa.
- ... Forty-four percent of the Class X Peace Fellows are from low-income countries.
- ... In addition, candidates applying for the master's program have strong educational backgrounds but
- ... are also committed to returning to the peace field.
- ... Non-native English speakers applying to one of the four English-speaking centers are fluent in English, with an average TOEFL score of 91 and
- ... an average IELTS score of 7.1.
(For more information on language requirements please see our language ability guide [here](#).)



New Rotary Peace Fellow Jessica Butcher is an Australian with expertise in interfaith dialogue especially between Muslim and Christian communities.

Above all, the most important component of a successful applicant is a clear commitment to peace and conflict resolution.

For more ideas on how to vet potential candidates, please see our interviewing guide below.

As always if you have any questions about the application process, please email Rotary Peace Center Program Assistant Niki Fritz at niki.fritz@rotary.org.



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HOW TO FIND THE NEXT ROTARY PEACE FELLOW

SOME APPLICANT INTERVIEW TIPS



New Rotary Peace Fellow Adamou Hamadou is an economist by training and has been working on development projects in West Africa.

HOW TO INTERVIEW ROTARY PEACE FELLOWSHIP CANDIDATES

1. Form a Rotary Peace Fellowship Interviewing Committee to interview candidates from clubs or from district recruitment. Committees can include district leaders, club leaders and even non-Rotary leaders from the community such as peace experts from local universities or peace fellow alumni.
2. Organize interviews for April or May to give your district enough time to complete the District Interview Form and obtain both DG and DRFC signatures. For non-local candidates, interviews can be completed via phone or Skype.
3. Create a list of potential questions for the interview.
4. Attend recruitment fairs at local colleges or universities, especially those designed for international students.
5. Contact Rotary districts you have partnered with in the past to see if there are promising peace leaders in their communities
6. Create a Rotary Peace Fellowship Interview Committee with leaders from your district as well as community leaders such as professors or humanitarian aid workers. Members of your interview com-

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mittee might know potential applicants. Look out for next month's mailing for more interviewing tips.

NOTE: *Native English speakers do not need to complete TOEFL or IELTS exams but they do need to submit a Language Ability Form for a second language. Non-native English must submit TOEFL or IELTS scores but they do not need to submit a Language Ability Form. Certain exceptions are made for non-native English speakers who obtained post-secondary degrees from English language universities.*



AUSTRALIA AT FOREFRONT

Every year since the inception of the Rotary Peace Fellowship in 2002, District 9800 in Australia has submitted at least one application. Their dedication has paid off; D9800 holds the record for the most selected Rotary Peace Fellows. Fourteen peace fellows have come from D9800, a record Peace Chair Bob Fels is proud of but also notes is the result of years of hard work and networking.

"The essence of our approach is to get Rotarians to use their networks to ask organizations which employ peace workers to identify candidates. However, you have to persist with the organizations. Keep knocking on the door," Peace Chair Fels says. "If several Rotarians know people at a particular organization, then get them all to talk to their contacts."

We found multi level approaches are the better way to go. Tell organizations, we are offering FREE career development for their staff. Sometimes it takes about 3 years for the message to sink in. You just have to be persis-

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**ASK OUTSIDE
ORGANIZATIONS
TO HELP
IDENTIFY
ROTARY PEACE
FELLOW
CANDIDATES**
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HOW TO FIND THE NEXT ROTARY PEACE FELLOW

tent every year and also get a fresh face to help.”

In addition to networking, Rotarian Fels posts fliers on local universities’ websites. He also attends local peace seminars and asks for 5 minutes to speak to introduce the program.

As Peace Chair Fels says “It is a selling job and I just grab every opportunity to spread the message.”

Your district can find brochures and posters on the shop.rotary.org to help in your recruitment efforts.

ROTARIANS ARE THE KEY TO FINDING THE NEXT GENERATION OF PEACE LEADERS.

All over the world, Rotarians are the key to finding the next generation of peace leaders. From Egypt to England to Ethiopia, this month Rotarians are busy looking for applicants for the Rotary Peace Fellowship and the future peacekeepers of the world.

However, there are still some corners of the world that do not have a Rotary presence. These areas are often the ones most in need of peace leaders.

LOCAL ROTARIAN SUPPORT IS NEEDED

Each year the Rotary Peace Centers Department receives inquiries from dedicated peace workers eager to take advantage of the Rotary Peace Fellowship but without local Rotary support. However, there is good news for these applicants. Since the fellowship is not linked to District Designated Funds, applicants can be endorsed by any Rotary district.

Would your district consider reviewing and interviewing a promising peace worker from a non-Rotary country for endorsement?

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DID YOU KNOW?

***NO DISTRICT
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ROTARY PEACE
FELLOW.
FELLOWS ARE
FUNDED BY
A COMBINATION OF
DONATED DDF,
TERMED AND
NAMED
FELLOWSHIPS AND
THE WORLD FUND***

If your district is interested, please email Rotary Peace Center Program Assistant Niki Fritz at niki.fritz@rotary.org.

Please note that although districts have no financial obligation when endorsing applicants, district still must interview and thoroughly vet all applicants.



Mya Thida Lwin, an applicant from Myanmar, was endorsed by District 5950 in Minnesota

FINDING AND SELECTING A ROTARY PEACE FELLOW

In 2010, Mya Thida Lwin contacted Rotary Peace Centers from Myanmar. After working for the United Nations for over a decade, Mya was eager to further her education to help the people of Myanmar. Unfortunately Myanmar does not have a Rotary Club.

In the summer of 2010, with the July 1st deadline looming, Rotary Peace Centers staff reached out to District 5950 in Minnesota to see if they would be interested in interviewing Mya. Rotary Peace Chair Michael Cavitt reviewed Mya's application and their interview committee interviewed Mya via Skype.

A PEACE FELLOW SUCCESS STORY

After hearing her vision of peace through community and women empowerment, District 5950 decided to endorse Mya. Three months later Mya was selected to be a Rotary Peace Fellow at the University of Queensland in Class X. She will start her studies in February 2012.

According to Peace Chair Cavitt it is important for districts to look beyond their club borders to find potential peace leaders. "We are building a cadre of people committed to and trained in peace and conflict resolution," Cavitt says.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ENDORSING A PEACE FELLOW CANDIDATE FROM OUTSIDE YOUR DISTRICT?

If you are interested in endorsing candidates outside your district, please email Rotary Peace Centers Program Assistant Niki Fritz at niki.fritz@rotary.org.



Myanmar does not have a Rotary Club



RI AND THE FOUNDATION CONTINUE ON SOLID FINANCIAL GROUND

While serving as your general secretary over the past decade, I've watched Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation grow considerably in terms of size, effectiveness, public prominence, and financial assets.

During that time, we also experienced some very challenging financial situations, most recently the economic crisis of 2008.

As I write to you in the final quarter of fiscal year 2011, I'm happy to report that both RI and our Foundation continue on solid financial ground.

RECENT STRONG MARKET PERFORMANCE

Due to strong performance of the financial markets during the past two years, Rotary International has more than recovered its investment losses of fiscal 2008 and 2009. With investment returns of 22 percent for the first nine months in fiscal 2011, our reserves now stand at US\$134 million. The Rotary Foundation is also experiencing healthy investment returns this fiscal year and has recovered about 80 percent of its fiscal 2008 and 2009 losses. RI and Foundation investment performance has exceeded market performance during the nine months ended 31 March 2011.

As a result of actions taken last June by the RI Board and the Foundation Trustees, RI's General Fund and the Foundation's [Annual Programs Fund](#) have been restructured to mitigate the impact of large losses in the financial markets and to provide protection against inflation.

GENEROSITY OF ROTARIANS

The generosity of Rotarians also helps ensure our financial stability. Through 31 March, contributions totaled \$69 million to the Annual Programs Fund and \$11 million to the [Permanent Fund](#), increases of \$6 million and \$3 million, respectively, over the previous year.

These figures are especially heartening when you consider



Ed Futa, General Secretary

**ROTARIANS
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31 MARCH.**



that Rotarians have also been providing tremendous support to [Rotary's US\\$200 Million Challenge](#). Since its inception, contributions to the challenge have totaled \$166 million through 31 March, illustrating Rotarians' unwavering commitment to achieving a polio-free world. Equally encouraging is the significant progress being made in our fight to eradicate polio in the four endemic countries, particularly India and Nigeria.

The Foundation's improved financial outlook ensures that Rotarians will have substantial resources to help support their vital work. Having previously restored the current year's Matching Grants budget, the Foundation Trustees recently approved a comparable budget for 2011-12. In addition, the budget for the [Future Vision](#) pilot will enable pilot districts to adequately test the new grant model before it launches for all districts on 1 July 2013.

CONSISTENTLY KEPT EXPENSES AT OR UNDER BUDGET

A crucial piece of any financial picture is spending. The Secretariat staff is constantly considering how we can keep costs down while meeting Rotarians' wide-ranging expectations for service. By aligning our resources more closely to the strategic plan, taking full advantage of available technology, and closely monitoring our budgets, we have consistently kept expenses at or under budget.

More information about Rotary's financial position is available online at www.rotary.org/financials. And on 23 May, the RI treasurer's report to the convention will be posted as part of our 2011 RI Convention coverage.

WELCOME SUCCESSOR, JOHN HEWKO

As you may know, I am retiring as general secretary on 30 June. Thanks to the vigorous efforts of the volunteer leadership and the Secretariat staff, I will be leaving Rotary in a strong financial position. My successor, John Hewko, brings a wealth of experience to the job. With the help of our senior leaders and our staff, he will continue to provide the level of careful financial stewardship that Rotarians so rightly expect.

I leave wishing you all the best as you continue in Rotary service.

Sincerely,

Ed Futa, General Secretary



*Ed Futa,
General Secretary*

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CONTINUE ON
SOLID FINANCIAL
GROUND.**
—



John Hewko



CHARLES C KELLER (ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PAST PRESIDENT), A PEACEMAKER, A VISIONARY ROTARIAN

REACHING OUT

Chuck Keller recently wrote ...



**IN 1987
RIPP KELLER'S VISION
FOR ROTARY WAS
THAT THE WORLD
WOULD SEE
ROTARIANS -
"UNITED IN SERVICE -
DEDICATED TO
PEACE".**

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WHATEVER ELSE WE
DO WON'T MAKE MUCH
DIFFERENCE."**

**-ADDRESS TO 1987
ROTARY CONVENTION,
MUNICH, GERMANY**

I joined the California Rotary Club in 1950. I progressed through various leadership roles and was privileged to serve as the world-wide president of Rotary International in 1987-88. Since that time, I have concentrated my efforts in the field of international service with The Rotary Foundation, especially on our goal of fostering world peace, goodwill, and understanding.

That's what brought me to Birmingham, England in June of 2009. Our annual Rotary Convention brought us together with Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General of the U.N., Jane Goodall, the animal protector and Mia Farrow, the actress and UNICEF ambassador who currently is leading the charge for world action in relief of Darfur in Sudan.

Just prior to the Convention, I went to Normandy to walk the beaches and climb the cliffs and feel the tensions of this historic battlefield. Then I returned to Birmingham and as chairman of our Peace Centers Committee, I hosted a Peace Symposium and our keynote speaker, Arch Bishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa.

This monumental gathering also allowed me to speak with and listen to some of the world's leaders in the search for peace and conflict resolution — Professor Paul Rodgers of Bradford University in England, Don Smith, Secretary General of Interna-



*Past RI President
Charles C Keller and Carol*

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tional Alert and Jan Egeland, Director of the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs.

This was also an opportunity to mingle with and listen to more than 100 of our Rotary World Peace Fellows who currently work worldwide at peace building for the U.N., World Bank, government foreign services, non-profit organizations, etc.

Rotary, yes, service is our business, whether working in our offices on client problems, or in our communities on local needs and issues, or on the world stage in search of world peace and conflict resolution.



Charles C Keller

“QUOTING” CHUCK KELLER

“FINDING THE PATH TO WORLD PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING IS NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT. IT IS FULLY PARTICIPATORY. THE COST OF FAILURE WILL BE BORNE BY EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD ON THE PLANET IN SOME WAY, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY.”

“(OUR PEACE FELLOW CANDIDATES) ... COME TO US WITH A PASSION FOR CURING ILLS AND SOLVING PROBLEMS WHICH PLAGUE MANKIND.”

“THE SEARCH FOR PEACEFUL MEANS OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION CONTINUES UNABATED”

“FROM ITS EARLIEST YEARS ROTARY INTERNATIONAL HAS ADOPTED AS ONE OF ITS FUNDAMENTAL PRECEPTS THE ADVANCEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING, GOOD WILL AND PEACE.”

“MANKIND IN THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT CANNOT SURVIVE THE CONTINUED USE OF WAR AS A MEANS OF SETTLING OUR DISPUTES.”

“EVERY PROBLEM RESOLVED BY OUR PEACEMAKERS IS A VICTORY FOR OUR PROGRAM, A REALIZATION OF OUR DREAMS. “

“(ROTARY’S) GOALS AND EXPECTATIONS ARE SIMPLE, WE SEEK PEACE IN THE WORLD AND RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES BY ORDERLY PROCESS AND PEACEFUL MEANS”



A "Future Vision Pilot" Success

JAPANESE ROTARIANS USE FUTURE VISION PLAN DISTRICT GRANT TO MEET HUMANITARIAN AND EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

By Dan Nixon, Rotary International News

During the first year of the Future Vision pilot, many clubs and districts have gained experience with the new, simplified grants structure offered under The Rotary Foundation's [Future Vision Plan](#). District 2650 (Japan) has supported more than 40 projects this year alone. District leaders got a head start by asking clubs to identify projects they would like to carry out and applying for a 2010-11 district grant in June.

After the US\$271,000 grant was approved and paid in July, the district immediately distributed funds to 42 club projects.

The district leadership team knew that all of the proposed projects were eligible for grant funding because they had identified them ahead of time in their spending plan, a requirement of the district grant application process.

The spending plan also helped them to quickly report on the completion of the projects to the Foundation.

With the grant, clubs carried out projects such as providing computers, sewing machines, and other vocational training equipment to a village in the Philippines and repairing an elementary



Members of the Rotary Club of Kyoto Yawata, Kyoto, Japan, present gifts to children at an elementary school in Baoji, Shaanxi, China. The club used district grant funds to expedite repairs to the school, which had been damaged by an earthquake. *Photo courtesy of the Rotary Club of Kyoto Yawata*

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school damaged by an earthquake in China's Shaanxi Province. They also helped fund many local initiatives, including scholarships.

According to district leaders, before participating in the Future Vision pilot, many area clubs didn't fully understand the flexibility offered by district grants in funding a variety of projects.

But after clubs learned more about the grants, including the [terms and conditions](#), "they showed their support for the Future Vision Plan, got a better grasp of district grants, and participated more actively," the leaders stated in a report. "As a result, we had many meaningful projects in various areas."

Global grants, which fund larger projects that support the [areas of focus](#), also allow for greater flexibility in developing and supporting many types of projects and activities. These grants enable clubs and districts to request funding for multiple projects in one comprehensive grant application. A club or district could apply for a single global grant to support a vocational training team in conjunction with a humanitarian service project, for example.

AREAS OF FOCUS ARE:

PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION

DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

WATER AND SANITATION

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

SIMPLIFYING SCHOLARSHIPS

Global grant applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year, offering clubs and districts a more flexible timeline for planning their activities and preparing applications. For instance, a student could submit an online scholarship application in May, be approved by the Foundation in June, receive funds a few weeks later, and start school in September. ***"Future Vision improves upon the current scholarships program significantly,"*** says Foundation Trustee Chair Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar.



Foundation
Trustee Chair
Carl-Wilhelm
Stenhammar.

With district grant funding, he says, ***"scholars [can] be funded 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."*** Districts are encouraged to develop their own scholarship criteria and administrative procedures.

What advantages and challenges have you experienced in [the Future Vision pilot](#)? Send your response to: EBlender@aol.com



RGHF
Rotary Global History Fellowship
(An Internet Project)

"Seeking to serve Rotarians, present and future,
by preserving the Global History of Rotary"



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COMPLETE AND
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ALL ARE INVITED TO AN OPEN MEETING/DISCUSSION OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION IN NEW ORLEANS ON SATURDAY, 21 MAY 1330-1530 IN ROOM 384.



*Eddie Blender,
Publisher: Our Foundation*

In addition to the Rotary Global History Fellowship (RGHF) Annual RI Convention Breakfast - RGHF now has a second New Orleans Convention (NOLA) event, which will include a discussion of The Rotary Foundation, scheduled for Saturday 21 May 1330-1530 hours at the RI Convention in room 384 of the convention center.

This is an open (free) meeting and all are invited to attend and participate in this open discussion.

Please suggest that newer Rotarians, your club's president-elect and your incoming district governor attend to participate in this open discussion about Rotary's Global History... and The Rotary Foundation. Also discussed will be the history of Women in Rotary and preserving Rotary's treasures.

PDG Eddie Blender, RGHF founding member and publisher of "Our Foundation Newsletter," will discuss The Rotary Foundation, Saturday 21 May 1330-1530 hours in room 384 of the convention center



HAVE YOU VISITED THE RGHF WEBSITE?

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THIS MUCH-USED SITE CONTAINS THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE COLLECTION OF ROTARY'S HISTORY OVER THE PAST 100+ YEARS WITH OVER 4,000+ PAGES AND 25,000 ARTICLES ON THE HISTORY OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL. HOPEFULLY, ANYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE MOVEMENT IS HERE WITHIN THIS WEBSITE. EXPLORE AND ENJOY!

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IN ADDITION, WE OFFER FOUR FREE MONTHLY FEATURES: "WHY I AM A ROTARIAN," "WHAT PAUL HARRIS SAID," "OUR FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER," AND "ROTARY GLOBAL HISTORY DAY." YOU WILL LEARN A GREAT DEAL FROM OUR GLOBAL, ROTARY-HOPED-FOR FUTURE, SUCH AS: ESSAYS ON THE JOURNEY TOWARD PEACE.

OUR HIGHEST COMPLIMENT IS FOR YOU TO SAY, "WOW," AFTER A VISIT!



EVERY
ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR

After Hurricane Katrina, many Rotarians in Boothville and Port Sulphur, Louisiana, USA, no longer had a place to meet, homes to go back to, or schools for their children.

More than five years later, the area is still working to rebuild. Rotarians from around the world are helping to rebuild with a US\$18,400 Rotary Foundation Matching Grant to refurbish area schools. The Rotary clubs of Plaquemines Parish South, Louisiana, and Port of Spain West, Trinidad and Tobago, are assisting with the project, along with Rotarians in New England, USA, and the Netherlands.

This grant was made possible through your contributions to the Annual Programs Fund through **Every Rotarian, Every Year**.

Doing good in Louisiana



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A REMEMBRANCE



*Sam Greene,
Rotarian*

Sam Greene truly had a humanitarian heart and a Rotary soul. He became a Rotary legend.

Rotary was his passion, his dedication and his purpose.

His accomplishments would fill volumes and included serving as a Director of R.I., past District Governor, a creator of PRLS (Potential Rotary Leaders Seminars), unparalleled at starting new Rotary clubs and a vital component in the success of District 5240.

Sam encouraged me to dream and then make it happen.

I am a better person for having known and shared with Sam Greene.

We all are better persons.

Evie Greene

Rotary Club of
Westlake Village Sunrise
California, USA

**SAMUEL L. GREEN,
PASSED AWAY
APRIL 14, 2011 AT
HIS HOME IN
WESTLAKE VILLAGE.**



ETERNAL LIFE

ETERNAL LIFE
EVOLVES FROM
INSTILLING A
THOUGHT, AN IDEA
OR TRADITION
IN ANOTHER
HUMAN BEING
SO THAT IT
CONTINUES.



THE MISSION OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Over half a century ago.... US President Dwight D. Eisenhower said,
“... the scourges of poverty, disease and ignorance will be made to disappear from the earth, and that, in the goodness of time, all peoples will come to live together in a peace guaranteed by the binding force of mutual respect and love.”

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

* **OUR VISION** for the Rotary Foundation – why we exist:

Enabling Rotarians to Advance World Understanding, Goodwill and Peace .

* **OUR MISSION** – what we do:

Improving Health, Supporting Education and Alleviating Poverty.

* **OUR MOTTO** – what we say – and you will recognize these words from Our Foundation Founder Arch C. Klumph:

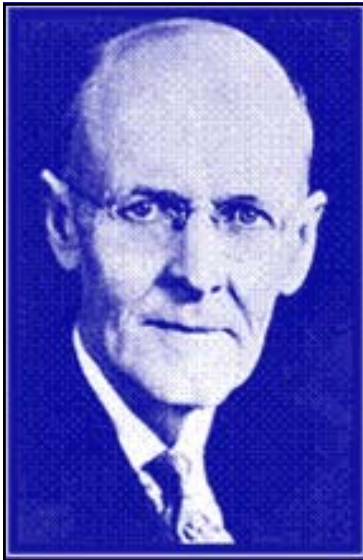
“ ...Doing Good in the World.”



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WHAT PAUL HARRIS SAID...



*Paul P. Harris,
Rotary's Founder*



“I do not believe capital can afford to permit hunger, squalor, or disease. Let us banish the city miserable before we build our city beautiful. Slums are political malaria breeders, and we must not have them in our midst.”

Paul P. Harris,
True Spirit of Service Can Redeem World,
THE ROTARIAN, March 1918

Rotarians are not only directly participating in our areas of focus: *Disease Prevention and Treatment, *Water and Sanitation, *Maternal and Child Health, *Basic Education and Literacy and *Peace and Conflict Prevention and Resolution; but are also raising the capital needed for active hands-on participation through Our Foundation's Annual Programs Fund.

Is your club doing its part?

PDG Edward “Eddie” Blender
Vail-Eagle Valley Rotary Club, D5470

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